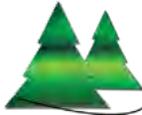


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April 2021



South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program

By Ron Brink

Back in 2020 the AGHOA submitted an application to South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program. Due to the pandemic, the program was suspended for last year. So this year we have been advised that our application will be considered again.

The Matching Gifts Program through South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, provides a way for individuals, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, and other organizations to join with South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) in the development of their particular projects.

Projects that are less than \$2,000 are more likely to be approved for funding than requests in excess of that amount. The AGHOA has, over the years, submitted suggestions. Some have been approved and some not.

Some projects that have been approved were for the picnic table in the rest area next to the trail on the east side of the neighborhood. Another was for the covered picnic table and barbecue stand in Altair Park.

Our proposal was for the redesign of both the north and east entrances around the Acres Green signs. These two areas, especially the north entrance, need a makeover. The ugly green bushes have grown over the years to the point they obscure the sign.

As a result, we have worked with Larry Hurd, the horticulturalist from SSPR. He has come up with a plan to reinvigorate both entrances. We should hear if our plan is approved sometime in March or early April. The cost for the project is roughly \$1,700. If approved the AGHOA would be responsible for about \$850.

Here are some pictures of plants suggested for the redesign of the gardens.



Hardy Plumbago (ground cover)



Missouri Evening Primrose



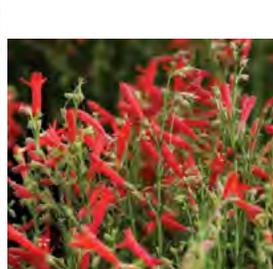
Autumn Joy Sedum



Daphne Spirea



Miniature Snowflake
Mock Orange



Penstemon



Shenandoah Switch grass



Japanese Forest Grass

AGHOA Meeting: April 15, 2021 ♦ Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: either online through ZOOM or at The Hub, 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124 check on Nextdoor for location.

Community Calendar Events & Activities

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
April 15	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM
May 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the June 2021 Greenleaf Contact Jean Henke	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed
May 20	5 p.m.	Deadline for commercial & classified ads for the June 2021 Greenleaf For more information: contact Kerri at: 720-295-2649, or kerri@porchlink.com	Porchlink Media: 6525 Gunpark Dr. #370-133 Boulder, CO 80301
June 4 & 5	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Annual Neighborhood Garage Sales: Residents are encouraged to post their sales on Nextdoor & Craigslist.	Various locations throughout the community.
June 12 tentative	9 a.m.	Dumpster Day—hoping to have shredding and electronic recycling also	Acres Green Elementary School. AGHOA Members can use the dumpster for Free
June 17	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM
July 3 Saturday	10 a.m.	Acres Green Independence Day Car Parade	Starting from Acres Green Elementary School, going throughout the neighborhood.

2021 Members

Provided by Lenora Starr

Please see the 2021 Acres Green Home Owners' Association Current Membership in the printed newsletter.

Paid members will be able to use the dumpster free of charge in June. Charges may apply to electronics recycling if we have that available.



Jim Hope
ACC

Updates from the

Architectural Control Committee

Yes, Spring is upon us and what a good feeling it is! Keep in mind that significant snow can still fall in April (our 2nd heaviest month), but it is a good time to plan and begin any outdoor projects.

Thank you to those of you who have shared potential plans with me for out buildings and workshops. My goal is to help you understand Douglas County codes and regulations. Also, to help you navigate through the paperwork required by the County. Hopefully you have found the people at the Building Dept friendly and helpful.

Couple of notes based on the covenants for each filing:

Sheds and other buildings should conform to the setbacks on sides and rear of property lines. i.e. No building shall be located nearer than (5 feet to an interior lot line for filings 1 through 4), (8 feet to an interior lot line for filings 5 & 6). No building shall be located on any interior lot nearer than (15 feet to the rear lot line for filings 1 through 4) (25 feet to the rear lot line for filings 5 & 6).

You can check your covenants to determine what filing you are in.

Do not assume the fences are on the property line. Rolloff dumpsters and containers are allowed on your property, not on the street, per Douglas County codes. Douglas County has the authority to enforce their codes.

Just as a reminder; if you have any doubts about a project, even inside your home, contact or visit the Douglas County Building Dept in Castle Rock. Their number is 303-660-7497 – Dial 0 for Building Dept. You can also contact me and I will do my best to help you and point you in the right direction

My contact information is below:

Jim Hope | Email: acresgreenacc@gmail.com | Phone: 720-810-4032

AGHOA Meeting: April 15, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: either online through ZOOM or at The Hub, 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124 check on Nextdoor

The AGHOA meets the third Thursday of most even numbered months. The next AGHOA meeting is scheduled for: June 17.

NOTE MEETING LOCATION: may be on ZOOM.COM or at the HUB. Please check Nextdoor for the location.

Agenda

- Upcoming events: Garden Clean-up, Dumpster Day, Garage Sales, etc.
- Building around us
- Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
- Other business



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Mail to: AGHOA, c/o Sandy Inglis, 13183 Canopus Dr., Littleton, CO 80124. Make checks payable to: Acres Green Home Owners' Association (AGHOA). Or pay through **PayPal**, see information in below.

To remain current as a member in the AGHOA you must pay dues annually. Homeowners Only! Join Today!
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AGHOA Membership Dues: Membership Dues are voluntary and run on a calendar year of January-December. Dues paid October, November and December will be counted for the following calendar year. You have two methods to pay for your annual membership; through PayPal or by check using the form in this newsletter.

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The Good and the Bad

By Ron Brink

The Bad.

In my last bee article, I wrote about the death of both of our hives from the bad freeze/wind we had late last year. It was really disheartening to see the top of one hive blown off, but more so was to find all the bees were dead. Both Jean and I discussed what to do next, and we decided that we would give it one more try this spring.

When the weather got better (some days) I started to take the hives apart and to get the frames and boxes ready for the new bees. It was somewhat depressing to find the bees were dead. On some frames there was a huddled mass, 10-15 bees, where they died in place. We were really disappointed in the type of bee.

When we first started five or so years ago, we went with Italian bees. Last year we decided to try a different variant of bee; Carniolan bees. We were led to believe that they were heartier and more capable of surviving the arid weather of Colorado. Not so much. So as of this writing, I'm still in the process of getting ready for the new bees.

The Good.

After the downer of losing the two hives, something positive did happen. As I wrote, they died, not of starvation, but from cold and wind. What they left behind was honey and quite a bit of honey.

After I started cleaning out the dead bees, from the 32 frames (16 frames in each hive) we were able to scrouge up enough frames to harvest honey! I guesstimate we had maybe 6 frames worth of honey.

So the week before the big blizzard when the temperature got into the 60's, Jean and I started to "spin" the frames. When it was all said and done, we were able to gather just a little over three quarters of a gallon of honey.

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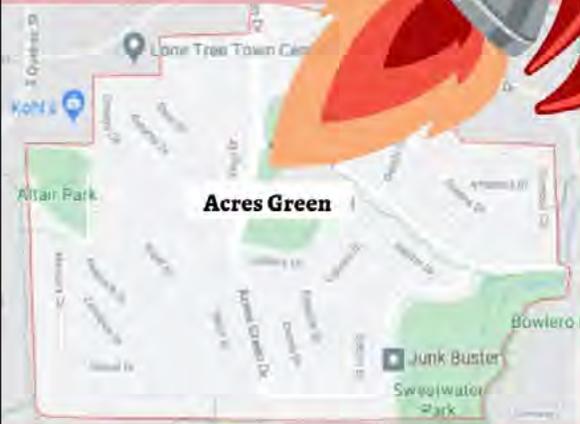
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\$460,000	283 Maximus Drive	4	3	One	1,764	1/15/2021
\$480,000	13610 Achilles Drive	4	2	One	1,764	3/3/2021
\$515,000	13174 Rigel Drive	5	2	One	2,737	1/15/2021

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Please see Teen Services in
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Acres Green Home Models

Provided by Jean Henke

I am reprinting the original layouts for homes in Acres Green as space permits. Some residents would like to do some remodeling and knowing the name of the model will be helpful to start a conversation with others in the community.

I encourage folks to use *Nextdoor* to set up a group to discuss remodeling ideas.

Hickory Hill—No layout was available for this style ☹



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AGHOA Minutes

Provided by Jean Henke

The last Acres Green Home Owners' meeting was held via ZOOM on Feb. 18.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Karen needs to opt out of being President of the AGHOA. Karen has been serving the community in that capacity for the past 10 years. We are all so grateful for her dedication to our community.

In the absence of any current volunteers for the position, it was suggested that each of the officers take on a portion of the responsibilities. As such, Matt (our Vice President) will set up upcoming meetings. Sandy (our Treasurer) will contact the trash companies for our upcoming Dumpster Days. Mona has volunteered to work on the Welcome Committee. She mentioned she will be looking for items to put in welcome packages.

Garage Sales are scheduled for June 4 & 5.

Tentatively we hope to have the next Dumpster Day on June 12th, if we can get the trash company to agree. As usual, members will be able to take advantage of Dumpster Day, **free of charge**. Officers will be available to accept memberships on dumpster day.

June 12th would also be Front Garden Clean Up Day.

Karen mentioned that Metrum is willing to pay \$600 toward the paper shredding truck. We hope to have electronics recycling, shredding and the dumpster on the same day.

The Independence Day parade is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, July 3rd. We hope to have a car parade through the neighborhood as a part of the celebrations. We are looking to Bob and Ron to organize that portion of the celebration. Karen will likely organize the Metrum activities for the day.

Committee Status: Sandy presented the Treasurer's report, a copy is included in this newsletter. There were 32 paid memberships plus those uncounted from Paypal at the last meeting. A list of members for 2021 is printed in this newsletter. Jim reported receiving several calls from residents regarding what to do regarding things like "a neighbor's tree falling on their property" and several calls regarding whether or not they needed a permit.

Regarding "Building around us" we have heard that the old Sears building (formerly known as the Purple Palace), would become a home decorating place. The new Scandinavian design store will be opening soon across the road from King Soopers.

AGHOA Treasurer Report: February 18, 2021

Ending Balance as of: October 22, 2020 \$3,182.37

Date:	Deposits:	
12/15/2020	2021 HOA Dues	\$520.00
2/15/2021	2021 HOA Dues	\$265.00
	Total Deposits	\$785.00
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12/7/2020 EFT	Xcel Energy/Oct-Nov billing	\$29.51
2/8/2021 EFT	Xcel Energy/Dec-Jan billing	\$40.22
2/15/2021 1336	Porchlink/December & February Greenleaf	\$384.50
2/15/2021 1337	Waste Connections/September Dumpster Day	\$800.00
	Total Withdrawals:	\$1,254.23
	Available funds as of: February 18, 2021	\$2,713.14
	ADD: Twelve Month CD - Matures 10/21/2021	\$1,066.90
	ADD: Twelve Month CD - Matures 04/20/21	\$1,595.83
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Seniors Activities Corner

By **Mona Beuthel** Contact Mona at: IamMonaB@gmail.com or at 303-919-9644. Let her know what kind of information you are looking for in the senior section.

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Indoor Air Pollution and Seniors

Poor indoor air quality can be detrimental to the health of senior citizens. Here are some tips for improving indoor air quality.

1. Use natural ventilation. Opening windows and doors can clear the air, or spot-ventilate at some common pollution sources, like kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans and dryer vent are working properly. These fans remove moisture that could lead to mold growth.

2. Change the furnace and air-conditioner filters. Forced-air heating and cooling systems filters should be changed regularly, at least at the start of the heating season and the cooling season if a central air-conditioner is part of the system.

3. Use non-polluting products. Limit indoor air pollution by cutting down on the products that can cause the pollution. Paints, adhesives, cleaning products, solvents and building products, also carpets and other types of flooring, can produce fumes that may be harmful. Look for low-VOC products (volatile organic compounds). Most VOCs are harmless, but some can produce dizziness, headaches, eye and nose and throat irritation.

4. Test and monitor. Have your home tested for radon and install carbon monoxide detectors.

Radon is an odorless, invisible gas that is a byproduct of the decay of uranium that occurs naturally in some soil. If it finds its way into your home, it can lead to serious illness. You can do the test yourself, and test kits are relatively inexpensive.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is another odorless, invisible gas that can cause you harm. CO is

a byproduct of combustion, and there are a number of possible in-home sources, including unvented kerosene heaters, fireplaces, gas-fired water heaters and space-heating equipment that are not properly vented.

A car idling in an attached garage can also be the cause of CO in the home. A CO detector will alert you to a problem before it can harm you. Many building codes require CO detectors in new homes. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends installing one on every level of your home.

Indoor Gardening for Seniors: Health Benefits and Tips to Get Started

According to a study by the Journal of Preventative Medicine Reports, growing plants improves mood, lowers anxiety and increases wellness.

Nurturing plants also helps maintain existing skills that provide pleasure and confidence at a time when memory loss or physical decline can affect people's self-confidence.

Spending daily time with plants may reduce the likelihood of dementia by up to 36%, according to a 16-year study of 2,800 seniors conducted at St. Vincent's Hospital in New South Wales, Australia.

Nurturing plants provides similar satisfaction to caring for another human, and is a great way to maintain the physical and emotional benefits of the nurturing experience.

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New Friends: And in the process of getting out we communicate more with others and make new friends.

New Interests: Our pets drag us into new interests in many ways. Maybe making homemade treats, clothes, leashes, perches, blankets or shelters. You never know where they might lead you.

Protection: Whether Dog, Cat or Bird, they will offer their best contribution to defending the turf. Listen and let them be a part of the defense team in your home.

Care: When we must care for something, it brings us to a position of caring for all things great and small. The receiving is in the giving. Caring is a gift to both the cared for and the caregiver. Investing in a Life diverts attention to the opposite. Giving attention to life gives back to you great and small. The receiving is in the giving. Caring is a gift to both the cared for and the caregiver. Giving attention to life gives back to you.

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- 1. Spring brings out the most buyers** – We are very fortunate to have great weather all year long and Spring is still the most active time in the Real Estate market. In Spring, the days are longer, and the weather makes people want to get outside and look at homes.
- 2. Buyers want to time their move with the school year** – Many buyers start their search in Spring expecting to purchase no later than Summer. Giving themselves a couple months to get acclimated to their new home and neighborhood before the school year starts.
- 3. More buyers means more potential offers** – Nothing is better for a seller than multiple offers and a bidding war. More buyers means more potential offers. Spring is the time that will most likely occur.