

Meadowood Moments

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MNA Board Moment



Hello Meadowood, On May 18, our very own Beth M. a Meadowood Resident stepped up as a beacon of community spirit, leading a fantastic community cleaning day organized by the Meadowood

Neighborhood Association. It was heart-warming to see so many of you respond to the call and come together to spruce up our lovely neighborhood. Your dedication and effort truly make a difference, and we're immensely grateful for your involvement!

But our commitment to keeping Meadowood beautiful doesn't end there. Mark your calendars for June 22, which is our annual Dump Day. This is the perfect opportunity to declutter your homes and dispose of any unwanted furniture or items responsibly. For a minimal fee, you can easily clear out your space while contributing to the cleanliness of our neighborhood.

Remember, a clean neighborhood is a happy neighborhood! Let's continue working together to maintain the charm and cleanliness of Meadowood. Thank you all for your ongoing support and participation.

— Zohra Nacer- MNA Media Officer

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Meadowood Moment

Our Neighbor Is An Interpreter Mrs. Marci Sledge-King of Meadowood

Marci is surprised to learn she lives in a section of Meadowood sometimes referred to as Meadowood West. Meadowood extends from Buckley to Eagle Park (West of Chambers) and from Yale to Hampden. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (not an HOA) volunteers to promote community within these boundaries. Marci, who along with her family joined our community in 2014, takes pride in becoming a homeowner here and shares her journey to this point...



Coming from a strict upbringing in California, Marci ventured to Colorado to chart her own path. While making her way through a CNA course she stumbled upon a flyer for the Interpreter Preparation Program. This serendipitous encounter led her to a 22-year career in interpretation, where she now runs a thriving business serving

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Meadowood Dump Day

Saturday June 22nd – 8am to Noon

New Gate Church Parking Lot, 3350 S. Winston St.

Three Waste Connections Trash Trucks and volunteers will be there to help unload vehicles. You may bring items that are too big or inappropriate for your week trash service.

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TRASH TRUCKS: ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- General Trash & most large unwanted items
- Couches & Mattresses
- Desks & Furniture
- Wood
- YARD TRASH-BAGS or 4 ft Bundles ONLY

METAL SCRAPPERS: ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Most miscellaneous metal items
- Aluminum
- Appliances including refrigerators & microwaves
- Bicycles
- Car parts
- Copper
- Steel

TRASH TRUCKS: PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Appliances
- Batteries
- Branches longer than 4 feet
- Cement / rocks / dirt
- Electronics
- Florescent light bulbs
- Hazardous & medical waste
- Propane tanks
- Tires / auto parts / oil / gas
- Tube TVs
- Wet paint

4. METAL SCRAPPERS: PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Fire extinguishers & propane tanks
- Paint cans & chain link fences
- Sealed containers such as 55 gallon drums

Mrs. Marci Sledge-King, *continued from front page*
 many schools. Reflecting, Marci laughs and confesses, “I have yet to master the neutral face.” This is the bar set by interpreters, be as impartial as possible.

To deliver an excellent interpretation an interpreter is challenged to know a little bit about everything. Like the time a speaker referenced a scene from Wayne’s World and began bobbing their head. Marci had never watched Wayne’s World so you can imagine her confusion at the humorous exchange. Interpreters must understand varying perspectives, contextual nuances, and deliver information tailored to the audience. Marci’s years of interpretation make her a skilled listener and observer. She occasionally picks up on body language or facial expressions that suggest something other than the words spoken. But she doesn’t mention it.

Marci graciously shares beliefs and desires of our deaf students, neighbors, and friends. She explains, “The deaf community does not consider themselves impaired. They do not consider themselves to have any inherent ‘wrongness’.” She elaborates that many deaf individuals and allies are working to advocate for increased accessibility. An example, she explains, “They often prefer having an interpreter on the TV screen rather than relying solely on closed captioning.”

Marci finds joy in working with children, stating, “adults can be a bit boring.” However, she admits to occasional contradictions in her parenting style. While she tends to be overprotective of her sons, she gives her students plenty of room to develop and communicate freely. With her sons she constantly balances between providing guidance and allowing autonomy. She recently implemented phone-free Sunday dinners to encourage communication and allow for unique interpretation, though not the kind of interpretation she does in her career.

Marci and I spend a bit more time in conversation about being moms to teenage sons. We laugh at ourselves because we never knew the brain space it would take to be a great mom and then we laugh at our teenagers as we try to interpret their decision making, a feat that will continue to require thoughtful communication.

— **Katy Edwards, Meadowood Moments Correspondent**

Scouts of Venturing Crew 308 Thanks Meadowood Residents

A massive thank you to our incredible community for your generous support during our aeration project. Your donations will go a long way in helping our Scouts embark on their next exciting adventures. We’re deeply grateful for your kindness and encouragement.





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East Hampden Avenue and South Dawson Street intersection.

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Mary's Moments Diversity in Meadowood

When we first moved into Meadowood, there was no school and Hampden was a two-lane dirt Rd. My! how things have changed!

Our three children and two of our grandchildren attended Dartmouth elementary. We were always so pleased with the staff and the many opportunities they were given there.

The school currently has 379 students which includes pre-school numbers. Sixty six staff members are employed.

Its population includes 0.5% Native American, 2.1% Asian, 15% Black, 44.3% Hispanic, 28.2% White, 0.5% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and 9.2% two or more races.

Additional information includes 29.8% English Language Learners, 1.6% Gifted and Talented, 25.3% Special Education and 68.6% Free or Reduced Lunch.

The population has changed greatly from the beginnings, but when I substitute teach there, I see many happy involved children attracting beautifully with each other!!! Thank you to all the darkness staff members!

The Dartmouth Vision: Dartmouth Elementary inspires a passion for learning in an inclusive and diverse community.

— Mary Metcalf, Special Correspondent



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Library Moments

Mission Viejo Library June Programs

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Thu, June 6, 4:30pm Venomous, Poisonous, & Deadly Creatures
 Fri, June 14, 4:30pm Raptor Education Foundation:
 Live Hawk Visit

Sat, June 22, 3:00pm Denver Historical Fencing Presentation

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Tues, June 4, 10:30am Magic Comedy Puppet Show (ages 0-6)
 Tuesdays, 10:30am Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
 Wednesdays, 10:30am Sensory Shenanigans (ages 0-5)
 Thursdays, 10:30am Storytime (ages 0-6)
 Thu, June 20, 10:30am Dinosaur Storytime (ages 0-6)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Weds, June 5, 4:30pm Treasure Chest Craft (ages 6-18)
 Weds, June 12, 4:30pm Magic Potion Craft (ages 6-18)
 Sat, June 15, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)
 Weds, June 26, 4:30pm Paper Airplane Obstacle Course
 (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND TEENS:

Thu, June 13, 3:00pm The Great Hamster Labyrinth (ages 8-18)
 Thu, June 20, 4:30pm Dragon Figurine Painting (ages 8-18)
 Thu, June 27, 4:30pm Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Mondays, 10:30am Coffee and Coloring
 Sat, June 8, 4:00pm Butterfly Sun Catchers
 Sat, June 15, 4:00pm Summer Adventure: Travel Journal
 Mon, June 17, 4:30pm DIY Mozzarella
 Sat, June 29, 3:00pm The History of the Smoky Hill Trail

Cooking Moment

Watermelon Feta Salad

Ingredients:

- 4 cups cubed seedless watermelon
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic glaze
- Salt and pepper to taste



Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine the cubed watermelon and crumbled feta cheese. Drizzle the extra virgin olive oil over the salad and gently toss to coat. Sprinkle the chopped mint leaves on top. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
 Just before serving, drizzle the balsamic glaze over the salad for a sweet and tangy finish.
 Serve chilled and enjoy this refreshing summer salad!
 This salad is perfect for picnics, BBQs, or as a light and healthy side dish for any meal. Enjoy!

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Garden Moment



June often brings some of the most beautiful weather of the entire season: warm, breezy days aren't stifling hot and the mornings are still cool. Enjoy this time in your garden and try to take it all in; the fragrant Lilacs, elegant Bleeding Hearts, and classic Bearded Iris are just some of the treasures of the May garden that should be appreciated. And remember, the more work you do to pull weeds, mulch, and give your plants a healthy start to the season, the less work you'll have to do in the hot June or July garden.

Feed/Fertilize: Fertilize your flowering perennials in early spring to help give them a boost. We recommend using an organic, all natural fertilizer. Although you'll want to water the fertilizer in after you apply it, make sure not to fertilize right before a rain-storm or your hard work (and money) could be washed away.

Mulch: Once your plants start to emerge, add a natural mulch to the beds to help retain water and suppress weeds. If you aren't a big fan of wood mulch, we recommend using living groundcovers instead! Plant varieties like Allyssum, Thyme, Red Clover or Yarrow around your plants to help suppress weeds, stabilize, and enhance the soil. If you're creating new garden beds, plant a quick-growing cover crop to help stabilize and add nutrients to the soil before you add your flowers or vegetables. Once it's time to plant, simply till the cover crop into the soil.

Bring your houseplants outside: Give your houseplants a natural fertilizer and gradually move them outdoors for several hours each day to acclimate them to the weather. Once you do bring them outdoors, place them in a sheltered area (in a screened porch or under an awning).

Divide and transplant perennials: Wait for a cool, rainy day to divide perennials like Hostas, Iris and Daylilies that have outgrown their space. Wait until the plants are at least 5" tall, but make sure to do so before they start budding.

Set up your supports: If you have perennial or annual vines, or top-heavy varieties like Peonies, make sure to set up your trellises and supports in the early season.

Spring flower maintenance: Deadhead spent spring bulbs like Tulips and Daffodils but leave foliage intact until it has died back. Once the plants turn brown, you can cut them back to the ground. This is important as the foliage dying back helps recharge the bulbs for next year's growth.

As trees and shrubs start to wake up, remove any diseased or damaged branches right away. Also, prune any evergreens that need it in the spring. Prune shrubs like lilacs and forsythia after they've finished blooming.

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City of Aurora Moments

Get Ready For Outdoor Movie Nights

The city of Aurora is offering free family friendly flicks under the stars. Bring a chair or blanket and treats, and enjoy musical entertainment at 5:15 p.m., followed by a film showing at 6 p.m. Movies will be announced at AuroraGov.org/Events (click on Park Lights & Movie Nights). The schedule is as follows: June 4, Rocky Ridge Park; June 5, Hilltop Park; and June 13, Larkspur Park. Arapahoe County is offering Pictures on the Plains at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., with activities at 5:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 7:30 p.m. "The Secret Life of Pets" is scheduled June 22, followed by "Moana" on June 29. Tickets are \$5 (children age 2 and under are free). Visit ArapahoeCountyEventCenter.com/PicturesOnThePlains for tickets.

Meadowood Report

May 2024

Here is a year-to-date snapshot of the activity in your neighborhood. Spring is finally here and buyers are coming out of the woodwork.

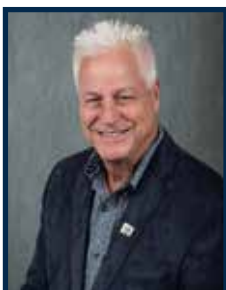
Meadowood Overview

(Stats as of 5/15)

- Homes on the Market..... 11
- Homes Under Contract to Close..... 11
- Homes Sold in 2024 as of May 15th..... 13
- Homes Sold over \$500,000 6
- Homes Sold between \$400,000 to \$500,000 ... 11

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