

"Communication is the key to a strong community"
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Monument Update: the saga continues...
By Barbara Harrington

As you've been able to guess by now, the road to rebuild our entryway property identification monument has been long with several curves and bumps. Murphy sent us over a real speed bump this month.

Based on a drawing CDOT sent me, we had calculated we were going to have to modify the foundation by 1 to 3 feet to remove the monument from the CDOT Right of Way. We needed help determining whether it was to be 1 or 3 feet. Feeling the drawing may not be detailed enough, a CDOT Right of Way representative came out to assess the situation. When he called with the results we found that our old monument was built 120% in their right of way! For all intents and purposes, our brick fence along Parker Road is the right of way line. Where the line crosses our island is just a few feet in front of our first big pine tree. One of our homeowners with a CDOT connection spoke to the Deputy Director on our behalf and received the same information. So, it's back to the drawing board!

The Board met at the monument site at the start of our regular meeting on the 15th so we could visualize where we can build our new monument. We have asked our contractor to work up some new \$ figures for us, since now we have to build a new foundation and change the electrical as well as change location. We wish to retain the new monument design and will either have the monument face parallel to Parker Road or be in a V shape facing Parker Road.

We will also have to change some of the landscaping on the island. There is some money left from the mini-grant which we will use to plant low growing shrubs where the old monument was and to replace or add other plants.

We also had to have the city assign an address to the sign location since building permits are only issued for a particular address, so now our sign has it's own address! Good luck trying to deliver junk mail to it!

Stay tuned for next months' chapter of the saga! ~

The reconstruction of the old Andover Glen entryway monument has proven to be an interesting journey into government red tape!

AG Garage Sale and roll off dumpster have some rain-mixed results
By Randy Simpson

One can of course never predict what Mother Nature will bring to this fine state of Colorado. Our Father's Day weekend neighborhood garage sale saw mainly rain on Friday and then a pretty nice Saturday with some sun in the morning and a bit of rain in the afternoon. A casual drive-by around the neighborhood showed that overall activity seems a bit "dampened" by the weather, though there were some bright spots where activity seemed brisk. As for our roll off dumpster on the last weekend of June, the weather held out for most the weekend, and it seemed like people were quite eager to load up the dumpster with all sorts of interesting things.

The AG Board would like your feedback about having the roll-off dumpster on the weekend after the garage sale. Is it a good idea? Please pass your thoughts on to any board member. ~

Just a reminder: Annual dues need to be paid by July 1st
By Jan Guerra

Just thought we'd give one final reminder that annual AG Homeowner Dues of \$321 for the 2004-2005-budget year need to be paid by July 1st. Please make your check out to the Andover Glen Homeowners Association and return it to Jan Guerra at 14190 E. Saratoga Pl., Aurora CO. 80015. Please be sure to return your payment by that date or interest penalties will be added! ~

Neighborhood Watch Alert: Be Aware!
By Dave Kline

I have heard that there has been some vandalism and related problems for some homeowners on Dillon. First, someone took 2 of the brass letters from our Andover Glen sign. One of the homes had the rear garage door broken into and a bicycle stolen. Another resident had a bicyclist run into his car and then accuse the motorist of hitting him. A witness to this "accident" said the bicyclist intentionally ran into the car and that another person hidden behind some bushes was filming the incident! Vandalism and other crimes tend to increase in the summer. With the warmer weather we tend to leave our garage doors open more as we do yard work, etc. which provides the opportunity for folks driving by, bicycling by or just walking by to assess our property and belongings. So, everyone, please be aware of cars, bicyclists, and walkers whom you don't recognize. Wave to them, say "Hi", or whatever you can do to let them know that they have been noticed. Maybe they'll decide to move on to another neighborhood if they are in fact planning to do no good here. And if they're one of your neighbors, you may have just made their day by giving them some friendly recognition! If the person or persons are truly acting suspiciously, contact the police. The warm weather and outdoor activities provide a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Exchange phone numbers so if something does not look right you can call to check. If you notice that one of your neighbors has left his garage door open and is apparently not outside or in the area, please give them a call. They would undoubtedly appreciate not being the next victim of theft or worse! This is what neighborhood watch is about, looking out for our neighbors and our community. ~

Important Note:
The full minutes from the Andover Glen Homeowner's monthly board meetings are now available in 3 different ways:
1) On the Web at www.neighborhoodlink.com/aurora/andoverglen
2) Email Association Secretary Randy Simpson at: rgatess@yahoo.com
3) Call Randy Simpson at 303-693-0546

Neighborhood Picnic Sept. 12th 4-6pm Annual Meeting Sept. 20th 7 pm

Comings and Goings in Andover Glen...
By Barbara Harrington

We don't have any new neighbors this month and only one house for sale.

TGI Friday's construction seems to be moving along and the Board received a notice that Friday's has applied to have extended hours of operation until 2 a.m. in order to serve people who want a late night bite to eat after a movie, play, sporting event, etc. The Board replied that we are not opposed to the extension of operation hours.

We have not received any updates as to what the plans are for the empty Eckerd building.

AG Board approves 2004-2005 budget
By Jan Guerra

At the monthly board meeting in June, the AG board approved the 2004-2005 budget. A rundown of the budget is listed below, but one highlight includes the fact that despite increases in water costs, the board has been successful in controlling costs and homeowner's dues were kept the same as they've been for the past 4 years. Anyone interested in getting a complete copy of the budget can call me at 303-766-0464. Remember, annual dues are due July 1, 2003. ~

Andover Glen Homeowners Association Budget, 2004-2005 Fiscal Year.
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

INCOME
Assessments 31779
Interest 500
TOTAL INCOME 32279

EXPENSES
Social 1625

Welcoming 50
Meeting Facilities 25
Secretary 50
Newsletter Print/Deliver 450
Insurance 1300
Grounds 16100
Plant/Tree Replacement 359
Water 9000
Tennis Court 1000
Electric 950
Garage Sale 75
Bank Charges 5
Tax Prep 350
Treasurer 50
Legal Fees 750
TOTAL EXPENSES 32279

Net Income (Loss) 0

Tales from the Underside of Things

By Max Reed

I've been watching the little "saga" related to our entryway monument unfold over the past few months, and I certainly have great sympathy for the endless red tape and hoops that Barbara Harrington has been enduring. It seems quite amazing to me, that in these times of very lean government budgets, at both the state and local level, there is always enough money to pay bureaucrats to make a simple job into a "monumental" one like getting an entryway monument that's existed for 20 years rebuilt! Sometimes you have to think these people are just sitting in some office, collecting a fat paycheck, and waiting for some well intentioned citizen to come in so they can figure out a way to make that citizen do the "red tap shuffle". The Red Tape Shuffle is the favorite dance song of beaurcrats. They get to see citizens run endlessly around in circles, from department to department, and jump through multiple hoops that usually tend to lead to nowhere at all! Oh yes, the Red Tape Shuffle is a tune played at government offices all over our great state. You can walk into almost any government office and see citizens dancing to this little ditty 5 days a week, (12 government paid holidays excluded of course). Barbara Harrington is to be commended for dancing to this little tune for the past several months. She's become quite good at it - almost an expert. No doubt, it is not something she probably wanted to be an expert at. I wonder how many government bureaucrats collected big fat paychecks to make Barbara's life a living hell? Oh, on that cold winter night last December, when that motorist destroyed our monument, did we ever suspect that the sound of crunching metal and broken brick would be replaced by the endless melody of the Red Tape Shuffle. I for one, think we owe Barbara and her husband a night out for all her voluntary dancing to this painful melody...that is, once the music has stopped and our monument is rebuilt! ~

Did You Know?

You can get almost all the repair info on some 21,000 vehicles without leaving the house! . The Auto Repair Reference Center is ones of the 60 or so databases Aurora Public Library subscribes to for your convenience. Check it out at www.auroralibrary.org at home or at your local Aurora Public Library.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Services and stuff for sale, cheap!

Baby Sitting: Red Cross Certified Babysitter!

Great rates. Responsible 8th Grader living right here in Andover Glen. Call Elizabeth Melton 303-693-5183.

Baby Sitting: Experienced neighborhood Baby- sitter. Kristin Guerra, 303-766-0464.

Baby Sitting: Red Cross Certified, thoughtful and loves kids. Call Sophia, 303-693-9356.

Dog Walking: If you need your dog walked or bathed, or just played with, I am an excellent pet handler. I have worked in a veterinary clinic and love pets! Anjali Melton, 303-693-5183.

House Cleaning: Brandy and Morgan, age 13 and 14 will do housework at reasonable prices. Call 303-248-6213.

Firewood Removal: If you've got some old firewood that you can't use or don't want around anymore, call Norm Arlt at 303-766-7344, and he'll haul it away for free!

To place an add in this section, contact Randy Simpson at 303-693-0546, or rgatess@yahoo.com

Meeting reminder:

The next AG board meeting is open to all Andover Glen Homeowners Association members. It will take place on July 21st, 2004 at 7 p.m. at Randy Simpson's house. Randy will be providing cool-aid (in 4 oz. Dixie cups) and generic saltine crackers for snacks, so come hungry!

Homeowners Association Board Members

President: Barbara Harrington 693-0868

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Secretary: Randy Simpson 693-0546

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