

Woodgate South News



Woodgate South
Aurora, CO

A little about our neighbors from Shalom Park

I've always wondered about Shalom Park and asked Jody Neumann, a Woodgate South neighbor (and also the volunteer coordinator for Shalom Park), to share with us a little about the community.

Shalom Park is a retirement community just West of Woodgate South. There are about 250 residents living in the community. Services are provided to the Senior Residences (apartment building and patio homes) on an *à la carte* basis. Jody commented, "The Beth Israel Nursing home has single rooms as well as suites where some married couples still live together". Not all of the residents are Jewish. They have several Russian speaking residents and a former Russian MD who volunteers to socialize with those

residents. Another interesting fact is that they have the largest kosher kitchen between Kansas City and San Francisco.

In addition to the nursing staff, Shalom Park employs a full time MD, 3 nurse practitioners, 6 social workers, a Psychologist, a Rabbi, a Chaplain, a Music Therapist, and an activity staff of 14 people. They have 1/10th the turnover typical of the industry. Volunteers are always welcome.

When asked about the expansion that was supposed to start last year, Jody commented that it has been postponed until further notice.

Shalom Park is always looking for volunteers. You can call Jody at 303-680-5000 for more information.

Woodgate South Restaurant Night December 10th



Want to take a break from cooking and have dinner with your neighbors? Meet at Chick-fil-A from 6-8 on December 10th for healthier fast food.

Chick-fil-A is located 5600 S. Parker Road Aurora, CO 80015 in the Pioneer Hills Shopping Center.



**Drive slowly through the neighborhood
"kids at play"**

Look what's happening!

December 8th@ 6:30 PM
Woodgate South
HOA meeting
Update on the community

December 2009
Decorate your home
and show your holiday spirit!

2009 Blue Ribbon
Award Recipients

John & Ascension Demery
Timothy & Louise Figueroa
Mike & Kathy Morgan
Evelyn Cornelius
Wayne & Norma Silvers
Fernando & Mishelle Macias
Mark & Shelly Samuelson
Jim & Mary Royston
Merle Parks & Jenniene Faye
John & Kimberly Rice

Special thanks to the judges
Bill Finn, Jennifer Luther, Lil McMinn,
Jennifer Warnock and George
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Important Links

[City of Aurora Government Officials](#)

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[Woodgate South Official website](#)

[Woodgate South By-Laws](#)

[Woodgate South Informal Social Network for our Neighbors \(Ning\)](#)



A pumpkin is really a squash - It is a member of the Cucurbita family which includes squash and cucumbers.

Halloween is based on an ancient Celtic holiday known as Samhain (pronounced "sow wan"), which means "summer's end".

The Irish brought the tradition of pumpkin carving to America. The tradition originally started with the carving of turnips. When the Irish immigrated to the U.S., they found pumpkins a plenty and they were much easier to carve for their ancient holiday.

*Just after the death of the flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season,
When nature is all aglow*

Author Unknown

Shelley's gardening tips!

- 🎃 Clean up the garden and remove any diseased foliage. Remove dead annuals and cut back perennials to three inches. Herbs can be left over the winter and cut back in early spring.
- 🎃 Rake leaves from lawn as soon as the trees are bare. Leaves are rich in the nutrients your plants love; make good use of all those leaves by using them as compost for mulching over winter. Water lawn $\frac{3}{4}$ inches a week if the weather is dry. Fertilize lawn if it is green and the ground is not frozen.
- 🎃 Fall is the best time of year for planting new trees and shrubs. Plant bulbs now for spring and early summer flowering. Wait until soil temperatures reach about 60F before planting.
- 🎃 Dry cold is one of the harshest conditions plants can experience. When the temperature is above freezing, water all your landscape plants, giving them a thorough soaking. Remember to disconnect the hose to prevent freezing.

Featured Family - The Cohen's

Our Woodgate South featured family is the Cohen's. Nissim and Lena, Eden, Dan & Shelly live at 5194 Fraser Street. They've been part of the neighborhood since 2005.

Both Nissim and Lena are IT professionals working for Amdocs on assignment at DEX. They moved to the United States after living in many countries around the world. Nissim was born in Israel and Lena in the Ukraine. Eden was born in Ireland and Dan and Shelly were both born in the US.

We ask the family a few questions about themselves and here are their responses:

What is one of your favorite sayings or words to live by? We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. Albert Einstein

What was one of the most valuable lessons you learned in grade school? All your life you never stop learning and the more you do it, the more likely you are to admit that you know nothing.

What is your dream job/career? We have a dream about a balanced way of life in which career brings fun and excitement, money is not the issue and there are enough hours in the day to have all things planned done.

What kind of car would you like to drive? 2008 Bugatti Veyron 16.4 2dr Coupe AWD (8.0L 16cyl Turbo 7AM)

What is your favorite neighborhood restaurant? Sushi Kazu

What do you like most about the neighborhood? We like our peaceful and quiet neighborhood very much. Most of all we appreciate being surrounded by the nice people here who socialize, are ready to provide good advice and give a helping hand if needed. We would like to say thank you for being such good neighbors!



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*We welcome your
letters, articles, or
suggestions!*



From the desk of the HOA President Gary Ryan

I would like to thank each of you for your support over the past year. Although we have had our challenges and made some tough decisions, we continue to persevere. A lot of positive things happened in our community in 2009. We had the successful Easter Egg Hunt, Blue Ribbon Awards, Neighborhood Dinner Nights and the Great Summer Party of which many people had a great time.

If you have the chance to walk around the neighborhood, you will find a lot of people showing a lot of pride in their homes. The yards are meticulously maintained, the fences look great and plenty of potted flowers. We are so much more fortunate than other communities that don't have the sense of pride and caring for one another.

I suspect many of you are curious about the court case. The case was remanded back to district court on September 25th by the County Court judge. Both sides have presented their arguments. We are awaiting the district court's decision. The Board has made several offers to the Svirskys to settle this case but to no avail, including a long meeting on the 25th. We have offered to meet again, but we have not heard anything from them yet. The assessment passed and is being collected by the management company. I do not anticipate the case being settled anytime soon, and another protracted court battle may still occur.

The annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 8th at 6:30 at Shalom Park where we will discuss the 2010 budget and elect a new board member.

I would like to wish all of the homeowners a Happy Holiday season and look forward to another large representation on December 8th.

Sincerely, Gary

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Xcel Energy
Gas Emergency/Gas Odor
24 hour line - 1-800-895-2999

Aurora Animal Care
303-326-8288

Electric Emergency/Power Outage
24 hour line - 1-800-895-1999

Colorado Division of Wildlife
303-291-7227

Poison Control Hotline
24 hour line - 1-800-222-1222

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After hours - 303-739-6772

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