

ANDOVER GLEN GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2016

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Annual Holiday Party was held on Saturday January 23. A big THANK YOU to Deb Jones and Kathy Johnson for planning and coordinating this year's event. Also, big thanks to Kathy and Jay Johnson, Julie and John Melton, Susan and Rick Schweer, and M.L. Hanson and Mike Zabinski for opening their homes to host the dinner, dessert, and drink recipe contest. Those attending raved about the great food and hospitality of the host families. If you were unable to attend, please watch the Andover Glen Gazette for the date of the Summer Parade/Picnic which will be held sometime in August. These events are a great opportunity to get together with your neighbors and perhaps make some new friends.

WINNERS!!!

This year's Drink Recipe Contest was won by Pete O'Meara and Dave Kline who teamed up for a unique recipe and presentation to take home the coveted trophy. It was a tightly contested event with five neighbors entering recipes and three willing volunteer judges sampling the concoctions. Congratulations to Dave and Pete. They have set the bar rather low for the Summer Drink Contest, so be sure to plan now to bring your special recipe to the Summer Picnic and take home the coveted trophy.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 2	Groundhog's Day
Feb 2	Recycle
Feb 7	Superbowl GO BRONCOS!!
Feb 8	Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey)
Feb 9	Fat Tuesday
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	President's Day
Feb 16	Recycle
Feb 17	HOA Board Meeting 7 pm Shalom Park
Feb 29	Leap Day

GAZETTE DELIVERY

We have had requests for no delivery of the printed version of the Andover Glen Gazette. If you would like to be taken off the delivery list, please contact any HOA Board member. If you are not receiving the electronic version via email, please contact Derrick Laughin to add your name/email address to the distribution list.

AURORA NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTFICATION GRANT

The City of Aurora wants to help spruce up neighborhoods by offering up to \$5000 per neighborhood through the Neighborhood Beautification Grant program. The grants promote projects that improve the physical condition of a neighborhood, enhance pride and identity, promote self-reliance and increase neighborhood communication. The HOA Board has discussed the program and hopes to put together an application for a grant for Andover Glen. Initial discussions include the addition of shade trees at Andover Glen Park, pathways and benches in the park, and additional shrubbery in the park and at the entrance from Parker Road. We are asking Andover Glen residents for their input on what we should include in the application. Deadline for the application is March 18 2016. Please contact any HOA Board member with your input or bring your ideas to the monthly HOA Board meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17 at Shalom Park.

BEEES ANYONE?

A question was raised at the January HOA meeting concerning beekeeping in the neighborhood. The City of Aurora recently amended the Municipal Code to allow beekeeping at single-family residences in the city. There are strict guidelines for beekeeping. Residents that are interested in raising bees, should visit the City of Aurora website (www.auroragov.org) and read through the stipulations outlined in Section 14-15 of the city code. You can also find more information about beekeeping from the Colorado State Beekeepers Association, coloradobeekeepers.org.

ICY STREETS, ETC.

This winter has brought with it the usual problem of dangerously icy streets in the neighborhood. It is a chronic problem that is caused by a combination of ice dams clogging the sewer inlets and shadows on the south side of our east/west streets. The city has been contacted several times about the problem, but so far has not presented us with a permanent solution. When the ice dams occur, especially if the ice has made the sidewalk impassable. While this is not an HOA issue, any board member will be happy to contact the city if you provide them with information on the location of the problem, or you can call the City of Aurora Street Division (phone # 303-326-8200) to report the problem. They will send an inspector to assess the issue and then send a works crew out to remove the ice and make sure that the sidewalks are safe.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

The days are getting longer and the annual Home & Garden Show is just weeks away. This is a reminder that Andover Glen residents are required by covenant to have any property improvement such as roof replacement, house painting, new windows or gutters, new landscaping, etc. approved by the HOA Architectural Control Committee. Basically, if the change or improvement can be seen from the street, it requires an approval at least two weeks prior to the start of work. Architectural change forms are available on the Andover Glen website: www.andoverglen.org. Once the forms are completed, they need to be given to Dave Estes (committee chairman) or to any HOA Board member.