

Andover Glen Homeowners Association

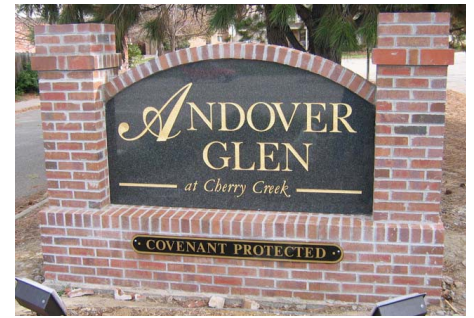
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MULCH FEST 2013

The community mulching event on Saturday, July 27th was a “dusty ” success as some 20-25 homeowners sacrificed their Saturday morning to help spread mulch along the Parker Road xeriscape project, originally awarded to the HOA by the City of Aurora in the Spring of 2010.



Thanks to those volunteers, “Mulch Fest” saved the HOA \$600-\$700 in professional landscaping services. Moreover, overall community cohesion was evident as new and old friendships were created and fostered. Special thanks for the efforts of Norm and Quink Arlt for planning, presenting and winning this estimated \$30,000 project, helping to make our HOA one of the premier places to live in the metro area. (Go to “A Summer in Photos Page” for your enjoyment)



Upcoming Events

September 16

Andover Glen Annual Homeowners Meeting
(Shalom Park, 7pm)

September 27

Common Grounds Coffee
John & Julie Melton's - 14387 E.
Layton Backing to Sagebrush
Park

October 5-6

HOA Dumpster & Shredding
Days

October 16

Andover Glen Board Meeting
(Shalom Park, 7pm)

October 25

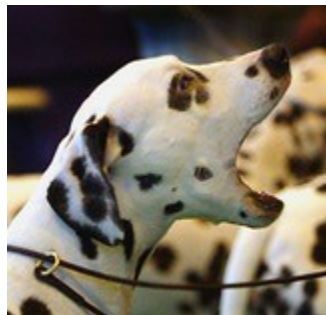
Common Grounds Coffee
TBD

Andover Glen Forum, Homeowners Speak Their Mind (Newsletter Editorial Issue)

Barking Dogs (submitted by a concerned HOA resident)

Why Dogs Bark and How to Stop Excessive Dog

Barking By Jenna Stregowski, RVT, Stop My Dog Barking



Why Dogs Bark

It is important to understand that dogs bark for various reasons. They do not bark just to annoy you and your neighbors, nor do they bark for spite or revenge. Dogs don't bark just because they can (though it might seem that way at times). Certain dog breeds bark more than others - some types of dogs were actually bred to be barkers. Then again, the Basenji does not bark at all (though the breed can vocalize in other ways). If you listen closely, you will eventually learn your dog's different barks. Understanding the reason why your dog barks is the first step towards controlling the behavior. In general, dogs will most commonly bark for the following reasons:

³⁵₁₇ **Warning/Alert:** It is natural for a dog to bark when someone is at the door or when strangers pass the house or car. Many will bark if they sense some type of threat, proclaiming "I'm here protecting this place so don't mess with me." The sound of this bark is usually sharp, loud and authoritative. Honing this instinct with training can help protect your home and family.

³⁵₁₇ **Anxiety:** Anxious barking often seems to be an act of self-soothing for many dogs. It is often high-pitched and sometimes accompanied by whining. This type of barking is common for dogs with separation anxiety.

³⁵₁₇ **Playfulness/Excitement:** This type of barking is especially common in puppies and young dogs. Many dogs will bark while playing with people or other dogs. Even the sound of the bark tends to sound upbeat and possibly musical. Some dogs will bark excitedly when they know they are about to go for a walk or car ride.

³⁵₁₇ **Attention-seeking:** When you hear this bark, you will usually know just what it means. This bark says "Hey! Hey! Look! Here I am!" Other dogs may whine and bark together to get attention, almost like the tone of a whining child.



In the Community

September

5 Star K Kids-Ages 5 & under can discover Aurora's wild side with puppets, stories, activities, and outdoor exploration. Free. Every Thursday at 9:30 & 11 a.m. Call -739-2428 for details.

13 Sunset Stroll at Great Plains Park - Free and open to ages 5 and over. Registration is required. 303-326-8650 or go to www.auroragov.org/guide.

14 Bird Walk at Ponderosa Preserve- Reservations are required for this FREE event. For more info call 303-739-2428. To register for this nature event call 303-326-8650 or go online www.auroragov.org/guide

14 Household Chemical Roundup Aurora Water- Attend the Household Chemical Roundup and safely and efficiently recycle or dispose of hazardous household chemicals. Call Mary Dawson 303-739-7372 for more information.

20 Nature at Night - Nature at Night in September highlights Beavers. All ages welcome; reservations required for this FREE program. To register for this nature program call 303-326-8650 or go online www.auroragov.org/guide

28 Fall Fishing Classic -Join us for this all-species tournament with \$3,000 as the Grand Prize! \$300 for largest in species. Entry fee is \$40 and lunch will be provided. Contact Crystal 303-739-7756.

³⁵₁₇ **Boredom:** The bark of a bored dog sounds like a dog that barks just to hear her own voice. Though it tends to be annoying, it is also kind of sad. Bored dogs often bark to release excess energy, and sometimes bark out of loneliness. They usually need an activity and perhaps even a companion.

³⁵₁₇ **Responding to Other Dogs:** This is probably a familiar scenario - one dog down the street starts barking, and one by one the rest of your block joins in. It's like a cacophonous rendition of *Row Your Boat*.

Prevent and Stop Excessive Barking

Once you determine the cause of your dog's excessive barking, you can begin to control the behavior. The best way to prevent excessive barking in the first place is to try and remove any potential sources of the behavior. You also want to be certain not to inadvertently encourage the barking. Finally, give her better things to do besides barking.

³⁵₁₇ Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise so there is not as much pent-up energy to burn by barking.

³⁵₁₇ Avoid leaving a lonely dog alone for long periods of time if possible.

³⁵₁₇ Never comfort, pet, hug or feed your dog when she is barking for attention or out of anxiety - that would be rewarding the behavior, thus encouraging it.

³⁵₁₇ Shouting at your dog to stop barking does not help. It may actually cause her to bark even more.

³⁵₁₇ Avoid punishments like shock collars. They are not only painful and unkind - many dogs will learn to test them and eventually work around them.

³⁵₁₇ Try to get her attention with a clap or whistle. *Once she is quiet*, redirect her attention to something productive and rewarding - like a toy or treat.

³⁵₁₇ After getting your dog's attention, practice basic commands, like sit and down in order to shift her focus.

³⁵₁₇ DO NOT let your dog bark constantly outside, regardless of the reason. You can hardly train her to stop barking by yelling at her across the yard. Plus, it is one of the fastest ways to turn neighbors into enemies and send an invitation to your local police.

³⁵₁₇ Train your dog to **Speak and Be Quiet**.

³⁵₁₇ Consult your veterinarian and/or trainer if you continue to face barking issues despite your best efforts.

When It's Not Your Dog Barking

The sound of barking dogs in the neighborhood can quickly go from nuisance to nightmare - especially when you are trying to work or sleep. If you are comfortable with it, try politely approaching your neighbor to discuss the matter, or write a direct but civil letter. You may try gently suggesting a local dog trainer or behaviorist. Many people prefer to contact the neighborhood association or other group to act as a moderator. As a last resort, you may need to call the police - just keep in mind how this could be detrimental to your future relationship with said neighbors. On the other hand, you may not even care about that after a certain amount of sleep deprivation.

For more Information, go to: <http://dogs.about.com/od/dogtraining/qt/barkingdogs.htm>



WE NEED YOU!

Your Andover Glen Board currently is looking for neighbors to serve on your Andover Glen Board. Please contact any board member if you're interested. You can run for a seat at the annual HOA meeting set for September 16, 2013 at 7pm.

Remember, volunteering is the best way to give back to your neighborhood!

ANNUAL PICNIC AND PARADE A HIT

On August 24, 2013 Andover Glen held it's annual picnic featuring home cooked dishes. HOA resident **Jay Johnson** established himself as the "Grillmaster" of Andover Glen, as Jay presented mouthwatering smoked and barbequed ribs along side a sensational pulled pork direct from his home kitchen. The days of preparation it took to create "the best BBQ" many residents have ever had confirmed Jay a premier chef, a master of his craft and this cuisine. The HOA will look to Jay as first choice for all future picnics. From all eating enthusiasts and amateur cooks, THANKS JAY!!!

Debra Jones showed why she is indispensable as a leader in our community. The HOA social chairperson spends many hours planning and putting together the social activities for Andover Glen; her talent and ability to bring people together came to the forefront to make this year's annual picnic and parade a tremendous success. All will agree that this year's picnic was the best ever. From the board and many others, THANKS DEB!!!

Speaking of, Wow, Andover Glen had a "Rock the Blocks" parade! What more could we ask for (besides the Fire Dept) we had our City of Aurora Police PAR Officer Grooms lead our parade by police escort followed by neighbors who drove their classic cars, antique and new, ATVs (with balloons), decorated bicycles, a skateboard float (an original "soap box" presentation) and folks who walked, some in costume. An enthusiastic neighborhood welcomed the parade with fanfare. **Enjoy the summer in photos page**

In summary, this year the picnic highlight was not the "drink contest" it was the "best ribs and pull pork" this side of the Mississippi prepared by our own **Jay Johnson**. From the planning committee that helped plan the days events to the neighbors that pitched in to set up the tents, tables and assist with the clean up, on behalf of the board and the community, THANK YOU! We live in a great community, Thank you all for a great day--- from the desk of -- *Debra Jones*

COMMUNITY TRASH AND RECYCLE SERVICE IN FULL SWING "REMINDER"

We are into our third month of the new single service trash collection, and while there have been a few hiccups, response has been positive. **One reminder to all residents: HOA covenants require that "trash containers be screened by adequate planking or fencing so as to conceal them from view of neighboring residences and the common areas and streets."** Please make sure that your containers are placed in your garage or out of view from the street or your neighbor's property.

Neighbor to Neighbor

BABY SITTING & ODD JOBS: RED CROSS CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD BABYSITTER. WILL ALSO DO ODD JOBS LIKE HOUSE SITTING, DOG SITTING, WATERING PLANTS. VERY RESPONSIBLE. SHANNON GUERRA, 303-766-0464.

LAWN MOWING SERVICE: I AM AN 18 YEAR OLD STUDENT TRYING TO EARN SOME EXTRA MONEY FOR SAVINGS OVER THE SUMMER. I OFFER LAWN MOWING, TRIMMING, AND SIDE-WALK/DRIVEWAY CLEANUP SERVICES FOR ABOUT \$20 PER WEEK, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE LAWN. PLEASE CALL ZACH VAUGHAN AT 720-432-7126!
THANKS, ZACH

Important Numbers for the City: Call **303-627-3100** to report suspicious activity (APD Dispatch, Access Aurora) City of Aurora Code Enforcement **303-739-7280**

A “SUMMER IN PHOTOS” FROM COMMON GROUNDS
TO THE ANNUAL PARADE AND PICNIC





The Model T you see is courtesy of O'Meara Ford Center, celebrating 100 years in Colorado

No, it is not a 57' Chevy Belair but a 57' 210; after three laborious days John Melton was able to get "her" back on the road after some 20 years + in dark storage