Conservatory at the Plains June/July 2021



A Message from the Board President June HOA Board Meeting Highlights

Clubhouse Re-Opens for Rentals

Applications accepted beginning July 1

At the June 10th monthly board meeting the HOA Board of Directors made the decision to reopen the clubhouse to resident rentals. The capacity will be restricted to groups of 50 persons. Reservations will be accepted for events from July through September 12th only.

All clubhouse rentals where alcohol will be served must purchase a one-day Special Event Insurance Policy.

Pool Safety Break

Why can't we have our 'Adults Only" swim time?

The truth of the matter is that "adults-only" swim times are in fact illegal under the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the provision of facilities based on "familial status."

A separate lane is always available for water exercise, if it is not or it is not being restricted for that purpose, please ask the lifeguards for assistance. During the Safety Breaks the pool is now open to anyone for exercise, swimming lessons or special needs.

Clubhouse Enhancements and Projects

Landscape, Pergola Repair and Fencing

Three landscaping projects were approved. The addition of a French drain to correct a low grassy area by the pool, edging repair, mulch replacement and weed barrier replacement by the playground.

The Pergola will be repaired and painted, and we are entertaining bids to replace the fencing around the pool due to its condition and security considerations.

After September 12^{th,} the bathrooms may be closed for remodeling for a period that has yet to be determined. Dates of the closure will be announced as soon as available.



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Helpful numbers

Aurora Police Non-Emergency 303.627.3100

Access Aurora 303.739.7000

Waste Connections 303-288-2100

Parks and Recreation 303-739-7160

Aurora Park Rangers

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

Xcel Energy

Street Light Outages 800-895-4999

https://www.xcelenergy.com/ outages and emergencies/ outdoor lighting outages

PAR Officer Sparks ssparks@auroragov.org

www.conservatoryhoa.com

JUNE 2021 SOCIAL COMMITTEE CORNER

WATER AEROBICS - Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday @ 8:45 AM

Taught by our own Barbara Gaetos, this class has proven to be wildly popular in the neighborhood! If you wish to participate in this class, plan to arrive at 8:45 AM. The classes start promptly at 9:00 AM and conclude at 10 AM so that other community residents can use the pool. Each participant is asked to bring a pool noodle and water weights if you have them. Please enter the pool at the pool gate.



COFFEE KLATSCH: The Social Committee has decided to pause this group until after summer.

LADIES NIGHT OUT BUNCO: This group is back!!!! We will once again start meeting at



the Community Center on the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 7 PM starting on July 15. For those not familiar with Bunco, it is a game generally played with twelve or more players. Players are divided into tables of four and try to score points while taking turns rolling three dice in a series of six rounds. Bring \$5 for the prize pot and a beverage or an appetizer/dessert to share. We are always looking for ladies to

add to our group! If interested in participating, email sfisher.conservatoryhoasocial@gmail.com.

FOOD TRUCKS: We are working on having food trucks stop by the neighborhood clubhouse this summer for some weekly treats! Keep an eye out on the HOA website and social media page for any news and upcoming trucks that might stop by.

NO PRESSURE BOOK CLUB – Tuesday, July 13th 11 AM to 12 PM

This group will be meeting at the Community Center for future meetings. The books the group has selected to read in the upcoming months in 2021 are as follows:

July 13 Pachino by Min Jen Lee
Aug. 10 The Guest List by Lucy Foley



The Conservatory HOA Social Committee announces a new Diversity Sub-Committee.



Introducing Ola Kukoyi as Sub-Committee Chairperson.

The Conservatory HOA Social Committee has formed a new Diversity Sub-committee. The need to form this committee is because of the ever-growing population of residents in the Conservatory community that represent all the people groups of our country and the world. The importance of a diverse community cannot be overemphasized. We have exciting events planned with the sole aim of networking and getting to know each other. Ola Kukoyi will chair this committee, and she is soliciting for new members to join her.

Ola Kukoyi and her family are immigrants from Nigeria. She moved into the Conservatory in January 2008 and enjoys living in this lovely neighborhood. As a world traveler, she has traveled to 12 countries (still counting) and is multilingual, speaking English, French, Yoruba, and Efik. She is currently learning the Spanish language and is a lifelong learner.

Her background is in Sociology and Public health, and she has a passion for health equity, women's health, and social justice. Her recent intervention programs are centered on vaccine distribution equity in communities of color. She enjoys volunteering within the community and is currently a member of various organizations such as the Civil Societies Unit of the United Nations, Board member- BLR, Inc., Colorado Black Health Collaborative (CBHC), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Council for Women Societies-USA branch. She has more than a decade of experience working both in the government and non-profit sectors.

If you are interested in joining the Diversity Committee, please email Cylinda Walker at Cylinda@westwindmanagement.com

GENERAL POOL INFORMATION

- Please remember that there are pool rules in place and need to be followed. Lifeguards have the final say on the rules. If a resident causes an infraction, they will receive one warning from the community manager. Any subsequent infractions will cause suspension of pool privileges.
- Pool parties MUST be booked through Front Range Recreation at frontrangerecreation.com. Pool parties are only allowed 5pm-9pm.
- Guests are allowed, but only 5 per home. Please adhere to the guest policy.



SHARON FISHER STEPS DOWN AS SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

After almost 6 years serving the Conservatory, Sharon will be taking as well-deserved rest. Sharon and her committee introduced many new events to our community including Breakfast with Santa, a July 4th Bike Parade, the annual Spring and Fall Clean-ups, Pooch Plunge and the Annual Chili Cook Off. Sharon was always thinking

of new ways to engage the residents and enjoys meeting her neighbors. Featured in the CAI (Community Association Institute's) national publication Common Ground March-April 2020, Sharon said, "I really think it is important that people have a sense of community, and you build that sense of community by bringing people together."

You will still see Sharon helping around the clubhouse as she passes the torch of the committee to Katie Lawrence. We hope that you will be encouraged to connect with Katie and help her by getting involved. Thank You Sharon!

HOA Financial Information

May 2021 Financials

Operating=\$280,735 **Reserves**=\$351,054 **Underdrain**=\$1,508,558

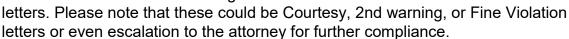
Overall income through May is \$18,558 over budget and expenses are \$649 over budget. Our anticipated excess revenue/expense through May was better than budget by \$17,909.



I received a violation letter...

Our community manager conducts inspections twice per month in what we call "the growing season" of May—September.

Between May 1st and June 30th, the association sent out the following violation



Weeds—121 compliance notifications

General Landscape Maintenance—82 compliance notifications **Property Maintenance**—51 compliance notifications

**There are six homes that are currently with the attorney's office for further compliance remedies.



The Design Review Committee

May 2021, the Design Review Committee reviewed the following number of requests:

- Concrete Installations or Replacements 10
- Driveway Surface—5
- Decks—6
- Exterior Painting—7

- Fencing—0
- Gazebos Pergolas—Awnings—1
- Hot Tubs—Hot Tub Screen—2
- Landscaping—Trees, Shrubs, Grass, Gardens, Xeriscaping—10
- Playsets—1
- Radon Installation—0
- Roofing/Gutters Replacement –1
- Storage Containers (not sheds as those are not allowed) 1
- Solar Panels—0
- Window Replacements—2
- And whatever else that would fall under Other4-Ring solar doorbell, outdoor kitchen, UV lights, porch railings

Please remember that **ANY** exterior improvement to your lot **MUST** have approval **BEFORE** you move forward with the project. The appropriate form and guidelines can be found at www.conservatoryhoa.com.



Fireworks

Legal use of Fireworks in Aurora

The sale, possession and use of certain fireworks is legal in Aurora. Here is what you need to know for a fun and safe Independence Day:



- Fireworks can be purchased and used in Aurora only from June 15 to July 4.
- Fireworks that DO NOT leave the ground or explode are allowed. Examples of allowed fireworks are fountains, wheels, sparklers, snakes and ground spinners. Examples of prohibited fireworks are firecrackers, bottle rockets, lady fingers, mortars, and roman candles.
- You must be 16 or older to possess or use fireworks, unless supervised by someone 21 or older.
- The city's fire chief has the **right to ban the sale**, **use**, **possession or discharge** of fireworks as conditions dictate.
- Even legal fireworks can make loud noises that may be startling to those suffering from anxiety or PTSD, and to pets. **Be courteous and respectful of those around you, and keep pets indoors in a safe, quiet place.**
- To view the fireworks ordinance, go to the city's <u>online municipal code</u>. For more information, call Aurora Fire Rescue at 303.326.8999. The maximum possible penalty for a violation of the fireworks ordinance is a fine of up to \$2,650 and/or up to one year in jail and other fees and costs as imposed by the court.

Reporting non-Emergency Fireworks Issues

Visit our online form <u>AuroraGov.org/ContactUs</u> or call 303-627-5678; this special phone line is open July 1 through July 5. These two options should not be used to report a life threatening emergency and they will not trigger an immediate response. These tools will assist us in tracking major areas of concern and will help with enforcement in the future. All non-emergency fireworks complaints should be made to one of these reporting tools. 911 should only be used to report life threatening emergencies.

Fireworks in Colorado's semi-arid to very-arid climate

Our city is situated in a dry part of the country and the use of recreational fires, grills, fire pits, and even fireworks come with fire risks. On a regular basis, Aurora Fire Rescue takes a close look at short & long range weather forecasts, fuel moistures, local & regional fire activity, and national preparedness levels. This evaluation could be followed by a ban on fireworks and other open flames. Conditions will continue to be monitored for the upcoming 4th of July holiday. The sale and use of fireworks will be dependent on these conditions.

For more information about fire activities that are permissible by city code, please visit our <u>Burning Restrictions</u> page. Additional questions and concerns can be directed to Aurora Fire Rescue at fire@auroragov.org.

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Owner Portal

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Safety Breaks at the Pool
This time is set aside for water
Exercise, Swimming Lessons
And Special Needs.