

# AVA NEWSLETTER

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## Message From the AVA President

The difference between a staff analytic project and a public decision process was made starkly apparent this summer. In July, an insignificant-sounding contract was placed on the County Commission agenda for approval. It was technical funding to allow the county and a private party to exchange parcels of land predicated on a staff-contracted selection process that had occurred over the previous year. The agenda item was suspended after an explosion of resident and business objections. Now, we want to improve the system so actions of this type do not happen again.

The underlying alarming land swap would have relocated the County Community Corrections facility from Kendall Street north of Colfax to the vacant triangle on Colfax at Wide Acres Road. Although surrounded by Lakewood homes and businesses, technically this parcel is unincorporated. The only other screening criteria were that the land be "industrial" along a major bus route.

When our community learned of the plan starting this winter to build a facility to hold 300 men from the county system, we responded. While that problem was stopped by very serious action of your neighbors in Daniels-Welcheste HOA plus some AVA board members and neighbors and several nearby business executives, we want to prevent future ones like this. The selection criteria are important. Instead of one huge building why can't each city take its share of offenders based on their origin?

You can see the Golden Transcript summary at: <http://tinyurl.com/correctionsleavingcolfax> and you can see the county's letter at our meeting and at: <http://tinyurl.com/jeffcoletter>

This year's Annual Meeting will feature this subject and have the participation of board and members from our neighboring associations, Daniels-Welcheste and Applewood Property Owners. Commissioner Casey Tighe and staff are expected to participate. We want to press for a commitment that the County will use a fully public decision process to screen and select a replacement site and for that matter any other public facilities.

You are cordially invited to attend the  
**2013 AVA Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, September 24  
5:45 pm • Candidate Meet and Greet  
6:30 - 8:00 • Business Meeting

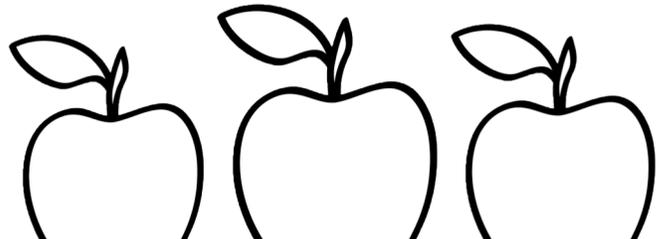
Applewood Valley United Methodist Church  
20th and Ellis Street, Golden CO

## Safety

An example of watching out for our neighbors crystalized when a car trying to escape crashed at 20<sup>th</sup> and Simms last month. One of the three occupants ran off between houses and hid in our treasured landscaping for several hours during which Lakewood PD and Jeffco canine searchers processed the area. We were concerned with the ease of slipping through on one of the ditch paths. Of course, word spread from one house to the next and LPD sent a reverse 911 cautioning residents. A watchful neighbor finally spotted the man in her garden and called those who quickly arrested him. All of us can appreciate the efforts to keep us safe and how much of a role we play, too!

## Lakewood Planning

With the new Zoning Code adopted, the City of Lakewood is proceeding now to revise the Comprehensive Plan. A series of workshops between 18 September and 12 November will again purport to collect and use citizen thoughts. This time sustainability, demographics and community design will be defined. We recommend that you pay attention to the issues by reading regularly [www.lakewood.org/MovingForward](http://www.lakewood.org/MovingForward)



**The AVA: A Neighborhood Association for Homeowners • Chartered 1959**

Do you own and reside north of Colfax, east of Eldridge, South of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> and West of Simms? As a homeowner, you are qualified to be a member. AVA is a voluntary association – not a mandatory HOA. Our mission is: Ensure the integrity of the neighborhood and participate in decisions to protect its unique character. We are always looking for volunteers to help with various projects. Each year, we elect members to fill about half of the board seats for two-year terms. This year we are searching for four (4) candidates who may be incumbents or new individuals. Our Board meetings are every other month on the third Wednesday. If we have projects to manage, the board members and committees will generally meet more frequently.

<b>Applewood Valley Association Board</b>	
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***Participation in your neighborhood association makes a real difference.***

Your annual \$10 per individual or \$20 per household dues pays for AVA operations. Stay in good standing, or become a voting member today. AVA Annual membership runs from September 2012 to August 2013.

Please make check payable to Applewood Valley Association and mail it and this form to:

AVA, P.O. Box 25, Golden, CO 80402

- \$10 Individual (1 vote\*)
- \$20 Household (2 votes\*)

\*AVA By-Laws, Article III, Members, Sec 1 Membership

Name	2 <sup>nd</sup> Name (if household)	
Address	Email*	Phone

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