



# Innsbruck in Aurora

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## Why Should You Be Recycling?

You know that Innsbruck has recycling every other week handled by our regular waste company but do you know why you should be participating?

The reasons vary from environmental to economic. For instance, did you know the average American discards 7½ pounds of garbage every day? Most of that goes in landfills where it is compacted and buried- not the best solution. So why recycle?

Recycling 1 can of aluminum can save enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours; or recycling aluminum reduces pollution by 95%; and enough aluminum is thrown away to rebuild our commercial air fleet 4 times every year!

How about plastic? If we recycled every plastic bottle we used, we would keep 2 billion tons of plastic out of landfills. In a 2015 report, 8 million tons of plastic enters the ocean every year. That means that fish and birds ingest it.

What about paper? Every year enough paper is thrown away to make a 12" wall from New York to California. Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees and 7000 gallons of water as well as 95% less air pollution and saves 60% in energy savings.

Glass? Glass can be reused an infinite number of times and recycling one glass container saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours!



Economically recycling creates jobs (1.1 million workers nationwide), saves on resources, saves money (selling recyclables offsets the extra costs of collecting and processing), and saves energy.

Recycling is good for the environment. It helps prevent global warming. In 2000, recycling of solid waste prevented the release of 32.9 million metric tons of carbon equivalent (measure for greenhouse gases) into the air. It protects wildlife by reducing the damage to forests, wetlands, rivers, etc. It reduces water pollution because goods made from recycled materials generate far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials [example: producing recycled white paper creates 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution than producing paper from virgin fibers]. If you want to carry that further, it means lower health care costs from a cleaner environment!

If you are not now recycling-please give it some thought.

## Innsbruck in Aurora HOA Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. at Western States Property Services. All board members were present as well as Earl Johnson. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### **BUSINESS:**

- The lawsuit scheduled for court in April was postponed (don't know why and don't know when will be rescheduled).
- Our insurance with Farmer's was renewed at about the same cost
- Concrete work/landscape work was approved for 11977 Yale due to a drainage problem
- Waiting for insurance decision for repair work to be done at 2695 Peoria
- Pool to open on May27th- summary of pool rules inserted in newsletter
- Garage sale dumpsters will arrive on June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be picked up on June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion started re: picnic on September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Board members asked to start thinking about recruiting a new member

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Doing well financially and under budget in some budget items.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Introduction and discussion of the possibility of experimenting with a different grass than Bluegrass that is more compatible with this climate since residents do not wish to give up their grass areas. Will probably do one or more 'test' sites.

Meeting was adjourned and we will meet again on July12th.

## **Board Bytes**

### **What to do if...**

Want your home to be ready for the summer? Then there are some things you should be checking on now.

The HOA will make sure the gutters are cleaned out so water flow is at an optimum and that the trees and bushes on common property are trimmed. But, you can make sure that your furnace filters are changed if needed; that your exhaust duct for your dryer is lint free; that your outside faucet(s) is not leaking and that your hose is in good shape; if the fireplace wasn't cleaned before the winter season then it should be done now so it will be ready for colder weather; and if you have a sump pump in your basement that it is clean and operable with the outflow draining properly. Also, those grills need to be cleaned. Please make sure that even though you may store them against the fence or the building that when you are using them, they are moved away from those areas (the heat would damage the wood fence and/or siding on the building).

## President's Pen.....



Weather permitting, the pool opens on May 27<sup>th</sup> which is the start of the Memorial Day weekend. We have included in this issue a summary of the pool rules. There usually aren't any problems if everyone follows them. Suzie Reinhardt has graciously accepted the responsibility of closing the pool in the evening and I will continue to open each morning.

The HOA Board asks that if you plan on making **any** exterior changes, please consult with us first. Replacing fencing is a good example. The covenants state that you must replace exactly what was there before. That means using cedar not pine (pine may be initially cheaper but doesn't last as long and therefore will end up costing more). That means replacing in the same place and the same height. It's a legal issue for replacing in the same place (boundary lines) and the same height is an aesthetic issue. It means the same width on the cedar pickets and if you stain the fence, it should be a light oak or clear. It has taken me a **very** long time to resolve my issues with 'sameness' that townhouses all have as a condition for living in the community. An epiphany for me was realizing that sameness translates to equality. Everyone starts out on equal footing. There is no competition for colors, different types of fencing, or added adornments. We are all the same. We can differ in how our interiors or patios look but we are equal on how everyone else sees us. So, if one neighbor's gate is taller than the one next to it- we have a problem. By the way, don't bury your pickets in dirt. It will eventually rot those pickets most likely causing some issues.

Our attorney will be a guest at our annual meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We need to reiterate how insurance companies are changing their methods of insuring and some of it may come as a surprise to you.

The garage sale is June 10<sup>th</sup>. The dumpsters (at the north and south ends) will be delivered, as usual, sometime on Friday morning and be picked up on Monday morning. **Do not** put tires, paint, TVs, computers, etc. in the dumpsters (Aurora has separate recycle days for those items). We usually start at 8 a.m. and go until you can't take it anymore! This is such a great time to clean out your home and garage and make some money doing it. Remember we have lots of traffic and people parking where they shouldn't. Please be patient and if it really gets hot, remember to drink lots of water.

Your president,  
Maria Baker

