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MNA Board Moment



Hello Meadowood! As we dive into November, we want to start by inviting you to the Board election on November 13. Your voice matters, and we'd love to see you there as we work together to shape the future of our community!

We're also excited about the Food Drive happening right here in Meadowood. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together and help those in need in our neighborhood, ensuring everyone has a cozy and joyful holiday season.

A heartfelt thank you to all our neighbors for participating in the recent Fall Dump Day. Your support made it a success, and we appreciate you taking the time to join in!

Let's keep the spirit of connection alive this season. Whether it's sharing resources, checking in on one another, or just saying hello, every little gesture counts in building a stronger community.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful November filled with gratitude and connection!

— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer

Mark Your Calendars: November General Meeting

Join us for the November General Meeting on November 13 at 6:15 pm at Meadowood Church. We will be holding elections for the board, and your participation is crucial for our community's future. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Meadowood Moment

Letter From A Neighbor: Reflections On West Meadowood

Dear Meadowood Community, We have lived in West Meadowood since the spring of 1977.

Our two sons attended Yale Elementary School, walking to school and crossing Chambers Road at Yale Avenue, sometimes carrying their alto sax and trombone. While traffic has increased and sped up tremendously since then – one time, a driver even clipped my son's sax case while making a right turn from Yale to Chambers – thankfully, students no longer make that trek.



Back in those days, the traffic was calm enough that I could take a Cub Scout Pack to pick up trash along the fences on Chambers. For years, we walked various dogs to Eagle Park and back, toting bags to pick up litter, and just as today, there wasn't usually a significant amount.

We were proud to be among those who helped establish the first Meadowood Neighborhood Association and participated in cleaning up the corner of Yale and Chambers, laying rocks around the perimeter. At that time, there were no Olympic Park, baseball fields, or RTD parking.

While I enjoy reading the newsletter, I sometimes feel that West Meadowood is overlooked. Many children on the west side of Chambers do not attend Dartmouth Elementary, and although we don't have the facilities of East Meadowood Park, there is a playground, basketball court, and a walking path around Eagle Park.

Throughout all these years, we have always felt safe in our neighborhood. Kudos to the association for all it does to foster a sense of community. We appreciate your efforts very much!

— Kathleen Connolly, Meadowood Resident

Calendar of Events

Meadowood Neighborhood Association: General Meeting
November 13th from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm.

Scouts – Pack 734: Mondays at 6 pm at Meadowood Church.
Boys & Girls from 5 to 11 years old

Meadowood Handcrafters: Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm.
Meadowood Church

Meadowood Neighborhood Association: Fall Dump Day Success!



On October 19, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association hosted a successful Fall Dump Day at the Dartmouth Elementary parking lot, attracting just a little under 100 vehicles eager to clear out unwanted items from their homes.

A huge thank you goes to the volunteers from BSA Scouts Crew 308, who generously offered their time and energy to assist residents in unloading their vehicles. Their dedication exemplifies the spirit of teamwork that defines Meadowood.

Special appreciation is also due to the board members who organized this fantastic event. Their hard work made it possible for neighbors to take advantage of this valuable community service.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. One neighbor expressed gratitude, saying, "Thank you, MNA, for providing such an affordable option to get rid of junk." Another noted, "I never could have managed to dispose of my two mattresses and a couch without this event." Many residents echoed the sentiment, with one adding, "I always look forward to this day; it's great to have a local solution instead of paying a fortune at the dump."

Attendees were pleased with the efficient operation, with one neighbor commenting on how quickly the line moved. Others appreciated the presence of the metal recycling team, noting it was fantastic to see recycling in action.

With beautiful weather and a lively atmosphere, the day was a success for all involved. Thank you to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you at future community events!

Support Pack 734's Food Drive This November!

Local Scouts from Pack 734 are gearing up for a meaningful initiative this holiday season – a community Food Drive aimed at helping those in need. On November 2, the Scouts will be canvassing the neighborhood to distribute door hangers with information about the drive.



Then, on November 9, they will return to collect non-perishable food items that residents wish to donate. This is a great opportunity to support our community and ensure that everyone has a joyful and affordable holiday season.

If you don't receive a door hanger but still wish to contribute, you can easily get involved! Just send an email to AuroraPack734@gmail.com, and the Scouts will be happy to arrange a pick-up at your home.

Let's come together to make a difference in our neighborhood this holiday season. Your generosity can help make the holidays brighter for those in need!



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Aurora Public Library Moment

Mission Viejo Library: November Programs

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Tues, Nov 5, 10:30 AM Magical Puppet Show (ages 0-7)
 Tuesdays, 10:30 AM Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
 Thursdays, 10:30 AM Storytime (ages 0-6)
 Wed, Nov 13 & 27, 10:30 AM Sensory Shenanigans (ages 0-5)
 Wed, Nov 20, 10:30 AM Block Play (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Nov 13, 4:30 PM Dinosaur Clay Club (ages 6-18)
 Sat, Nov 16, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)
 Wed, Nov 20, 4:30 PM Perler Beads (ages 6-18)
 Wed, Nov 27, 4:30 PM Marshmallow Animals & Hot Cocoa (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Nov 14, 4:30 PM Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18)
 Thu, Nov 21, 4:30 PM Tiny Food Craft (ages 11-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Sat, Nov 9, 2:00 PM Leather Crafting Class
 Fri, Nov 15, 11:00 AM Yin Yoga
 Sat, Nov 16, 1:00 PM Budget Basics
 Sat, Nov 23, 2:00 PM Stamp Carving

VIRTUAL/ONLINE PROGRAMS:

Fridays, 5:30 PM Library Game Night (Teens)
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City of Aurora Moment

Veterans Salute

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 This annual event will feature musical performances, a ceremony with the Buckley Space Force Base Color Guard and a sit-down lunch. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per person until Friday, Oct. 25, by calling or visiting a city recreation center.
 Ticket and event information: AuroraGov.org/Salute

“Alice in Wonderland” Performance

Thur., Nov. 7, 7 p.m. and Fri., Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
 Sat., Nov. 9, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 10, 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave.
 Aurora Dance Arts is excited to take a journey into “Alice in Wonderland” this fall and provide dance students with unique performance opportunities. This wacky and wonderful story is being reimagined with a fresh perspective for 2024. This year’s show will be the biggest and best version of “Alice” yet, with additional characters, scenes, costumes, sets, and props. Tickets are \$20; visit AuroraFoxArtsCenter.org or call 303-739-1970.

Aurora History Museum’s Grand Celebration

Sat., Nov. 16, 3 to 6 p.m.
 Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy
 The Aurora History Museum commemorates three milestones this year with a Grand Celebration event in honor of the 25th Annual Festival of Wreaths, the 45th Anniversary of its founding, and the 10th Anniversary of the Restoration of Trolley Trailer 610 and the Ruth Fountain Gallery. More info: AuroraMuseum.org

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Pets' Moment

Celebrating Our Furry Friends!

As we move into November, it's the perfect time to celebrate our beloved pets! Whether you have a playful pup, a curious cat, or a feathered friend, our animals bring joy and companionship to our lives.

With the cooler weather, consider taking your pet on cozy walks to enjoy the beautiful fall scenery. It's also a great time to think about their comfort—make sure they have a warm spot to curl up as temperatures drop.

We'd love to see photos of your pets enjoying the fall season! Share them with us for a chance to be featured in next month's newsletter. Let's celebrate the joy they bring to our community!

Cooking Moment

Cranberry Sauce



- 12 ounces cranberries
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup orange juice

Dissolve sugar in the orange juice in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the cranberries and cook until they start to pop, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and place sauce in a bowl. It will thicken as it cools.

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Garden Moment

Are you feeling a little lazy this Fall? Here are some good reasons for leaving your leaves on the lawn and garden - from HGTV:



Why Leave the Leaves?

When the fall winds blow, so do the leaves from the oaks, maples and other trees in our yards and gardens. Simply leaving the fall leaves in your landscape has all kinds of benefits for the plants, shrubs and soil in your garden. Plus, piles of fallen leaves create winter habitats for all types of critters including butterflies, birds, frogs and other non-human neighbors that make up a healthy ecosystem.

Benefits to Your Garden

- Like any other organic mulch, fallen leaves can reduce the amount of water that evaporates from the surface of the soil, saving gardeners time, money and effort in irrigation.
- As leaves decompose and microbes incorporate them lower into the soil profile, the added organic matter actually increases the ability of soil in the garden to retain moisture while also improving drainage in waterlogged soils.
- More organic matter in the soil also increases the soil's fertility and improves the soil's ability to hold nutrients.
- Fall leaves suppress the growth of annual weeds, limiting competition for sunlight, moisture and nutrients between undesirable weeds and garden plants

Benefits to Wildlife

In addition to all the ways that fall leaves can help make our gardens grow better, they also provide crucial food and habitat for all kinds of beneficial organisms that live in the landscape. Butterflies, birds, fireflies, amphibians and turtles are just a few of the animals that benefit from a healthy layer of leaves.

According to Matthew Shepard, Director of Outreach & Education at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, "All of the tiny life in the litter helps birds such as robins, song sparrows, towhees, and many others that hunt through leaf litter, as well as frogs and salamanders (eating worms, slugs, or insects) and chipmunks that rummage through litter for seeds, nuts, mushrooms, insects, worms, and more."

Help Butterfly + Moth Lifecycles

It's easy to get excited about planting showy flowers that attract colorful butterflies into our yards. While adult butterflies, moths and skippers are pollinators that spread pollen between flowers in our gardens, it's also important to plan around the other stages of the lepidopteran lifecycle. Adults lay their eggs on the leaves of an appropriate host plant — that is, a species of plant that caterpillars are able to digest.

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— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

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