

THE CONSERVATORY AT THE PLAINS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



Director's Corner

On January 29th, the Association celebrated all the volunteers that make our our community great at the Annual Appreciation Dinner.

The Design Review committee was recognized for embracing the new AMI platform that will make it possible to view, discuss and vote on applications virtually and give residents more timely responses. Meeting every other week all through the year, their commitment to serving the community is truly awesome. Please thank these dedicated volunteers.

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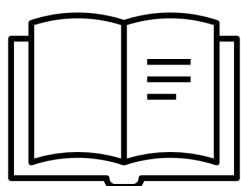
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Conservatory Homeowners Association 2024 Design Review Committee

DRC COMMITTEE: *Left to right* Frank Farinola, Susan Whitefield, Duane Oudenhoven & Joy DeMotts Co-Chairmen, Mike Wren, Harold Crosby and Barbara Strain (*insert*).

Social Committee



Book Club Selections

February 11 – The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson
(Library Book Bag)

March 11 – Left Neglected by Lisa Genova

April 8 – The Pioneers by David McCullough (Library Book Bag)

May 13 – The Women by Kristin Hannah

June 10 – Nothing Like It In the World by Steven Ambrose

July 8 – The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by Steve McBride (Library Book Bag)

August 12 – The Art Thief by Michael Finkel

**Spring Egg Hunt
April 19th**

**Spring Clean Up Event
May 17th**

**Pool Opening BBQ
May 24th**

**Community Garage Sale
May 30 - June 1**

***Volunteers needed for two
hour blocks
at each of these events.***

Can You Help?

Email: Barbara Gaetos
gaetoshoa@gmail.com
Or Contact Us at
conservatoryhoa.com



Thanks to the help and leadership of volunteers, a group of Conservatory residents has partnered with the Aurora Police Department to join the City of Aurora/Aurora PD Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch organizations advise that the best way to increase safety and awareness in the community is for residents to become an active presence in the area.

The best way to foster positive changes for the betterment of the community is to effectively communicate with all parties involved – from law enforcement groups to City and local politicians, to our neighbors and community members themselves. By building these connections and

working together towards common goals, residents can create a neighborhood where individuals and families feel safe, and one we can continue to be proud of.

If you are interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch group, or being kept informed of general Neighborhood Watch meetings and events, please email Jennifer Dubrow, Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator, Volunteer jdubrow@auroragov.org 720-771-7848 or visit the City of Aurora Neighborhood Watch [website](#) for additional information.

The Value of a Strong HOA: Building Community, Enhancing Property Values



When you drive around and look at other neighborhoods, you'll probably realize that we have one of the nicest neighborhoods around with mature trees, clean streets, parks, and well-kept homes.

There's a good reason for this. When neighbors come together under a well-organized Homeowners Association (HOA), everyone stands to benefit. From maintaining attractive common areas to preserving property values, HOAs play a central role in fostering vibrant, welcoming neighborhoods. Below are a few key points—supported by relevant industry findings—to highlight why adhering to our HOA's by-laws and regulations is so vital.

Protecting Property Values

- According to a study by the Community Associations Institute (CAI), homes in communities with an active HOA typically retain or increase their value more consistently than comparable non-HOA properties.
- Well-managed HOAs regularly oversee maintenance and beautification projects, helping ensure that individual properties and communal spaces remain attractive to current residents and potential buyers alike.
- Even simple rules (such as guidelines on exterior appearance or landscaping) help preserve your home's curb appeal, which can equate to higher resale values over time.
- HOA's that allow homes to fall into disrepair see decreased property values and, in many cases, increased crime. This affects homeowners directly.

Enhancing Community Satisfaction

- The Foundation for Community Association Research reports that 85% of residents living in HOA-managed communities rate their overall association experience as positive or neutral.
- By enforcing a consistent set of community standards, HOAs can create a harmonious living environment. This sense of order and shared responsibility often leads to increased neighborly cooperation and a strengthened sense of unity.

Ensuring Financial Stability

- Part of what makes an HOA function effectively is a well-managed budget—collected through homeowner assessments—to fund essential services and amenities.
- The collected funds support everything from landscaping and pool maintenance to security and event planning. A robust financial plan ensures the neighborhood remains well-maintained year-round without placing undue burdens on individual residents.

Supporting Rules and Regulations

- HOA by-laws are in place to provide clear guidance on what is expected of residents. Adhering to these guidelines not only keeps our community looking its best, but also prevents potential conflicts between neighbors—one that consistently enforces its rules—promotes fairness and transparency. This, in turn, fosters greater homeowner trust and cooperation.

Together, we can uphold our community's standards, protect our property values, and enjoy the benefits of a well-run HOA. By staying informed of our by-laws and actively participating in community initiatives, every homeowner helps maintain the quality of life that attracted us to this neighborhood in the first place. If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to the HOA Board or attend our next community meeting. Details can always be found on our website at <https://www.conservatoryhoa.com>. Let's continue to work together toward a thriving and beautiful community!

Snow Removal Responsibilities

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.

The HOA ONLY removes snow around the Clubhouse Bldg. Sidewalks on Conservatory Pkwy and Jericho Way as well as the areas around the mailbox kiosks are cleared by the Metro District.

RESIDENTIAL STREETS ARE NOT PLOWED - Only Conservatory Pkwy and Jericho Way are plowed.

As a resident or property owner, it is your responsibility to keep 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. To make a complaint about a property that has not been shoveled, contact Access Aurora at 303.739.7000.

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Design Review Committee

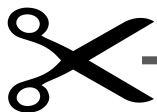
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Resources

Conservatory Contact Information

Advanced Management LLC (AMI)

Community Manager Lyndi Fielitz

(720) 633-9722

Email: 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>

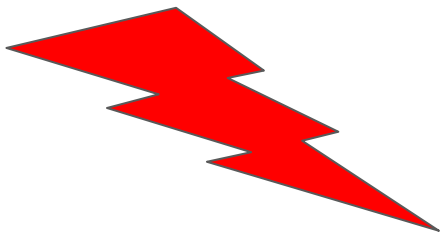
Access Aurora
303.739.7000

Parks and Recreation
303.739.7160

Xcel Energy - Street Light
Outages 800.895.4999

xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/outdoor_lighting_outages

Include the pole #



**NEWS FLASH - EXTENDED
CLUBHOUSE OFFICE HOURS
1st Thursday of each month!**

February 6th clubhouse business hours 1-7 PM

In response to our homeowners, the board of directors is implementing a trial period of extended office hours the 1st Thursday of each month for the community manager. If the program is successful extending it will be considered.

The Community Manager will be available between 1PM and 7PM on February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd and May 1st.



Children's Hospital Colorado

Blood Drive

The Conservatory Clubhouse
February 28, 2025
by appointment only

More details to come!

