

# ANDOVER GLEN GAZETTE

JANUARY 2016

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars for this year's annual Andover Glen Holiday Party. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 23 at 6:00 pm. Dinner and appetizers will be hosted by Andover Glen residents that have generously offered to open their homes. After dinner, desserts and drinks will be hosted by M.L. Hanson and Mike Zabinski at their home on Layton Drive. **Please note that this event requires an RSVP for those attending.** This allows us to know how much food to order and divide the attendees equally between the host homes. Attendees will be notified of their assigned host home address. Please RSVP by Monday, January 18, 2016 to either Deb Jones 303-690-9459 [debsew79@msn.com](mailto:debsew79@msn.com) or Kathy Johnson 303-693-2264 [johnson851@msn.com](mailto:johnson851@msn.com). If you would like wine/beer/spirits with your meal, it is BYOB. This is an adult event and free to all Andover Glen residents. Come spend an evening with your neighbors, enjoy a good meal, have some fun and perhaps forge some new friendships.

Planning and set up for these annual events is a big job and takes a lot of time and effort. Deb & Kathy do a fantastic job, but assistance is always appreciated. Call Deb or Kathy if you would like to help with the planning or preparation of the event. They will find something you can do to help.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

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| Jan. 1   | New Year's Day                                  |
| Jan. 2   | Free day Denver Art Museum                      |
| Jan. 5   | <b>Recycle</b>                                  |
| Jan. 8-9 | Free day Denver Zoo                             |
| Jan. 14  | Free day Aurora History Museum                  |
| Jan. 18  | MLK Day   |
| Jan. 18  | Free day Denver Botanical Gardens               |
| Jan. 19  | <b>Recycle</b>                                  |
| Jan. 20  | Free day Aurora History Museum                  |
| Jan. 21  | Free day Denver Zoo                             |
| Jan. 23  | <b>Andover Glen Annual Holiday party 6 p.m.</b> |
| Jan 25   | Free day Denver Museum of Nature & Science      |
| Jan. 26  | Free day Aurora History Museum                  |
| Jan. 31  | Free day Denver Zoo                             |

## **DRINK RECIPE CONTEST**

The semi-annual Andover Glen Drink Recipe Contest will again be held at the dessert portion of the annual Andover Glen Holiday Party. You have time to perfect your recipes for your favorite drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) to enter in the contest. Be sure to bring enough drink for the judges to sample and share with friends. We are in need of "impartial" judges to sample the recipes and declare first, second and third place winners. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please contact Deb or Kathy. Prizes will be given to all winners with the coveted traveling trophy going home with the winner to proudly display until the Summer Picnic.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

Republic Services will pick up your old Christmas trees with the regular trash service on Tuesdays at no additional charge. They ask that the trees be cut in half and the limbs tied down to make it easier and safer for the driver to place in the truck. These trees are taken to the land fill and not recycled.

Anyone wishing to recycle their old Christmas tree can take advantage of the City of Aurora's Christmas tree recycling program. Just drop off your tree at Olympic Park, (N.E. side of Chambers and Yale Ave). There is a designated area in the parking lot for trees. These trees are then ground up into mulch which is provided free of charge to Aurora residents. Andover Glen uses this free mulch every Spring to replenish mulched areas in Andover Glen Park to keep our water usage down.

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

It is early January, snow is covering the ground, and the temperatures are in the single digits. Yes, it is time to start planning for your plot at the community garden. The garden is located just east of the tennis courts at Andover Glen Park. This year marks the seventh anniversary of our community garden. Due to demand from the residents of Andover Glen, it has expanded from the original 10 plots to 25 plots. The gardens provide an opportunity for residents to grow fruits, vegetable and flowers, develop friendships, and exchange gardening ideas with their neighbors. Many gardeners have such a bountiful harvest that they share their excess with friends, neighbors and community food banks. Additionally, the gardens save the community money by reducing the water usage at the park as all of the plots are on a timed drip system. Garden plots are available on a first come, first served basis, with plot renters retaining their right to a plot each year as long as the \$10 fee is paid. There are a few vacancies for this year's garden, so if you are interested, contact the garden coordinator, Norm Arlt at 303-766-7344 or any HOA board member. Spring will be here before you know it.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The Andover Glen HOA Board sends its best wishes to all Andover Glen residents for a happy and healthy new year. We are all very blessed to live in this community and our hope is that all residents will continue to respect and help one another in the new year. Cheers!