

# Andover Glen E-Gazette

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“Communication is the key to a strong community”

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## Clock is ticking on AG Covenant & Bylaw Restatement Vote

By Randy Simpson



Voting and approval on the covenant and bylaw restatements are continuing and approximately 1/3 of the total potential ballots and approval forms have been received (i.e. the Association has received about 33 out of 99 potential ballots

back). In order for the restated covenants and by-laws to be approved the Association will need to receive at least 67 ballots/approval forms back with an affirmative vote. If you are reading this Gazette, there is a strong likelihood that you've already sent yours back, but if not, please do so as soon as possible. Also, it wouldn't hurt to call your neighbors or knock on their door when you get an opportunity to make sure they've done the same. We've still got a few months (until June 10, 2011), but the clock is ticking and the sooner they are returned the better. One of the most important things that we continually stress is that these restated covenants and bylaws *fully preserve the integrity and high-quality nature of Andover Glen*. They are generally neither more restrictive nor less restrictive than the original covenants, but they add a great deal of clarity and clean up some of the unclear and outdated language. Please contact any board member if you have any questions and we will keep you up to date on the status of the voting progress here in the Gazette. ~



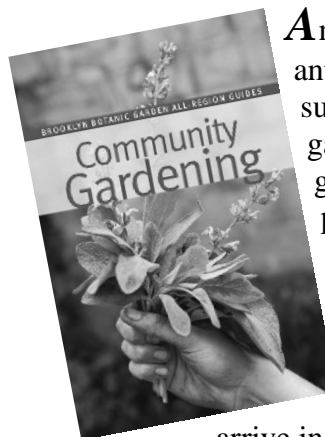
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## The Long Slide into Summer

By Lynn Walton



And so here we are, anticipating our third summer of community gardening and the AG gardeners are all perched atop the long slide into summer. As we peer down the slide, our excitement grows as the seed catalogs begin to arrive in the mail and the tulip shoots poke through with determination. So what if we're supposed to get a big snowstorm this week or next? Nothing can stop us from visualizing the August bounty crops of delicious veggies.

Wouldn't you like to join us? We are adding 5 new plots and one of them could have your family's name on it. For \$35 a plot, you can grow tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, brussel sprouts, eggplants, peas, corn, beans, or whatever you like to eat. There is no shortage

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of sage advice and plenty of banter about what worked and what didn't from the community of gardeners. We will be holding our kick-off meeting at Bob Stracy's house on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. Bob lives at 4813 S. Crystal Street. Bib overalls are optional!

If you want more information about the AG garden, please contact Lynn Walton at 720-379-4616. ~

## Tips for a Safe Spring

By Derrick Laughlin



Spring is a time for being outdoors. It is also when we leave garage doors and household doors open. Nearly 40% of the thefts and burglaries in Aurora take place because

house and car doors are left open or unlocked and valuables are left in plain sight. These are crimes of opportunity.

***Help the Aurora Police Department keep our neighborhood safe by following these tips:***

- Keep your garage door closed...especially at night.
- Remove all valuables & lock your car when parked in your driveway or garage.
- Call your neighbor if you think they forgot to close their doors.
- Make sure bicycles are not left outside or unattended.
- Use exterior lighting at night around your house.
- Report suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood

What is suspicious activity? When do I call the police? There are a variety of signs or indications that give way to a crime about to be, in the course of and in the aftermath of

committal; the important thing is not to attempt to investigate strange occurrences and for that matter to try and apprehend a suspect by yourself. Your Neighborhood Watch Area Coordinator can provide information to educate you about suspicious activities of all sorts and assist in keeping you, your home and neighborhood safe.



**An Open Garage Door is an Open Invitation to be Robbed!**

Recent protection strategies implemented in the past year have helped improve safety and awareness in our neighborhood. With the addition of a "No Solicit" campaign coupled with increased resident involvement in the "Email Alert System", incidents of vehicle and home vandalism or theft can be and have been mitigated. Foot traffic such as paper flyer delivery, door to door meat or seafood sales as well as latter aged teens selling anything for their benefit are violations of our no solicitation mandate and these are prime candidates of suspicion to be reported to Aurora dispatch.

Want to be apart of the Email Alert System? Please contact NW Coordinator Derrick Laughlin at [CUSleuth@comcast.net](mailto:CUSleuth@comcast.net). Have a safe and pleasant spring season! ~

**Call 303-627-3100 to report suspicious activity (APD Dispatch)**  
**City of Aurora Code Enforcement 303-739-7280**  
[www.aurorapolice.com](http://www.aurorapolice.com)

## Don't forget that Architectural Improvement Request

By Dave Estes

Spring Is Here, Almost.

With spring and summer right around the corner please remember all outdoor, house and landscape, improvements need to be approved by your architectural committee—a process that begins by having you fill out an Architectural Improvement Request available at the Andover Glen website:

[www.andoverglen.org](http://www.andoverglen.org).



**New Roofing Materials must be approved before you order!**

Get me your plans and product information and we can usually get you an answer very quickly. Please reference the Andover Glen web site and look into your covenants to follow our guidelines or give me a call and we'll look into it together. My home phone is 303-766-9166 and my email is [destes@redicarp.com](mailto:destes@redicarp.com). I'll get back to you either way.

We love to improve our homes, let's just make sure we follow the guideline to keep our neighborhood one we'll always be proud of. Thank you in advance, and now let's get ready for another great season of improvements in the Glen! ~

## Join us for the March Common Grounds

By ML Hanson



**H**ello Good Neighbors! The next common Ground Coffee Club will be hosted on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** at the home of:

**John & Donna Urquhart**

**14143 E. Layton Dr.**

All Andover Glen Neighbors are invited to attend these Common Grounds Coffee Club and they offer a great chance to meet new friends and enjoy delightful conversation. If you might be interested, please contact M.L. Hanson at [mlhanson-consultant@comcast.net](mailto:mlhanson-consultant@comcast.net).



*Spring flowers remind us that hope and love can overcome anything and patience outlasts the darkest of winters...*

**Reminder: The next Monthly Andover Glen Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Shalom Park. All AG residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

## Some Tips to Survive the Snowiest Month (without getting a fine from the city)

By The City of Aurora

Many people don't realize that March is the Metro Area's snowiest month, and they also may not realize that they need keep their walks clear of snow. Snow and ice on sidewalks can be slippery and dangerous, not only to mail carriers and other delivery people but also to senior citizens, children, disabled people and the public in general.

As a resident or property owner, it is your responsibility to keep those city sidewalks adjacent to your property free and clear of snow and ice, even though the sidewalks may be behind or outside the rear and side fences and adjacent to any street.



Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after a snowfall ends, and 48 hours after a snow emergency is declared by the city. To ensure pedestrian safety, City of Aurora Code Enforcement Officers respond to citizen complaints concerning lack of snow and ice removal from sidewalks. Failure to comply with the ordinance carries an Administrative Charge. Charges not paid within 10 days will result in a Summons being issued to Aurora Municipal Court. Officers are not required to give a warning notice prior to issuing a snow ticket.

To make a complaint about a property that has not shoveled, [click here](#) or call Access Aurora at 303-739-7000.

To ask questions about the snow removal ordinance, [click here](#) or call the Neighborhood Support Division at 303-739-7280.

### Neighbor to Neighbor

#### Services and stuff for sale, cheap!

Baby Sitting & Odd Jobs: Red Cross Certified, 11<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.

Snow shoveling & Odd Jobs – Ryan Simpson, 303-693-0546

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