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Metro District 3 News and Views

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BOARD UPDATE from Glenton Muller, President

Hello Neighbors! As we move further into 2026, I wanted to take a moment to connect with you—not just with updates, but with a bit of reflection on where we've been and where we're headed as a community. Serving as your Board President continues to be an incredibly rewarding experience, and I'm grateful every day for the opportunity to be part of this neighborhood.

What We've Accomplished Together

One of the things I'm most proud of is the visible progress we've made in our shared spaces. A highlight has been the return of our iconic windmill. It may seem like a small detail to some, but it's a meaningful symbol of our neighborhood's identity—and seeing it back in place has been a reminder of what makes this community special.

We've also made important improvements at the community center. The installation of a new dishwasher in the Community Center and the installation of Gemstone outdoor building lighting are practical upgrades, but they go a long way in making the space more functional, welcoming, and secure for everyone who uses it.

The Work Behind the Scenes

Not all progress is as visible, but it's just as important. We've been working on building out a comprehensive GIS system to better track and manage District assets, which will help us make smarter, more informed decisions in the years ahead.

At the same time, we're evaluating and planning improvements to our landscaped areas, prioritizing irrigation repairs to improve efficiency, and reviewing the condition of our tot lots to ensure they remain safe and enjoyable for families.

We're also addressing necessary maintenance items, like repairing a broken window at the community center and fixing electrical issues at Old Tom Morris and Jewell. These may not be headline projects, but they are essential to keeping our community running smoothly.

Challenges We're Navigating

Like many communities, we're facing rising costs for materials and services, which means we have to be thoughtful and strategic about how we prioritize projects. There's always more we'd like to do than the budget allows, so every decision involves careful consideration.

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We also recognize that our community is made up of many different perspectives. While that can sometimes make decisions more complex, it's ultimately a strength. The conversations, feedback, and even disagreements help us arrive at better outcomes.

Looking Ahead

As we continue through 2026, our focus remains on balancing improvements with responsible planning. We'll be prioritizing the projects that have the greatest impact—both in maintaining what we have and enhancing the spaces we all share.

What's Next

In the coming months, you'll see continued progress on landscaping design and refurbishment plans, further work on irrigation efficiency, and updates as we prioritize a lot of improvements. We'll also continue refining our long-term planning tools, like the GIS system, to better serve the community moving forward.

As always, I encourage you to stay engaged—attend meetings, share your thoughts, and let us know what matters most to you.

Thank you for being part of this community. It's the people here that make all of this work meaningful, and I'm excited about what we'll continue to accomplish together.

Sincerely, Glenton Muller, President, Metro District Board



Meet Amy Wiles, our new Aurora Ward 2 representative!

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the

Murphy Creek Community Center

Amy Wiles will attend our August board meeting to discuss community concerns and answer your questions. Let's welcome Amy to Murphy Creek!



Another Successful Community Clean-Up!

On May 2, 25 residents joined together to pick up litter around our neighborhood. We collected 25 large bags. That's a lot of trash! This doesn't have to be just a semi-annual thing. Everyone can help keep Murphy Creek looking good. We can teach our children—of all ages—not to litter, and lead by example. It's easy to pick up litter in front of your house, in the alley, and whenever you go for a walk. Just grab a bag from home or take one from the many pet waste stations along your route. Every little bit counts.

"Many small people, in small places, doing small things can change the world."

Eduardo Galeano, Uruguayan journalist, writer and novelist

DROUGHT CONDITIONS & YOUR LANDSCAPE

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Turf may appear brown or dormant due to drought conditions
- This is a natural response to limited water availability
- Our team is actively monitoring all properties



Watering Guidelines

-  Local regulations currently allow watering two days per week
-  We are following all city requirements to ensure compliance
-  These restrictions are in place to conserve water during drought conditions

What This Means for Your Property

-  Grass may go into a hibernation (dormant) state
-  Shrubs and plants may show signs of stress
-  Color and growth may be temporarily reduced

What We're Doing

-  Adjusting irrigation to meet local restrictions
-  Prioritizing plant health and long-term sustainability
-  Monitoring properties and making necessary adjustments

What You Should Know

-  These measures help protect your landscape during drought
-  We are aware of conditions and proactively managing your property
-  Brown turf does not mean dead turf—it will recover with proper conditions

QUESTIONS?

If you have concerns about your landscape, please reach out to your property management team.



AROUND THE DISTRICT – FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Speed Limits For Safety

Speed limits throughout the city of Aurora are 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Speed limits inside Murphy Creek are mainly 25 mph with a few street posted at 30 mph and the school area posted at 20 mph. Whether you're driving a car, truck, motorcycle, moped, e-bike, scooter or other motorized vehicle, please adhere to speed limits and help keep everyone safe. For more information, see <https://aurora.municipal.codes/Code/134-2>

Dog Leash Laws – More Than a Courtesy

The City of Aurora requires dogs to be leashed when not on the owner's property. The leash cannot be more than 10 feet long and must be held by a person that is physically able to control the dog. Having your dog on a leash protects you, your dog and the community. Even though an off-leash dog may be friendly, many people and other dogs don't respond well to loose dogs. This can be especially hard on reactive dogs and their handlers. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please keep your dog leashed in our community and remember to pick up and dispose of pet waste in one of the many trash bins located throughout the neighborhood. Your dog – your responsibility. For more information about Aurora's pet laws, see https://www.auroragov.org/residents/animal_services/field_services/ordinances_enforcement/dog_basics

Watering Restrictions

The City of Aurora has declared a Stage 1 Drought. During Stage 1 Drought, water conservation measures are implemented to help achieve a 20% reduction in outdoor water use and help ensure the health and safety of our community during water shortages. What does this mean for you? Residential sprinkling is limited to two days a week and is not permitted between 10 AM and 6 PM. Also, decorative outdoor water features aren't permitted. Homes with even number street addresses may irrigate or hand water lawns on Thursdays and Sundays. Homes with odd number street addresses may irrigate or hand water lawns on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Apartments, townhomes, HOA & Metro District lands, and the golf course irrigate according to a different authorized schedule.

For more information on Stage 1 drought restrictions, see https://www.auroragov.org/residents/water/watering_times

Pool Access & Rules

Our community pool will be open May 23 – September 7, 2026. Daily Hours are 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

From May 23 – August 11, lifeguards will be on duty during operating hours. They are authorized to close the pool due to inclement weather.

Starting August 12, lifeguards will only be on duty Friday: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM, but the pool is open all days till 8:00 PM. We heard your requests! *Note: when lifeguards are not on duty, swimming is at your own risk.*

Quick Pool Rules

- Swimsuits only
- Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult (18+)
- No running, diving, or rough play
- No alcohol, drugs, smoking, or vaping
- No large floatation devices (over 4 feet)
- Music is allowed at low volume with clean language
- No pets, bikes, scooters, or skateboards in the pool area
- Wading pool is for children 5 and under with adult (18+) supervision. There are no lifeguards.

A complete list of rules can be found at the pool entrance gate. If you don't have a pool key card, fill out and submit an Amenity Access Packet form. You can find it online at https://murphycreek.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/cdmcm_2026-Amenity-Access-Packet_012226.pdf

TIPS FROM OUR AWARD-WINNING GARDENERS

Did you know we have an award-winning community garden in our neighborhood? It's a fact!

The Gardens at Murphy Creek won the Golden Trowel (best overall garden) and Appearance Awards in the 2025 Aurora Community Garden's Contest (ACG). The contest is sponsored by Nick's Garden Center and ACG. Community Gardens from all over Aurora are judged in several categories including appearance, productivity, and water conservation. The Gardens have won an award every year, and this is the 4th time we have won the Golden Trowel. Residents of Metro District 3 who lease a garden plot at the Gardens at Murphy Creek have been growing food, flowers and herbs for over 10 years. All the plots have been leased for 2026.

Here's some timely advice from gardener Susan Snowdon.

This summer looks like a hot, dry one, so the gardeners at the Gardens at Murphy Creek are already preparing to conserve water. You might want to use some of their ideas in your home gardens or yards.

1. Place a diaper in the bottom of flowerpots – the absorbant material in the diaper will absorb water and release it into the soil without the water evaporating.
2. Choose plants wisely – some plants require more water than others. A good garden center can help you with plant selection.
3. Water the roots, not the leaves. We use long watering wands at the garden so we can water at the base of the plant, making sure that water gets to the roots, not on the leaves where it evaporates.
4. Mulch, mulch, mulch. We use a variety of mulches in the garden. Everyone will be using straw this summer, but we also use grass clippings or leaves often on top of cardboard, newspaper or painter's paper, all of which will compost into the soil. Just don't use newspaper with colored ink.
5. Water early or late. Gardeners typically water their plots before 9:00 a.m. or after 6:00 in the evening. These cooler times allow the water to seep in without evaporating.
6. Use a water meter – you'll be surprised how long soil, especially if there is mulch, will hold water.
7. Use deep root watering systems for plants like tomatoes or flowers with deep roots (see illustration below).
8. Enriching the soil (especially heavy clay soil) with compost will help the soil retain moisture better.



Asparagus mulched with straw, and water meter showing the soil is dry—time to water!



You're Invited!

All residents are invited to join us at the community garden on June 6 at 4:00 p.m. for a garden party!

Bring your own beverages and dish to share.

The community garden is located on S Flatrock Tr near S Grand Baker St.



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergencies: 911 | Aurora Police Non-Emergency Number: 303-627-3100 | Metropolitan District Public Safety: 303-263-8413

District Manager, Shannon Torgerson: 720-647-6541.



**There's
so much
going on!**

Check out the district
website at
murphycreek.org and
join our group on
facebook, Murphy
Creek Metropolitan
District 3 Group.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **Metro District 3 Board Meetings**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Creek Community Center,
23801 East Florida Avenue

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Creek Community Center

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Creek Community Center

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Creek Community Center

Special Guest! Amy Wiles, our new Ward 2 representative, will join us to discuss
community concerns and answer resident questions.

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Creek Community Center

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Murphy Creek Community Center

- **City of Aurora Ward 2 Town Meeting with Council Member Amy Wiles**

Thursday, June 11, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Food Bank of the Rockies, 20600 E. 38th Ave.

- **Mayoral Town Meeting with Mayor Mike Coffman**

Saturday, July 18, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. at Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway

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