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MNA Board Moment



Most neighbors would agree that each of us is responsible for not littering and disposing of our trash properly. But to what extent we feel responsible for the litter we see, dropped by others, especially in our own neighborhood? How many of us feel disappointed about the state of our community and wish it were cleaner? How many of us litter out of laziness or carelessness? How many of us often believe that someone else will come along and pick up the litter and dispose of it properly?

While driving on Dartmouth Avenue in Meadowood on an early Sunday morning, I was pleased to see a Meadowood resident walking along Winston & Dartmouth carrying a large trash bag and picking up trash. Michelle Delgado is her name and she takes pride keeping Meadowood clean. Michelle does not belong to any organized litter cleanup walk in the community. She was picking up trash because she cares about Meadowood. How many of us are willing to be proactive and want to see a clean neighborhood? How many of us will consider taking a trash bag while walking our dogs to clean up after them and to pick up any litter on the way? How many parents will consider talking to their children about not littering while walking to/from school? The easiest way to start loving our neighborhood is by looking at what's right in front of us. It's beginning to look on our very own block and very often what we see is trash. Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood clean!

— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer

Meadowood Moment

Meadowood Dump Day

Saturday October 14th – 8am to Noon
 Dartmouth Elementary Parking Lot
www.AuroraMeadowood.com/events

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.

Please do not bring the following items:

- Electronics (see electronic info recycle in this newsletter)
- Tires/auto parts/ oil/gas
- Wet paint
- Medical waste
- Florescent light bulbs
- Hazardous Waste
- Batteries
- Propane tanks
- Cement, rock or dirt
- Tree branches NOT in bundles

Scrap Metal Trucks will be there to collect your metal items.

Cost per Vehicle:

- Sedans / SUVs \$15
- Pickup Trucks \$30
- Vehicles with Trailers \$50

With questions contact:

Secretary@AuroraMeadowood.com



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MNA Annual Meeting: Are You Ready?

Emily Madden, Aurora's Emergency Management Specialist will be at the Nov 8th MNA Annual Meeting. Here's their Mission statement:

"Mission: To lead the City of Aurora through disasters and emergencies by comprehensive preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts."

She will talk about things like Types of emergencies in Colorado. How prepared are you for an emergency? What are your vulnerabilities? How do you make an emergency plan? What do you need in an emergency kit? Other tips, etc.

Calendar of Events

- Meadowood 2023 2nd Dump Day:** October 14th, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Dartmouth Elementary School
- MNA Annual Meeting:** November 8th, 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm, Mission Viejo Library
- Trunk or Treat:** Sat., October 28, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Meadowood Church
- Boy Scouts – Pack 734:** Mondays at 6 pm at Meadowood Church – Boys & Girls 5 to 11 years old
- Meadowood Handcrafters:** Tuesdays, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, Meadowood Church
- Council Member Town Meetings:** Ward V (Alison Coombs) - Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way

Lawn Aeration \$50!

Fundraising benefitting Venturing Crew 308 in Aurora, October 7th & October 8th

If you need help getting your lawn ready for its beautiful green coat, you are probably thinking about aeration! But this can be a time consuming task if you don't own an aerator or too expensive task if you need to rent one. There is a solution for you!

Crew 308 with BSA Scouts is coming to Meadowood this fall on October 7th & 8th. Schedule now as dates will fill up quickly!

Sign up by sending an email to crew308aurora@gmail.com.



E-cycling Special Event Pricing Oct. 2-7

The city of Aurora is offering special event pricing for e-cycling for Aurora residents from Oct. 2 to 7.

The city's e-cycling event is happening at Techno Rescue—the city's e-cycling partner. The facility at 3251 Lewiston St., Suite 10, will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Business customers are not eligible for these events.

Most electronic items – desktop computers, laptops, cell phones, tablets, gaming equipment, consumer electronics and similar – are accepted. A fee of \$5 will be charged per vehicle/individual for one standard grocery bag and \$10 per vehicle/individual for any load greater than one standard grocery bag. Cash or debit/credit card is preferred as payment.

To address the rising costs associated with processing select electronics, the following additional fees will be applied to recycle these items:

- Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) monitors: \$5 each
- Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) monitors and televisions 32 inches and under, and all sizes of flat screen televisions: \$30 each
- CRT monitors and televisions 33 inches and over: \$50 each
- Floor model printers: \$40 each
- Projection, Digital Light Processing (DLP) & Console TVs: \$100 each

A complete list of items that are not accepted is available at AuroraGov.org/Recycle and go to Electronics Recycling.

Techno Rescue, which is certified for electronics recycling and data destruction, wipes and physically destroys all data storage media to protect the identities of those who are recycling responsibly.

The remaining 2023 special event pricing dates are scheduled from Dec. 26 to 29 (plus Jan. 2 to 6, 2024).

As a reminder, electronics tossed in the trash not only cause serious environmental problems, but also are banned from landfills in Colorado. Environment Aurora, a citywide effort to think green, supports the city of Aurora's e-cycling events. For more info, visit AuroraGov.org/Recycle.

Easily Recycle Household Chemicals

Take a load off with Waste Management's (WM) At Your Door Curbside Collection program. For just \$10, not only can you do something positive for the environment, but you can also safely dispose of potentially hazardous or hard-to-recycle household chemicals such as lawn care products, pesticides, motor oil and more. For a list of accepted items, visit WMatYourDoor.com/resident. WM offers a limited number of appointments each month. To schedule a pickup, call 800-449-7587.



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Mary's Moment

Streets Improvement

Our community has been quite busy lately with laborers working hard to improve our streets. Several months ago all the cracks were filled in and now we have a nice slurry seal applied to all of our streets.

According to Nicholas Johnson, city of Aurora employee, this is done periodically to keep streets in the best shape possible. Having to totally remove a street and build a new one is quite labor intensive and expensive!

Every four years city employees go and check on EVERY street in Aurora for repairs that might be needed, whether it is a repair, replacement, maintenance, etc. It is always done by Oct. 30 in case we receive a snowstorm.

If you would like to keep up on things going on throughout our city you can go to engageaurora.org to check on the status of buildings going up, housing initiatives, traffic, etc.

Aurora Public Schools Moment

This fall, on the November ballot, Aurora voters who reside within the boundaries of the Aurora Public Schools, will cast votes for three Board of Education Director Seats. There are 5 candidates entered into this race, including:

Vicki Reinhard – the only incumbent; Meadowood resident for over 30 years; a retired educator with over 30 years’ experience, 25 of those teaching in APS; “Vision We Need”, Experience We Trust”; vrein@msn.com

Maria Saucedo – “As a veteran, a teacher, and a mother, Maria has the years of service and volunteerism we need on the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education”; SaucedoforStudents.com.

Tiffany Tasker – As a candidate for the APS Board of Education, I am dedicated to cultivating a culturally responsive, equitable, learning and working environment for our educators and students. I primarily attended an APS school growing up and am now an Aunt-T mother scholar at UCD in the Doctor of Education in Leadership for Educational Equity in Urban and Diverse Communities. – tiffanyandcolorado@gmail.com

Danielle Tomwing – Having access to a high quality education is essential and shouldn’t depend on where your story began; danielletomwing.com

Max Garcia – no information available

— Vicki Reinhard, Aurora Public Schools, Board of Education Director

Smoky Hill High School 39th Annual Craft Fair
 Saturday, November 4, 9am-3pm, 16100 E Smoky Hill Rd, Aurora, CO 80015



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City of Aurora Moments

Questions and Comments Welcome at October 24 Meeting On City's Efforts Under Consent Decree Monitorship

The public is invited to attend a hybrid community meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24, regarding ongoing progress related to the city's public safety reform efforts under a consent decree with the Colorado Attorney General's Office. IntegrAssure, operating as the Independent Consent Decree Monitor, will post its fifth and latest report Oct. 15 at AuroraMonitor.org in advance of the meeting. The Community Advisory Council—a group of prominent community leaders that the Independent Consent Decree Monitor convened to offer community input and guidance regarding the city's reform efforts—is hosting the Oct. 24 meeting to provide information on progress being made under the monitorship. To participate, attend the meeting in person at 6 p.m. in the Aurora Municipal Center's Paul Tauer City Council Chamber, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, or via the virtual platform link that will be available at AuroraGov.org/ConsentDecree. The meeting also may be watched live on Comcast Cable Channels 8 or 880, at YouTube.com/TheAuroraChannel or at AuroraTV.org. During the meeting, the Independent Consent Decree Monitor, Jeff Schlanger, will provide an overview of the fifth reporting period. Dr. Robin Engel from the National Policing Institute, who is part of the monitoring team, will present the Aurora Police Department's enforcement data from 2017-22. The public is encouraged to submit questions and comments in advance by email to connect@auroramonitor.org or via the Contact Us form at AuroraMonitor.org no later than

Friday, Oct. 20. AuroraMonitor.org provides an overview of the monitorship, the monitoring team, the Community Advisory Council, key dates in the monitoring process, reports and helpful resources. Community input is welcome throughout the monitorship via email at connect@auroramonitor.org or the Contact Us form on AuroraMonitor.org. Visit YouTube.com/TheAuroraChannel or AuroraTV.org after the meeting to view the meeting recording. Additional information on the Aurora Consent Decree is available at AuroraGov.org/ConsentDecree.

Aurora Public Library: Fancy Fiesta Fundraiser

Aurora Public Library is hosting a fancy fiesta fundraiser with a Día de los Muertos theme in November.

The inaugural Catrina Ball, named after a symbol of Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexican culture, will feature live music, dancing, dinner and libations to celebrate life and support a great cause. The event from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Nov. 4 will take place inside the Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway, with a festive atmosphere of larger-than-life Catrinas and Calaveras, traditional decorations and many surprises. This unique experience will be the first of its kind in Aurora. Dress up for the occasion (black tie with a Catrina twist) and join this special, limited ticket fall event. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit CatrinaBallAurora.org.



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Join Us For The 2023 Fall Into Fun Festival

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Aurora Municipal Center , 15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Presented by the city of Aurora. This event will have live entertainment, food trucks, vendors, a large kids’ area, a variety of fall-themed activities and much more.

Vendors: We are now accepting applications for marketing, merchandise and non-profit vendors. Click here for more information.

Important Safety Rules: Bags are subject to inspection. No animals 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.

Parking/Transportation: Free onsite parking will be available on the premises on a first come, first served basis. Event parking will be available on the east side parking lot in front of the Aurora Municipal Center building, on the west side parking lot in front of the Aurora courthouse building and in the lower south parking lot in front of the Great Lawn. There will be signage on-site to guide you on the appropriate spaces to park.

Don’t want to drive? Take the Aurora R-Line! Get dropped off at the Aurora Metro Station and take a short walk up to the event site.

Accessibility: If you are a person with a disability requiring assistance or accommodations at the event or venue, please contact Amanda Mason at amason@auroragov.org.

For information: Email Amanda at amason@auroragov.org or call at 303-739-6702.

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- ☑ Alison Coombs for Aurora City Council At-Large
- ☑ Chris Rhodes for Aurora City Council Ward V



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Pets' Moment

Keeping Your Cat Safe During Halloween

Halloween, a time of spooky delight, brings with it some cautions for our furry friends. Here are some quick tips from the Aurora Animal Shelter to ensure their safety.

- 1. Costume Comfort:** While dressing up pets is fun, prioritize their comfort. Ensure costumes don't hinder movement or cause overheating.
- 2. Candy Check:** Many Halloween candies are harmful to pets. Chocolate, xylitol, raisins, and nuts can be toxic. Keep treats out of reach and help educate others about the dangers of sharing candy with pets.
- 3. Doorbell Distress:** Constant doorbell ringing can stress pets. Create a quiet space away from the front door where they can feel secure amidst the chaos.
- 4. ID and Safety:** Ensure pets have proper identification and a microchip with updated details. The Aurora Animal Shelter can microchip your pet for \$10 on a walk-in basis, and also scan and check microchips for proper functioning.
- 5. Socializing Sensibly:** Some pets enjoy social activities, while others get anxious. Monitor their behavior and remove them from stressful situations.
- 6. Emergency Readiness:** Know the nearest 24/7 vet clinic. Recognize signs of distress like vomiting, diarrhea or lethargy. Act promptly if you suspect something's wrong.

If you are thinking about adopting, the Aurora Animal Shelter in November is offering 50% off on adult dogs and cats (six months and older). The shelter is also looking for volunteers to help with fostering, cleaning kennels and much more.

For more information, visit AuroraAnimalShelter.org, call 303-326-8280 or email animalservices@auroragov.org.

Cooking Moment

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

- 1 ½ cups raw whole pumpkin seeds
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted
- 1 pinch salt

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Toss seeds in a bowl with the melted butter and salt. Spread the seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown; stir occasionally.



Garden Moment

Happy Halloween! This year has flown by, hasn't it? After the first frost, perennials and shrubs will start turning brown. Here are some tips for pruning:



1. Make sure pruners or loppers are clean and sharp before diving in to pruning.
2. Cut at a 45-degree angle, just above a node (bud) — this is usually where leaves are attached to the stem.
3. Cutting out dead growth is important, as it increases airflow and allows the plant to focus energy on creating lush new growth and flowers — but if the shrubs appear healthy, strict pruning every single year is not necessary.
4. Don't be afraid to leave some faded blooms on plants and grasses through the winter — they provide gorgeous visual interest in the snowy landscape.

Wonder how to prune Hydrangeas?

First, determine which type of Hydrangea you have:

- **Limelight, Quickfire, and classic snowball types, such as Annabelle:** Should be pruned in *late winter or early spring*, before the shrub begins active growth. Don't be afraid to prune these varieties hard. Blooms appear on new growth.
- **Blue summer flowering Hydrangeas:** Should be pruned in *late summer*, once they have finished blooming. Most of these bloom on what's called "old wood" — growth from the year before. If you prune them in early spring, you risk cutting off the dormant flower buds. By pruning right after the blooms have faded, you allow the plant time to set buds for the next year. Remove up to 1/3 of the total number of stems on each plant.
- **The so-called ever-blooming hydrangeas, such as Endless Summer and Blushing Bride:** Should be treated the same. These bigleaf hydrangeas are unique in that they bloom on old wood *and* new wood.

— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

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ELEVATION B



ELEVATION C

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