

Woodgate South News



Woodgate South
Aurora, CO

Woodgate South as a neighborhood

In the middle of the cold, hard winter it's hard to imagine that spring is right around the corner. We are fortunate to live in a community that has so much going for it. Yes, we have issues like many other communities, such as the occasional barking dog or cars driving too fast in the neighborhood and dealing with covenant violations. But, we are unlike many communities in that neighbors can often be seen catching up with each other on the sidewalks, helping out shoveling snow, joining each other in occasional walks, actively participating in our kids' and grandkids' activities in the yards and street, and

we enjoy a feeling of safety within our small community. The phrase "it takes a village" does ring true.

Over the years, Woodgate South has established traditional events that are fun and bring people together. These include the Easter Egg Hunt which is coming up in March, Quarterly Dinner Out Nights, "The Summer Party" and The Blue Ribbon Awards to name a few. We look forward to seeing you at these events. If you have additional ideas to contribute for social events or planning, please contact us. We are always looking for new ways to bring people together. We'd love to hear from you.

Woodgate South Restaurant Night February 24th



Want to take a break from cooking and have dinner with your neighbors? Meet at Jason's deli from 6-8 on February 24th for a great neighborhood get together. Kids under 12 eat free so bring the family.

Jason's deli is located 5440 S. Parker Road #K Aurora, CO 80014 in the Pioneer Hills Shopping Center.



Drive slowly through the neighborhood
"kids at play"

Look what's happening!

March HOA meeting

To be announced soon

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 20th at 10 AM with
rain or snow reschedule Saturday
March 27th

There are two way to participate.
Hide your plastic candy filled eggs in
your yard and prior to the event you
will be contacted with your age level.
The younger kids will have easier to
find eggs than the older kids. The
second way to participate is to find
the eggs. The kids will be put into age
groups and explained the rules and
the hunt will commence. We'll have a
light snack after the hunt.

If you want to participate either way
please contact George McDonough
@ 720-535-1099 or
george_mcdonough@yahoo.com

Know someone who is not receiving
the newsletter; have them call 720-
535-10999 to arrange delivery

Important Links

[City of Aurora Government Officials](#)

[Cherry Creek Schools](#)

[City of Aurora Water](#)

[Woodgate South Official website](#)

[Woodgate South By-Laws](#)

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

**"Surely as cometh the Winter, I know
There are Spring violets under the snow."**

- R. H. Newell

Preparing for Spring Gardening

by Shelley Samuelson

Clean Up – Leaves and debris gather in drainage areas over the winter. Now is the time to ensure that the spring rains will have adequate runoff. Spring seedlings do best in soil which drains well.

Remove dead foliage of ornamental grasses and ferns. Once growth begins this becomes difficult without damaging the plant. New growth will quickly replace the culled foliage.

When your grass starts to dry out from melted snow and isn't sopping wet, you can start cleaning up your lawn. Rake to eliminate dead, as well as stray leaves, twigs and other winter debris. This will permit air and light to penetrate the soil, which will promote grass growth

Take a walk – through your garden, noting everything that needs attention. This way you will see what needs extra care once spring arrives. Record problems such as too little or too much sun you may have had last spring, deciding to plant in a different area this year. In other words, late winter is an excellent time to map out your strategy, making needed changes before spring does come.

Divide – perennials. For easier handling try to time the divisions so emerging shoots are only 2 or 4 inches tall. Prepare new beds for perennial flowers by spreading a 6-inch deep layer of organic matter (i.e. peat moss, compost, rotted manure) and work in deeply. Plants growing in deep, rich soil are less likely to suffer from summer drought.

Upcoming Gardening Events

February 13th – 21st

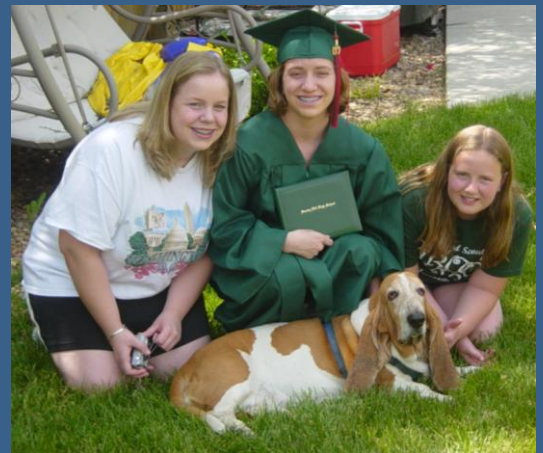
Colorado Garden & Home Show
Colorado Convention Center
Mon – Fri. Noon – 8 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Featured Family - The Ryan's

Gary and Carolyn Ryan live at 5252 South Fraser Way with their three daughters: Jessica, Katie and Lauren. They are originally from Louisville, Kentucky and moved to Colorado and the Woodgate South neighborhood in July 2000. Gary is a partner in the accounting firm of Holm Ryan Truitt Hall LLC located in Aurora. Carolyn is an accountant for REPTECH, a pension plan administrator located in the DTC and has become a huge Colorado Rockies fan. Jessica is a junior at Colorado State University in the business school. Katie is a senior at Smoky Hill High School and interested in becoming an architect and Lauren is an 8th grader at Laredo Middle School. They have a Bassett Hound named Angel.

We enjoy the neighborhood because of our friends, the close proximity to our jobs and schools, plus the views of the Front Range.

Gary and Carolyn will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in August.



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



President's Corner

By Jamie Collins

All, I recently became the HOA Board President after Gary Ryan completed his term in December. I realize I have some big shoes to fill and hope I can do so with the same grace and humility that Gary brought to the job.

Just to let you know a little about me, my husband John and I moved into Woodgate South in the summer of 1999. We have a 10 year old son, Gus, who is in the 4th grade at Sagebrush. Gus is active in Cub Scouts and loves action movies and comedies. In our spare time John likes to get together with friends and play complicated board games and I love scrapbooking. We have an Australian Cattle Dog, Xena, and two indoor housecats, Murphy and Max.

In my role as Board President, I, along with other Board members Evie Cornelius and Lori Banks, hope to keep you informed of important neighborhood issues. Together we want to help keep Woodgate South the friendly, safe neighborhood we all want to live in. To that end, I know most of you are curious as to the status of the lawsuit – as of this writing, we are waiting for the courts to make a decision whether to re-hear the case or make some other declaration. In other words, we are in a wait and see situation.

Also, remember to keep your eyes and ears open to any strange goings-on in the neighborhood. If you see anything suspicious and feel the need to contact the police or other emergency personnel, please do so. There was a incident that was called in to the police recently which probably averted some neighborhood burglaries. We live in a safe community, but we are not immune to crime.

Thank you for allowing me to be your new Board President. I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and I hope I get to meet more of you at the March HOA meeting.

Sincerely, Jamie

Emergency Telephone Numbers

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

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

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

Aurora Water
After hours - 303-739-6772

Utility Locator
Call before you dig! - 811

Aurora Animal Care
303-326-8288

Colorado Division of Wildlife
303-291-7227

