

# Andover Glen Gazette

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“Communication is the key to a strong community”

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## It's Spiffin' Time Again in the Glen...

By Anne Stellmon

As Fred and Ethel Mallard made their final barrel roll of the season over Andover Glen, they had their sights set on bountiful gardens, bucolic landscapes and bedecked homes. Ethel, the Glen is a jewel of a neighborhood, the perfect setting for raising our family,” said Fred. “Look at those humans pushing wheelbarrows, moving mulch, planting flowers, hammering and sawing away. They love their homes and neighborhood as much as we do,” replied Ethel.

To emphasize Fred and Ethel's view of the Glen, “Spiff Awards” will once again be presented at the Annual Homeowner's Meeting in September. This year categories will include: Best Use of Color, Best Use of Xeriscape, Best Landscaping, Best Architectural Improvement, Best Overall and Darn Nice House. \$25 garden center gift certificates will be awarded to the category winners plus the Darn Nice House winner will also receive a \$25 dining gift certificate.

Plan on having your home improvement and landscaping projects approved and completed by August 31, 2007 because judging will be done by the AGHA Board members the first week of September, 2007. More than 25 Architectural/Landscaping Change Requests have been submitted and approved since last fall which is a positive indicator that our homeowners take great pride in their homes and neighborhood.

Maintaining our lawns and gardens is a challenge due to watering restrictions and the increased cost of water but Andover Glen residents always find a way to respond to that challenge. Andover Glen is aging gracefully thanks to the efforts of homeowners who have replaced roofs, windows, fences, paint and concrete. Congratulations to previous winners who have met the challenge and enhanced not only their own property but the overall quality of life in the Glen. Previous Spiff Award winners include the homes of the Adams, Brantley's, Estes, Freeh's, Harrington's, Johnson's, Keating's, Miller's, Shields and Stracy's. ~

### Your Association Needs You!

*There will be no less than 5 vacancies coming up on the AG Board this fall! If you've ever thought about serving your neighborhood, this would be a great year to take the plunge! Contact any current Board Member for more details.*

#### Special Feature Article:

#### **Bright Ideas for Your Bathroom:**

#### **10 great lighting tips**

By Donna Foerster, GRI

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The glorious new tub, the beautiful new fixtures, and the sleek countertops always get top billing in the bathroom remodel. But don't forget one of the players most worthy of the spotlight - the lighting.

Lighting designers say a mix of different lighting types is essential in the bathroom to help blend all the bathroom's elements and create a unified look.

Unlike other rooms of the house, the bathroom is crammed with an assortment of materials and finishes - wall tile, floor tile, faucet hardware, towel bars, wallpaper and paint, all in a space often smaller than 100 square feet.

There are three general types of lighting: general lighting provides overall illumination; task lighting provides light for a specific task, like reading, homework, and computer work; and accent lighting puts the spotlight on a piece of art, plants, or other favorite possession.

Lighting experts suggest you focus on all the elements of the bathroom, including:

**Showers.** Light fixtures should be bright enough so you can see when you're shaving and shampooing. Also, choose one that can stand up to the water.

**Tubs.** Experts say you'll want good general light, which a recessed fixture offers. Aim the light's beam at the outside edge of the tub to reduce glare.

**Window.** Keep dressings and blinds open during the day to provide plenty of natural light.

**Night light.** Illuminate the floor in the toespace between vanities and cabinets with a linear lighting system.

**Glowing light.** Indirect - also called cove - lighting through a hidden light source provides a soft, warm glow to the bathroom.

**Mirrors.** Warm fluorescent vertical wall sconces will provide you with even lighting on your face - essential for applying cosmetics and shaving.

**Vanities.** A halogen light placed above the vanity provides cross lighting when used with wall sconces.

**The ceiling.** For an elegant touch - as well as some extra light - suspend a decorative light fixture from the ceiling.

**The commode.** Yes, experts even suggest placing focused floor or halogen fixtures above the potty for watercloset reading.

And if you're afraid you might overdo the lighting, don't be. You can never have too much light in the bathroom. It's easy to install a dimmer control to reduce the amount of light to create a mood.

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### "Having two bathrooms ruined the capacity to cooperate"

[Margaret Mead](#)

## Coyote sightings increase

*From the City of Aurora*

Coyotes have long served an important role in Colorado ecosystems by controlling populations of mice, voles, snakes, insects, and more, but it can sometimes be scary to see one near your home. Recently, residents living close to some of Aurora's parks, trails, golf courses, and open space areas have reported an increase in sightings.

A coyote's behavior is shaped by its natural instinct and by human opportunity created in its environment. If you see a coyote, there is no need for alarm. Coyotes rarely attack humans. The best way to avoid negative contacts with coyotes is to keep local coyotes wild. NEVER feed a coyote, either intentionally or by leaving dog food on your porch. A fed coyote is an aggressive one.

### If you live near or adjacent to a park, trail, golf course, or natural area

It's a good idea to keep small pets in sight while outside or accompany them outside even if you have a fenced yard, particularly after dusk when coyotes are more active.

Remember, coyotes are part of our natural ecosystem. If you live in Aurora, or any Front Range community, you probably have these "wild" neighbors. They are highly adapted to our urban landscape, which means they may travel through your subdivision in search of food.

### If by chance you are approached by a coyote:

Be as BIG and LOUD as possible; use arm gestures to exaggerate your size and voice.

In a loud and forceful voice, command the coyote to go away.

Always keep your pet on a leash; collect small pets into your arms and keep large pets close to you.

Keep small children near you; do not let them run away.

Throw objects (not food) adjacent to the coyote.

Slowly move towards a busy, populated area. There is no need to run

If you see or suspect someone is feeding a coyote immediately contact Parks and Open Space staff at 303-326-8948. Remember – the key to coexisting is to respect the wildness of wildlife.~

## City Maintains Sex Offender Registry

*From the City of Aurora*

Recently, a number of residents have received advertisements at their home stating that a sex offender has moved into the area and instructing them to visit a website for more information, often resulting in a fee to the resident.

As a public safety measure, the city of Aurora maintains a free sex offender registration on its website. The site includes information on individuals required to register as a sex offender, who have listed an Aurora address as their place of residence and who are in compliance with the sex offender registration law. Sex offenders that have not complied with the registration requirements are not listed on this site. This information is available at no cost to the public.

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Residents can access the site by logging on to [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org), then clicking on Departments, then Police, and then Registered Sex Offender. Residents can then enter their address, generating a map that identifies the

locations of registered sex offenders in the area. By clicking on the identified locations, residents have access to pertinent information on the sex offender, including photographs, addresses and offenses.

The Aurora Police Department Sex Offender Registry includes only those persons who have been required by law to register and who are in compliance with the sex offender registration laws. Residents should not rely solely on the sex offender registry as a safeguard against perpetrators of sexual assault in their communities.

Hey Kids, Need Some CASH!?

The Gazette is looking for some enthusiastic youngsters who would like to deliver this Gazette every month for a cold hard \$10 in cash! That's just about 10 cents for every house you deliver to. If you're interested, please contact Randy Simpson at [rgatess@yahoo.com](mailto:rgatess@yahoo.com) or 303-693-0546.

## Neighbor to Neighbor

### Services and stuff for sale, cheap!

Baby Sitting: Experienced, Red Cross Certified, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, neighborhood Babysitter. Loves Kids! Kristin Guerra, 303-766-0464.

Baby Sitting & Odd Jobs: Red Cross Certified, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 or 303-668-6058.

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

Lawn Mowing: We can mow and trim your lawn weekly or while you're on vacation. Call Zach at 303-400-6805.

*If you have an ad or notice you'd like to place in the Gazette under the Neighbor to Neighbor section, please contact Randy Simpson at [rgatess@yahoo.com](mailto:rgatess@yahoo.com)*

### Reminder:

The next regular AG Board Meeting is Wednesday, August 15th, 2007 at 7 p.m. at Shalom Park. All AG residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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