

# THE CONSERVATORY AT THE PLAINS



## HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

### Director's Corner

#### Pool Season is Here!

This year we replaced 12 poolside tables and received the necessary spare umbrella parts at a cost of \$15,500. Please help us reduce umbrella damage by closing your umbrella during times with high winds and when you leave the pool. The automated chemical controller for the big pool needed to be replaced before the pool opened at a cost of \$2370.00. A gate alarm was installed on the North Gate and some security cameras either added or repaired.

The Board of Directors and Conservatory Committee Leadership helped residents with pool access over the Memorial Day Weekend. Here are a few important reminders.

**Reminder - If you are one of the 208 households who are behind in paying your assessments, pool privileges have been revoked.** (Key cards and cell phone app access turned off).

**Reminder - Lifeguards should not be asked to open the gate.** Residents are asked NOT TO LET OTHERS GAIN ACCESS. Safety and security are a responsibility we all share.

**Reminder -** If you are new to the community, replaced your cell phone since last summer or want to add additional family access to the pool please contact the Community Manager.

**Reminder – Lifeguards are not a substitute for parental supervision.** Groups disrupting the enjoyment of the pool for others, swimmers who do not obey pool rules and repeat offenders will be asked to leave and pool privileges revoked for the summer.

**Reminder – Hard balls are not allowed,** and any balls will be prohibited if the behavior of those using them disrupts others in the pool. Any pool toys or large inflatables are only allowed at the discretion of the lifeguards.

**Water Aerobics** is being offered for a fee of \$24 per month and billed to your AMI account. Register below.

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### Water Aerobics at the Clubhouse

Starts June 3rd - August 30th

- Tuesdays at 10 AM
- Saturdays at 9 AM

\$24 each month, billed monthly

[SIGN UP TODAY](#)

## Social Committee

### Monthly Activities

at the Community Center

**Ladies Night Out Bunco** 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm

**Mahjong** weekly Wednesday & Friday at 12pm

### Book Club Selections

2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00am  
Conservatory Community Center

June 10 – *The Pioneers* by David McCullough  
(Library Book Bag)

July 15 - *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel



### Monthly Food Trucks

Food Truck Night is the perfect time to enjoy a fantastic variety of dishes and connect with your neighbors. The **4th Wednesday** of each month from **5:00pm - 7:30pm**.

#### Upcoming Food Trucks

**May 28** - Krazy Coconut Thai, Berliner Haus, Sweet Cow

**June 25** - Mile High Tikka Express, Big Apple Bodega, Rebel Cookie Dough

*Food Trucks and schedule are subject to change.  
We'll keep you informed via email of any updates.*

### Mark your calendars!

#### Community Garage Sale

May 30 - June 1

#### Last Extended Clubhouse Hours

June 5, 1 - 7 PM

#### Water Aerobics

June 3 - August 30  
Tuesdays and Saturdays

#### 4th of July Bike Parade

No one has volunteered so this event is tentative.

#### Blood Drive

September 19

### Summer Coffee on the Pool Deck

Tuesdays  
11 AM to 12 PM  
June – August



### Where do you fit in?

#### Consider Getting Involved

- Social Committee Planning Meeting
- Design Review Meetings
- Community Board of Directors Meeting

Reach out at [www.conservatoryhoa.org/contact-us](http://www.conservatoryhoa.org/contact-us)



#### Ever wondered how community social activities are planned?

Join the group to brainstorm and bring ideas to life!

#### Social Committee Annual Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 15th  
6:30 PM

# The Weeds are Back!

With lush greenery and longer days, it's a beautiful time to enjoy our neighborhood. We are fortunate to live in a community that is well-maintained and offers mature trees, parks, and views. As we take in the season, we've noticed a rise in weeds—particularly in side yards, driveways, and landscaped areas with decorative rock.

As a friendly reminder, our community guidelines ask all residents to keep yards, backyards, and surrounding areas well-maintained and free from unsightly conditions—including overgrown weeds. While weeding may not be the most exciting chore, it plays a big role in preserving the beauty and standards of our community.

That said, here are some effective and manageable strategies to help keep your property weed-free:

## 1. Utilize Natural Weed Control Methods

Consider the following homemade weed killer recipe:

- **Ingredients:**
  - 1 gallon of white vinegar (5% acidity)
  - 1 cup of salt
  - 1 tablespoon of dish soap
- **Instructions:**
  - Mix the ingredients thoroughly.
  - Pour the solution into a spray bottle.
  - Apply directly to the leaves of unwanted weeds on a sunny day for optimal effectiveness.

Note that this mixture is non-selective and will kill any plant it contacts, so use it carefully around desirable plants; while effective, it won't prevent new weeds so it's best to use it regularly as weeds tend to return. It will take a little time to see the results but it does work.

If you prefer ready-made options, here are some natural, glyphosate-free weed killers available for purchase:

- **Natural Armor Weed Killer:** A vinegar-based, biodegradable option that kills on contact. It's effective and it will look like you took a torch to your weeds. You can find this on Amazon or pretty much any local retailer.
- **Green Gobbler:** Another vinegar-based solution. This one has excellent ratings and it will obliterate weeds in a safe, effective way.

## Let's Work Together

Maintaining weed-free properties enhances the beauty of our neighborhood and reflects our collective pride in our community. Whether you choose to tackle weeds yourself or hire professionals, your efforts make a significant difference.

*Thank you for your commitment to keeping our community looking its best!*

## 2. Invest in Efficient Weeding Tools

Manual weeding can be made easier with the right tools. One highly recommended option is:

- **Grampa's Weeder:** This stand-up weed puller allows you to remove weeds without bending or kneeling, making the task less strenuous. It features a 45-inch handle and a steel four-claw head, ideal for pulling out deep-rooted weeds. This thing really works. It's best for Dandelions and a lot of the weeds we get here on the plains. You can find it at Ace Hardware or on Amazon and it will save you a ton of time.

## 3. Consider Professional Weeding Services

For those who prefer to delegate yard maintenance, hiring a local landscaping company for bi-weekly weeding can be a convenient solution and a great way to take this off your plate. The average cost for weeding services ranges from \$50 to \$210, depending on the size of your property and the extent of the weed problem.

Regular professional maintenance ensures that weeds are kept in check, contributing to the overall appearance and health of our community. Price out a few and you might be surprised how economical this option can be.



# Design Review Committee

During April 2025 the Design Review Committee met twice, April 7th and 21st. Over the course of the month the Committee reviewed a total of 49 requests. Of the forty-nine (49), there were eleven (11) denials. Most of the denials were for more information, two were for paint colors that did not meet the guidelines for paint colors and two landscaping requests. Below are the approved requests.

For the calendar year 2025, the Design Review Committee has reviewed eighty-four (84) requests and approved sixty-seven (67).

Homeowners are welcome to attend meetings held at the clubhouse alternate Mondays at 6:30 PM

6	Concrete Installations/Replacements	0	Driveway resurface/repair
2	Decks	12	Exterior Painting
2	Fencing (restrain)	1	Gazebos/Pergolas/Awnings
0	Hot Tubs/Hot Tub Screens	7	Landscaping (replace dead tree)
0	Playsets	0	Radon Installation
1	Roofing/Gutter Replacement	0	Storage Containers/Attached Additions
0	Solar Panels	1	Waterwise Installation
9	Other (outdoor light and sensor)	2	Window Replacements

## Board of Directors

President	Andrew Igl
Treasurer	Charlie Fiser
Secretary	Helen Hardin
Director	Jerry Ostermiller
Director	Curtis Link

## Social Committee

Chair	Barbara Gaetos
Secretary	Sharon Fisher
Publicity	Krystal Srur-Turner
Welcome	Joanna Bennett
Board Liaison	Charlie Fiser

## Conservatory Financials

*As of March 31, 2025*

Operating Account	\$ 198,318
General Reserves	\$ 363,986
Underdrain Account	\$ 1,504,184

## Design Review Committee

Co-Chair	Duane Oudenhoven
Co-Chair	Joy DeMots
Board Liaison	Andrew Igl

## Operations Committee

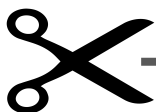
Chairman	Tim Siml
Flag	Steve Mann
Flowers	Rhonda Mann
Member	Frank Farinola

## Communications Committee

Board Liaison	Helen Hardin
Member	Shane Ketterman

## Underdrain Committee

Board Liaison	Charlie Fiser
Member	Tim Siml



## Resources

### Conservatory Contact Information

**Advanced Management LLC (AMI)**

**Community Manager Lyndi Fielitz**  
(720) 633-9722

**Email:** [theconservatory@amihoa.com](mailto:theconservatory@amihoa.com)

**Owner Portal**

<https://home.amihoa.com/dashboard>

**Community Website**

<https://www.conservatoryhoa.com/>

**Aurora Police Non-Emergency**  
(303) 627-3100

**Waste Connections**  
(303) 288-2100

**Aurora Park Rangers**  
(303) 326-8430  
*On trails: 4 wheelers, rattlesnakes,  
dogs off leash*

**Metro District**  
<http://www.yourcmd.org>

**Access Aurora**  
**Download the App**  
303.739.7000

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**Parks and Recreation**  
303.739.7160

**Xcel Energy - Street Light Outages**  
800.895.4999  
[xcelenergy.com/outages\\_and\\_emergencies/outdoor\\_lighting\\_outages](https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/outdoor_lighting_outages)  
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