

ORCHARD VALLEY NEWS

Orchard Valley Homeowners Association

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Changes In Store for Vacant Lowes' Structure



The recently vacated former Lowes home improvement center located on Orchard Road has drawn the attention of prospective buyers. It appears that a World/Whole Foods type establishment with an emphasis on pastries and confectionary items will occupy the building in the near future.

Pond Repair

Alderman Whitey Peters has indicated that the retention pond east of Orchard and just south of Illinois will be renovated to prevent the water from draining out of the pond. Current plans call for a liner of some type to be installed, hopefully (*weather permitting*) prior to the onset of winter. This should alleviate the problem smell of decaying fish due to the inability of the pond to retain rain water.



The Trees Are Coming!!!

Orchard Valley will be the recipients of a limited number of parkway trees this fall. Alderman Peters has indicated that he will have access to a small number of trees which will be planted on the parkways where an absence of trees exists. These plantings will be done during the coming fall planting season.



Residents are asked to ensure the success of these plantings by making sure they are adequately watered following the planting.

Did You Know ???



- ...in an effort to maintain property standards, anyone planning to renovate, change or improve the exterior of their home (*this includes landscaping renovations or additions*) is required to submit a plat of survey (*as well as a building permit*) of their planned changes to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to undertaking the work.
- ...Aurora has a **leash-law** which requires pet owners to leash their registered (*yes, dogs and cats must be registered with the city and those tags are to be displayed at all times*) animals while walking them through the neighborhood. Additionally, every animal owner is responsible for the removal and sanitary disposal of their pets excrements. The penalties for violating any provisions of the Aurora Animal Control Ordinance may result in fines ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 per violation, per day the violation exists.
- ... **yard waste collection** begins the first Monday in April and ends the first Friday in November. Fallen leaves may be placed in a 30 gallon Kraft paper yard waste bag and placed at your curb. Each Fall, the City provides an unstickered leaf collection program. This program begins late October. Exact dates will vary from year to year, depending on the weather. Dates will be announced each year in the fall and posted on the City of Aurora News page website. Please check the News page for more information.
- ... the City of Aurora suggests the following as part of the **Be A Good Neighbor** program. Where noted these suggestions are actually city ordinances.
 - Respect your neighbors; keep your music from disturbing them (*Code of Ordinances Sec. 28-29*)
 - When parking, **DO NOT** block the public sidewalk (*Code of Ordinances Sec. 27-128*)
 - Keep tree branches and shrubbery trimmed (*Code of Ordinances Sec. 47-8*)
 - Place trash by the curb **AFTER 7** p. m. on the evening prior to pickup (*Code of Ordinances Sec. 20-4*)
 - Store trash containers out of view from the street (*Code of Ordinances Sec. 20-49*)
- ... the Division of Property Standards also enforces the weed control ordinance. During the summer months, grass and weeds may not exceed eight (8) inches in height. Complaints may be lodged by contacting the city's Customer Service Call Center at 630-256-4636.

Annual Board Election Results

The OVHA Annual meeting was held at David's Episcopal Church on the evening of Tuesday, June 19th. With a quorum being achieved, the Annual Election of Board Members was validated. The result of the balloting was as follows:

Harold Borg	148	Jason Woolsey	61
George Dyche	119	Jim Reich	23
Andrew Woodward	115	David Wilson	20
Darlene Paciorek	81	Marty Hess	5
Jason Morthland	78		

The new Board went into Executive Session following the announcement of the election results. In the Executive Session the new Board identified its Board Officers for the 2012-13 year. The selected officers for the coming year are: George Dyche, President; Jason Morthland, Vice-President; Darlene Paciorek, Treasurer; Andy Woodward, Secretary.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to Jason Woolsey for his time and service to the Association over the past two years.

City Requires Permits for Outdoor Fireplaces and Fire Pits

The City of Aurora, presumably in response to their growing popularity and potential danger, is now reminding individuals to obtain a permit prior to installing an outdoor fireplace or fire pit. Below are listed the basic requirements for their installation.

Conditions for use of an Outdoor Fireplace shall be for single-family residential property only.

___ Located at least 25 feet from any combustible materials or structures and placed on a Non-combustible base. Not allowed on wooden decks or balconies. Limited to a 3ft by 3ft by 2ft high fire

___ Located 15 feet from any combustible materials if an approved cover is added.

Wood Burning —

ONLY CLEAN DRY SEASONED FIREWOOD SHALL BE BURNED.

No flammable/combustible liquids shall be used to start the fire, only self ignited logs or the use of kindling wood/paper shall be used. It must be fully enclosed with some type of mesh and must have a lid.

LP/Gas —

Tank size limited to 20 lbs propane or direct connection to approved gas piping from the residence. The requirement for the 25 feet separation to combustibles is reduced to 3 feet.

I have read, understand and will abide by the conditions of use of the outdoor fireplace as presented to me by the Aurora Fire Department. Any violation of the condition use will be subject to a Fire Code violation ticket being issued and a \$50.00 fine imposed.



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