

Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



November has arrived, bringing with it the season of gratitude and togetherness. As we gather our thoughts around home and the holidays, we at the Meadowood Neighborhood Association want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community and to work alongside neighbors who care so much about making Meadowood a better place for all. I am personally thankful to be part of the MNA Board, where every member brings dedication, creativity, and genuine passion to every effort and event. This Thanksgiving, we extend our warmest appreciation to everyone who supports the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, whether you joined us at the Annual Festival, attended a General Meeting, contributed an article to the Meadowood Moment, or simply took the time to read and stay connected through this newsletter. Your involvement, in every form, strengthens the spirit of our neighborhood. Wishing you a joyful and meaningful Thanksgiving, surrounded by family, friends, and the warmth of community.

— Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer

Upcoming Events:

Annual General Meeting, November 12

Meet & Greet, November 19

Breakfast with Santa & Hay Ride, December 13

You Are Invited to Join The MNA Annual Meeting

November 12, Meadowood Church

MNA holds monthly meetings, and we call the November Meeting “Annual” because:

- We review MNA annual plans for the coming year - 2026.
- We request input from Meadowood residents to suggest what more MNA can do for the neighborhood.

Stop by for the latest updates on what’s happening in our community and to review our annual budget and programs. Join us in person, or via our Facebook Page Live streaming.

Meadowood Moment

Dump Day Delivers Another Big Win for Meadowood!



It was another successful Dump Day for Meadowood on October 11th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association is thankful to Dartmouth Elementary School for their collaboration in hosting the event in their parking lot.

This was a great opportunity for residents to get rid of unwanted items that couldn’t be placed out on a regular trash day. More than 110 vehicles came through the Dartmouth School parking lot, our second Dump Day of the year!

Although we didn’t have a tree service chipper this time, which drew a lot of interest during our June Dump Day, that didn’t stop residents from showing up with their loads. “This worked perfectly for us. We had a chance to dump all the yard waste at the end of the summer season,” shared Susan M.

In addition to the trash trucks, residents were also able to dispose of scrap metal with the help of all the Scrappers, who worked hard unloading into their trailers. The Meadowood Neighborhood Association board members are especially thankful for the wonderful help of all the scouts and leaders

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Meadowood Neighbors Meet & Greet

Wednesday, November 19th, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Jus Grill, 17200 East Illiff Ave Space A10, Aurora

Family Friendly

We will provide free dinner and soft drinks for all our guests and you will be responsible for alcoholic beverages. We want to honor the committed group of Meadowood volunteers who deliver the neighborhood newsletter to your front door each month to recognize them and to show our appreciation. We will be at Jus’ Grill for a couple of hours and hope to meet you there.

Dump Day, *continued from front page*

from Crew 308, who worked tirelessly unloading vehicles and directing traffic.

“This is so great, thank you to all who made this event possible,” said Mary, a Meadowood resident. “That went smoothly. Everyone we talked to was friendly and informed. Very smooth. Thank you for the opportunity,” commented Mark M. This event also gave us a chance to connect with our community. It was tiring, but fun. At noon, the parking lot was clear of all cars and trucks, and we left with hearts full of gratitude for being able to give back and be part of this wonderful neighborhood.

This sentiment was beautifully captured by one of our volunteers, Amina, who joined us alongside her husband, Mourad: “I had the immense joy of taking part in the big Dump Day, and it was an unforgettable experience!

From the moment I arrived, I was warmly welcomed and immediately felt included among you. You even gave me a bright yellow vest, a symbol of this wonderful, united, and dedicated team.

Everything took place in an atmosphere filled with good spirits, solidarity, and laughter. The work was hard, but the positive energy, teamwork, and sense of camaraderie made everything lighter and more enjoyable.

You also made one of my childhood dreams come true: to become, just for a moment, a garbage collector!!

A huge thank-you to everyone who made this day so special!”

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Dump Day another success for Meadowood!

— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer

City of Aurora Moment

ORGANICS AND YARD WASTE

It’s a violation of city code to blow or sweep your fallen leaves, lawn clippings or weeds into the street, sidewalk, gutter or alley, but there are other environmentally friendly ways to take care of yard waste besides putting it into the landfill.

COMPOST AND YARD WASTE RECYCLING SERVICES

In Aurora, we have two licensed waste hauler that offers organics and yard waste recycling to customers, Waste Management and Wompost. These services are available to a limited number of Aurora zip codes. Waste Management customers may call 303.797.1600 to find out if organic and yard waste recycling is available for your residence. For Wompost composting services, call 720.446.8948..

COMPOSTING AT HOME

There are a variety of methods for turning food and other organic waste into rich, nutrient-laden soil for use in gardens. There’s also a lot of information out there on how to get a compost pile, bucket, or bin started. Check out the Denver Urban Gardens composting basics overview, which is straightforward and accessible.

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Meadowood Neighborhood Aurora >

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USE FALLEN LEAVES IN YOUR GARDEN

If having your yard waste commercially recycled is not an option, turn your yard waste into an asset for your property by using shredded leaves or grass clippings to amend the soil in your garden.

Did you know that 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients that trees extract from the ground end up in the leaves? Using nutrient-rich leaves to amend soil can improve the size and health of your plants and condition the soil to retain more water — so you will use less water. Gardening in many Aurora soils without soil amendments is difficult to impossible, and using yard waste in the place of commercially available soil amendments can save you money and could reduce your environmental impact as well.

Not all leaves are equally beneficial. Some leaves (black walnut and eucalyptus) can actually harm a garden or lawn. Be sure a tree's leaves will help a garden before trying these strategies. If leaves make a soil too acidic for plants, bring down the pH level by adding an alkaline substance.

OPTIONS FOR USING YARD WASTE IN THE GARDEN:

Leaf Mold: This soil amendment is a longer-term strategy, taking a year or more to produce, but it yields a nutrient rich amendment that can help soil retain water.

Leaf Mulch: To protect soil and insulate it from the cold, pile a few inches of shredded leaves directly under trees, shrubs and other plants. The more air between the shredded leaves, the better it will insulate the soil. You can also spread some of the leaf mulch directly into the grass; however, be careful where placing the shredded leaves so they are not taken by the wind onto a neighbor's lawn or into the street.

Leaves and Grass in Compost: Shredded leaves and grass clippings can help balance the proportion of carbon and nitrogen in a compost pile. The pile should be two-thirds carbon and one-third nitrogen. Shredded leaves will provide more carbon or "brown" material. Grass clippings and other "green" material will add nitrogen to the compost pile. For an introduction to composting, take a look at this Composting Basics guide prepared by Denver Urban Gardens.

Grass Clippings as Fertilizer: Grass clippings are full of nitrogen, the nutrient most frequently used by grass. So don't bag it, reuse it. Using a mulching mower, mulching blade attachment or mowing twice, grass blades can be chopped up fine enough that they will quickly decompose, adding nutrients and organic matter back into the soil. This does not result in a build-up of thatch. Tall grass will be more difficult to chop up finely. Grass clippings may also be used to top dress vegetable gardens. Avoid this practice if you use herbicides or pesticides on your lawn.

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Aurora Public Library Moments

Mission Viejo Library: November Programs

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EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.	Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.	Storytime (ages 0-5)
Tue, Nov 25 at 10:30 a.m.	Blocks & Play (ages 0-5)
Tue, Nov 25 at 4:00 p.m.	Special Pajama Storytime (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Nov 5 at 4:30 p.m.	Perler Beads (ages 6-18)
Wed, Nov 12 at 4:30 p.m.	Clay Club (ages 6-18)
Sat, Nov 15, 10:30-noon	Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)
Wed, Nov 19 at 4:30 p.m.	Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)
Wed, Nov 26 at 4:30 p.m.	Papercraft (ages 8-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Nov 6 at 4:30 p.m.	Tiny Food Craft (ages 12-18)
Thu, Nov 13 at 4:30 p.m.	Retro Rock Band Day (ages 12-18)
Thu, Nov 20 at 4:30 p.m.	Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Sat, Nov 1 at 2:00 p.m.	Sherlock Holmes Board Game (adults)
Fri, Nov 7 & 21 at 11:00 a.m.	Coffee and Coloring (adults)
Sat, Nov 8 & 22 at 2:00 p.m.	DnD (adults)
Fri, Nov 14 at 11:00 a.m.	Wood Block Painting (adults)



Pets' Moment

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

Every year, during the first full week in November (beginning with a Sunday), The Humane Society of the United States observes National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. The goal of the week-long celebration is to recognize and show appreciation to animal shelters and the individuals who care for homeless animals.

How can YOU participate in the celebration?

- If it's within your means, open your heart and home and adopt a homeless animal.
- Volunteer at your local shelter. There are many jobs to be done. Call the shelter and ask what you can do. Walk the dogs, read to the animals, just spend time with them. It will break up and relieve some of the emotional stress of their day. Many of these dogs were someone's pets before they were in a shelter. They are scared, lonely, and totally confused as to what is going on and why they are there.
- Most shelters work on very tight budgets and can only provide the basics. You can help make conditions a little better by your generous donations. Call your local shelter to see if they have a wish list or any special needs. Blankets, beds, towels, toys, and food are some things that are always needed.
- Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.



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Kids Moments

The Thankful Tree

November is the perfect time to think about what we're thankful for! This month, create your own **Thankful Tree** at home. Here's how:

1. Draw or cut out a big tree trunk and branches on paper or cardboard.
2. Cut out colorful leaves from construction paper.
3. Every day, write something you're thankful for on a leaf — it could be your family, your pet, your teacher, or your favorite snack!
4. Tape or glue the leaves onto your tree and watch your Thankful Tree grow throughout November.

By Thanksgiving, you'll have a beautiful reminder of all the good things in your life — big and small.

Send us a picture of your Thankful Tree for a chance to be featured in the next *Meadowood Moment*!

Turkey Time Trivia!

Did you know? Turkeys can run up to 20 miles per hour! Only male turkeys gobble, female turkeys make a clucking sound. Wild turkeys sleep in trees at night to stay safe from predators.

If You Could Be Any Animal For A Day, Which One Would You Choose And Why?

Send your answers to the *Meadowood Moment*, and we'll feature some in the next issue!

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

—Oprah Winfrey

Garden Moment



With frost on the ground, perennial and vegetable leaves will be turning brown. Time to clean out the garden and put it to bed for the winter. Once the veggie garden is cleaned out, try a cover crop to add nutrients to the ground and to reduce weeds next spring. Good cover crops to seed: Red clover, Annual Ryegrass, Barley and turnips. How about trying to grow garlic this year? You cannot beat that fresh taste from growing your own. Be sure to purchase "seed" garlic from a garden center. Garlic from the grocery store has been treated and will not grow. Break up the bulb into cloves and plant in full sun. Plant in the fall and in full sun. Break up the bulb into cloves and plant in loose composted soil or in a raised bed. Garlic bulbs will not grow in clay. Then, by early spring, the bulbs "wake up" from their dormancy and start rapidly producing foliage, followed by bulbs, before the harshest heat of summer stops their growth. Harvest in mid-summer. Fall is the perfect time to start a Wildflower meadow. Prepare the area by raking off leaves and debris. Loosen the top 1-2" of soil with a rake and then spread the seed. Cover with straw or Excelsior blanket. Enjoy your meadow next spring! Try to resist cutting back ornamental grasses and perennials. If you leave the seed heads standing, it provides habitat for beneficial insects. Also, the seed heads provide winter beauty, particularly in the snow. Many perennials, trees and shrubs appreciate deep soakings every couple of weeks. Fall watering is very important for any new additions to your landscape. Evergreen trees will benefit from a deep soaking right before a freeze or snow storm.

— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

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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Market Report

-STATS AS OF 10/15/2025-

Meadowood Overview

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