



# Carriage Place Newsletter

## PO Box 462142, Aurora, CO. 80046-2142

### Fall 2007



It's that time again...time for the "TOP TEN PLUS"! We refer to this as the *top ten plus* because when we began this recognition 4 years ago our plan was to choose ten homes that met our criteria...however, we have never been able to choose just ten...our criteria remains:

- Homes with nicely manicured lawns
- Interesting landscape...well kept retaining walls, flowers, etc.
- Minimal, if any, weeds
- Wonderful curb appeal, and in general, an attractive exterior

This year the board has also decided to **reward** the four best looking homes in the neighborhood. Those neighbors will be receiving gift certificates to Lowes. **Our favorite four** (in no particular order) are:

**Rich & Stephanie Kline - 18216 E. Nassau Dr.**  
**Brent & Michelle Howard - 18220 E. Nassau Dr.**  
**Carl and Mary Holmquist - 3752 S. Walden Way**  
**Paul and Sally Russell - 3750 S. Yampa St.**

The others follow, again, in no particular order:

18351 E. Hampden Pl.	3709 S. Walden St.	3737 S Yampa Way
18212 E Kent Pl	3991 S. Yampa St.	3686 S Yampa Way
3759 S Walden St	4015 S Yampa St	3561 S Yampa Way
3719 S. Walden St.	3671 S Yampa St	3671 S. Zeno Way

...and voted the "comeback yard of the year": 18263 E. Mansfield Ave. ...nice work!

The recognition of the "Top Ten" was particularly important this year in view of the hot, difficult summer we've had. Some neighbors worked hard to maintain an attractive landscape. Unfortunately, there were others who did not take the same pride in their landscape. In those cases, neighbors actively used the resources available and called **Access Aurora (303-739-7000)**. Once Access Aurora has been called, a notice goes to the code enforcement officer assigned to our area. Our code enforcement officer, Jeff, determines if there is a violation. The homeowner is notified and asked to make the necessary changes. If the problem is not corrected, Jeff takes further action. Please remember, anyone can call Access Aurora, and the caller can remain anonymous.

**Jeff Tejral**, Aurora Xeriscape Program Supervisor, who attended the annual meeting this spring, shared a bit of advice to maintain a healthy lawn: **aerate, put on a top coat of mulch and fertilize in the fall.**

*We need to remind neighbors that since 1990 it is against Aurora City Code to add rocks to the side of your driveway as a parking surface. If rocks were in place prior to 1990, they can be used. However, any new surface must be asphalt, concrete, brick or stone pavers.*

There have been a number of home foreclosures in the CP Neighborhood, however most of these homes have now been sold...the fun part is that many of the homes have been sold to young couples and others who have worked hard to clean-up and shape up the homes...**thank you New Neighbors for tackling some tough challenges!!**

~Don't forget that in the holiday season we will award prizes to the best decorated homes~

### Neighborhood Watch

#### Gail Cowan - 303-699-6093

Neighborhood Watch is a great program for our CP community, as we all want to live in a safe and crime free community. We are not taking the place of the police, but we are the *eyes and ears* for our community. We receive crime statistics reports from the police department. This report can be passed onto you, the homeowner, through e-mail. If you would like to receive these crime reports, call Gail Cowan with your e-mail address. Usually there are 1-4 incidents in our C.P. neighborhood monthly. It would be nice to eliminate those few incidents.

**Never hesitate to call 911...** if there is a threat of immediate danger.

**Never hesitate to call the non-emergency number, 303-627-3100** if something in the neighborhood doesn't feel quite right or you observe suspicious activity.

Once contact has been made with the police department, our PAR officer, **Jeff Brown**, can follow ongoing issues.

If you are interested in becoming a block captain, please contact Gail.



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### **Carriage Place 2K Pace - Saturday, November 3**

**Geri Nelson - 303-693-9967**

We would like to plan our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Carriage Place 2K Pace**. Last year, we had fun and we collected many boxes of canned goods and coats for **Coats for Colorado**. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Geri Nelson 303-693-9967. We'd love to have students help out! The walk can qualify for volunteer hours needed by students.

Our goals are:

- ❖ To encourage the neighbors of CP to join as a community to do something good for someone else **and**
- ❖ to educate the community as to the boundaries of our CP neighborhood.

Each participant will receive a raffle ticket in exchange for a canned good and/or coat at a collection site near the entrance at Tower/Yampa Way. We will then have a "fun walk" on a pre-determined path throughout the CP neighborhood. The **"big finish"** will be in the center of the neighborhood near the cul-de-sacs off Walden St. and will include goodies and a raffle for fun prizes. More info on this later, but please note the date on your calendar and plan to **join your neighbors**.

**We'll walk even if it snows!!**

### **Aurora City Chemical Clean-up**

**September 15 at 13645 E. Ellsworth (Alameda & Potomac) 9a.m. to 4p.m.**

**Must show proof of residency.**

### **Annual Dues**

Please remember that it is never too late to send in your annual dues. Carriage Place dues are voluntary and are a bargain at \$25. per year. The dues are used to send out the newsletter, award prizes and do what we can to maintain the neighborhood. Every little bit helps!

**\*\* Our neighbor, Ginger, 3713 S Walden Way, recently found a black case with both glasses and a pair of athletic goggles inside. Ginger can be reached at 303-699-7558.**

#### **Phone #'s to have on hand**

Par officer-Sgt. Jeff Brown-303-627-3176  
Access Aurora-303-739-7000  
Aurora Graffiti Hotline-303-739-6063

#### **Carriage Place Homeowners Board**

Steve & Geri Nelson 303-693-9967  
Rex Bell 303-474-0602 Gail Cowan 303-699-6093  
Jan Goodrich 303-699-8716 TJ Ogawa 303-766-8753  
Gary Pratt 303-693-5598 Debbie Spannuth 303-680-559

***Let's celebrate the good things about Carriage Place!***

***Website: <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/aurora/cp-aur>***