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Community Garage Sales:
September 11th & 12th, 2020
4th of July Children's parade
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AUGUST 2020



Karen Padrevita

Slow Down Summertime!

When you read this it will be August, and I hope that you all have had a great summer getting out and enjoying time with your friends and family.

Our 4th of July celebration was definitely different than past years, but still turned out to be a wonderful day. It was fun to be a part of the car parade that took us around the community and see neighbors out waving. With a little more practice, we plan to continue on with this new tradition, in addition to the Chalk Art Contest. Check out the photos in the newsletter.

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Vehicle Parade Around the Neighborhood



Provided by Jean Henke

These are some of the great vehicles that participated in our 4th of July Parade this year. What a great time even though two of the vehicles didn't make it all the way around.

It was great to see so many neighbors come out to wave us on! Where else can you just open your front door to see a parade go by. Can't wait to do it again next year. We hope more will join us.



AGHOA Meeting: October 15, 2020 ♦ 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
September 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the October 2020 <i>Greenleaf</i> Contact Jean Henke	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed
September 20	5 p.m.	Deadline for commercial & classified ads for the October 2020 <i>Greenleaf</i> For more information: contact Kerri at: 720-295-2649, or kerri@porchlink.com	Porchlink Media: 6525 Gunpark Dr. #370-133 Boulder, CO 80301
September 11 & 12	All Day	Community Garage Sale	Various Homes in Acres Green
September 19	9-11 am	Community Clean up with Trash Truck, Paper Shredding and E-Recycling AND Front Garden Fall Clean Up	Acres Green Elementary School AND Front Garden on Acres Green Drive and Apollo Ct.
October 15	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM
December 15	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM

Neighborhood Garage Sales

By Jean Henke

We postponed our annual Neighborhood Garage Sales this spring due to COVID-19.

So, we are now scheduling the sales for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12. Of course we urge everyone to follow the state and county guidelines to keep everyone safe assuming we are still trying to fight COVID-19.

Just a reminder that you can post your sale on Nextdoor and on Craigslist to have more participation.



Slow Down Summertime!



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Coming up next are the Neighborhood Garage Sale and then Trash Truck/Garden Day.

The Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday Sept. 11 and 12. AGHOA volunteers will help with publicizing the sales with banners set up at the entrances to the neighborhood and posting online through Craigslist and NextDoor. It is a great opportunity to have multiple sales in the neighborhood at one time to help attract shoppers!

if you've been wanting to set up a sale this summer, this would be the perfect weekend. Remember you can post your own sale on Nextdoor and Craigslist for more traffic.

Our next 'Trash Truck' Day is scheduled for Sept. 19 from 9:00- 11:00 am. **We are looking for sponsors to support the funding needed for a Paper Shredding Truck (\$750) and eWaste Truck (\$750). If you have a local business that would like to sponsor part of this event, please contact us at boardofdirectors@acresgreen.org for more details.** We would love to support the promotion of your business through the newsletter and NextDoor postings as we continue announcing the event details.

Remember, to be able to organize and pay for these events, it takes paid dues to make it happen. Please consider joining the community! To pay your voluntary annual dues, go to www.acresgreen.org and scroll down to the PayPal link. AND- you do not have to be a homeowner to participate!!! Renters are part of our community too, and you are welcome to participate with our events with the voluntary membership dues.

Welcome Committee

New to the community or know of someone who is?

Please contact **Jim Stern** through Nextdoor, or the AGHOA website. He'll get a welcome package out so you can welcome a new neighbor.



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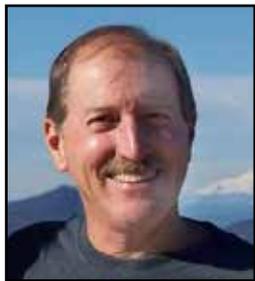
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THANK YOU!

Editor Jean Henke, with thanks to Ron Brink, Karen Padrevita, and Lenora Starr for their help with this issue!



Jim Hope
ACC

Updates from the Architectural Control Committee

By Jim Hope

In Acres Green we continue to have lots of activity related to the hail damage from almost a year ago. Folks are replacing roofs, siding and various door and window trim in multiple locations. None of the above listed requires ACC approval, if no structural modifications are made, but we

are always glad to assist you if you have questions. Douglas County Building Dept Permits are required, however, so be sure you or your contractor has pulled the required permits.

Thanks to the folks that are replacing their damaged fences and to those that are doing general yard cleanup. It inspires us all when we live in a clean and organized environment.

Douglas County's Stage 1 Fire Restrictions have now been increased to Stage 2, as of July 2nd for all of unincorporated Douglas county, which includes Acres Green.

STAGE 2 Restrictions include:

Not allowed:

- Open burning of any kind.
- Use of fireworks – including professional firework displays
- Use of fires in chimineas, other portable fireplaces or patio fire pits.
- Campfires at developed campgrounds or picnic areas.

Allowed:

- Fires within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, grills, fire pits or other gas or liquid fueled appliance.
- Residential use of charcoal grill fires when such use is supervised by a responsible party at least 18 years of age.
- Fires contained within fire places and wood burning stoves within buildings only.

South Metro Fire has been on alert since the brush fire in Highlands Ranch in late June, and several fires cause by fireworks in July. Please be safe. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.southmetro.org/DocumentCenter/View/1540/Recreational-Fires?bidId=>

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. They work well with homeowners. You can also contact me, and I will do my best to help you and point you in the right direction.

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Mail to: AGHOA, c/o Sandy Inglis. 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!

When volunteering for a committee deduct \$10 from dues.

Indicate: Family Individual or Senior

I volunteer to serve the community in the following way: _____

Name _____ Spouse (significant other) _____

Street Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address: _____

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.

To pay by PayPal, visit www.acresgreen.org/membership.html

Choose which level of membership and select **Pay Now**

- \$25 Family • \$15 Individual • \$5.00 Senior (65 and older)

If you don't have a PayPal account, complete the payment details under 'PayPal Guest Checkout'

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Interested in making a donation? Thank you!

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AGHOA Meeting Minutes

Provided by Karen Padrevita

The last AGHOA meeting was held via Zoom. In attendance were Angela, Matt, Karen and Kim Ransom.

We started with upcoming events and the 4th of July. Karen learned what some other communities are doing in regards to their neighborhood events and how to still support physical distancing.

One community is doing a vehicle parade around the main streets of the entire neighborhood and sponsored a chalk art contest. We found these to be great ideas and decided to organize our own at Acres Green.

Karen will get notices out to organize the parade route and participants and details about the chalk art contest.

We will have 6 prizes for the chalk art, with the grand prize being a US Flag that was flown over the State Capital, with a certificate! Kim Ransom will be sponsoring that prize and the remaining 5 prizes will be \$10 gift cards to DQ sponsored by Angela Thompson with Keller Williams Real Estate.

For the Chalk Art Contest, we can have neighbors who participate, email a photo of their artwork to the Board of directors group email address.

The next event coming up will be our Neighborhood Garage Sale on Sept. 11 and 12. Following that is the Dumpster Day and Garden Clean-up scheduled for Sept. 19.

Buzz Update:

Ron Brink



Summer has finally arrived!

As I noted in the last article, we split the hive and Jean was the winner – we were able to split the hive successfully, and so we now have two hives.

Those of you that have hives can probably attest to what happened this past spring. We had a hard freeze/frost that basically killed all the flowers or buds that were about to open. We lost the buds from our pear, cherry and apple trees as well as the apricot tree that was going to be spectacular.

When I walk the parks in Acres Green, especially Maximus Trail, the oak trees don't even have acorns for the squirrels. That's how bad it was this spring. As a result, we found that the bees, though very active, haven't stored up as much honey as we expected by the middle of July, so the jury is still out on if one or both hives will survive the winter. We may be feeding them just to keep them alive.

Keep your fingers crossed because at this point we won't be harvesting any honey this year.

If any of the other beekeepers in the neighborhood have seen changes to their hives, I would love to hear from you. You can send me an e-mail



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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. Dates for 2020 are: Oct. 15, Dec. 17. **NOTE MEETING LOCATION: may be on ZOOM.COM or at the HUB. Please check Nextdoor for the location.**

Agenda

- Wrap up of the latest events (Sept. Garage Sales, Garden Clean-up & Dumpster Day)
- Building around us
- Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
- Other business

Nextdoor

Acres Green



The Nextdoor website is a FREE private social networking site for Acres Green residents. It has been great for people sharing information, offering items for free or for sale, finding lost pets, recommending restaurants and services, joining the Neighborhood Watch and much more!

We are pleased that many of you have signed up and are sharing information in our neighborhood.

If you are interested in checking out this

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Letters to the editor should be addressed to: Jean Henke

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Acres Green
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 ART
 CONTEST
 WINNERS



The Kirkpatrick Family
 1st Place

Provided by Karen Padrevita

The Kirkpatrick Family was awarded 1st Prize, a US Flag that was flown over the State Capital, with a certificate! Kim Ransom, Colorado State Representative, sponsored this prize.



The Paliga Family

Remaining prizes were \$10 gift cards to DQ sponsored by Angela Thompson with Keller Williams Real Estate. Those winners are pictured here.



The Marchese Family



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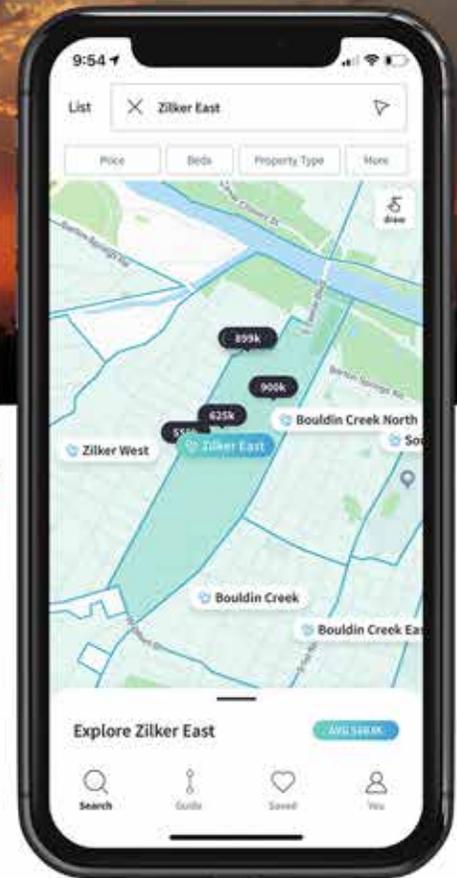


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\$410,000	501 Helena Circle	4	2	Ranch	1,933	3/24/20
\$418,000	483 Helena Circle	5	2	Bi-Level	1,988	4/3/20
\$424,000	434 Neptune Court	4	2	Bi-Level	1,764	4/13/20
\$426,000	801 Altair Drive	4	3	Tri-Level	2,823	4/27/20
\$422,000	299 Jupiter Drive	4	2	Ranch	1,764	4/27/20
\$425,000	13143 Acres Green Drive	4	2	Bi-Level	1,764	4/30/20
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Hunters Hill	\$10	275
ALL OF Centennial	\$60	2,904

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Stroh Ranch	\$25	2,400
Pradera	\$25	550

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Blackstone	\$25	1,306
Saddle Rock East & South	\$25	1,566
Saddle Rock North	\$25	663
Tallyn's Reach	\$25	1,314
Murphy Creek	\$20	1,400
The Farm at Arapahoe CO	\$10	1,500
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Sapphire Pointe	\$15	800
Founders Village	\$15	2,200
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The Teen Services listing is offered and maintained by the Homeowners Association, and is not a service of Porchlink Media, LLC. Any misuse of the listing should be reported immediately to the Homeowners Association.



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- Include information about the time of day and date of the problem.
- Leave your name and contact information.

Complaints about drivers on Nextdoor are not monitored by the sheriff's office.

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WORKING IN ACRES GREEN

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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.

Price Sheet

THE COSMOPOLITAN SET

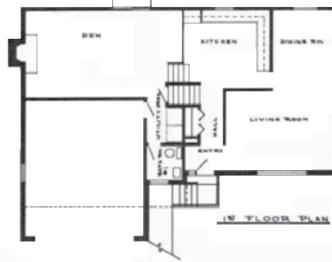
PLAN	NAME	PRICE
309-C-1	THE Wildwood	\$40,495
309-A	THE Oakwilde	\$44,350
309-B-1	THE Cedarpine	\$46,500
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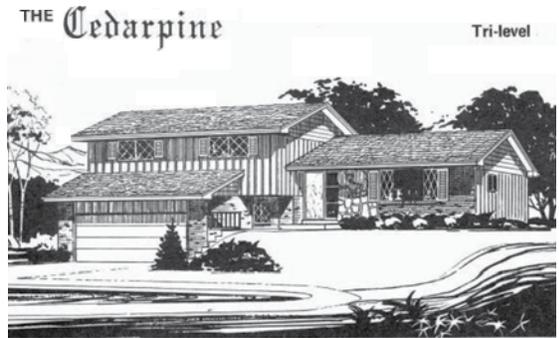


LOWER LEVEL PLAN

4 Bed Rooms – 3 Baths
4th Level Basement
Large Beautiful Kitchen



Drawings are an Artist's Conception and are not intended to show specific architectural detail.



Tri-level



South Suburban News

For more information, please visit www.ssprd.org | 303.798.5131

For a list of current openings and regulations for all South Suburban facilities, visit ssprd.org/Safe-Return.

Safety has been a top priority for South Suburban this summer. We hope you've enjoyed our new outdoor pools, summer camps and much more! Please know we are committed to meeting and exceeding all government mandates to minimize the spread of COVID-19 for both participants and staff.

Moving forward, we ask that you stay home if you are sick or exhibit symptoms, and follow all safety precautions and requirements. We encourage you to visit <https://www.ssprd.org/safe-return> for the most up-to-date information regarding facilities and programs. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your community and we look forward to seeing you soon.

West Fork Disc Golf Course is Open:

After several months of construction, the final touches have been completed at West Fork Disc Golf Course. The new course is located at 9095 S. Broadway in Highlands Ranch and is a partnership between the Highlands Ranch Metro District and South Suburban.

The 18-hole public course, designed by John Bird and Birdie Disc Golf LLC, features a mix of open shots and more technical areas. It offers something both for recreational players and those with more experience. It is free for drop-in use.

As a reminder, please enjoy the outdoors responsibly. Wear a mask when around people outside of your household, stay six feet apart, clean your hands frequently and stay home if you are sick. Users should bring their own water. A restroom, bike rack and skateboard rack are available in the parking lot.

All Four Outdoor Pools Open in August: Take advantage of the warm summer weather and visit one of South Suburban's four outdoor pools. Franklin, Harlow and Holly pools were completely rebuilt this year and feature new and improved amenities, including water slides, wading pools and shade structures. Visit each pool page to make a reservation. Cook Creek Pool in Lone Tree is open for drop-in visits as well.

Is Your Child Ready for Preschool?

After a long summer of uncertainty, adventure awaits this fall for your child at South Suburban's state-licensed preschools. South Suburban's Child Discovery Time is the springboard to your child's education. CDT offers specialized programs for each age group, ranging from 2 ½ year olds to Pre-K students. Early learning starts at a young age and CDT offers the flexibility and convenience to make your child feel welcome.

Children will enjoy music, drama, art and computer learning games. There is a strong emphasis on building self-esteem, socialization, physical development, verbal and listening skills, math and reading readiness.

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Affordable full-day and half-day sessions available at both Lone Tree and Goodson recreation centers. For questions, contact Courtney DeOrdio at Goodson (CDeOrdio@ssprd.org/303-798-2476) or Jessica Skiera at Lone Tree (Jskiera@ssprd.org/303-708-3500).

Enjoy new, updated outdoor spaces at Chase, Foxridge, Hamlet and Harlow parks: Construction is complete at four South Suburban parks: new playground, picnic pavilion, basketball court and sweeping mountain views at Chase Park in Sheridan; a new playground and shaded pavilion at Foxridge Park in Centennial; a new basketball court and playground at Hamlet Park in Littleton; and improvements to the two ballfields and four tennis courts at Harlow Park in Littleton.

Free At-Home Fitness Classes: All four of our recreation centers are open for workouts, but if you'd rather stay home, South Suburban's fitness staff has compiled a few favorite classes that you can do with just a few modifications. Select the class, or classes, you want to take and complete all the information to participate. These classes are free and will not require any fee or admission class punch. Happy exercising!



Seniors Activities Corner

By Mona Beuthel

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

Castle Rock Senior Center

Cooking Classes, Art Classes, Education, Conversation and so much more. All on Zoom, on your phone, computer, iPad etc. devices. CRSC is offering a virtual plethora of fun things on their website for seniors to do, while staying safe at home. Check out the fun at <https://www.castlerockseniorcenter.org/events>.

Pick up activity kits at the center, done for you and ready to assemble.

- Cookie kit ready to decorate, \$20.
- Mosaic 12X12 wood kits ready to stain and assemble \$20 for one and \$35 for 1+ more.
- Paint by number on wood, 3 choices. \$15 for one and \$25 for 1+ more.

Parking Lot Bingo: August 12th at 10 AM at Castle Rock Senior Center. Zoom call on August 26th, 10AM. Login through the website.

Golf Tournament: September 2nd, at Arrowhead golf course in Littleton/Roxborough.

Safe Shopping Hours for Seniors

- King Soopers Monday and Wednesday 7:00-8:00 AM 60+
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- Walgreens Tuesday 8:00-9:00 AM 60+
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CORONA-VIRUS SUGAR COOKIES

Remain calm, and enjoy these Corona-virus cookies made with concentrated Corona beer complete with pretzel protein spikes and lime glaze single-stranded RNA. **Makes 2-1/2 dozen**

Ingredients:

- 2 (12 oz.) bottles of Corona beer (pale lager) (or if you don't want to use beer substitute, 2 Tbsp. honey/syrup)
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, room temperature
- 1/2 of a lime, zested
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Pretzel sticks, broken into thirds

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- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 of a lime, zested (reserved from dough)
- 1 lime, juiced (from the zested halves)

Directions:

Pour beer and brown sugar into a medium pot and set over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to a simmer. For approximately 30 minutes, let it reduce down to a syrup (about 2 tablespoons), keeping a close eye on it towards the end to make sure it doesn't get too thick.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, reduced beer, and lime zest until just combined. Slowly beat in flour, baking powder, and salt until it comes together into a dough.

Shape dough into two discs, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line baking sheets with parchment or silicone baking mats. On a clean, floured surface, roll out one of the discs of dough to a little less than ¼-inch thick. Cut with round cookie cutter and place on prepared cookie sheets 2 inches apart. Re-roll scraps and remaining dough to make more cut outs. Stick pretzel pieces into the dough around the edges.

Bake for 8-10 minutes, until set but not yet turning golden on the bottom edges. Let cool for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Icing: Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl until pasty. For a thicker frosting, add more powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, until you reach your desired consistency. For thinner icing add more lime juice. Decorate cooled cookies with icing and allow to firm before stacking or storing.

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