

Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



We are still overwhelmed with excitement and gratitude for everyone that made the 2nd Annual Meadowood Community Festival a success on August 19! It truly was a collective effort to make this event successful. The Meadowood

Neighborhood Association along with Meadowood Church and Hero's Pizza had taken the mission of cultivating partnerships to foster thriving Meadowood families. The Meadowood Community Festival was a great expression of that mission.

While this festival has seen some progress from last year's event, we know that there is still opportunity to improve year after year. We are counting on all of you to share your ideas and give us feedback about this event and any event you would like to see in Meadowood. Please consider coming to our General Meeting, sending us an email, or posting on our Facebook page. Let's all work together to make Meadowood the best neighborhood in Aurora.

— Zohra Nacer,
Media Officer



Meadowood Moment

Meadowood Festival: Another Successful Day

The weather was hot but this didn't prevent Meadowood residents from enjoying a special day in our Community; children's laughter filled the air and adults found a good opportunity to get to know each other and relax in the park. For the second year, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, the Meadowood Church, the American Legion and Hero's Pizza worked together to make this an exceptional event for the Community and Meadowood.

Although the start time was set for 11 am, people started showing up as early as 9:30 am. Kids were thrilled playing in the huge blow-up slides, choosing a unique design for face painting, petting the animals in the petting zoo and playing the lawn games in the Park or playing in the bouncy houses. Families visited the informative booths from the City of Aurora Recreation Department and Preschool, Boy Scouts Pack 734 and Crew 308 and the Meadowood Neighborhood Association providing neighbors with some community useful information about upcoming events. The local vendors had the opportunity to showcase their businesses and interact with Meadowood residents. The Police PAR officers were taking pictures with kids and a line was forming in front of the Taco and ice cream trucks.

Kids of all ages were having a blast. We talked to Jameson, a 20-months old little boy, who was fascinated by the animals in the zoo. Mazin, a 2 year-old little girl wished that we had more animals out there: "why not an elephant or a unicorn?" she suggested. . Ryann, a 1 year old boy was charmed by the animals. "We could stay here all day watching them" said his mom.

More than 300 people were present and it was heartwarming hearing that this is the best event the neighborhood has

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Calendar of Events

Meadowood Neighborhood Association General Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th, 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm- Mission Viejo Library

Meadowood 2nd Dump Day: October 14th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm- Dartmouth Elementary School

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

Council Member Town Meeting:
Ward V (Alison Coombs)
Sept. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.
Central Recreation Center (hybrid)
Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Mission Viejo Library

Meadowood General Meeting

We hope you will consider attending our MNA General Meeting to be held in the Mission Viejo Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:15pm. During the general meeting we will discuss MNA upcoming plans, including a Dump Day on October 14th. We will discuss community issues and concerns during an open forum. Please consider coming to the general meeting on September 13th to get more engaged with your Meadowood neighborhood and to get a chance to win the door prize drawing at the end of the meeting.

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Cub Scouts

Consider joining Cub Scouts Pack 734. Cub Scouting is more than just an activity. It's adventure, learning, and discovery around every corner. From exploring the outdoors and learning, your son or daughter will be on the path to discovering their very best "future self"- and they'll have fun doing it!

Pack 734 meets on Mondays at 6:00 pm in Meadowood Church. Consider joining and have fun together in this incredible journey. Ages: Boys and Girls Grades K-5.

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Meadowood Festival, *continued from the front page*

done in so many years. Kyle, a Meadowood resident for more than a decade praised the efforts to make the event happen and wish to see more of these gatherings. “It is a nice touch, making the community more inclusive” expressed Marissa. “This is great, I like to see the community out”, added Maria. “I wish we had more food selections”, suggested Maura. “I wish some of the bouncy houses didn’t have water, my daughter didn’t get a chance to go in there. She is too young”, she said with a sigh. “I wish I knew the bouncy houses do have water, I didn’t bring my swimming suit” said 8 year-old Carol. “I had to go in, it was too much fun and beside it is hot, and my clothes will dry” she continued laughing.



Later in the afternoon, the heavy clouds were announcing a storm and the park started to empty. We watched families leave with a smile on their face, happy that they had a joyful day. We knew that we just experienced an unforgettable day and looking forward to planning the 3rd Festival in August of 2024.



— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer

Mary’s Moment

It is back to school time. Dartmouth has a new principal named Janelle Kirkley. Welcome, Ms. Kirkley! The school is providing all school supplies and free lunches this year to our children.

Many of us have wonderful memories of the Dartmouth staff. Last school year 5 staff members were honored for being at the school for 20 plus years!

There have been numerous improvements during the last few years. The library has been remodeled with beautiful white and blue paint. A mobile has been added (which outside reflects the library paint design.) In the mobile there is an office and a room for the occupational and physical therapists.

Outside there is a new marquee design and a fence which requires students to walk at the crosswalk only instead of cutting across the grass. It is a safety improvement.

To honor and motivate students the staff has developed a FINS program which stands for focused, inclusion, nurturing and safe. Students can earn tickets for showing these qualities. Prizes are awarded.

Happy 2023-24 Dartmouth students and staff!!

— Mary Metcalf, Meadowood Resident

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Meadowood Moment

Lots of Positives!!!

Mary Metcalf was the Meadowood Moments ambassador talking to all the local vendors about their experience in the festival and their expectations. Let's read what they had to say.

Itty Bit O"Lyddie: Hardest part was the wind and table being on a slope, food handy, fun, great turnout, brought community together, likes to do this more than garage sales!

Koda Ranch had Honey Pig... Mary wanted to bring her home, they wouldn't let me! :(the festival brings neighbors together and experience animals, brings back old fashioned values and community gatherings.

Print King, LTD: Kelly thought it was great, people were interested, do it once or twice a year!

Haunted Hive decided to do this just last night... The only problem was that no one was at the welcome center to tell her where to set up. Overall. It was awesome. Thanks for having a table available to her. Wants to do it next year and will have more product. She raises her own bees and the hives are in Meadowood. Some of her honey still had cells from the hive.

Amanda bitzanature (Bit of Nature): A tiny garter snake was in the grass right next to her. Didn't seem to bother her. She liked the calmness, family oriented, friendly, will come back again, beautiful turn out.

Row House: Good turnout, people having fun, there was enough food

Stickers and Style: Thanks for letting me be a vendor. She lives in Meadowood and thought it was a lot of fun.

I spoke with PAR police officer Stacey Spark. She likes interacting with community members, being outside, everyone was positive and happy. "It was a pleasure to be here."

Good job, Meadowood Neighborhood Association officers!!! Thank you. It was a positive experience for me, too. I know it must have been a lot of work for you all. We are lucky to have the 6 of you!

— Mary Metcalf,

Meadowood Resident and special Festival Correspondence



Meet Matthew Glassman

Your Local Realtor

It has been a pleasure working with Matthew Glassman. He is prompt and accommodating to our family's busy schedule. He also has been proactive, making sure he understands our needs and ensuring we are spending our time constructively, only on properties that make the mark. Not only is he professional, but practical, honest, and approachable, which is a hard quality to find in this business. I will be working with Matthew in the future and highly recommend his services! - Shay P.

Matt was extremely invested in helping us find the perfect home. He made himself available on evenings and weekends and worked around our availability to show us every house we were interested in looking at. He was friendly and a pleasure to work with! - Brooke A.

Matthew was a great asset selling our home. Selling our family home was not a easy decision or task. He helped in so many ways, and eased the pain of our sale and our move. When the buyers tried to play "hardball" he didn't budge. He knows the area in Aurora well and always responded quick to any questions or issues we had. We totally recommend him - and will gladly use him again if we ever are looking to move back to the area. Thanks!!! - Katie G.

Matthew was incredible! As a first-time buyer I did not really understand the process of purchasing a home. Matt explained everything to me so that I could make the right choice for my family. I explained to him what I was looking for in a home and he was able to use that information to show me only the houses that I would be interested in which saved time. He was always available when I needed him for questions or open houses. I am extremely happy with our home and would recommend Matthew to any person looking to sell or buy. - Chris Z.

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City of Aurora Moments

Agriculture Festival

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plains Conservation Center, 21901 E. Hampden Ave.

Explore Colorado's high plains and learn about where food comes from as well as how you can support healthy environments with regenerative agriculture and sustainable eating. Enjoy wagon rides, 1880s homestead and tipi camp tours, farm animal interactions, food trucks, vendors and more, in partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens. Admission is \$5 per vehicle; registration is required: AuroraGov.org/PlainsCenter

¡Celebra! Hispanic Heritage Month

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, we celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Nearly 30% of Aurora's population is of Hispanic or Latino origin. The people from this community who call Aurora home come from all walks of life and have their own individual stories of immigration or a long family history that predates Colorado statehood. Join the city of Aurora for a unique celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, at Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway. Enjoy a Catrina exhibit, food and beverages from various countries, live music and performances. No registration is required. Learn more at AuroraLibrary.org. The event is hosted by Aurora Public Library and the city's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Office of International and Immigrant Affairs, in partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens.

Aurora Rhythms: "Zodiac Trio"

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy this premiere clarinet-violin-piano ensemble with unconventional rhythms. Free, but registration is required Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave. Registration: TinyURL.com/Concerts23

Sprinkler System Maintenance

It may be hard to hear but regular freezing temperatures are right around the corner and now is a good time to prepare your home to ensure everything is running properly. For seasonal checklists, visit AuroraGov.org/HomeownerResources. • Turn off and blow out automatic and manual sprinkler systems. • Disconnect hoses from outdoor spigots. • Remove leaves from the roof gutters and be sure to point the downspouts away from your home. • Know the location of your water shut-off valve and test it regularly. • Wrap pipes located in unheated areas or near exterior walls of your home or business to protect them. • Flush your water heater twice a year—spring and fall are good times to do this. Check with your tank's manufacturer for instructions on flushing the water heater or call a plumber to do this. • There's still time to install a smart controller for next season. And it makes it easier to blow out your system since your phone becomes a controller remote. Aurora Water offers rebates for smart controllers at AuroraGov.org/WaterRebates.

Comics, Cosplay, Gaming & More!

Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aurora Central Library 14949 E. Alameda Ave.

Aurora Public Library is thrilled to return the annual mini-con in person for the first time since 2019. Aurora Mini-Con is a free festival featuring comics, cosplay and all things pop culture and it will be bigger than ever before! This FREE family-friendly event includes superheroes, comic-themed crafts and activities, panel discussions, exhibits, gaming and a cosplay costume contest. This year's event will feature over 50 vendors, multiple food trucks, special guests and much more!



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🐾 🐾 Pets' Moment 🐾 🐾

September is Responsible Pet Ownership Month

Enjoying the companionship of a senior dog, the antics of a puppy, and the joy of playing with your dog is a wonderful thing in life. It can bring us great happiness owning a dog... but while they are providing us those moments of joy, are we giving them everything they need? How can we be the best dog owners we can be? Great things you can do with your dog for responsible pet ownership:

Exercise: Good for us but also for our pets. It could be a long run or just a walk around the block. A tired and stimulated dog is a happy dog.

Healthy Diet: Our dogs need good food to stay healthy. Working with your vet or a pet food nutritionist you can find a food that works best for your dog. Just like people, not all dogs are the same and they can have different needs.

Regular Checkups and Vaccinations: Vaccinations are an easy way to prevent serious illness in your pets. Having regular wellness checks with your pet's vet is very important and should happen at least once a year.

Training: Training doesn't stop and sit down, and come. There are all kinds of training activities you can do with your dog to keep their brain challenged and happy. Basic training is important for all dogs, but there is also more advanced training in canine sports such as: nose work, agility, rally, and more.

Socialization: Proper socialization will make life easier on both you and your pet. If you aren't sure how to properly introduce your dog to new situations or they have problems already meeting new faces, reach out to a professional trainer.

Safety: Keeping your pet safe should be a high priority for any responsible dog owner. This includes (but is not limited to) regularly checking fence lines for possible escape routes, microchipping your pets and making sure the information is kept up to date, keep an updated tag on their collar, and making sure that collars, harnesses, and leads fit appropriately for your dog so they can't escape while out on a walk.

Cooking Moment

Apple Salad

Ingredients:

- 20 ounce can pineapple chunks
- 4 cups peeled diced apples
- 2 cups seedless grapes, halved
- 1 ½ cups broken pecan pieces
- 1 cup diced celery

Dressing

- ¼ cup butter
- ¼ sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup mayonnaise



Directions:

Drain pineapple, reserve the juice and set chunks aside. Combine pineapple juice, butter, sugar, lemon juice and cornstarch and bring to a boil. Chill and stir in mayonnaise. In a large bowl, combine pineapple chunks, apples, grapes, pecans and celery and toss with dressing.

Garden Moment

As we move into Fall, let's think of how to help our avian friends!



This time of year, birds are starting to migrate. Provide a welcoming environment for them to stop, rest and rejuvenate. Provide a water source, such as bird baths or low bubbling water features. We have a lot of sparrows, wrens and even hummingbirds drinking from our bubbling fountain on the deck. Provide a food source. Dried flower seed heads, berries and even Juniper berries provide much needed nutrition. Keep your bird feeders full. The birds will help cut down on those pesky mosquitoes also! Eighty percent of migrating birds, including most song birds, travel at night, navigating by the night sky. Because the birds' navigation system is so sensitive, areas of high light pollution can seriously disrupt their proper flight patterns. As a result, the birds become confused, exhausted or lost, depleting their reserve energy. Some of the best ways to reduce the night glow that's so dangerous to migrating wild birds include:

- Making sure lights around our homes and businesses direct their illumination downward, not out or up. We can choose lighting fixtures with shields that focus the light downward, where it's generally needed most.
- Using motion sensors that supply light when necessary, but not continuously. This is also a great way to reduce energy costs.
- Turning unnecessary or decorative outside lighting off by midnight or earlier.

— **Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect**

Meadowood Report September 2023

Homes Available by Terry in Meadowood



3488 S. Kittredge Street
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This large multi-level Tiffany model has 2,048 Sq. Feet, sits on a corner, has siding, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and a remodeled Kitchen, and new carpeting. It also has a Breakfast bar, a Pellet stove, new blinds & counters too!

The inventory is low, so here are 2 great homes that will sell soon!!



3154 S Helena Street
\$450,000

This Glenwood ranch has 1,025 Sq. Feet plus a full basement, 2-car garage, 3 bedrooms on the main level, plus more in the basement, a large lot, A/C and has a great price too!

New Radon Legislation!

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