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“Communication is the key to a strong community”

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Get Ready for a Busy Spring and Summer in Andover Glen

By Debra Jones

There are several events over the next few months that will keep things busy here in our neighborhood:

Main Entry Flower Planting, May 9th

On Tuesday, May 9th, beginning around noon we will be working on the landscaping at the main entryway. Volunteers are needed! We will be planting flowers, bushes and ground cover. Call Quink Arlt at 303-766-7344 if you're interested in helping!

Xeriscape Project & Cleanup Workday, June 10th

On Saturday, June 10th, there will a workday for the Xeriscape project for which our neighborhood received a grant from the City of Aurora. (see article on page 4 of this Gazette) Volunteers are needed. Please contact Ron Adams at 303-248-6213 if you'd like to help out.

Garage Sale Weekend, June 16th & 17th

Our annual Andover Glen Garage Sale is set once again for Father's Day weekend, Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a good time to get "under-stuffed" and go through the basement, garage and of course the closets and get rid of those unwanted items. This event is well advertised and is well attended with lots of eager buyers. So if you plan to have a garage sale, please have your items out on your driveway early, as the buyers come out early.

Dumpster Days, June 23rd-25th

We are going to have a large roll-off dumpster available Friday, June 23rd through Sunday, June 25th. This will be the perfect time to dispose of those unwanted items you didn't sell at the garage sale or those hard to get rid of items from around your house. Just remember that the dumpster is for Andover Glen homeowners only and is paid for by your Association Dues. We would like to ask all of the homeowners to please be considerate of others and not to take advantage of it! If you have large tree branches and bushes to dispose of, please cut them down to smaller pieces to fit into the dumpster. This will allow for more items to fit into the dumpster. The dumpster fills up very quickly and we would like everyone to have a chance to put items into the dumpster. No toxic wastes like old paint, oil, batteries, tires, etc. are allowed. Please wait for the City of Aurora Household Chemical Roundup in September for those items. Also, please do not overfill the dumpster. Once the dumpster is full we will put a sign on it and no other items will be allowed. Last year we had a dumpster that was too full and we had to pay for an additional dumpster. If the waste management company cannot cover the dumpster, they will not take it. When this happens we all have to pay for it, so please, please do not overfill it. We are planning another dumpster in the fall. Your cooperation in following these rules will allow us to continue this program in the future. If you have any questions about any of these activities, my e-mail address is debsew79@msn.com.

Neighborhood Watch Update

By Bob Meyer

Things have been quiet for a couple of months here in Andover Glen, so thanks to all for being vigilant and watchful. The only incident of note is that we did recently have a car stolen from one of our neighbors living on E. Layton Dr.

The theft happened in the early evening to a vehicle parked at curbside in front of the owner's home. No recovery has been made so far, and none is really expected.

Police do not devote much time to stolen vehicles anymore because they are usually run through a "chop shop" very soon after being taken. They also can be on their way to becoming a "Tijuana Taxi" and you would probably not want that one back.

What can we do to prevent auto theft? There are several suggestions:

1. Park our cars inside the garage when possible and keep the garage door closed.
2. If the garage is not possible, at least park in your driveway and keep it locked with valuables out of sight.
3. As a last resort, park curbside with car locked and valuables out of sight.
4. **Never leave a car running and unattended!** This is like a sign on the car saying "steal me" to thieves!

Following these simple rules will prevent a great many auto thefts from ever occurring. We just need to be a bit more cautious and not make an easy mark of ourselves. There is nothing illegal about making the crooks work a little harder for their dough, and hopefully be completely frustrated here in Andover Glen!

Prevention is better than cure.
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Spiffin' the 'Glen

By Bob Meyer

Spring has sprung, and isn't it great? Raking leaves is way easier than heaving snowdrifts, and flowers beat icicles any day.

Our Spiff contest is under way again this year and emphasis will be on roofs and fences. There are lots of benefits to replacing that shingle job, especially if it is getting a case of the "wolf-lip." Sooner or later it may begin to leak, and we don't want that. Insurance companies will give nice reductions for non-flammable materials, thus helping us to recover a substantial amount of cost over several years. With oil prices going up, the inventories of less expensive roofing materials will soon be sold, thus probably raising future expenses.

Fences may become water-stained, soiled or just plain rickety. Many times, a quick power wash and staining will fix things. I took a few steps back for a critical glance at mine, and, yup---Home Depot and Lowes ---here I come. Even fifty bucks would go a long way in this league, especially if you can borrow a power washer from one of your good neighbors!

Some ambitious Andover Glen citizens have already started their projects and we appreciate their good efforts:

- We have new brickwork replacing railroad ties at 14164 E. Layton Dr., with exterior wood stain and treatment on the way. Thanks, Carl and Mary.
- A new paint job has brightened 4873 S. Crystal St. Thanks, Steve and Linda.

We are looking forward to another season of Spiffin' up the Glen, to keep our neighborhood looking better than ever and one of Aurora's best!

20% discount on frames and lenses to anyone who mentions the ad in the Andover Glen newsletter. (Not valid with any other discounts or insurance.)

Your Andover Glen Website is the best way to keep in touch with your neighborhood

By Randy Simpson

I know I tell you about your Andover Glen website every month, but that's because it has become one of your best resources to keep in touch with your neighborhood and it keeps getting better every month. Thanks to the hard work of Norm Arlt, you can cruise the web to:

www.andoverglen.org

And find out just about anything you need to know about your neighborhood. From getting the latest minutes of a board meeting, getting a copy of the covenants, or getting a Architectural Change request form, this web site has it all, and it only keeps getting better every month. I once more, want to highly recommend that you visit this site, if only to see what it has to offer, and if there is something missing that you'd like to see, let us know and we'll see if we can put it on the site.

If you like what you see, you might want to take a few minutes to let Norm know how much you appreciate his hard work!



May 9th Entryway Planting beginning at Noon.

June 10th Xeriscape Project work day.

June 16th & 17th Andover Glen Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Monthly AG Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 17th, 7 p.m. at Shalom Park

June 23rd-25th Dumpster Days

Looking for Advertisers!

By Randy Simpson

If you or someone you know may be interested in some very reasonable advertising rates here in the Gazette, and/or on the Andover Glen web page, have them contact Randy Simpson, at 303-693-0546 or rgatess@yahoo.com. Also, remember that "Neighbor to Neighbor" ads are free to Andover Glen residents, and if you are running an ad that may be old and expired, please let us know.

Next Meeting reminder:

The next AG board meeting is open to all AG Association members and will be held at Shalom Park on Wednesday, May 17th at 7 p.m.

Volunteers needed for Xeriscape project workday on Saturday June 10th

By Norm Arlt

The City of Aurora has awarded Andover Glen a \$1000 xeriscaping grant. Including this grant, Andover Glen has received over \$12,000 in grant funds over the last several years.

We will be using this grant to install drip irrigation for the shrubs along the Parker Road right of way. The grant requires us to match the cash with volunteer work hours. The volunteers will lay out and connect the 1/4" tubing to each plant.

We will be combining this volunteer activity with a general spring cleanup day for the Andover Glen park and right-of-way, with special emphasis on adding mulch where it has thinned over the years, in addition to general trimming and maintenance.

Don't worry if you weren't able to sign up for the official volunteer list on our grant application. Just let Ron Adams know that you are coming, and contact him at 303-248-6213 if you have any questions.

Friendly Reminder...

Don't forget that for any exterior work on your home this spring and summer such as painting, roofing, etc., that an Architectural Change Request is required to be submitted and approved. They are available on the web at www.andoverglen.org or call Anne Stellmon at 303-699-8567.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Services and stuff for sale, cheap!

Baby Sitting: Red Cross Certified Babysitter!

Great rates. Responsible 10th Grader living right here in Andover Glen. Call Elizabeth Melton 303-910-3096.

Baby Sitting: Red Cross Certified, 15 yr. Old

Morgan McCoy, 303-248-6213.

Baby Sitting: Experienced. Loves Kids, Very fair rates. Brandy Helfer, 303-248-6213.

Baby Sitting: Experienced, Red Cross Certified, 8th Grade, neighborhood Babysitter. Loves Kids! Kristin Guerra, 303-766-0464.

Baby Sitting & Odd Jobs: Red Cross Certified, 6th Grade, neighborhood Babysitter. Will also do odd jobs like house sitting, dog sitting, watering plants. Very Responsible. Shannon Guerra, 303-766-0464.

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

Tutoring: Experienced Tutor available to help your child advance in academics. All subjects grades 2-6. Hourly fee. Call Elizabeth Melton, 303-910-3096.

House Cleaning: Brandy and Morgan will do housework & odd jobs. 303-248-6213.

Tennis Lessons: Experienced Tennis Instructor living in AG. Group Rates Available. Cari Merrill, 303-699-0454.

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