

# ANDOVER GLEN GAZETTE

MARCH-APRIL 2015

## BE SAFE, BE ALERT

Several break-ins have been reported in neighboring communities over the past few weeks. Fortunately, no break-ins have been reported in Andover Glen, but it does serve as a reminder for all of us that crime is always looking for an opportunity.

With the warmer weather we all want to be outdoors more, and unfortunately so do the criminals. Here are a few tips to keep you and your property safe this spring.

- Make sure that your garage door is closed.
- Keep your doors and windows locked. Use door & window stops to prohibit access
- Light the exterior of your property. It costs just a few cents per month to keep your porch light on. Use timers when out of town.
- If your automobile is parked outside, keep it locked and valuables out of sight.
- Keep bikes, lawnmowers, garden tools, etc. out of sight.
- Pay attention to suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Write down descriptions of suspicious people and license plate numbers. Report this information to the APD (303-627-3100). You can also provide this information to Derrick Laughlin (303-489-2982), our Neighborhood Watch captain to distribute to our community via the email alert system.
- If you are away, arrange to have your mail and newspaper picked up daily, remove any flyers from your front door and remove trash containers from the street on pick-up days.
- Be wary of letting unfamiliar people into your home. Ask for identification, a phone number, references and a business card, and call the business to verify while the person remains outside the home. If there is any doubt, contact the police.

## MARCH - APRIL CALENDAR

Mar 20	Spring begins
Mar 22	Free day at the Denver Botanical Gardens
Apr 1	April Fool's Day
Apr 3	Good Friday
Apr 4	Passover, free Day - Denver Art Museum
Apr 5	Easter
Apr 10	Rockies home opener vs Cubs
Apr 12	Free day at the Nature & Science Museum
Apr 14	Ward V Town Meeting – Mission Viejo library
Apr. 15	AG HOA meeting 7pm Shalom Park
Apr 15	Tax Day
Apr 22	Free day at the Denver Botanical Gardens
Apr 25	Free day at the Nature & Science Museum

## **SPRING CLEANING**

The days are getting longer, the sun is shining and the birds are singing. Must be spring! Just some reminders as you venture out to spruce up your home and yard: Stretch those bodies that have been in hibernation mode over the winter. Nothing worse than a strained back, shoulder or knee to start out the spring. Make sure your power tools are maintained and in good working order. Sharpen the blades on your mower, shovels, and pruners. It makes them work better and it is easier on you. Be sure to clean your gutters. Water damage done to homes can be extensive and expensive. Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken heads and adjust spray heads. Be sure to read the labels and follow the directions on all fertilizers and chemicals that you use on your landscape.

## **COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

The City of Aurora is hosting several Community Conversation meetings about public parking as it relates to the Aurora Line/I-225 Rail. They are looking for community input to help create a public parking system that is customer-friendly, safe and that enhances quality of life for both residents and visitors.

Tuesday, March 11 6:30-8:30 pm  
Aurora Strong Resilience Center

Saturday, April 11 10:00 am-Noon  
Aurora Municipal Center

Tuesday, April 21 6:30-8:30 pm  
Aurora Golf Club at Heather Ridge

Wednesday, April 22 6:30-8:30  
Mission Viejo Library

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE**

Neighbors have been spotted preparing their plots and planting early season vegetables at the community garden. There are 25 plots at the community garden which is located just west of the tennis courts at the community park. There are still several plots available for Andover Glen residents. If you are interested in trying out your green thumb, call Norm Arlt at 303-766-7344 to reserve your plot. Supply is very limited, so don't procrastinate. This is the sixth year for the community garden and it is thriving.

## **COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE CLUB**

The next meeting of the Common Grounds Coffee Club is Friday, March 27, at 10:00 am at the home of M.L. Hanson, 14205 E Layton Dr. All Andover Glen residents are welcome to attend. It is a great chance to meet new neighbors and enjoy delightful conversation as well as enjoy a cup of coffee and home-made goodies.

M.L. Hanson is looking for volunteers to host the neighborhood Common Grounds Coffee Club on the last Friday of each month. If you are interested, please contact M.L. Hanson at: [mlhanson-consultant@comcast.net](mailto:mlhanson-consultant@comcast.net)

## **THE GAZETTE NEEDS YOU!**

Neighbors are welcome to post articles and "services and stuff for sale" notices in the Andover Glen Gazette. Please provide the article, or notice to any AG HOA board member if you are interested.