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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

At the October 12th Homeowners Association Annual Meeting, new board members were elected.

Board members contact information is listed on page 2.

Homeowners are encouraged to attend all board meetings. Please contact Greg Cheatwood for date, time and place.

The Bluffs Newsletter is Published Quarterly in March, June, September & December.

If you would like to included **ANYTHING** (neighborhood news or concerns, recipes, pictures) in the newsletter:

Please contact
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303-400-5286

BLUFFS COOKIE EXCHANGE PARTY

Saturday, December 17th at 3:00pm
Please join your neighbors at the first Annual BLUFFS COOKIE EXCHANGE PARTY.

Come to taste all of the best cookie recipes from your friends and neighbors while you enjoy an afternoon of socializing. Bring 2 dozen baked cookies and copies of your cookie recipe to share.

Drinks will be provided.
3248 South Andes Street
Please RSVP to Jessie at 720-870-3696 by Thursday, December 15th

SEE COOKIE RECIPES ON PAGE

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HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST

The contest will run from the 17th until the 21st, there will be a way to vote for your favorite house on the website (www.thebluffs44.com).

Only 1 vote per household and you cannot vote for your own house.

The prizes be \$50 for first place and \$25 for second place. There will not be a 3rd place winner this year.

You may also vote in person at Jessie Marshall's home (3248) on the 17th at the cookie exchange party and on the 21st up until 6:30. At 7:00pm on the 21st, Jessie Marshall will have hot chocolate and announce the winners of the contest and then everyone who attends can walk up the block to see all the lights that night.

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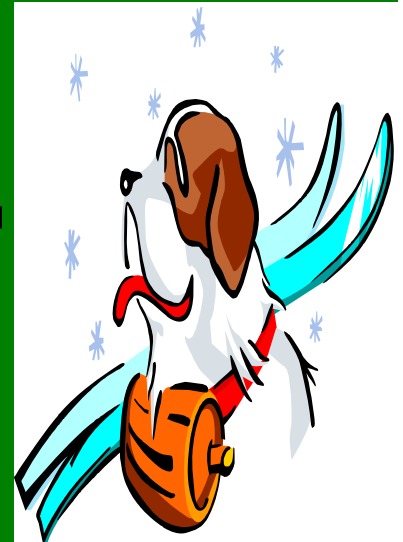
NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Homeowners,

I am looking forward to a good new year. We are very fortunate to have a well organized and solvent homeowners association.

Thanks go out to our past board members and the help from homeowners. We encourage any owners to come to meetings and share new ideas

Greg Cheatwood
President



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGN

Located on the Northeast corner of Floyd and Andes Street is our new Neighborhood Watch Sign. Hopefully, everyone has seen it by now. We are also looking into



FROM SAFETY COMMITTEE: SAFETY TIPS FROM PAR OFFICER DAVE WELLS

STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM BEING BURGLARIZED (while away or on vacation)

Consider a house sitter: If you have pets, rather than packing them off to a kennel, why not hire someone to stay at your residence, while you're away? Your pets will be comfortable, and you will have someone in your house, making it look lived in, which is a deterrent to thieves.

Put a few lights on timers: Make sure a few interior lights are on timers. Timers are inexpensive, and setting the lights to go on and off can make the house appear occupied.

Set up a motion detector lights: Making sure the exterior of your residence is well lit can also deter thieves. It's much more difficult to break into a well lit house than it is to sneak into a window of a dark house. A motion detector light will not waste electricity, and will illuminate the exterior of your home if anyone approaches.

Make plans for your mail and newspaper while on Vacation: Nothing says "un-occupied" house more than a full mailbox or numerous papers in the driveway or porch. Consider a trusted neighbor to take care of these items. If this is not an option, call the newspaper and cancel delivery for the extent of your time away. Also fill out a form at your local post office to have them hold your mail until you return.

Double and Triple check all windows and doors EACH time you leave: a protective sweep of your home can minimize the likelihood of an open window or sliding glass door. Consider braces or thick wooden dowels for ground level windows and all sliding patio doors. Get your kids involved to assist you, this will teach them long term awareness and responsibility.

Have neighbors watch your home: Let trusted neighbors know your work schedule or vacation plans. Watchful neighbors are a valuable ally in combating crime.

Set up a phone chain with trusted neighbors: provide and receive work and cell phone numbers for trusted neighbors.

Write down all serial numbers and model numbers for items of value: This is one of those most useful tips I can provide. A log of this nature is of extreme value to police and insurance companies. If criminals do successfully take your items, these numbers are entered into State and National data bases. If thieves are caught with, or attempt to pawn items, police will be notified immediately of the transaction, leading to prosecution and recovery of your items. In addition to a written log, digital photos of valuables for identification is very helpful. Items such as valuable jewelry (rings, watches, pendants, etc.) should be professionally appraised/certified and photographed as well.

Call police if you witness any suspicious activity: Often people don't want to become involved or are not sure they should call. Error on the side of caution. If you witness an emergency dial 911, or the non emergency phone number for the Aurora police Department is: 303-627-3100
BE SAFE, BE AWARE, BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



Architectural Committee:

No news reported



Tuskegee Airmen -

December 20 - December 31 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Aurora History Museum 15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

During World War II, the U.S. Army Air Corps trained young African-American men as pilots in Tuskegee, Ala. Nearly 450 men were sent to Europe where they earned over 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses. Learn about their history in this short-term panel exhibition. Free. Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.

Brown Bag & White Linen Lecture: The Ski Train

December 21 Noon to 1 p.m.

Aurora History Museum 15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

Learn about the train and its trek through 39 tunnels in the Rockies to Winter Park. Bring a lunch. \$4 (\$3 Aurora residents) Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.

Chinese New Year Celebration

January 21 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Aurora History Museum 15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

For all ages. The Denver Chinese Cultural Center presents traditional folk dances, storytelling, crafts and customs in celebration of the Chinese New Year. \$5 (\$4 Aurora residents) Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.

Victorian Valentines

February 11 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 2 to 2:30 p.m.

Centennial House 1671 Galena St. Aurora 80010

For ages 6 and older. Discover the history and creativity of old-fashioned, handmade and elaborately decorated Victorian Valentine cards and create cards for your loved ones. \$5 (\$4 Aurora residents) Contact 303-739-6667 for more information.

Sand Island Petro glyphs -

February 15 Noon to 1 p.m.

Aurora History Museum 15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

Learn about Sand Island, featuring spectacular panels of rock art located just outside of Bluff, Utah. Bring a lunch. \$4 (\$3 Aurora residents) Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.



CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 4 oz unsweetened baking chocolate, melted, cooled
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup powdered sugar

In large bowl, mix oil, chocolate, granulated sugar and vanilla. Stir in eggs, one at a time. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Cover; refrigerate at least 3 hours. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease cookie sheet with shortening or cooking spray.

Drop dough by teaspoonfuls into powdered sugar; roll around to coat and shape into balls. Place about 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until almost no imprint remains when touched lightly in center. Immediately remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks

CHOCOLATE CANDY COOKIE CUPS

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) peanut butter cookie mix
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 egg
- 18 miniature (1 inch square) bars chocolate-covered peanut, caramel and nougat candy, unwrapped
- 1 container (1 lb) chocolate frosting



Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, stir cookie mix, oil, water and egg until soft dough forms. Form dough into thirty-six 1-inch balls (about 2 teaspoons each); press into ungreased mini muffin cups. Cut each candy bar in half; press one piece of candy bar into center of dough in each cup. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool completely in pan, about 30 minutes. Remove from pan to serving plate. Spoon frosting into pastry bag fitted with star tip. Pipe frosting on top of each cookie cup. Decorate with decors.



CANDY SURPRISE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) Betty Crocker® peanut butter cookie mix
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 24 miniature chocolate-covered peanut, caramel and nougat candy bars, unwrapped
- 1 Can vanilla ready-to-spread frosting
- Candy sprinkles

Heat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, stir cookie mix, oil and egg until soft dough forms. Shape dough into 24 balls. For each cookie, wrap 1 dough ball around candy bar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 3 minutes; remove from cookie sheet to cooling rack. If frosting cookies, cool completely. Spread frosting on cooled cookies; sprinkle with candy sprinkles. Store completely cooled cookies in airtight container.

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