

# AVA NEWSLETTER

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## **Message From the AVA President**

As some of you know, over the past year the AVA Board and many members have invested significant time and thought on some issues with great bearing on our quality of life in Applewood. Usually this Annual Newsletter summarizes the efforts and results. This year, we are trying something different.

We are asking each of you who live here *to take a more active role!!* Show your interest by identifying yourself and what you think. Learn by receiving our local information. Provide ideas and opinions to strengthen our neighborhood voice when addressing issues.

Communication is the key for AVA successes. Our work is strictly voluntary and it depends on a sufficient show of interest from our members. We don't require your paid membership, but we do need to have your informed opinion. And we need to draw that opinion from you throughout the year at minimal cost.

Our very best mechanism is our [AVABoard2007-8@comcast.net](mailto:AVABoard2007-8@comcast.net) email network. No one but your elected Board members has access to this system. We never share or sell any of your addresses. And we take care to send only meaningful AVA messages, averaging fewer than two per month for general business. None of us wants a nuisance. Social communications are readily served by other means.

AVA needs to have you willingly supply your email address for this to work. Please include that address when you return your membership slip. Or, please send your address to us by email. If, for any reason, you want us to delete or change an address you supplied, we will do so immediately upon your request.

As a voluntary organization with a tiny budget, we have sought every means to operate at lowest possible costs. All administrative time is donated by Board members. This includes registration with city and county, reporting as a 501(c)(4), tax filing, generating newsletter and other publications, receiving and responding to mail/email/phone calls, maintaining permanent and active records, negotiating lowest costs for postage, printing, supplies, internet, meeting spaces, and seeking and using donations for operating costs. Our approximately 2000 households could provide very significant funding if each one contributed dues. As things stand, 2000 households have benefitted each year from the contributions of a very few people.

## You are cordially invited to attend the **2015 AVA Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, September 29

6:00 pm • *Candidate Meet and Greet*

6:30 – 7:30 • *Business Meeting*

7:30 – 8:30 • *Key Topic Discussion*

**Stober Elementary School  
2300 Urban Street**

This year's Annual Meeting will cover a number of current topics and will feature the challenge to preserving the **Applewood Golf Course** property. Representatives from the Prospect Recreation and Park District (PRPD) will present an overview. We will describe our role in the major community effort and look for your responses. An informative newsletter from PRPD will arrive in district member's mailboxes in late September. Watch for it. Those of us who are outside of the district can read it online at [www.prospectdistrict.org](http://www.prospectdistrict.org).

Other important topics will include

- Jefferson County Community Corrections Facilities – Lakewood Planning Commission denial of Special Use Permit at 8<sup>th</sup> & Quail (property too small, transportation problems, businesses, sizing standards, etc.) and our ongoing effort to develop a good county-wide solution
- Development along Youngfield Street
- Traffic
- Metro West Housing proposal on Colfax hilltop property
- Zoning Code changes and effects - county and Lakewood
- West Metro Fire District strategic planning
- Support for Stober, Maple Grove, Manning and Litz
- Safety and other topics you suggest

We expect to see a number of county, city and district elected officials and candidates for office during the 6:00 Meet and Greet. Our guests are welcome to stay for the balance of the meeting but are restrained from taking part in our AVA members' conversation, unless requested by the Board. Looking forward to seeing you!!

**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 usually every other month. If we have projects to manage, the board members and committees will generally meet more frequently.

**Applewood Valley Association Board**

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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 2015 to August 2016.

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)

per AVA By-Laws, Article III, Members, Sec 1 Membership

Name	2 <sup>nd</sup> Name (if household)	
Address	Email (Never shared or sold. For official AVA communications only.)	Phone