

# Andover Glen Gazette

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## A Message from the AGHA Board President...

It was a great testimony to the healthy functioning of our Association that so many neighbors came to multiple meetings to express their opinions about the potential of a solar garden in our Andover Glen Park. The overwhelming feeling that it was not a good fit or appropriate for our neighborhood. The board listened to all concerns and decided not to take it to a full vote of the full membership. Despite the fact that some of you may have been disappointed by this decision, the positive takeaway is that our association is working as it should and your board is listening and responsive to the members. While controversial topics like a potential solar garden are always going to get people out to attend our association board meetings, we hope to see more of you at our monthly meetings. There are always important topics discussed, and your input is always welcome during the meetings. There are a lot of great ideas in our community and the board would always love to hear from you. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. The meeting details are shared elsewhere in this newsletter.

Best regards,

Randy Simpson

AGHA Board President

## AGHA Board Meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

Andover Glen HOA Board Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month except for September when we have our Annual Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, and there is no meeting in December. The meetings can be attended in person on and on-line. They are held in person at:

**V-Esprit, 5240 S SHALOM PARK CIRCLE,  
AURORA, CO 80015**

Or attend the meetings on-line via Teams at:  
<https://teams.live.com/join/9359857323261?p=04GZaSVDOHoa9xywsQ>



## Andover Glen Easter Celebration and Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. April 4, 10:30 am



Your entire family is invited to enjoy a morning of light snacks, hot coffee, hot chocolate, meeting some new friends, and of course - an Easter Egg Hunt! There will be two different levels of egg hunting – one for the very little ones and one for older kids. *Grandkids welcome!* It will take place at the Andover Glen Park on Sat. April 4, beginning at 10:30 am. Please RSVP's by Tues., March 31 to [secretary@andoverglen.org](mailto:secretary@andoverglen.org). Hope to see you there!

## Dumpster Days June 24 & 25



Clean out some of that yard waste or junk from your garage as the Andover Glen Dumpster Days are

scheduled for June 24 & 25. Please note, **this is a Wednesday and Thursday, and not the weekend Dumpster Days.** So get your items ready over the weekend and bring them down on that Wednesday or Thursday.

The Dumpsters will be located as usual by the entrance to Andover Glen Park. They will be delivered sometime on Wednesday, June 24 and picked up early on Friday, June 26.

These fill up fast, so the best advice is to plan on bringing your items down as soon as you can, once the dumpsters are delivered. These dumpsters cannot be overflowing, or extra fees will apply. **PLEASE DON'T PUT ITEMS IN ONCE THE DUMPSTERS ARE FULL!**

Also please note, these are meant for ordinary household, yard, and garage "junk" and not for chemicals, electronics, etc.

The full list of **prohibited items** includes:

- Aerosol cans
- All liquids
- Animals
- Antifreeze
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Barrels
- Batteries
- Chemical products
- Computers

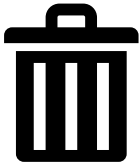
- Contaminated oils (mixed with solvents, gasoline, etc.)
- Dirt/Soil
- Fluorescent tubes
- Hazardous waste
- Herbicides and pesticides
- Industrial waste
- Lead-based painted debris
- Lubricating/hydraulic oil
- Medical waste
- Microwaves
- Monitors
- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Other flammable liquids
- Paint (except dried latex paint cans, no liquids)
- PCB/PCB-containing material
- Propane tanks
- Radioactive material
- Railroad ties
- Solvents
- Televisions
- Tires
- Transmission oil
- Concrete
- Bricks
- Demolition Material

If you have any questions about Dumpster Days, contact any board member.



## Friendly reminder about Trash pickup...

Here's a few friendly reminders about our trash pickup...



Carts must be on the curb by 7:00 am on day of service. Please do not leave containers on the sidewalk, driveway or block the sidewalk.

Containers should face the street with handles facing the house and wheels touching the curb. Please leave at least 2 feet between each container.

Do not park personal vehicles within 10 feet of containers on service day.

When it's not a trash pickup day, trash containers must be stored in manner that makes them not visible from the street.

More complete information about trash pickup in Andover Glen can be found on our website.

Waste Connections Customer Service number is 303-288-2100.



## Attention All Green Thumbs...



Spring is here There are vacant plots available at the community garden. The garden is located just

south of the tennis/pickleball courts in our park. Spring planting will start soon, so if you're interested in reserving one or more of the garden plots, contact Norm Arlt, AGHA Grounds Coordinator, at [normarlt@comcast.net](mailto:normarlt@comcast.net), or 303-437-3968. The fee for each 6' x 10' plot is \$10.00 for

the whole season, and includes automatic watering. The garden is good way to meet your neighbors, produce quality food, and teach your children and/or grandchildren a thing or two about nature.



## Conversion of turf to native grass at Andover Glen Park



This growing season, Andover Glen is converting our bluegrass turf on the South and West sides of the tennis courts to native grass, similar to the area North of the creek. This will save a lot of grounds maintenance cost by mowing only once per year and skipping aeration and fertilization. Weeds will continue to be controlled. The native grass should grow to 1' or so.



## Tree and Shrub Clearance over Sidewalks and Streets



When you are out doing your summer yard work, you might want to be sure that your trees and shrubs have proper clearance above and along sidewalks and streets. Aurora requires that branches should be at least 8' above sidewalks and 13.5' above streets.



## Architectural Change Guidelines

The Architectural Change Committee is responsible for maintaining the integrity of outside changes or improvements in the Andover Glen community.

The guidelines that are to be followed can be found in Article III of the Covenants and in Section B of the Policies and Procedures. These can be found on our website, [andoverglen.org](http://andoverglen.org), in Resources then Covenants and Policies.

In general, the guidelines for homeowners to follow are:

- All outside changes or improvements need to be reviewed and approved by the Architectural committee.
- The committee has 15 days to respond to minor changes and 45 days for major changes as defined in the Policies and Procedures.
- No outside project can begin without approval.

If you have any questions about the architectural change process please reach out to Dave Estes who chairs the Architectural Committee. He can be reached at 303-667-2036 or [architecture@andoverglen.org](mailto:architecture@andoverglen.org).



## It's Easy to check on important dates in Andover Glen on our website

Whether you want to know the date of the next Board Meeting, whether next Monday will be a recycle pickup day, or the date and time of the Holiday Party, you can now find out all those important dates on the updated Andover Glen website: [AndoverGlen.org](http://AndoverGlen.org)



## Springtime Volunteers Needed!



We're off to a warm start this spring and in an effort to keep the AG grounds looking beautiful, we are asking homeowners to

volunteer some time to maintain our grounds. In April, we will be sending an email with some easy projects like trimming bushes and grasses, spreading mulch and general clean up. While our new landscape service will be doing the bulk of the work, it helps keep expenses in check when homeowners pitch in. If you have any questions or would like to sign up now, contact Norm Arlt at 303-437-3968 or Lynn Walton at 303-883-5887 to let us know how much time you can spare and what you'd like to do. Remember, many hands make light work!



## Safety Corner – Steering Wheel Locks and Neighbors Being Aware...



Automobile thefts are up nationwide and unfortunately Andover Glen has not been immune to the increase in this type of crime. These are crimes of opportunity as criminals cruise

around through neighborhoods and look for easy targets. What we all want to do is make ourselves and Andover Glen a very HARD place to commit any sort of crime, including stealing vehicles. Here's a few tips to help make our neighborhood safer:

1. The very best choice of course is to park your vehicles in your garage, but that's simply not possible for all families, especially those with multiple drivers and vehicles. So, if you absolutely must park a vehicle outside on your driveway or the street, a great way to deter criminals from considering your vehicle as a target is to invest in a quality steering wheel lock. Criminals want to be in your car and gone in a minute or less, and a steering wheel lock makes that much more difficult. There are several excellent brands on the market, and a quick internet search of the top ones will help you make a great choice in purchasing one.
2. Be aware of strange vehicles that seem to be cruising through our neighborhood. They might be a workman or friend innocently looking for their customer's or friend's home, or they might also be up to something else. Make a note of any suspicious vehicle make, model and even license plate number. You might toss that note out later, but it also might be information that proves valuable in solving a crime.
3. Get to know your immediate neighbors (if you haven't already) and maybe even share with each other any times you might be away for extended periods of time. These are prime times for criminals to break in. Even simply noticing a neighbor's garage door being left up late at night and giving them a phone call might prevent a criminal from taking advantage of an opportunity.

Let's make Andover Glen a very UN-friendly place for criminals and one which they cross off their list of potential places to conduct their illegal activities!



## **Some Good News – Andover Glen Finances are looking better!**



Because of some belt-tightening and smart contract negotiations, our AGHA finances are looking a bit better than they were last year at this time.

Your board cut costs in several areas including grounds maintenance, social activities, and not fully funding our tennis court reserve. Because of this we are actually not showing a deficit in our spending this year and so we did not have to tap into our reserves. On the downside, we are not adding fully to our reserves the way we had been in the past to get to levels considered ideal for a financially healthy HOA.

Your board will be conducting a full budget review and discussion at the April 15 board meeting. At that meeting the board will discuss what the proper funding should be for our reserve accounts and what member dues should be to fund those accounts at the proper levels. Final decisions for the 2026-2027 AGHA dues will be made at the May 20 meeting.

All Andover Glen HOA members are encouraged to attend these meetings and provide input to the board regarding budget priorities or other topics. Detailed information on the AGHA board meetings is provided on the first page of this newsletter.



## Wild Turkeys at the Glen



Yes, it true, our Wild Turkey families are back, and bigger and better than ever! The turkey family (or families?) that visit Andover Glen each year appears to have grown, increasing from approximately six last year to about fourteen this year!

They seem to recognize a quality neighborhood when they see it. While fun to watch, please of course leave them to their turkey business. They no more want to be chased or shouted at then you would.



*Fun fact: Groups of turkeys are called a "rafter".*

Thanks to Linda Jackson for supplying these photos.



## Your AGHA Board

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Dave Estes – Architectural Control

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See: [Board Members Contact Information \(andoverglen.org\)](#)