

The Woodcreek Wind

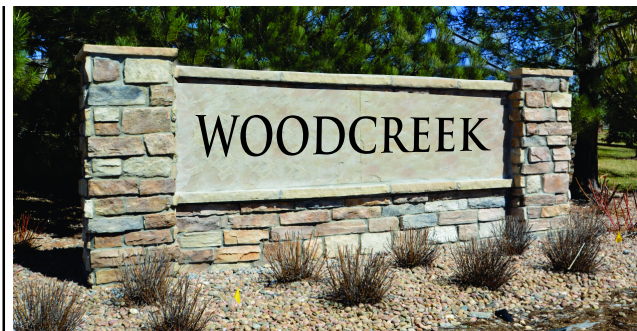
Special Spring Edition 2017



In this special edition of our newsletter, we are highlighting some special matters of interest to the Woodcreek community. Keeping our neighbors updated and informed is vital to creating a sense of genuine community. We believe the issues addressed in this newsletter will serve to bring us together for the improvement of our neighborhood and foster the ideal of being a good neighbor to one another.

- * North Entrance Monument Sign Project
- * Upgraded Bridge Lighting
- * Neighborhood Security

Also, you will find the latest membership update (there is still time to join, even after March 31!). We have made joining/renewing membership easier than ever through a new online application and making payment online.



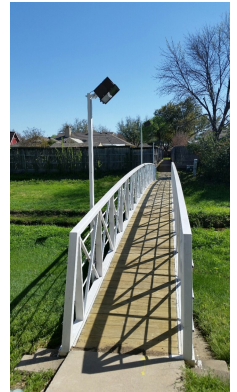
The Woodcreek Neighborhood Association Board has voted to apply to the city for a matching grant to enhance the neighborhood. The board has selected two items to include in the grant request:

- Replace the aging entry monument sign at the Woodcreek entrance
- Install new high efficient LED lighting on the walking bridge across the creek

A new entry monument sign has been designed that will be located in the center of the Woodcreek entry area. It will be set back farther from Kelly Boulevard and the large bushes will be removed to improve the site line for traffic exiting the neighborhood. The new sign will be double sided and lighted with modern LED fixtures so it can be easily seen from both directions on Kelly Boulevard. A sprinkler zone will be added

and landscaping planted around the new sign.

New LED light fixtures have been selected for the walking bridge that are designed to direct light down on the walking surface. They will replace the current flood lights and mount on the same poles. The new fixtures will reduce the electricity required and will have a longer life time. They also meet the new city requirement for reduced light pollution.



The city grant requires the neighborhood to pay for one third of the cost of the project – either in cash or volunteer labor.

We need your support in two ways to make the project a success:

- Join the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association
Your dues will go directly to supporting the project. In addition, a contribution for a Silver or Gold membership will help to raise the extra money required for this project.

- Volunteer to help through “Sweat Equity” *cont'd p. 2*

Our goal is to have many people working together to take pride in Woodcreek and build community spirit. We will be credited \$10 for each hour worked toward our share of the project cost. The more volunteers we have the more fun the project will be and the less cash we need to raise.

To approve the project, the city requires that we have **Neighborhood Support Forms** from residents that commit to provide physical labor to provide our “match” for the project. The form is on the next page. The Woodcreek Board encourages both members and non-members to participate in this community effort to enhance our neighborhood through your commitment to help.



Making Woodcreek Safe

Our homes are sacred places. We want to feel secure and relaxed when we are there. If you have ever been the victim of a break-in, you know how quickly that sense of security can evaporate. And it can seem impossible to recover, even if

nothing was taken from your home. Peace of mind is a precious commodity!

Some residents of Woodcreek, particularly on the north side, have experienced this unwelcome violation in recent months. Home burglaries and vehicle break-ins have happened to some of your neighbors. Being part of a community means that when your neighbor is violated, your neighborhood suffers as a whole. You see it as your problem, too.

To begin to address the security concerns of Woodcreek, a [special meeting is called for Tuesday evening, April 18](#), to discuss these issues. The meeting will be from 7-8pm in the cul-de-sac where Woodcreek turns from west to south, along the railroad.

A few ideas have been brainstormed as potential solutions or deterrents to future crime. Extra lighting down the alleys, extending a fence near the railroad to discourage pedestrian pass-through traffic, and possibly security cameras pointed down the alleys.

Membership Report

Here's the latest Woodcreek membership numbers.

BRONZE.....	78
SILVER.....	19
GOLD.....	26
TOTAL.....	123
Homes in Woodcreek.....	342
% Members.....	36%

Hope to see you at the meeting! Meanwhile, here are some practical safety tips to start now.....

- * Put a padlock on your gate
- * Keep Doors and Windows locked
- * Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed if they are near windows
- * Leave a radio on when you aren't home
- * Install an Alarm System and/or Camera System. Game cameras are great!
- * If your garage door has windows, use frosted spray paint to allow in light, but keep eyes out
- * Keep your cars inside your garage if possible
- * If your car is in the street or driveway, remove your garage door opener
- * Don't keep valuables in your car, especially not in plain sight
- * Always lock your car. Most vehicle 'break ins' are a result of a criminal targeting unlocked cars by 'pulling handles.' These crimes are often more prevalent during breaks in school

You can now join/renew and pay your annual dues all online! A great alternative to filling out the app by hand, writing a check, and mailing it in. Give it a try! woodcreekneighbors.org, then go to the Membership page.



NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT FORM

Description of Proposed Neighborhood Project:

- Replace the aging entry monument sign at the Woodcreek entry.
- Install new high efficiency LED lights on the walking bridge across the creek.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ I support this project and can provide the following:

_____ Physical labor

_____ Supplies / materials / tools

_____ \$ _____

_____ Food and drinks for workers

_____ I support the project but I am unable to contribute at this time.

_____ I can help maintain the project when it is completed.

_____ Other: _____

_____ I do not support this project. (Please explain objections.)

Please list any other neighborhood improvements that you would like to see in our neighborhood:

For more information about this ballot or the proposed neighborhood project, please contact:
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