

# ANDOVER GLEN GAZETTE

JANUARY 2015

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

By Deb Jones

One more reminder that the Andover Glen Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. This year we have three families that have graciously agreed to host our dinner and desserts. We will have appetizers and dinner at one house and then all meet at Layton Lodge for drinks and dessert. Please don't forget the "Annual Drink Contest." To enter the contest you need to bring enough of your favorite alcoholic drink for three judges to taste. Winner gets to take home the traveling trophy to proudly display until the Summer Picnic. **Please remember that this event requires everyone to RSVP if you are attending.** When you RSVP, I will let you know the address of the home you will be attending for dinner. Please call Debra at 303-690-9459 to RSVP by January 7, 2015. This is an adult event. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact Deb Jones or Kathy Johnson. It takes a lot of work to plan and execute a successful party and helping hands are always welcome.

## SWIMMING POOL OPENING NEARBY

Nearby Sterling Commons HOA has extended an invitation to all Andover Glen residents to purchase a membership to their pool/clubhouse. The pool and clubhouse are located at 4934 S Carson St, Aurora. The heated pool is open every day from 5 am to 10 pm. There is an 8 person air-jetted hot tub and a pool deck with chairs and tables. Male and Female bathrooms are on site. Pool capacity is approximately 70 people. Pool area is locked with access by electronic key card. The attached clubhouse can hold up to 35 guests. It includes a full kitchen, granite countertops, electric fireplace, central heating & air conditioning, free wifi and a 60" LED flat screen. Reservations are required, but there are no rental fees as long as it is left in a clean, working order. Membership fee for 2015 is \$402.05. Anyone interested can email [info@steringcommons.org](mailto:info@steringcommons.org).

## JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Recycle
Jan 7	Last day to RSVP for Holiday Party
Jan 10	Holiday Party
Jan 11	Broncos playoff
Jan 19	MLK Day
Jan 20	Recycle
Jan 21	HOA Meeting 7pm at Shalom Park

## WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Neighborhood traffic seems to be on the increase. Several neighbors have noted that speeding is most prevalent on Dillon St. to Layton Dr. and on Saratoga St. Please remember that the speed limit for Aurora Residential streets is 25 MPH. The speed limit for the school zone where Dillon curves to Layton Dr. is 15 MPH.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

The City of Aurora offers free Christmas tree recycling from December 30 thru January 12. Nearest drop-off for Andover Glen residents is Olympic Park at Chambers and Yale. The trees are ground up into mulch which is then made available to any Aurora resident at no charge. The mulch location is north of Hampden and Dawson. On your next trip to Andover Glen Park to play tennis, visit the community garden, or enjoy a leisurely stroll, you may very well see parts of your old Christmas tree as most of the mulch that Andover Glen has used in the past few years has been from this source.

## **WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS**

With our proximity to Cherry Creek State Park it is not unusual to see a wide assortment of wildlife in our neighborhood. Deer, fox, coyotes, raccoons, muskrat, rabbits, hawks, owls and the occasional eagle have been spotted in the area. The rabbit population in the area seems to have exploded over the past year which has provided a good food source for coyotes, fox, hawks, and owls. Coyote sightings are becoming more frequent, and the coyotes are becoming bolder. The wildlife are not pets and need to be treated with extreme caution. Please do not approach any wildlife and do not feed any wildlife. Feeding wildlife human food can cause serious health problems for the animals plus wildlife can spread diseases, some of which can be transmitted to pets and humans. It is exciting to see the various wildlife in the neighborhood, but use caution and common sense when you see them.

## **SHOVEL YOUR WALKS!!!!**

The recent snowstorms have resulted in several phone calls to HOA Board members with complaints of snow not being removed from sidewalks. This is not a HOA covenant, but a City of Aurora Code. If you see a violation, do not call a board member, but call the City of Aurora Code Department (phone number 303-739-7000). Once again we remind everyone that Aurora City Code requires residents to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall. Failure to remove snow and ice can result in a citation and fine. If you are away, or unable to clear your walks, arrange for a friend, neighbor, or contractor to clear them for you. Be courteous and safe.

## **SONGS IN THE NIGHT**

Many Andover Glen residents were serenaded by a group of holiday carolers wandering the neighborhood on a recent winter night. The group of a dozen or so crooners were assembled by Andrea Levine and Lynn Walton as a way to spread holiday cheer through the neighborhood. Many residents were surprised to find the group at their door when they answered the door bell. Some even invited the group into their homes for a warm beverage. Andrea and Lynn hope to make this an annual event, possibly adding a horse-drawn hay ride to help brighten the holidays for Andover Glen residents.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Happy New Year to everyone from your HOA Board of Directors. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.