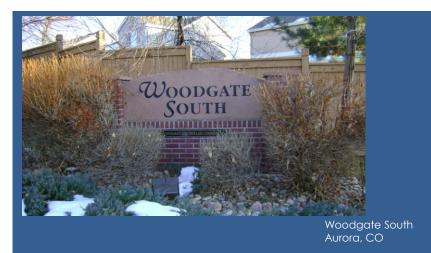
# Woodgate South News



# Volunteering at the Excelsior Youth Center

Our WS yards may not be well-suited for major vegetable gardening, but there is a community garden underway on Excelsior Youth Center property down the road just north of S. Chambers and E. Quincy. The EYC property doesn't look big from the road, but it's quite extensive.

A group of neighbors from Piney Creek other local developments started the garden last year and we harvested quite a bit of produce considering that we got a late start and an early frost. The area has a small greenhouse and access to water (we're putting in drip irrigation this year). We've begun a bit of composting (good place to pitch yard waste). We will double the size of the garden in '10, so we will have a lot work to do and a lot of veggies to share among participants which leads to this invitation.

The garden is a collaborative effort between neighbors, the EYC teachers, and the resident girls, ages 11-18. See http://www.excelsioryc.org/ for details. It's been ever so satisfying working on this project with the girls. They are excited to get into the dirt, plant, weed, compost, and learn more about making seedlings grow. We work with the girls in small groups for 45 minutes. The girls are supervised by a teacher or other staff member. Because the garden is expanding, we are planning to add more shifts, including daytime, after work, weekend.



To participate in the community garden, you need to formally volunteer with the EYC and complete a background check (easy - just \$10 and a visit to Arapahoe County at 13101 Broncos Parkway for fingerprinting - EYC is very protective of the girls). This will be followed by a quick tour of the center and orientation. You can volunteer ONLY for the garden - no problem. Contact EYC volunteer coordinator Marisa Escobedo at 303-693-1550 x311 to get started.

Now is the time to get the process going so that you can jump in at the start of the 2010 growing season. If you have questions, I'll be glad to answer them on this forum or email me at irma00@comcast.net.

Rose Seemann Woodgate South Neighbor

### Look what's happening!

June HOA meeting To be announced soon

#### **Blue Ribbon Awards**

Get your house looking good and earn the coveted Blue Ribbon Award Judging May 30 – June 5th Awards given out June 13th

#### Garage Sale

June 4th & 5th 8AM -3 PM Our garage sale is in conjunction with Woodgate and Andover Glen neighborhoods. A Goodwill truck will visit the neighborhood on June 5th between 4-6PM to pick up any items you would like to donate.

#### GOODWILL DOES NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Large Appliances Car Batteries/Tires Large Furniture items Paint & Chemicals Mattresses/Box Springs Large rolls of carpet Water heaters Swings or slides sets Construction Material Skis Pressurized containers Windows or Doors

#### **Important Links**

<u>City of Aurora Government</u> <u>Officials</u>

Cherry Creek Schools

<u>City of Aurora Water</u>

Woodgate South Official website

Woodgate South By-Laws

Woodgate South Informal Social Network for our Neighbors (Ning)



## How do I earn one of those Blue Ribbon Awards?

The Blue Ribbon Awards are a unique way of recognizing those families that have taken pride in the care and maintenance of their homes. This award program is a way to positively recognize those homes which create value for our community. 2009 was the first year of the awards and 10 families in our neighborhood received recognition. The criteria that the judges will use are listed below. Good luck.

Paint Shutters Doors Lawns Bushes Flowers Fence Driveway Overall appearance Anything special within covenants

Judges and Home Owner Association Board Members are ineligible to receive an award.

## Featured Family - The Garvis'

Doug and Hadiza live at their beautiful home at 15212 E Hialeah Place with their two children, Caleb and Isabella. Getting to know the family, Hadiza keeps herself pretty busy with community activities and staying home to raise the kids while Doug is a High Net Worth Lender at Charles Schwab. Hadiza was born in Nigeria and moved to Wisconsin at an early age while Doug was born and raised in South Dakota. They settled here in Colorado where both Caleb and Isabelle were both born. When not outside playing the occasional basketball game or helping at Sagebrush Elementary, they dream of vacation plans to Hawaii, Florida California and the trips back to family in Wisconsin and South Dakota.

When interviewed and asked what's on their iPod, we found out it's a collection of kid's music, pop, rock, rap and oldies. The favorite "Powerball Winning Question" revealed they would like to go on an exciting exotic vacation and perhaps a new car...oh winning the Powerball would have endless possibilities.

From the newsletter editors, thank you for being part of our neighborhood.



The Garvis Family



Please drive slowly through the neighborhood-"kids at play"

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# THINK GREEN!

You can recycle your spring/summer potting containers at Nick's and Tagawa's



#### **President's Corner**

By Jamie Collins

Well, spring has sprung and summer is in the air. I love the longer days!

As it gets warmer it's time to think about all the things we want to do outdoors and all the things we need to do with our yards and around the house. If you need to paint your house or your fence, please do so. It keeps the neighborhood looking so much nicer.

The Board will likely hold the next neighborhood meeting in June, though no date has been set yet. Keep your eyes out for the signs that will be posted a few days ahead of time.

One of our Board members, Evie Cornelius, is moving to be closer to her son and three grandchildren. We wish her well in her move and time with the kids. However, this does leave a vacancy on the Board. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, please contact me (303-766-5126) or call Randy Watt at Western States Property Management (303-745-2220).

## 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

Alpine Waste & Recycling 303-744-9881

Need to throw away some big stuff, call Alpine and they will arrange for a very small fee to haul it away on the regular trash day.

