

Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



June is a month of milestones and celebrations. Congratulations to all of our Meadowood students graduating, starting summer jobs, preparing for college, or taking the next step in life! These are exciting and memorable moments, and we wish you all the best in the journey ahead. Congratulations to the families celebrating with them.

June features a variety of important community events and traditions. We will be having our Annual Summer Dump Day on Saturday, June 13, in the parking lot of Dartmouth Elementary school from 8 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity to clean out unwanted household items, dispose of clutter, and recycle metal items or get rid of these branches we all collected during the last storm. We hope to see many residents take advantage of this convenient neighborhood event.

On June 14, we celebrate Flag Day, a day to wave the American flag proudly and think about what it means. We are especially grateful to our local Scouts, who will commemorate the day by respectfully retiring worn and damaged flags.

We would also like to thank everyone who came to the May 13th General Meeting. Residents voted to move forward with a neighborhood trash service agreement with HBS Trash Services. Meadowood is not an HOA and participation is completely voluntary but we hope many residents will choose to participate. More participation boosts the neighborhood rebate program that funds community events while allowing residents to benefit from lower-cost trash and recycling service options.

Happy Father's Day to all of our resident dads! We hope you are celebrating with all your loved ones.

— Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer

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Meadowood Residents Approve New Neighborhood Trash Service Option

At the May 13 General Meeting, Meadowood residents voted in favor of moving forward with a neighborhood trash service agreement with **HBS Trash Services** beginning July 1, 2026.

HBS Trash Services is a Colorado-based company serving more than 85,000 residential customers across the state, with operations in Colorado Springs, Kiowa, and Denver. The company uses automated collection trucks designed to improve efficiency and safety during pickup.

WHAT RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT:

Under the agreement, participating homes will receive:

- Weekly trash pickup
- Every-other-week recycling service
- One trash cart and one recycling cart at no additional cost
- Choice of 65-gallon or 95-gallon carts
- Recycling carts will have yellow lids
- Up to three additional trash bags or yard waste bundles (under 4 feet long) may be placed beside the cart at no extra charge

Service is expected to roll out in phases, with the first phase including approximately 500–1,200 homes.

MONTHLY RATES:

Residents who choose to participate will pay:

- \$22.98/month without autopay
- \$20.98/month with autopay enrollment

Additional trash or recycling carts are available for \$5.00 per month per cart.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT:

Once participation exceeds 500 homes, HBS will contribute \$3.00 per participating home each month toward Meadowood community improvement projects.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Because Meadowood is not an HOA, participation in this trash service program is completely voluntary. Residents are free to continue using their current trash provider if they prefer. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association will not enforce participation or require residents to switch companies.

To sign up, please call 720-547-8600, code MNA1974.

Calendar of Events:

For details, check Aurorameadowood.com

Community Garage Sale, May 29--31

Dump Day: June 13

Picnic in the Park: July 19

Meadowood Clean Up Day: August 1

Meadowood Fall Festival: September 12

Dump Day: October 10

Trunk or Treat: October 31

Annual MNA Meeting &

Board Election: November 11

Volunteers Appreciation Dinner:
December 9

Pancakes & Hay Ride: December 12

Meadowood Dump Day

Saturday June 13 – 8am to Noon
Dartmouth Elementary Parking Lot

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 weekly trash service. We will also have a **wood chipper** to help with branches and yard debris. Bring your yard waste and get rid of it easily and efficiently!

Car/SUV \$20 • Pickup \$30 • Vehicle & Small Trailer \$50
CASH or Credit Card

TRASH TRUCKS - ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- General Trash & most large unwanted items
- Couches & Mattresses
- Desks & Furniture
- Wood

TRASH TRUCKS - PROHIBITED ITEMS:

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



METAL SCRAPPERS - ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

METAL SCRAPPERS - PROHIBITED ITEMS

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

WOOD CHIPPER - ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Tree branches
- Small limbs (generally under 5 inches in diameter)
- Clean, dry sticks
- Bush trimmings
- Yard debris that's not too leafy or wet
- **YARD TRASH-BAGS or 4 ft Bundles ONLY- we are not accepting unbundled branches**

WOOD CHIPPER - PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Lumber (especially treated, painted, or with nails/screws)
- Plywood or pallets
- Wet leaves, grass clippings, or compost
- Rocks, dirt, or garbage
- Plastic or metal objects



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Aurora Public Library Moment

Mission Viejo Library: May Programs

For more information about library programs, call 303-326-8600 or visit auroralibrary.org.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.	Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.	Storytime (ages 0-5)
Tues, June 30 at 10:30 a.m.	Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, June 3 at 4:30 p.m.	Amber Slime (ages 6-18)
Wed, June 10 at 4:30 p.m.	Dinosaur Terrariums (ages 6-18)
Wed, June 17 at 4:30 p.m.	Dinosaur Skeletons (ages 6-18)
Sat, June 20, 10:30-noon	Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)
Wed, June 24 at 4:30 p.m.	Dinosaur Dirt Cups (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, June 4 at 4:30 p.m.	Dinosaur Tea Party (ages 12-18)
Thu, June 11 at 4:30 p.m.	Egyptian Cookie Dioramas (ages 12-18)
Sat, June 13 at 10:00 a.m.	80s Roller Rink Murder Mystery (ages 12-18)
Thu, June 18 at 4:30 p.m.	Amazing Digital Circus Craft (ages 12-18)
Thu, June 25 at 4:30 p.m.	Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.	Magic Show: Unearth a Story
Sat, June 27 at 10:00 a.m.	Diamond Art Craft

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Wed, June 3 at 11:00 a.m.	AARP Presents: Identity Theft
Fri, June 5 at 11:00 a.m.	Resin Geode Coasters
Sat, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.	Prehistory in Aurora
Fri, June 12 & 26 at 11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Coloring
Sat, June 13 & 20 at 2:00 p.m.	Dungeons & Dragons
Wed, June 17 at 11:00 a.m.	Hieroglyphic Pot Painting & Plant Giveaway
Sat, June 27 at 2:00 p.m.	Boston Tea Party

Pets' Moment

Aurora Animal Services Vaccination Clinic

Aurora Animal Services will host a low-cost vaccination clinic on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the Aurora Animal Shelter, located at 15750 E. 32nd Ave., Aurora. The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the line beginning at 8 a.m. Services are limited to the first 100 people, so residents are encouraged to arrive early. Pet owners should bring previous vaccination records if available. For the safety of all attendees and animals:

- Dogs must be on a leash or in a carrier
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Water-Wise Day

Saturday, June 6, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Join Aurora Water Conservation and water professionals from across the region for a celebration of all things water-wise. Enjoy our beautiful garden, grab a free breakfast burrito, connect with local water-wise gardening and irrigation professionals at booths, and catch engaging talks from knowledgeable speakers. Whether you're a water nerd or just water-curious, this is a morning you won't want to miss. *Aurora Water-wise Garden, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway (just south of the Aurora Municipal Center's east parking lot)*

Aurora Fest: The World In A City

Saturday, June 13, 3 to 10 p.m.

Aurora's signature, family-friendly summer festival celebrating the many international cultures represented in the city is back with a new name, new start time and a special headlining attraction in 2026. Aurora Fest: The World in a City will feature dance, musical and other cultural performances; an international market featuring clothing, crafts and more from countries around the world; and food trucks and stalls offering a variety of international cuisine. This year, the festival will start in the afternoon and end after dark. This sets the stage for a special festival-capping drone show! Keep an eye on the official festival website for more information, including entertainment lineups and schedules, food and craft vendor applications and more.

*Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway
More information: AuroraFest.org.*

Music at the Movies

Wednesday, June 24, 5pm

at Terrace Park, 18801 E. Montview Blvd.

Music – Animal Farm

Movie – How to Train Your Dragon (2025)

Rated PG

Food Trucks – Aspen Concessions, Kona Ice
(free for first 100 served)

This event will feature... a FREE concert that will start at 5 p.m. and a family-friendly movie that will start at 6 p.m. each night. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets and treats to enjoy a fun flick under the stars.

Important Safety Rules... bags are subject to inspection. No animals are allowed with the exception of service animals. No glass bottles. No unlawful devices. No illegal substances. No open carry of firearms. No outside alcohol. No unauthorized sound amplification devices.

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BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED ON JUNE 8TH. PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND VOTE EARLY!

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Garden Moment



With our current drought conditions, some are considering removing the water hog of Kentucky Bluegrass lawns and installing a lower water option.

Top lawn alternatives include drought-tolerant clover, creeping thyme, and ornamental grasses, which significantly reduce watering, mowing, and fertilizer needs. Popular, low-maintenance options such as Micro-clover or Blue Star Creeper provide a soft, green, and walkable, yet sustainable ground cover, often suitable for various climates.

TOP LAWN ALTERNATIVES:

- **Clover (White or Microclover):** Requires little mowing, stays green, and fixes nitrogen, requiring no fertilizer. Look for Bee Lawn Mix from Arkansas Valley Seed.
- **Creeping Thyme:** A fragrant, low-growing groundcover with flowers that thrives in sun and handles light foot traffic.
- **Spearmint:** A fast-spreading, low-growing mat that tolerates moderate foot traffic, perfect for pathways.
- **No-Mow Fescue:** A drought-tolerant, fine-bladed grass that creates a soft, lush carpet and only needs mowing once or twice a year.
- **Artificial Turf:** Provides a permanently green, no-water, low-maintenance solution, ideal for high-traffic or shaded areas where grass won't grow.
- **Native Groundcovers:** Plants like Phlox, Vinca, Kinnickinick or Sedum can be used to replace grass, especially on steep areas where erosion is an issue.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:


- **Maintenance:** While these alternatives require less care than grass, they still need initial watering to establish and occasional weeding.
- **Traffic Tolerance:** Clover and Mints are good for light traffic, but hardscaping is better for high-traffic areas.
- **Shade:** Vinca is an excellent option for shady, damp areas.
- **Installation:** You can remove existing grass by sod cutting or by “smothering” it with cardboard and compost (sheet mulching).

— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

I just need summer nights and fun.

— Unknown

MOM • IMMIGRANT • EDUCATOR



Anne immigrated to America from Cote d'Ivoire almost 20 years ago. She stayed, became a citizen, and is raising her teenage daughter in Aurora.

It is easy to be cynical about the direction of the country, the state, and the city, but Anne Keke believes that if you have a dream and work hard for it, you should find success and stability.

Anne will fight for a better future for all Coloradans by:

- ✓ Addressing the affordability crisis in housing, healthcare, energy, groceries, and more
- ✓ Making Colorado a leader in addressing climate change
- ✓ Protecting immigrants and families like hers
- ✓ Improving education outcomes and opportunities for all students

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Kids Moment

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This space is reserved for Meadowood Kids. Please send us your stories, drawing, pictures to be published. Let us know what you would like to see in your Kids' corner. Are you enjoying the grids? Do you want to see something different? This is your place and where the little Meadowood residents' voices can be heard.

Contact MediaOfficer@AuroraMeadowood.com

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Cooking Moment

Hummus Recipe

- 2 cups canned garbanzo beans, drained
- 1/3 cup Tahini
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 2 cloves garlic, halved
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pinch paprika
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh parsley



Place the garbanzo beans, tahini, lemon juice, salt and garlic in a blender or food processor.

Blend until smooth.

Transfer mixture to a serving bowl.

Drizzle olive oil over the garbanzo bean mixture.

Sprinkle with paprika and parsley.

Serves 16

Celebrating Flag Day on June 14

Join Pack 734 and Troop 734 on June 14 at Meadowood Church at 4 pm as we gather to honor Flag Day with a respectful American Flag Retirement Ceremony.

This meaningful event provides an opportunity for our community to properly retire worn and weathered American flags in accordance with tradition and respect for our nation's symbol. If fire restrictions or conditions do not permit a traditional fire ceremony, an alternate respectful retirement method will be used.

We invite families, friends, and community members to join us for a moment of reflection, patriotism, and honoring the values our flag represents. We kindly ask that no additional flags be brought for retirement, as preparations for the ceremony have already been finalized.



— Adrienne Gilmore, Pack 734 Cubmaster

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