

“Communication is the key to a strong community”
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Monument Update
By Barbara Harrington

After visiting the monument site last month, discussing the possible orientation for the new monument and having received the bids on the 2 designs, the Board has selected the single face monument which will run parallel to Parker Road. Cost was a primary consideration. Norm Arlt has prepared the area for construction by having the lawn/landscaping maintenance crew remove the shrubs near the trees where the monument will be built. Our contractor is anxious to begin. However, we are now waiting for approval of our permit request by the City of Aurora.

The process has been long and we are all looking forward to the completion of this project. We may even schedule a ribbon cutting or christening ceremony, so watch for further news!

If you like any further details on the monument, please feel free to call me at 303-693-0568. ~

New entryway monument will look something like this – notice the attractive new arched top
Active Spring and Summer to lead to an active September in AG
By Curt Krall

We've had a pretty active year so far in Andover Glen. From our Mini-Grant workday, to the Garage Sale, and our “Dumpster” weekend, there's been lot's of activities to get involved with. All this spring and summer activity is leading up to an active September as we will be having our Annual Picnic on September 12th, Annual Meeting on September 20th, and a second dumpster weekend on September 24th-26th. Busy times for a busy community! Your Andover Glen Board is working hard to keep our community a fun and active place to live. If you have any questions about any of these events, please give me a call at 303-400-9652. ~

Neighborhood Picnic Sept. 12th 4-6pm Annual Meeting Sept. 20th 7 pm
Dumpster Days Sept. 24th-26th

Let's talk about Toys
By Ron Adams

I love living in Andover Glen. I like the wide streets, big trees, brick houses, parks, good schools and the people. I also like having a moderately low-key Homeowners association that helps keep the neighborhood clean and well kept. Some of you may not realize how much work the people on the board do for this neighborhood. Most of you probably do know because I see you out there pitching in on volunteer workdays. Also, many of you have served your time on the board. I also like the low HOA fees that we pay compared to similar neighborhoods. So what does it take from each of us to keep Andover Glen a good place to live? As you all know we have covenants and municipal codes (city laws) that we have to live by. We shouldn't have to get too strict or too lax about these codes to keep this a nice neighborhood; but I think we do have to be responsible and reasonable. Many of us, including me, have motor homes, boats, etc. The city code says you cannot park these in front of your house. I have recently gotten more than a few complaints about this. However, I think nobody is going to complain if you park it there for three or four days to clean it, stock it or do MINOR maintenance. I do this frequently during the summer. I think it would be unreasonable for people to complain about this. However, I think it is equally unreasonable and irresponsible to leave it parked in your driveway or on the street for two or three weeks. It makes the neighborhood look cheap and it is a dangerous nuisance. Trust me, if you leave it there more than about 10 days, I will start getting calls from your neighbors complaining about it. I think this is a valid complaint, and I will come and talk to you about it. Your neighbor doesn't want to complain to you because he doesn't want to be a complainer. I don't either. But I like living in a nice neighborhood. So lets all agree to be reasonable and responsible. Its a lot easier and a lot more fun. Let's keep Andover Glen a very good place to live. ~

Let's talk about Dues
By Jan Guerra

Did some of you forget? Homeowner dues are Due! The fiscal year has started (7/1/04-6/30/05) and the annual assessment was due on 7/1/04. Thanks to the 89 homeowners that have already paid, with most paying well in advance of the 7/1 due date! As indicated on the dues notice, pay early again next year! As for those unpaid dues... liens will be filed on unpaid properties in August. Delinquent homeowners have been notified. The August Newsletter will list the properties and any lien activity required. If you have not paid, please do so promptly to avoid the lien process before it begins! Andover Glen HOA ended up under budget for the last fiscal year. Full financial reports for the year will be available at the annual meeting in September after the accountant has filed with the IRS. Also, please note that in last months AG Gazette, when the annual budget was presented, the line item for “Training and Education” was inadvertently left out. The item should be for \$140. If you have any questions about the budget or dues, please give me a call at 303-766-0464. ~

There are several opportunities for service coming up this September on the your Andover Glen Board. This is your chance to get involved and give back to your neighborhood. Only a few hours a month are required. Please contact any current board member for more information.

What's Cooking in Andover?
Submitted by Kathy Simpson

How about this quick and easy Taco Soup to spice up your summer!

1 lb. hamburger
1 large onion
2 small cans diced tomatoes
1 pint salsa
2 cans vegetable soup
1 can tomato soup
1 Tbsp chili powder
1 Tbsp taco seasoning

Dice onion, brown with ground beef and drain. Mix ground beef with remaining ingredients and simmer 30-45 minutes. Top with grated cheese or sour cream. Serve with corn chips.

If you have a recipe to share, email it to rgatess@yahoo.com!
What's Happening in Your Town?

Sand Creek Jamboree Aug. 28

Bring the family out for a day of fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 28 at Sand Creek Jamboree at Coal Creek Arena.

Hay rides, a petting zoon quilt-making demonstrations, games and pony cart rides will be just some of the fun.

For more information, call 303-696-4342.

Due to the budget shortfall, the city will be closed the following days:

Friday, Sept. 3
Friday, Nov. 26
Thursday, Dec. 23

Bicycle History: World on Wheels Exhibit

May 18 - September 19 Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aurora History Museum 15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora

Tour through 183 years of cycling from Baron von Drais' walking machine, to the classic Schwinn and modern engineering. What countries around the world have embraced the bicycle? Why do people keep on cycling today? See antique bicycles and learn why the two-wheeled wonders were so popular and yet thought to be dangerous to society. Free. Contact 303-739-6660 for more information.

Tales from the Underside of Things

By Max Reed

It has come to my attention that there has been an increase in vandalism in the area over the past few weeks. Some cars have got their front windows smashed in along Dillon and in Woodgate. My son was so angered by this, that he suggested he and I go out and buy some "paintball" guns and hide in the bushes to "nail these guys". My son's intentions are in the right direction, but I'm sure that for those vehicle owners who have woken up in the morning to find their windshields smashed in by some punk teenager, a simple "paintball" gun doesn't quite cut it. Are teenager's so bored that they can't think of anything better to do with their time than drive around and destroy property? Now I know this is all nothing new, and vandalism by teenagers who haven't been raised properly, and suffer from lack of parental supervision is ages old. I think you may see where I'm going with this. I am not excusing the mindless actions of punks, but as we all know, the character of a child is formed by his or her surroundings and the parent is responsible for those surroundings. So rather than shoot a paintball pellet at a teen who has just damaged your vehicle, I would suggest we use barbed tracking darts- the kind that can't be pulled out easily. Then when the misguided little darling makes his way home to his mommy and daddy, we simply track him there, and with the assistance of the police department of course, arrest both he and his parents. At that point, I think the laws are far to lenient towards this type of crime, and nothing less than public service and public humiliation is called for. Maybe both the parent and teen, together should serve the victims of the crimes by mowing lawns and washing cars for a few years. During their service they should be made to wear T-shirts that say, "We screwed up. Please give us another chance." If this all seems a bit silly, wait until it's your car window that's smashed in. Keep a watchful eye for these punks, and if you see a sale on tracking darts, please let me know. ~

Next Meeting reminder:

The next AG board meeting is open to all AG Association members and will take place on August 18th, at 7 pm at Ron Adam's house. Ron has learned how to make moonshine whiskey from dandelions and will be providing samples for everyone in attendance. Ron says it tastes awful but after the first glass your tongue goes numb so it doesn't matter. Plan to attend!

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

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