

Acres Green Scene

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2026 Meeting Dates

Special Meeting for residents and HOA around Sweetwater Park. We want to give our specific ideas that will benefit the park and our neighborhood. January 17th, meeting at **Lone Tree Library, 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

We're excited to announce that our HOA meetings next year will be held at the Lone Tree library at 6:30 pm. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to stay informed, share your ideas, and help shape our community. We sincerely hope you'll be able to join us and participate in the conversation! Meeting Dates: February 12th, April 9th, and June 11th.

Sweetwater Park Project 2026, CHANGES!

Sweetwater Park is an integral part of our community, and changes are on the horizon! Your voice truly matters. Together, we can help shape the future of a place we all enjoy. Jo Ann & Kirk Lathrop and Jim Hope attended the first Pop-Up event on 11/12.

SSPR provided the following information at the first Pop-up event:

"Sweetwater Park, a nearly 32-acre park located along the Willow Creek Regional Trail in Lone Tree, has been a valued community asset since 1987. The park now features walking paths, Will Creek Trail, sports fields, a playground, a pavilion, and picnic areas. In 2022, Douglas County acquired the northern parcel of the park, originally designated for a future school site, and decided it to South Suburban. This land was officially annexed into the City of Lone Tree in June 2023 and re-platted as part of the unified Sweetwater Park.

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President's Notes

As we wrap up another wonderful year in our community, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for making our neighborhood such a special place to live. From the festive decorations that light up our streets to the neighborly acts of kindness that happen every day, it's your involvement and spirit that truly make Acres Green shine. It's exciting to share updates, highlights, and upcoming plans in this December newsletter, and we hope it brings you a sense of pride and connection to our community. We want to thank Meg Stern for a fun English celebration of Guy Fawkes Night, Sean Meighan for our pirate ship nights for adults and kids, and Sara Klassen for supporting our HOA events by purchasing ice cream, burritos, etc. To the many people who help us, thank you for your commitment to your community. Thank you to Leah Cruz as our new Nextdoor organizer.

Halloween In Acres Green Was Full of Surprises!

This year, the neighborhood brought magic to life with two fully decorated cars glowing with flashing pumpkins and skeletons, plus the pirate ship, with more than 700 kids exploring the spooky deck. The Manor on Peacock Drive had at least 226 kids stop by. Halloween was truly alive in the AG! Our trunk-or-treat was truly special. Thank you to those who decorated their trucks and handed out treats to the kids. Thank you to the Shont family for the garden decorations and Liz Schneider for the entrance decorations. To our community, thank you to everyone who decorated and participated, to help make Acres Green such a fun and festive place to be this Halloween!

Huge congratulations to our contest winners:

- 1st Place: The skeleton-packed station wagon 13486 Antares Drive, Curiel Family
- 2nd Place: The Graveyard at 13183 Rigel Drive
- 3rd Place: The Spooky House at 13328 Rigel Drive





Acres Green Is Lighting Up The Holidays!

The race to decorate has officially begun—and the “First House to Sparkle” goes to... 172 Helena Circle! Their early glow set off a chain reaction, and soon the houses on Acres Green Drive and Mercury Drive jumped right into the holiday spirit, too. Acres Green is coming alive with twinkling lights, inflatable snowmen, glowing reindeer, and all the cheerful chaos we love this time of year. Join us by decorating the trees at the marquees and the garden. Could you help make our neighborhood shine?

Got a favorite festive display?

Send in your suggestions to aghoaevents@gmail.com for the Acres Green Holiday Decorating Contest! Whether it’s bright, bold, silly, sparkly, or downright over-the-top—help us pick the next Christmas houses we should feature. Let’s make this the merriest, brightest, jolliest AG season ever!

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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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Sweetwater Park, *continued from front page*

Community input is vital to this project! The new park design will retain existing uses and add amenities that reflect the community's needs and desires.

There are 4 Phases for this Project

- Phase 1: [11Nov to 5Dec] Receiving community input on Design inputs. Please use the provided QR to submit your feedback before December 5th, 2025, to be included in the Phase 1 Survey.
- Phase 2: [February 2026] Second survey opens for community input
- Phase 3: [May 2026] Third survey opens for community input
- Phase 4: [June 2026] Design review final plan

SSPR has provided a list of items to consider for the park project and is requesting community input on preferences and recommendations.

The following is the list of items.

- Nature play area; Dog park off-leash area; public Art; board-walk; enhanced natural areas; Creek interaction; outdoor fitness; bicycle playground; shade shelters; outdoor classroom; pollinator habitats; educational signage; social recreation; skate park; community lawn; restroom facility; and nature blinds.”

We are asking the other HOAs to participate in a meeting with YOU, our residents, featuring a presentation on January 17th at the Lone Tree Library from 2-3 pm. Please use the provided QR to submit your input before December 5th, 2025, to be included in the Phase 1 Survey.

Sweetwater Park Project Survey

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SSPR Report

At the Board of Directors meeting on November 12th, we learned that Jackass Hill Park is being upgraded and renovated. There will not be many changes. We learned that the AI department estimates the number of people using the Parks. Concerns were raised about the parks not being properly lit, motorbikes in the parks, and nighttime visitors breaking into homes in some communities. Public hearings are being announced in newspapers and on social media.

We have four active projects around us: (1) Sweetwater Park, (2) Dutch Brothers at the Kohl's parking lot. Send your questions and comments to Bobby Weidmann (association planner) at 720-509-1148, Bobby.Weidmann@cityoflonetree.com. (3) Altair Park improvements, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Senior Park Planner, Joe Odrzywolski, JOdrzywolski@ssprd, and (4) "Hawkview at Willow Creek" Townhomes and a community are being built off of Park Meadows Drive and Willow Creek Trail.

We were surprised to learn that SSPR will not be mowing the Acres Green drive because it is designated as open space. They do have an updated plan to mow only the edges. We are asking when this happened and how the SSPR can be so neglectful of the main drive into our community.

We did hear from SSPR about the maintenance of the Acres Green Drive trees: "The forestry team will continue to prune the trees in the median as needed. They climbed up the tree next to the sign as requested earlier. Other than our periodic maintenance of these trees, we do not have a plan."

We also heard back about the Acres Green Drive maintenance: "Earlier this year, South Suburban adopted a new Open Space Management Plan (<https://www.ssprd.org/Sustainability>). This Open Space Management Plan is in line with the surrounding areas in Jefferson County, Arapahoe County, Highlands Ranch, and Ken

Caryl's Open Space Management. As part of this Open Space Management Plan, we schedule 2-3 edge mowings per year. Staff should be in the area of this median shortly and will conduct their third curb/edge mowing. For weed control, we apply once in the Springtime and once again in the Fall, as these are the most beneficial times of year for these applications. We conduct tree maintenance, in this median, on an as-needed basis because this is not an irrigated location."

Acres Green History

Knowing the history of Acres Green is like opening a treasure chest—full of surprises you never expected. Did you know our neighborhood has stories going back decades, from empty fields and dirt roads to the vibrant, lively community we celebrate today? So many stories of our community have been lost over time. Help us start a community stories log to capture and celebrate them – share your memories and be part of preserving our history, send to aghoapresident1053@gmail.com and/or aghoavicepres@gmail.com. Thanks to Sara Klassen for doing some research, and according to County records, the following were some of the first homes sold in Acres Green:

- 1st sale: 745 Omega Ln, Lone Tree, CO 80124
Sold 12/30/1974 for \$40,895. It is a two-story.
- 2nd sale: 195 Olympus Circle, Littleton, CO 80124
Sold 12/31/1974 for \$29,700. It is a bi-level.
- 3rd sale: 581 Helena Cir, Lone Tree, CO 80124
Sold 1/3/1975 for \$32,000. It is a tri-level.

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Winter Safety For Our Dogs

By Susan Bero

We have had a mild winter so far, but let's be prepared for when the freezing weather hits. Here are four things you can do to make sure your dog is safe and happy this winter.

- 1. Limit outdoor time when temperatures drop.** Wind chills can threaten a dog's life. Keep walks short and consider that dogs with thin coats may need a sweater or jacket.
- 2. Protect paws.** When you come in from outside, wipe their paws in case they came into contact with antifreeze or road salt/chemicals. You don't want them licking that off later. Ensure pads are free of snow or ice buildup and inspect for cracks. You may need paw balm, coconut oil, or aloe vera. Booties can help keep pets' feet warm—and prevent mud from tracking indoors—while also protecting them from ice and sharp objects hidden in the snow.
- 3. Your dog may need more food.** Trying to stay warm depletes your dog's energy. Also, make sure there is plenty of water.
- 4. Keep your dog close when outside.** Hazards such as frozen rivers, ponds, or lakes may be covered in snow and not easily visible. They could potentially fall through the thin ice and put themselves at risk of drowning. Even if they manage to make it out of the icy water, they may suffer from hypothermia, which can be fatal.

Keep these tips in mind and have a fun winter!

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AGHOA Treasurer Report: November 16, 2025

Ending Balance as of: August 14, 2025 **\$4,112.68**

Date	Deposits:	
Aug 2025	GoDaddy Memberships Payment Received	115.62
Sept 2025	GoDaddy Membership Payments Received	77.08
	Total Deposits:	192.70
	Chk#: Withdrawals:	
7/4/2025	Visa 4th of July	8.58
7/15/2025	Visa So. Suburban Park & Rec	80.00
8/17/2025	Visa Sam's Club (Block Party)	145.36
8/18/2025	Visa Sam's Club (Block Party)	40.98
8/19/2025	Visa Sam's Club (Returned Items)	(116.24)
8/25/2025	Visa Sam's Club (Pirate Nite/Trunk or Treat)	29.71
10/27/2025	1217 Waste Connections (Dumpster Day)	830.00
11/16/2025	1218 Newsletter Connections (October)	305.00
11/16/2025	1219 Mona Buethel (Welcome packet supplies)	64.42
	Total Withdrawals:	1,387.81
	Available funds as of: November 16, 2025	2,917.57
	ADD: Twelve Month CD - Matures 10/21/2026	1,179.52
	ADD: Nine Month CD - Matures 7/20/2026	1,649.11
	ADD: Twelve Month CD - Matures 04/19/2026	1,699.94
	Ending Balance as of: November 16, 2025	7,446.14

2025 Acres Green Housing Market – Year in Review

As we wrap up the year, it’s exciting to look back on how our local housing market performed in 2025. Our neighborhood saw 41 homes successfully close, a slight increase compared to 38 total sales in 2024, showing continued movement and strong buyer interest. The average closed price adjusted slightly from \$578,585 in 2024 to \$568,565 in 2025, while still reflecting solid neighborhood value and demand.

The spring market once again proved to be our most active period, with April, May, and June leading the year in total sales. We also saw a notable swing in average Days on Market, with March reaching a high of 52 days, while April moved at lightning speed with an average of just 4 days. Currently, there are a few active listings that have been on the market for 100+ days, which will likely cause November and December to finish as the highest Days on Market average for the year – a reminder that timing, pricing, and preparation remain key in any market.

As we close out the year, I want to wish each of you a joyful holiday season filled with peace, connection, and gratitude.

If you’re curious about your current home value, how today’s market conditions apply to your specific property, or if you’re considering a move in 2026, I’d love to help you create a smart, personalized plan. Don’t hesitate to reach out – I’m always here as a resource and neighbor.

CURRENT ACTIVE AND UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

Status	Address	Original List Price	Current Price	Bed	Bath	Total Sq. Ft.	Days In MLS
Active	13134 Deneb Drive	588,900	615,000	4	2	1,990	59
Active	789 Hamal Drive	575,000	585,000	4	3	2,288	69
Active	13542 Achilles Drive	589,000	600,000	4	2	1,955	150
Active	181 Dianna Drive	565,000	565,000	5	2	1,938	65
Active	13483 Achilles Drive	549,000	600,000	4	2	1,762	162
Active	108 Olympus Circle	539,000	589,900	4	2	1,950	131
Active	130 Dianna Drive	529,990	565,000	3	2	1,955	59
Active	13117 Deneb Drive	475,000	495,000	5	2	1,804	25
Pending	979 Mercury Circle	567,000	567,000	3	4	2,288	16

SOLD LISTINGS Sept 15, 2025 – Nov 17, 2025

Address	Sold Price	List Price	Bed	Bath	Total Sq. Ft.	Days in MLS	Sold Date
202 Helena Circle	565,000	590,000	4	2	1,990	25	11/4/25
13581 Achilles Drive	580,000	610,000	5	2	1,990	18	9/15/25
13246 Deneb Drive	535,000	615,000	4	2	1,990	58	10/6/25
336 Aquarius Court	520,000	525,000	4	2	1,764	15	10/24/25
426 Jupiter Drive	517,000	570,000	4	2	2,897	14	10/31/25
250 Jupiter Drive	515,000	515,000	3	2	1,956	4	10/30/25

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A Little Bit About Me...

I’ve been a proud resident of Acres Green, living on Saturn Drive since 2015. My husband and I, along with our two boys (ages 9 and 11), absolutely love the sense of community here—the friendly neighbors, beautiful parks, and all the amenities that make this area so special.

I grew up in Littleton and became a Realtor in 2012. I’m passionate about helping my clients achieve their real estate dreams. Whether you’re buying, selling, or just curious about the market, I’m here to guide you every step of the way. It’s an honor to serve such a wonderful community, and I look forward to continuing to be your trusted real estate resource!

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