

Acres Green Scene

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Events

April 9th: HOA Meeting
May 11th: Food Trucks
June 8th: Food Trucks
June 11th: HOA Meeting
June 20th: Neighborhood Yard Sale
June 27th: Dumpster Day

Dutch Brothers Plan to Build

On April 9th, Dutch Brothers will submit their final update for the April 28th meeting to the planning commission for approval. On June 2nd, the City of Lone Tree Council will be approving the Dutch Brothers proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Bobby Wiedmann (Associate Planner) at 720-509-1148.

Events

May 11th: Mile High Tikka and Happy Cones. Food trucks are on the second Monday of every month, May through September (5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, and 9/14). Fourth of July will be at Altair Park, so we can celebrate at the pirate ship and have our traditional water balloon fight. Can you help? **September 12th** is our block party with a chili cookoff and pickleball tournament. **October 24th** is the trunk or treat event. Are there any more events you'd like?

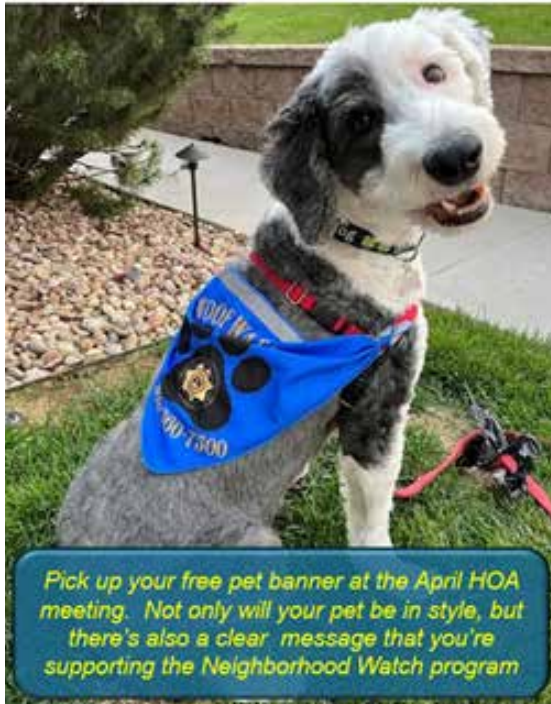
Backyard Beats: Southern Street Eats

Saturday, May 23, 5 to 8 PM
Sweetwater Park

This FREE concert is all about creating memorable experiences with your family, friends, and neighbors in your own backyard! Enjoy outstanding performances from national and regional acts, celebrating diverse talents and bringing the community together through shared experiences.

President's Notes

At an elevation of 5,834 feet, the Acres Green subdivision was built by the Morris General contractors with construction beginning on a former pasture South of County Line Road near Interstate 25 in 1971. This was the first housing development in Northern Douglas County. Construction on the sixth and final filing would be completed 12 years later.



Pick up your free pet banner at the April HOA meeting. Not only will your pet be in style, but there's also a clear message that you're supporting the Neighborhood Watch program

Today there are changes around us with the Sweetwater Park updates that affect us all, with or without parking spaces, the Hawkview at Willow Creek development (with 298 townhomes and shoppes under construction), Dutch Brothers coming, our elementary school closing, and traffic largely using our neighborhood as a cut-through to Yosemite Dr. Through it all, one thing remains constant: our community, spirit together, contribution or simply looking out for one another. We should still come together to celebrate our community. The Art display was moved to the garden. Painted rocks are being dropped off in the garden. We collected over 11 flags last month for proper disposal. Thank you to Tom Melchionna, Barrel Madter BBQ for helping with the website. To everyone – Thank you for making our community clean!

Sweetwater Park Planning, Your Voice Counts

We've been representing the AGHOA at all of the SSPR meetings for the Sweetwater Park planning. The most recent meeting was held on March 18th and was the final meeting for Phase 2 (of 4 phases). At this meeting, SSPR and Wenk Associates (a landscape architecture firm) presented 3 concepts developed based on community input. Acres Green has provided approximately 27% of the input for Sweetwater Park. This is the final opportunity for the community to provide input, and the last date to submit is April 5th.

Each design includes parking along Maximus Drive. The parking concepts include street parking along Maximus Drive only or building a parking lot (either 30+ or 60+ spaces).

The 3 concepts aren't the final design, and SSPR is seeking additional input on what's desired to inform the final plan. You must make your voice heard. Do you want this to remain a community park or become a more expansive multi-use park? There is an anticipated increase in usage with the new housing development on Park Meadows Drive.

Next meeting will be in April (Date to be announced). <https://gameplan.ssprd.org/sweetwater-park-redevelopment>



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Dumpster Day is June 27th

(9:00 to 11:00 AM), with Goodwill drop-off available.

To participate, you must be paid current for your 2026 membership (Owners and Renters)! The website and this newsletter include a QR code for payment; it's not too late! You may pay your annual AGHOA membership fee at the event (Annual membership fee is \$40). The event will have a list of current AGHOA members with paid dues. If there's a discrepancy in the membership list, you'll need to pay, and we'll resolve it after the event. Dumpster day will be on Maximus Dr. again this year, and a map and directions will be provided via the acresgreen.org website. If you'd prefer an email with these details, please email aghoaeditor@gmail.com. We will need volunteers to direct traffic. The truck is rented for 2 hours; we will remain there until it is full. We made some changes this year to improve opportunities for everyone to participate. Paid memberships cover a single load up to the size of a pickup bed, a small trailer, or whatever fits in your vehicle. Oversized trailers with the equivalent of 2 truckload sizes or residents bringing the equivalent of 2 loads will be assessed a fee of \$20. Our Acres Green Resident, "CR," will be collecting scrap metal. He will also pick up scrap from your home. You can contact him at (303) 799-0731.

List of Unacceptable Materials:

- Appliances
- Buckets of paint, solvents, etc.
- Computers, monitors, components
- Liquid waste
- Drums & containers
- TV, VCR, Stereo, and similar electronics
- Outdoor grills
- Friable asbestos
- Wall & flooring coverings
- Propane tanks
- Hazardous waste
- Lawnmower with oil & gas
- Tires
- Wood & wood pallets
- Trees, bushes & sod
- Paint cans
- Plaster & drywall

Please get in touch with Waste Connections with any questions about what can be dropped off at <https://www.wasteconnections.com/denver>.

Goodwill Donation Truck

This year, we'll have a Goodwill donation truck available for neighbors to drop off their donations. Everyone in the community is welcome to participate, and an AGHOA membership is not required. If you've been meaning to donate items and haven't had the opportunity to bring them to the donation centers, this Goodwill truck will be available on Maximus Drive on June 27th.

Acres Green Membership Enrollment Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$40 Per Household

DONATION: _____

Volunteer: Yes No

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Payments can be mailed to:
AGHOA c/o Sandy Inglis, 13183 Canopus Dr. Littleton, CO 80124.
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www.acresgreen.org/become-a-member or via GoDaddy QR

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 5th of the month before the next month's issue, except for the January issue which is December 1. Please email news articles to the editor at aghoaeditor@gmail.com. Note your name and include a daytime phone number (we won't publish it) in case there are any questions. Letters to the editor may be printed without the author's name if requested.

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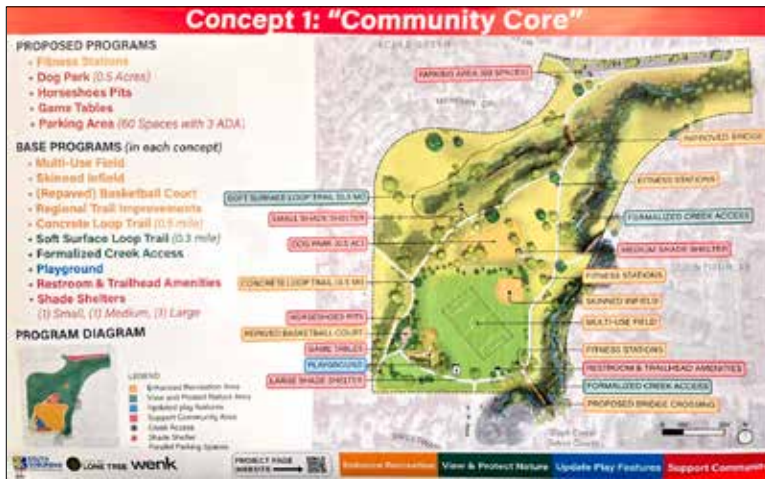
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What's Next For Acres Green Elementary? Party May 2nd!

Acres Green Elementary School will celebrate its Forever 50 event on Saturday, May 2nd, from 12 pm to 3 pm. Students, parents, alums, and community members are invited to come and celebrate! There will be activities for the kids, school tours, and opportunities to reminisce for the adults, and food trucks for everyone! See the flyer on the HOA website to RSVP for the event.

Community building is underway for the transition to the new Silver Spruce Elementary (currently Fox Creek Elementary) next year. The new logo designs featuring the Silver Spruce Moose look amazing, and the kids at both schools are now working together and making plans for the August 2026 transition. Acres Green 6th- and 7th-graders are preparing to transition to Cresthill in August as well! Both Silver Spruce and Cresthill will have familiar faces as teachers and staff from AGE will transition to the new schools.

The Acres Green building will be vacant next year as DCSD completes some much-needed repairs. No determination has been made about the building's future use at this time. Community meetings will be hosted in early 2027 to discuss potential uses for the building. The school playgrounds will still be available for play as construction allows. DCSD expects that the building will reopen in August 2027. Check out DCSD's Growth and Decline page at dcsdk12.org for more information.

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Neighborhood Watch

Why a Neighborhood Watch Matters in Acres Green

Residents of Acres Green are fortunate to live in a community where neighbors care about one another and take pride in keeping our neighborhood safe. One of the most effective ways we can protect our homes, families, and property is through participation in the Neighborhood Watch program. Across the country—and here in Douglas County—Neighborhood Watch programs have proven to be one of the most powerful tools for crime prevention and neighborly connection.

Crime Prevention Starts With Residents

A surprising statistic highlights just how important residents are in keeping communities safe: approximately 99% of crimes are reported by citizens, not police officers who happen to witness them. Law enforcement relies heavily on observant residents who notice unusual activity and are willing to report it.

Neighborhood Watch programs strengthen this natural community awareness by helping neighbors know what to look for and how to report concerns quickly and effectively. When neighbors communicate and stay alert, suspicious activity is noticed sooner, reported faster, and often prevented entirely. Just as importantly, a visible Neighborhood Watch presence sends a clear message to criminals: this neighborhood is paying attention.

Building Stronger Community Connections

Neighborhood Watch is not just about crime prevention—it is also about building stronger relationships between neighbors. When residents know one another, they are more likely to:

- Look out for each other's homes
- Notice unfamiliar activity
- Communicate quickly about concerns

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A connected neighborhood is naturally safer because people feel responsible for the well-being of those around them.

In fact, I was recently walking with my family when I noticed that a neighbor had their garage door open and a couple of suspicious things about the house. I called the non-emergency Douglas County Sheriff's office, and they were happy to send a sheriff to check on things. They even offered to give me feedback about the situation.

Supporting Local Law Enforcement

Neighborhood Watch programs work in partnership with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, not as a replacement for law enforcement. Deputies cannot be everywhere at once, but a community full of attentive residents dramatically increases the eyes and ears available to help keep the neighborhood secure. Neighborhood Watch members do not patrol or confront suspicious individuals. Instead, they observe, communicate, and report concerns—allowing trained officers to respond appropriately.

Innovative Programs: The Success of Woof Watch

Link for Woof Watch Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCountySheriff/posts/did-you-know-dcso-has-a-very-robust-and-successful-neighborhood-watch-program-1303603145131934/>

One creative example of how community involvement can improve safety is the Woof Watch program. This initiative encourages residents who are walking their dogs to also serve as extra "eyes and ears" in the neighborhood.

Dog walkers naturally spend time outdoors and often notice things others might miss—such as unfamiliar vehicles, suspicious behavior, or safety concerns. By simply staying observant and reporting what they see, Woof Watch participants help extend Neighborhood Watch's reach in a natural and friendly way.

The success of this program has been remarkable:

"That is amazing and is a true testament to the effect that NHW is having on our communities. We are truly making a difference! This achievement is highlighted by one of our programs gaining local and NATIONAL media attention! Woof Watch was highlighted not only by the Castle Pines Connection but also by the National Fraternal Order of Police as an example of innovative crime prevention."

This recognition shows how simple community involvement can lead to meaningful improvements in safety—and even become a model for communities across the country.

Belonging to the Neighborhood Watch program in Douglas County provides access to many Douglas County programs, such as House Watch, Woof Watch, DCSO Auto Track, and other programs and training.

Small Actions That Make a Big Difference

Neighborhood safety does not require large commitments. Simple actions can make a significant impact:

- Report suspicious activity to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Get to know your neighbors
- Keep an eye on homes when neighbors are away
- Participate in community safety programs like Neighborhood Watch or Woof Watch
- Share information through neighborhood communication channels

Spring Maintenance Matters

Even though this winter was fairly mild across much of Colorado, spring is still a great time to give your home a quick seasonal checkup. Warmer temperatures are the perfect reminder to look over exterior systems, service equipment before summer arrives, and take care of small maintenance items before they turn into bigger issues. Getting ahead of things like AC servicing, pest prevention, and outdoor upkeep now can help keep your home running smoothly and avoid the busy service season later in the spring and summer. A little attention this time of year goes a long way in protecting your home and keeping it in great shape.

Spring Home Reset

6 Simple Things to Do Around Your Home This April

1. Clean gutters and downspouts
2. Turn on Sprinklers and hose bibs, check for leaks
3. Schedule your AC service
4. Inspect your roof and siding
5. Schedule a pest control treatment
6. Refresh landscaping and mulch beds

Taking care of a few small things each spring can help prevent bigger home repairs later in the year.

CURRENT ACTIVE AND UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

Status	Address	Current Price	Original List Price	Bed	Bath	Total Sq. Ft.	Days In MLS
Pending	13226 Canopus Drive	659,900	659,900	4	3	2,877	9
Pending	789 Mercury Circle	650,000	650,000	5	3	2,738	3
Pending	181 Dianna Drive	554,000	554,000	5	2	1,938	7
Pending	219 Dianna Drive	525,000	525,000	6	2	1,988	10

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Address	Sold Price	List Price	Bed	Bath	Total Sq. Ft.	Days in MLS	Sold Date	Concessions
13617 Leo Ct.	706,000	674,973	5	4	2,814	19	2/20/26	15,000
13134 Deneb Drive	575,000	615,000	4	2	1,990	116	2/16/26	11,200
13483 Achilles Drive	555,300	600,000	4	2	1,762	216	2/2/26	16,500
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A Little Bit About Me...

Our family has been part of the Acres Green community since 2015, when we purchased our home on Saturn Drive. While we recently moved nearby, we still own our home in the neighborhood and remain closely connected to this community we've loved for years. My husband and I have raised our two boys here (now 11 and 13), and we've always appreciated the friendly neighbors, parks, and strong sense of community that make Acres Green such a great place to live. I grew up in Littleton and have been a Realtor since 2012. Helping people buy and sell homes in the communities I know and care about is one of the most rewarding parts of my work. If you ever have questions about the market or real estate in general, I'm always happy to help.