

Woodgate South News



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Aurora, CO

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

[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 \(Ning\)](#)



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.

