Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



ello Meadowood, As May arrives, we have two special occasions to celebrate in our community - Mother's Day and Graduation!

On behalf of the neighborhood, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all the

mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and maternal figures who enrich our lives with their love, care, and wisdom. Let's take this opportunity to show our appreciation and gratitude for everything they do. Whether it's a heartfelt card, a bouquet of flowers, or simply spending quality time together, let's make Mother's Day extra special for these incredible women.

We also congratulate the graduates in our community who are marking the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Whether it's high school, college, or another milestone, graduating is a significant achievement worthy of celebration. We're proud of your accomplishments and excited to see where your journey takes you next. As you embark on this new chapter of your lives, know that the entire neighborhood is cheering you on!

Let's come together as a community to honor our mothers and celebrate our graduates. Whether it's sharing stories, exchanging gifts, or simply offering words of encouragement, let's make May a month to remember for our loved ones.

- Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer

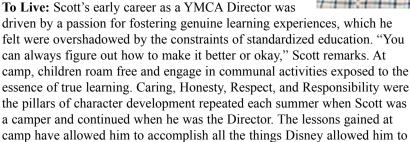
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Our Neighbor is a Relator Mr. Scott Elliot of Meadowood

Have you ever strolled past the yard adorned with a subtle Mickey Mouse silhouette crafted from rocks? That's Scott's homage to his deep-seated

adoration for all things Disney. Scott's fondness for the iconic mouse symbolizes more than childhood nostalgia—it embodies a mantra: "live, love, and laugh."

uring his formative years, Scott was fueled by the echoes of Walt Disney's inspirational words from "The Wonderful World of Disney" TV series. "If you can dream it, you can do it," Disney would say, igniting Scott's imaginative spirit.



imagine, and they have never steered him wrong since.



To Love: Scott joined his husband in Meadowood in 2007. They have renovated their home, creating an open living space where Mickey Mouse and Disney trinkets are scattered throughout. Scott

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MNA General Meeting: Showcasing Our Local Businesses!

We are excited to announce an upcoming Neighborhood General Meeting where we will be shining a spotlight on the amazing local businesses and freelancers that make our community vibrant and unique!

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 pm, Meadowood Church

Join us for an evening of connection, collaboration, and community as we come together to support and celebrate our local entrepreneurs. Whether you're a long-standing resident or new to the neighborhood, this is a fantastic opportunity to discover the diverse range of products and services available right here in our own backyard. We can't wait to see you there and showcase the incredible talent and diversity of our local business community!

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loves holidays as they provide an opportunity to connect with neighbors and build friendships. He loves sitting in the driveway on Halloween to engage in conversations with trick-or-treating families. Scott cherishes giving people a reason to converse, not just for the dialogue but for the relationships formed. As a result of his efforts to build relationships, keys and garage codes are exchanged with watchful neighbors and late-night texts about inadvertently left-open garages come easily. During our conversation, Scott even entertains the idea of organizing a block party to further strengthen neighborhood bonds.

To Laugh: As a Realtor Scott sees many amazing homes that he certainly would make his own but he laughs and says, "We can't leave Meadowood. We would have to take our neighbors with us." He often laughs and how complicated we make some things that he finds to be a simple matter of relating to and getting along with others. Like, when he worked hard to pass the realtor examine knowing all along that building trusting relationships would be what actually made him successful in his career.

Meet Scott, the quintessential "relator" and Realtor of Meadowood. For Scott, the art of relating to others isn't just a skill; it's the very fabric of his journey as a neighbor in our community.

> — Katye Edwards, Meadowood Moments Correspondent

Get Your Lawn Ready For Spring With Venturing Crew 308!

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What: Lawn Aeration Fundraiser benefiting Venturing Crew 308 Where: Meadowood, Aurora, Colorado When: May 11th & May 12th

By supporting our fundraiser, you're not only investing in the health of your lawn but also empowering local youth in their pursuit of personal growth and leadership development through scouting. Don't miss out on this opportunity to spruce up your lawn while supporting a worthy cause! Spaces are limited, so be sure to schedule your appointment now by sending an email to crew308aurora@gmail.com. Our available dates will fill up quickly, so secure your spot today! Sign up by sending an email to crew308aurora@gmail.com.





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Get Involved and Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood!

re you passionate about making a positive impact in your community while having fun and connecting with your neighbors? The Meadowood Neighborhood Association is thrilled to announce the creation of several new sub-committees, and we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers like you to join us. Here's how you can get involved:

- 1. Welcoming New Neighbors Committee: Help create a warm and inviting atmosphere for newcomers to our neighborhood by providing information about local resources, and fostering a sense of belonging.
- 2. Street Clean Up and Snow Removal Committee: Join forces with fellow neighbors to keep our streets clean and safe year-round. From organizing neighborhood clean-up days to coordinating snow removal efforts during the winter months, your efforts will help enhance the beauty and livability of our community.
- 3. Gardening Committee: If you have a green thumb and a passion for gardening, this committee is perfect for you! Help beautify our neighborhood by organizing gardening workshops, seed and plants swamps events.
- 4. Senior Helpers Committee: Extend a helping hand to our senior neighbors by offering assistance with errands, transportation, or companionship. Your kindness and support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who may need a little extra help.
- 5. Meadowood Moments Newsletter Committee: Join our team of creative minds to help produce our neighborhood newsletter, Meadowood Moments. Whether you have writing, editing, or photography skills, there's a place for you on this committee to help share community news, stories, and updates.

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Free Loader Day

May 18, June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17, from 7 a.m. to noon

Tulch helps reduce weeds, protects soil from **⊥**erosion and retains soil moisture. Bring your pick-up truck or open trailer – along with your own shovels, pitchforks, and containers – to take advantage of free mulch from the city of Aurora. The mulch pile will be available while supplies last at the intersection of East Hampden Avenue and South Dawson Street (enter via Dawson and follow the signs).

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Join Us in Creating Meadowood Moments!

Do you enjoy meeting your neighbors, exploring different corners of Meadowood, or simply taking a leisurely stroll around our beautiful community? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Meadowood Moments, our neighborhood newsletter, is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with newsletter delivery. Whether you're looking for a reason to get outside, connect with fellow residents, or simply lend a helping hand, we welcome you to join our team.

By volunteering to deliver Meadowood Moments, you'll have the chance to:

- Meet Your Neighbors: Forge new connections and strengthen existing ones as you interact with fellow residents during your delivery route.
- Explore Meadowood: Discover hidden gems and familiarize yourself with different areas of our community while delivering newsletters to various households.
- Enjoy the Outdoors: Take advantage of the opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise while contributing to the dissemination of community news and updates.

No experience is necessary, and all that's required is a willingness to lend a hand and a friendly smile. Whether you're available for one-time assistance or ongoing support, your help is greatly appreciated!

To sign up as a volunteer or learn more about how you can get involved, please email us at MediaOfficer@ AuroraMeadowood.com. Together, let's create Meadowood Moments to remember!

Mary's Moment

Duck Story

One of the nicest things about Meadowood Park is watching the critters. Recently I had much fun watching Mama Mallard enjoying her new babies. Baby ducks can communicate with each other while still in the egg! Amazing! You can tell when a duck is happy because it will be chasing other ducks, wrestling each other `with their bills, splashing, playing and preening (cleaning its feathers).

Duck feathers are waterproof. When a duck gets out of the water its skin will still be dry because of the feathers! Ducks make sounds including barks, honks, coos, purrs, and of course by quacking.

Ducks are omnivorous and will eat grass, plants, bugs, seeds and fish. They are monogamous.

Finally, ducks are well suited for our Colorado coldness. Their feet have no nerves or blood vessels, thus their feel aren't cold! Some days I wish I had duck feet as my feet are so cold!

- Mary Metcalf, Special Correspondent

City of Aurora Moments

City Council and Aurora Water To Host First Water-wise Day Expo

Join the City Council and Aurora Water Conservation at the first Water-wise Day Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, in the beautiful Aurora Water-wise Garden, located southeast of the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

The event will feature educational sessions beginning at 9 a.m. and going through 1 p.m. Have questions about water efficiency? Come interact with local professionals and get your questions answered. Learn about programs and services offered by Aurora Water's conservation team, including rebates, free landscape designs and water use assessments. Be sure to stick around for the multiple drawings for awesome giveaways.

Chalk Lines and Vines

Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Art in Public Places is partnering with Arapahoe County for its fourth annual spring wine and chalk art festival. Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E Quincy Ave.

Tickets and more information: ArapahoeCountyEventCenter.com

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Fire Safety Field Day To Raise Funds For Mobile Fire Safety House

Join the Rotary Clubs of Aurora for a free, interactive Fire Safety Field Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18, at the City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center, 25950 E. Quincy Ave., next

to the Aurora Reservoir.

The Fire Safety Field Day will feature opportunities for families to see demonstrations like extrications and CPR, put out a fire, learn about scientific methods for fire investigations, climb inside a fire engine and ambulance, experience thermal imaging technology and race firefighters around the training ground.

The event coincides with the International Rotary Day of Service and kicks off a year-long fundraising campaign by the local Rotary chapters to purchase a mobile fire safety house for

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Aurora Fire Rescue. This trailer would be used to provide hands-on fire safety and emergency education to area schools, civic organizations and community groups.

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Questions? Email officeofdei@auroragov.org Register for virtual event: tinyurl.com/MMAuroraETH1

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Library Moments

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PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM Sensory Shenanigans (ages 0-5)

Thursdays at 10:30 AM Storytime (ages 0-6)

PROGRAMS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND PRE-TEENS:

Wed, May 1 at 4:30 PM Star Wars Papercraft (ages 8-18)

Wed, May 8 at 4:30 PM Perler Beads (ages 6-18) Wed, May 15 at 4:30 PM Clay Club (ages 6-18)

Sat, May 18, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)

Wed, May 22 at 4:30 PM Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18) Wed, May 29 at 4:30 PM Scratch Art (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

Thu, May 2 at 4:30 PM Star Wars Figurines (ages 11-18) Thu, May 9 at 4:30 PM Video Game Club (ages 11-18) Thu, May 16 at 4:30 PM Finals De-Stressor (ages 11-18) Thu, May 23 at 4:30 PM Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18) Thu, May 30 at 4:30 PM Blacklight Painting (ages 11-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Mondays at 10:30 AM Coffee and Coloring

Sat, May 11 at 4:00 PM Adult Art: Painting 3D Flowers

Tue, May 14 at 2:00 PM Yin Yoga Class

Sat, May 18 at 3:00 PM Block Printing: Block Carving Class

VIRTUAL/WEBEX PROGRAMS:

Fridays, 5:30 PM Library Game Night (Teens) Fridays, 8:00 PM Library Game Night (Adults)

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



Pets' Moment





Foster Pets From The Aurora Animal Shelter

The Aurora Animal Shelter is urgently seeking foster fam-I ilies to open their homes and hearts to various animals, including large dogs that need space to stretch their paws, shy cats seeking comfort outside of a kennel environment, and underage kittens who require bottle-feeding or medication. Foster parents must be at least 18 years old or have a guardian co-signer; pass a background check; own home or have approval from the landlord; participate in training for neonatal and feral kittens (if applicable); submit to an annual home inspection by shelter staff; and have an isolated room in the home. The shelter provides all required supplies and training. If you're interested in fostering, learn more at AuroraGov.org/ Animal. Questions? Email fosteranimal@auroragov.org or call 303.326.8395.





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Garden Moment

- 1. **Prepare Your Soil:** May is a great time to prepare your soil for planting. Ensure it's well-draining and rich in organic matter. Consider adding compost or aged manure to enrich the soil.
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- 2. Plant Cool-Season Vegetables: While Colorado's weather can be unpredictable in May, it's generally safe to start planting cool-season vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, kale, peas, carrots, and radishes. These crops can tolerate cooler temperatures and even a light frost.
- 3. **Protect Against Late Frosts:** Keep an eye on the weather forecast and be prepared to protect tender plants from late frosts. Cover them with frost cloths or blankets overnight if temperatures are expected to drop below freezing.
- **4. Start Warm-Season Seeds Indoors:** For warm-season crops like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants, start seeds indoors in May. Transplant them outdoors once the threat of frost has passed and soil temperatures have warmed up.
- **5. Mulch Your Garden Beds:** Mulching helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Apply a layer of organic mulch, such as wood chips or straw, around your plants to conserve moisture and keep soil temperatures steady.
- **6. Water Wisely:** Colorado's dry climate means consistent watering is essential, especially as temperatures start to rise. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root growth. Water in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.
- 7. Watch for Pests and Diseases: Keep an eye out for signs of pests and diseases in your garden, such as aphids, powdery mildew, or fungal infections. Early detection allows for prompt treatment and prevents the spread of problems.
- **8. Prune and Deadhead:** Remove spent flowers and prune back any dead or damaged growth to encourage healthy new growth and prolong flowering throughout the season.
- 9. Consider Native Plants: Native plants are well-adapted to Colorado's climate and soil conditions, making them excellent choices for low-maintenance landscaping. Consider incorporating native flowers, shrubs, and grasses into your garden to attract pollinators and support local ecosystems.
- 10. Plan for Summer Blooms: May is a great time to plant summer-blooming bulbs such as dahlias, lilies, and gladiolus for a burst of color later in the season. Follow planting instructions for each type of bulb and provide adequate water and sunlight.

By following these tips, you can enjoy a successful and bountiful garden in during the month of May. Happy gardening!

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Cooking Moment Applesauce Cupcakes

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups applesauce
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy in large mixing bowl. Add eggs and beat well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to mixture alternately with applesauce.

Add vanilla and mix well. Spoon into muffin tins lined with paper cups. Fill each cup about 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned on top. Remove from tins to wire rack to cool. Makes 8 to 10 cupcakes.

Meadowood Report—April 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.

If you have any real estate questions or needs, give us a call. Jim Wanzeck and PJ Ausmus together have over 45 years in the real estate business and are honored to help Terry Simmons move on to the next phase of his life as a retiree.

If you have any real estate questions or needs, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Meadowood Overview

(Stats as of 4/15)

- # of Homes Currently Active on the Market: 12
- # of Homes Currently Pending: 6
- # of Homes Sold in 2024: 13
- Average List Price of ACTIVE Homes in 2024: \$551,717
- Average Closed Price of SOLD Homes in 2024: \$478,869 (99% of List Price)
- Average Days on Market for Homes Sold in 2024: 20



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