# Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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#### **MNA Board Moment**



eadowood is on the Move! **■**Spring is in full swing, and things are picking up here in Meadowood! We've got a calendar full of fun, connection, and community spirit and we hope to

see you at as many of these upcoming events as possible.

#### **Coming Up in Meadowood:**

May 14: General Meeting @ Meadowood Church, 6:30 PM

May 15: Marine Golf Tournament (for more info, please email president@usmcmemorialfoundation.org)

May 30: Neighborhood Garage Sale – time to declutter and treasure hunt!

June 7: Dump Day at Dartmouth Elementary September 20: Meadowood Festival –

mark your calendars for a day of fun! October (Date TBD): Dump Day #2

October 25: Trunk or Treat @ Meadowood Church – costumes, candy & fun!

**November 19:** Meet N Greet – come say hello and connect with neighbors

December 13: Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Hayride @ Hero's Pizza family fun to wrap up the year

#### **Monthly General Meetings** (all at Meadowood Church, 6:30 PM):

July 9 September 10 November 12 October 8 August 13

Whether you're new to Meadowood or a long-time neighbor, we hope you will join us in making the most of everything our amazing community has to offer. Let's make this a year to remember, together!

— Brenda Rauterkus, MNA Vice-President

# **Meadowood Community** Garage Sale: May 29-30

Get ready to declutter and find some treasures!

ark your calendars for the Meadowood **IVI**Community Garage Sale happening on May 29-30! It's the perfect opportunity to clear out those gently used items and find some hidden gems. Whether you are selling or shopping, it's always a fun way to connect with neighbors.

# **Meadowood Moment**

## Meadowood Dump Day

Saturday, June 7 – 8am to Noon **Dartmouth Elementary Parking Lot** 



Three Waste Connections Trash Trucks and volunteers will be there to help **L** unload vehicles. You may bring items that are too big or inappropriate for your weekly trash service. We will also have a wood chipper available from **8 AM to 10 AM** to help with branches and yard debris. Bring your yard waste and get rid of it easily and efficiently!

Car/SUV: \$15, Pickup: \$30, Vehicle & Small Trailer: \$50 - CASH or Credit

#### 1. TRASH TRUCKS:

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- General Trash & most large unwanted items
- · Couches & Mattresses
- Desks & Furniture
- Wood
- YARD TRASH: BAGS or 4 ft Bundles ONLY we are not accepting unbundled branches

#### 2. TRASH TRUCKS:

#### PROHIBITED ITEMS Unbundled branches

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

#### 3. METAL SCRAPPERS: **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

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

#### 4. METAL SCRAPPERS: PROHIBITED ITEMS

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

## 5. WOOD CHIPPER:

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FROM 8:00 TO 10:00 AM

- Tree branches
- Small limbs (generally under 5 inches in diameter)
- Clean, dry sticks
- · Bush trimmings
- Yard debris that's not too leafy or wet

#### 6. 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

# **Meadowood General Meeting** May 14, 6:30 PM, Meadowood Church

Join us for the next Meadowood General Meeting on Wednesday, May 14 J at 6:30 PM at Meadowood Church. The topic of discussion will be Code Enforcement, and we invite everyone to attend and be a part of the conversation. Whether you have questions, concerns, or just want to learn more about how code enforcement impacts our community, this is the perfect opportunity to get informed and share your thoughts. Everyone is welcome to join. Your input is valued, and we look forward to seeing you there!

# **Easter Fun in the Park:**

#### A Meadowood Celebration to Remember

Spring was in the air and so was the sound of laughter as families gathered at Meadowood Park on April 20 for a joyful afternoon of fun, sunshine, and community connection.

The event kicked off at 11 AM, and neighbors quickly filled the park to enjoy upbeat music, face painting, and some kid-friendly activities. There was something for everyone, and smiles were everywhere. The Easter Bunny made a cheerful appearance, hopping around and posing for photos with kids and families. Phones were out and little ones looked happy as they lined up for their moment with our fuzzy springtime friend.

Meadowood Church brought the excitement with 10 raffle baskets packed with fun toys and candies for the kids. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) also contributed a beautiful gift basket and three potted plants to give away. When the winners were announced later in the day, Holly couldn't stop smiling as she clutched her prize. Arlene, a proud Meadowood resident since 1974, happily accepted her basket, and Zoey, one of our local youth, was thrilled to be among the winners.

Pack 734 Scouts hosted a hands-on activity table where kids made their own kazoos, led by Scout Sam, who did a fantastic job engaging the crowd. Nearby, Craig and his adorable 2-yearold dog, appropriately named DOG, shared free samples of natural dog food and introduced neighbors to his business, "Good Neighbors." It was a perfect mix of fun and community spirit. At 11:45 AM, the long-anticipated egg hunt began. Each child was invited to collect seven eggs to make sure everyone had a fair chance to join in the fun. The hunt was a hit, with little ones dashing around the park in search of colorful treasures.

We had a chance to catch up with some longtime residents. "This is such a great event for kids," said Tim, a Meadowood resident who has been bringing his family for five years. "I love being part of a neighborhood that does things like this." Chad, another local, brought his family out for the festivities and shared that the event was "a great way to spend a Sunday and meet more neighbors." After the egg hunt, the line for face painting stretched long as kids waited excitedly for butterflies, superheroes, and everything in between. As the event wrapped up, Scouts from Pack 734 stayed behind to pick up trash, making sure the park was left even cleaner than they found it.

Thanks to Hero's Pizza for organizing, and to Meadowood Church, the MNA, and all our volunteers for making it such a special day. Events like these are what make Meadowood feel like home.

– Zohra Nacer





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# **City of Aurora Moments**

#### **Music At The Movies**

Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space's Park Lights and Movie Nights joins the Aurora Public Library's Summer Jam series to create this new event featuring a free concert followed by family friendly movies under the stars at various community parks starting at 5 p.m. Admission is free; no registration is required. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks to enjoy. Food trucks will sell food and drinks on site. Visit AuroraGov.org/Events for details.

 Wednesday, May 28: Kalama Polynesian Dancers and "Moana 2" (PG) Traditions Neighborhood Park, 100 S. Jackson Gap Way

#### Swim Beach And Outdoor Pools

Get ready for a day at the beach or taking a dip outside when the Aurora Reservoir swim beach and city of Aurora outdoor pools and the spraygrounds at Great Plains Park and Red-tailed Hawk Park open Saturday, May 24, for Memorial Day weekend. For hours, admission fees, information on rentals and more, visit AuroraGov.org/Reservoirs and AuroraGov.org/Pools.

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**Bring Your Family To Fire Safety Field Day** 

Join Aurora Fire Rescue and the Rotary Clubs of Aurora for a free, interactive Fire Safety Field Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at the City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center, 25950 E. Quincy Avenue, next to the Aurora Reservoir.

The event 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. AFR is pleased to partner with the Rotary clubs to present fire safety education to the community. The local Aurora Rotary chapters also have been raising funds to purchase a mobile fire safety house for AFR. This trailer will provide hands-on fire safety and emergency education to area schools, civic organizations and community groups.

The Fire Safety Field Day is free and open to the public (with the completion of a safety waiver). Visit AuroraRotary.com/ Donate to learn more.

# Join us at Water-wise Day

Join City Council and Aurora Water at the second annual Water-wise Day from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 17, in the beautiful Aurora Water-wise Garden. The garden is located on the southeast side of the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.





Danielle truly loves her hometown of Aurora, Colorado. It's where she was born and raised, graduated from Overland High School, graduated from the Community College of Aurora, served our country honorably, started her businesses, and is raising her son.

# Focusing on what's important to Aurora...

#### Jobs & the Economy

As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a budget, make payroll, and grow a business.

#### **Public Safety**

Danielle will continue to fight for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

#### Taxes & Fees

Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

#### Development

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

#### Revitalizing Neighborhoods

Local Aurora residents know what's best for their neighborhood and unlike politicians, Danielle will listen to those needs and respond.

"My pride for our city is second to none! I believe Aurora is where you have a chance to live out the American dream and I will continue to fight to ensure equal opportunity for all!"

- Danielle Jurinsky



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# **City of Aurora Moments**

# Spring Into Action With Mulch Pickup Days

April 19 and May 17, 7 a.m. to noon

Time to get your garden in shape! Mulch is available while supplies last at the intersection of East Hampden Avenue and South Dawson Street (enter via Dawson and follow the signs). Make your yard the envy of the neighborhood—pick up your mulch before it's gone.

More information: AuroraGov.org/Mulch

# High Line Canal Birding Walk at DeLaney Farm

Saturday, May 10, 8 to 10 a.m.

The High Line Canal Conservancy has teamed up with Denver Audubon to offer guided birding walks along the canal—no experience or birding knowledge needed! These family friendly walks are open to bird enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Led by expert birders, each walk includes bird identification and data collection that supports community science efforts. Join the Aurora walk at the DeLaney Homestead Historic District to discover native prairie birdsm enjoy a peaceful morning outdoors and celebrate Global Big Day. Registration is required for this free event, and space is limited—reserve your spot today. DeLaney Homestead Historic District, 170 S Chambers Road Register for birding walk

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# **Aurora Public Library Moment**

# Mission Viejo Library: May Programs

#### **EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:**

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-6)

#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, May 14 at 4:30 p.m. Paleo Art

with the Aurora History Museum (ages 6-12)

Sat, May 17, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)

Wed, May 21 at 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)

Wed, May 28 at 4:30 p.m. Kids Drawing Class (ages 6-18)

#### PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. Anime Club (ages 11-18)

Thu, May 22 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18) Thu, May 29 at 4:30 p.m. Iridescent D&D Dice (ages 11-18)

#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Fri, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Fri, May 23 at 11:00 a.m. Yin Yoga

Fri, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. Aurora's Story

Sat, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. Native Water-Wise Plants

Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.

-Susan Gale



# **Kids Moment**

## Word Scramble: Meadowood Fun!

Inscramble the words below – they're all things happening right here in Meadowood this year!

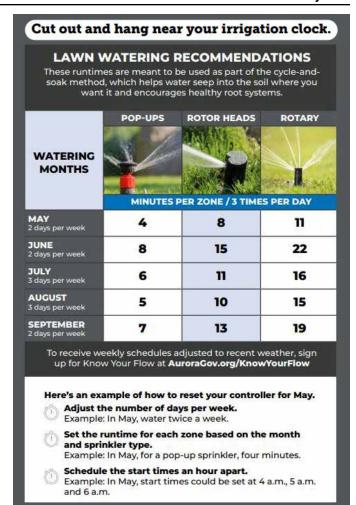
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What do all of these words have in common?

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# **Garden Moment**

## Six Mistakes That New Gardeners Make

1. Putting your garden out of sight: Planting your vegetables and herbs in a lonely backyard corner might keep them out of sight, but it will hide it from you, too. That makes it easy to forget to check for droopy plants that need water, miss the early signs of pests, or neglect to harvest regularly.

**Do this instead:** Plant your garden where it's hard to miss – outside the kitchen door, along a walkway you frequent, or near the back patio. You'll be able to spot thirsty plants or bug damage quickly, before major harm occurs to your crops. Plus, a convenient garden makes it easier to harvest a handful of basil to add flavor to your meal or to enjoy a healthy snack of cherry tomatoes as you pass by.

2. Planting too much: After spending the winter creating elaborate gardening Pinterest boards, thumbing through seed catalogs, and dreaming of fresh veggie flavor, it's easy to overestimate how big your garden should be-and underestimate the time and effort it will take to care for it. Experienced gardeners know that a big garden equals a big commitment, one that's too much for most new gardeners.

Do this instead: Start small. If you're a total newbie to gardening, make a list of your five favorite vegetables and herbs. Then take a little time to research their growing needs before you buy them. Start small and then add a few more plants and a bit more growing space each year and before you know it, you'll have plenty of homegrown produce to share!

3. Planting too soon (or too late): One of the biggest mistakes new gardeners make can be chalked up to cabin fever. On the first warm day after being cooped up inside all winter, you head straight outside and plant a row of tomatoes... and then nighttime temperatures plummet back below freezing and you lose them all. On the other hand, you don't want to wait too long to plant, either. Planting when it's already hot can stress plants and require a lot more effort from you to get them to harvest.

Do this instead: First, find out your region's estimated first and last frost date, then use those dates as a guide to when to start your garden. After all, who wants to waste time and money planting a garden twice, just because you were teased by a warm, spring-like day?

4. Planting in just any old soil: What's so wrong with digging up some dirt and putting the plants in? Plenty. See, soil provides the foundation for a successful garden, so it needs to be rich and filled with nutrients. Bad soil is like junk food for plants, and they won't grow and thrive if they're stuck in it – just like you wouldn't do well if all you ate were potato chips!

**Do this instead:** Before planting, improve your in-ground soil

with nutrient-rich compost. For raised beds, Miracle-Gro® Raised Bed Soil or Planters Mix. is a smart choice, as it will provide your plants with just the right texture and blend of nutrients.



- 5. Planting where there's not enough sun: You may love tomatoes, but if you don't have a spot that gets at least 6 to 8 hours of sunlight, you won't have much luck growing them. **Do this instead:** If your yard is on the shady side, consider growing sun-loving plants in containers and placing them in whatever sunny patch is available, whether that's a patio, balcony, or driveway. Just use as many pots as you need to create the garden you want. Another option is to choose vegetables and herbs that tolerate partial shade, like lettuce, kale, Swiss chard, spinach, parsley and thyme.
- 6. Crowding your plants: As a new gardener, it's tempting to try to grow lots of plants in your garden to maximize your harvest—and besides, those little plants look so lonely with no friends around them. Here's the thing, though: Small plants will grow bigger, and as they do, they're going to need more space. Too many plants crowded in a small area means they're going to have to compete for water and nutrients, jeopardizing the health of the entire garden. Plus, if there isn't enough air circulation between plants, any diseases that come along will have an easier time spreading.

Do this instead: Follow the recommended spacing found on each plant tag. And don't worry – your plants won't look little or lonely for long.

Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

# **Cooking Moment**

# **Broccoli Casserole**

- 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup grated sharp cheese 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- Bread crumbs
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 to 4 tablespoons margarine

Cook broccoli according to package directions. Drain well. Combine soup, cheese, mayonnaise, onion and eggs; add to broccoli. Pour into a greased 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle bread crumbs on top. Drizzle melted margarine over crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until casserole is bubbly and crumbs are lightly browned.



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Actives on the Market: 25 priced from \$419,900 - \$568,400 Under Contract to Close: 14 priced from \$400,000 - \$559,900

Sold since January 1st, 2025: 23 priced from \$390,000 - \$562,000

# By Style

Ranches sold: 9 priced from \$400,000 - \$499,000

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