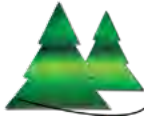


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August
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Help Us Build The Community – Get Involved

By Brandon McLaughlin

Happy Summer everyone! My name is Brandon, and I'm an AGHOA newbie. I attended my very first meeting in February (via Zoom; soooo convenient) and have enjoyed my time so far meeting neighbors and helping to plan and coordinate a number of community events this summer.

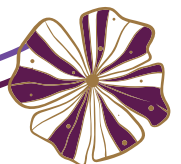
My family and I have lived in Acres Green since the summer of 2015, so you might be asking, why get involved now? Like so many folks, when my office job went 100% remote last year, I found myself spending A LOT more time walking the sidewalks of Acres Green. In spite of the difficulty and uncertainty of the year, on these walks I took heart in the feeling of community I experienced throughout the neighborhood: each of us had chosen to call AG our home, and we were all navigating this new reality together. So this year, I wondered, was there anything I could do to help support this community that had been so supportive for me last year?

Enter AGHOA.

From day 1, the AGHOA has made me feel welcome, and it's been a treat to learn more of the behind-the-scenes operations that make the neighborhood run. They've also been very open to new ideas and suggestions, including most recently, an idea I proposed for a neighborhood Water Fight following the Independence Day parade. The team was all in, and over the course of just 3 weeks, we turned that idea into a reality.

After the parade, over 150 kids and neighbors gathered at Lonesome Pine Park to enjoy some ice cream and take part in our very first Water Fight. We had 1000+ water balloons in 7 stations across the park (including one dedicated to kids 5 and under) and by the end, there wasn't a dry t-shirt on the field. Special thank you to the Pritchard and Padrevita families who helped setup, to Yogi's for their generous sponsorship of the event year after year, and for everyone who pitched in after the fight to clean up the water balloon debris on the field!

Do you have ideas or suggestions for how we might continue to build and grow community within Acres Green? If so, consider joining us at our next AGHOA meeting. We don't have a meeting in August, so the next meeting is scheduled for October 21. More information will be available on Nextdoor and in the Oct. *Greenleaf*. Hope to see you there!



AGHOA Meeting: October 21, 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
September 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the October 2021 Greenleaf Contact Jean Henke	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed
September 18	9 a.m.	Dumpster Day with Paper Shredding and Electronic recycling. Metrum Credit union is sponsoring the event by contributing to the cost. Front Garden Clean-up—at Apollo Ct. and Acres Green Dr.	Acres Green Elementary School. AGHOA Members can use the dumpster for Free. Please see information in this newsletter regarding what can be recycled and costs for some items.
September 20	5 p.m.	Deadline for commercial & classified ads for the October 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
October 21	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM

Dumpster Day September 18, 2021

Dumpster Day will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sept. 18th at the Acres Green Elementary School parking lot.

In addition to the dumpster, we will have **both paper shredding and electronic recycling available.**

Metrum Community Credit Union (MCCU) is sponsoring \$600 of the cost. The total cost is \$1,000 (\$400 for the HOA). We are grateful to Metrum Community Credit Union for their support.

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Jim Hope
ACC

Updates from the Architectural Control Committee

As we usher in summer it is an excellent time to begin those outdoor projects.

I will use some of the space in this column to provide answers to commonly asked questions regarding building and yard projects.

Fences: According to Douglas County, wooden fence posts should be dug at least 3 feet below the ground level. Placed in/surrounded by concrete is suggested, but not required. Posts in concrete tend to last twice as long. No permit is required if fence is 6 foot and under.

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I was asked if there are any summer reminders to provide. This is a short list:

- Caulk cracks in driveway.
- Clean outdoor light fixtures (especially since miller moths were invading our neighborhood last year.)
- Fertilize the lawn for 2nd time, but not if the temperature is over 80 degrees.
- Sharpen the lawn mower blade. (If the tips of the grass blades are brown after mowing, the mower blades may be dull, ripping instead of cutting the grass blades.)
- Check fences for any needed repair.

As always, my goal is to help you understand Douglas County codes and regulations and to help you navigate through the paperwork required by the County. The Building Dept people are friendly and helpful.

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.

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Acres Green Home Models

Provided by Jean Henke

In this section I am reprinting the original layout of homes in Acres Green. I encourage folks to use Nextdoor to set up a group to discuss remodeling ideas.



Drawings are an Artist's Conception and are intended to show specific architectural detail.

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AGHOA Minutes

Provided by Karen Padrevita

In attendance for the meeting on June 17 were, Karen Padrevita, Brandon McLaughlin, and Mona Beuthal. No formal agenda items were discussed due the low attendance.

There was a discussion on how things will work with the "committee." Some concerns were determining who is on the committee and a schedule for who will be writing the front page article. There will not be another meeting until October.

It was suggested that we update the contacts to the County and Lone Tree and switch out Karen's contact information. A note was sent to Matt to confirm who is receiving the e-mails on the "board of directors" e-mail. We need to remove inactive participants.

Sandy was unavailable but sent in the treasurer's report. Total deposits from dues were \$992.48. Total costs for the website, newsletter publishing, Xcel energy and SSPRD's matching gifts program costs totaled \$1,352.57. Total available funds were \$3,526.47.

The total count of memberships at the time of the meeting were 175. Additional names would be added during the coming week.

The events for the 3rd of July were discussed. Brandon asked for funding for the water balloons for the balloon fight. Karen mentioned she was trying to get in touch with our local DJ for some musical entertainment. Funding for the gift certificates for the Chalk Art contest was also discussed.

Brandon volunteered to assist with advertising for the 3rd of July event. Karen planned to put up the banners on June 29.



ACRES GREEN
Homeowners Association

AGHOA Meeting: October 21, 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: Oct 21.

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

Agenda

- Upcoming events: Dumpster Day wrap up (from the Sept. 18th event with recycling and shredding)
- Building around us
- Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
- Other business

South Suburban News

Provided by South Suburban Parks and Rec.

Fall Programs: Registration Opens July 20, Catalog Hits Homes First Week of August: We've had a blast getting back in the game all summer long, and this fall is packed with even more classes, events, and leagues. The South Suburban Fall 2021 Catalog will go live online on July 20, and the printed version will hit homes the first week of August. View and register for all of our fall programs at register.ssprd.org.

Summer 2021 Youth Art Show: The public is invited to view South Suburban's very first youth art show at Goodson Recreation Center. Art pieces from more than 20 students who participated in summer art camps at recreation centers across the District will be displayed at Goodson from August 2 – 6 for the Summer 2021 Youth Art Show. Stop by to see all of the awesome creations students in our community made this year!

What: Summer 2021 Youth Art Show

When: August 2 – 6, 2021

Where: Goodson Recreation Center (6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, CO 80121)

Bluffs 8K Trail Run: Challenge yourself with an 8K trail run around the Bluffs Regional Park in Lone Tree. Breathtaking views are complimentary! Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the race, which starts and finishes near the Prairie Sky Park parking lot. Early registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 14 and under. Learn more and register at ssprd.org/raceseries.

Who: Runners of all ages and abilities

When: August 29, 2021

Where: Bluffs Regional Park

Cost: Early registration: \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 14 & under

Annual Maintenance Closures at Recreation Centers: Each year, South Suburban closes our recreation centers to deep clean and make improvements. Passes are eligible to be used at any of the South Suburban facilities during the weekly closures. Thanks for your patience while we improve our facilities!

Lone Tree Recreation Center: Closed August 2-6. Improvements include: Maple Room Conversion to Pilates Reformer, Spin and TRX Fitness Studio; Window Repair and Replacement; Deep Pool Cleaning

Buck Recreation Center: Closed August 16-20. (pool closed August 14-22) Improvements include: Refinish Wood Floors; Re-plaster of Lap and Therapy Pools; Facility Painting Touchup

Goodson Recreation Center: Closed August 23-27. Improvements include: Refinish Wood Floors; Room 7 Conversion to MP fitness studio; Board Room Conversion to Preschool Room; Significant Carpet Replacement; PA System Upgrades; Installation of New Group Fitness Cycles; Gymnastics Equipment Upgrades; Deep Pool Cleaning; Facility Painting Touchup

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Middle of summer and all is well with the bees. So much so we have four boxes on one and three and a half boxes on the other. We did an inspection about four weeks ago and the top half box was getting full but we waited.

What we were more concerned about was whether we had a mite problem. Earlier in the season we applied a formic acid application to both hives. There are other ways to treat for mites but formic acid is one of the few ways to treat the bees when you have a super (our stash of honey) on top. It does not affect the flavor of the honey and is safe to the bees and those who eat the honey.

This past weekend we opened both hives. The super on one is maybe 2-3 frames semi-full but the other is fantastic. After checking the frames not all the honey is capped. You never want

to harvest honey with uncapped honey. Basically, it has too much moisture. We decided to leave that box on but added another half box so there was room to expand.

I mentioned we did a formic acid application in both hives so this time around we wanted to test for Varroa mites. Varroa mites are present in virtually all hives, the problem is keeping them at manageable levels. Varroa mites can kill a hive.

There are two basic ways to test for the mites: an alcohol wash or the sugar roll. We decided on the sugar roll.

To do a sugar roll you collect about 300 bees in a glass jar by smacking a good frame of capped brood (see picture) onto a plastic basin then dumping them in to a jar.

We then put two tablespoons of powdered sugar through a screen opening on the top, set the jar aside for two minutes then shaking the bees for another minute. Turn the jar over and shake the sugar and any mites that died from the sugar into another flat basin. Lastly, pour in one cup of water to dissolve the sugar and count the number of mites that you have. If you counted more than 3 (from the 300 bees you collected) you have a mite problem.

We have neither in both. We are now just making sure they have a good water supply and waiting another four weeks. Humm, I can taste the honey already.

This is a picture of an example of good brood



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A Failure To Communicate

By Ron Brink

Previously I had written an article regarding the median on Acres Green Drive and trying to bring back the intended look – wild grasses. After discussing what we wanted with South Suburban, the median started to look great, especially with all the water we have had this past spring and early summer. SSPR was not going to mow the median and all was well.

Then the other day as I was leaving the neighborhood, I saw what I thought was SSPR mowing the median. I immediately called SSPR and told them what I saw. The reaction was “What? I told the mowing crews several times NOT to mow the median.” So, I went on my merry way, somewhat miffed to what happened.

When I got home, I was called by SSPR. It wasn’t their crew! He found out who they were and had them stop. It was Douglas County Open Space who sent mowers out because they had complaints about visibility at the intersections and weeds in the median. Both issues are being addressed by South Suburban. And we hope we have a better working relationship between the two entities. Because of this cutting we now we have two different looks of the median. One by the school and the other farther down Acres Green Drive.

The bad is brown, dead and looks terrible while the other is great. Yes there is a weed problem but SSPR has a crew out to pull the noxious weeds.

As the title says; “we have a failure to communicate...” from that great movie; “Cool Hand Luke.”

So I will say this once more and hope more of the neighbors read the newsletter – the median is not going to be mowed. If you would like to call and “communicate” your concerns, please send me an email: rbrink@ix.netcom.com or give me a call 303-649-1497.

A little history on the subject. The medians were originally created with many large boulders. South Suburban took over the ownership and management of the parks, medians and some other small plots during the 1970’s. Residents requested that the medians be converted to grasses sometime in the 80’s. Since there is no water in the medians or in Maximus Trail Park, it was decided to seed with native grasses, which if maintained properly (by not mowing and allowing reseeding) will be able to survive.

Over the years the intent of this redesign has been lost and mowing has been done, which has reduced the amount of native grasses and has allowed weeds to creep in. Two years ago, the AGHOA requested that SSPR stop, yes stop, mowing the median

to allow the grasses to reseed and return it to its intended state.

Some folks had been calling SSPR complaining that the grasses are too tall and there are weeds growing in the median. SSPR has responded to those calls in the past and cut the grasses at an inappropriate time thereby not allowing the reseeding of the grasses and allowing weeds to take over and the grasses to turn brown, short and ugly.

These native grasses should look like the grasses on the open space side of the school hill and along Maximus Trail Park. SSPR has sprayed those nasty weeds that grew up along the curb edge so hopefully within a year or two we will have tall native grasses return.

I hope this helps those who call requesting the cutting of the median at inappropriate times. Please be patient and enjoy the return of those grasses.



The first picture is the way the median should look – a good look



The second picture is the way one section looks now after the errant cutting – a bad look

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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.

National Senior Citizens Day August 21

National Senior Citizens Day, is a day to let a Senior know how much you care, and it's an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. You can celebrate by giving thanks to the Senior in your life. **Gifts ideas for Seniors**

Choosing a gift for a Senior is not often easy.

- Take Them Out for a night on the town, a museum trek, to a movie.
- Share enthusiasm for their interests.
- Supplies for their hobbies can make a wonderful gift.
- Plan a day Trip.
- Give a Spa Day.
- Encourage your grandparents to become the family historians by asking them to help put together a scrapbook and record family stories.
- Give some help with New Technology.
- Cash or a gift card to their favorite store or restaurant.
- The most dazzling gift for Seniors is the gift of your time, and there are many ways you can spend quality time together.
- Give the gift of a new experience such as a paint-your-own-pottery session or skydiving lessons, you're helping them open up their world.

Highlands Ranch Beer Festival

Highlands Ranch Beer Festival will be Aug. 28, 2021. Come taste delicious beers poured by local breweries and brewpubs. In addition, there will be lawn games, live music, food, and more. **Civic Green Park 9370 Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch, 80126, 2 pm - 6pm**

Littleton Affordable Arts Festival

Over 160 fine artists from around Colorado and over 20 states. Your \$12 ticket gives you the opportunity to save hundreds of dollars with all art priced at \$100 or less. Proceeds from ticket sales go to Arapahoe Community College Foundation to help fund scholarships.

Sunday, Aug. 29, 9 am - 3 pm, \$12, Children under 12 are free

Arapahoe Community College

5900 South Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, 80120

Tickets online: www.affordableartsfestival.com/tickets \$12

29th Annual Craft Show Extraordinaire

The biggest craft event in the area, featuring 100+ vendors selling unique and handmade items plus door prizes, silent auction, wreath auction, "Grandma's Attic," "Grandma's Kitchen," and much more. Proceeds from this show benefit area senior citizens through the Castle Rock Senior Activity Center.

Nov. 6, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Free Admission, Free Parking

Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Rd., Castle Rock CO 80104

Douglas County Seniors

Douglas County is growing and getting older. By 2030, one in four Douglas County residents will be over the age of 60. Between now and 2040, the population of residents, age 70 and older, will increase by another 370 percent.

Recent surveys found that many Douglas County residents aren't aware of the services available to them or even where to start looking for help. 62 percent of seniors report having problems not knowing what services are available in their community

Older adults are staying active and engaged! Through volunteering, family caregiving, and traditional employment, adults over 60 contributed \$1.2 billion in paid and unpaid contributions to Douglas County in 2018.

www.agingresourcesdougco.org

Water in Colorado

Water may well become the most disputed natural resource of the 21st century. The legal right to divert and use water in Colorado has been debated, legislated and litigated since before the time of statehood in 1876.

Join Active Minds as we seek to understand our water history, the current challenges, and what the future holds for our use of this precious resource.

Host: Arapahoe Library District. Monday, August 16, 2021, 6:00-7:00 pm Mountain Time (webinar) Free webinar link: https://activeminds.com/events_denver.html

The Story of Salt

The word "salary" comes from "salt" and indicates the historic value placed on this important commodity.

Join Active Minds as we tell the story of salt, from its key role in preserving food, to its influence in political conflict, to modern angles including gourmet salt and health concerns surrounding high blood pressure.

Host: Windsor Gardens Thursday, August 19, 2021, 2:00-3:00 pm Mountain Time (webinar) Free webinar link: https://activeminds.com/events_denver.html

The U.S. Electric Grid

The United States electric grid is arguably the largest machine in the world, comprised of many different systems of almost unimaginable complexity that, taken together, make life as we know it possible. The transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy has further complicated the system in ways that are still being determined.

Join Active Minds as we explore how this system works, its current challenges, and its future opportunities.

When: Tuesday: Sept. 28, 2021 2:00-3:00 pm

Location: St Andrew United Methodist Church, 9203 S University Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126...

Cost: Free RSVP: Not required



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Selling Your Home?

15 Tips to Take a Good Look At!

1. Take care of your landscape. Curb appeal is very important.
2. Remove clutter. Start packing. You're moving anyway.
3. Paint your interior if it needs it. Replace that broken doorbell.
4. Hire a great Real Estate agent like myself. An experienced Realtor can often sell your home faster and for a better price than you can on your own.
5. Put up a sign in the yard. Let everyone know your selling your home.
6. Make sure your photos are exceptional.
7. Utilize video or slideshows, in addition to photos. Buyers like to take a tour before they decide to visit.
8. Make sure you are marketing using all channels – particularly online.
9. Let the sunlight in. Buying brighter light bulbs like daylight bulbs or LED bulbs make rooms look bigger.
10. Clean is very important. Make sure your kitchen, baths and carpets are spotless.
12. Address all odors. Smoke and pet odors can kill a home sale.
13. Make sure your kitchen is appealing. It is the most important room in the house.
14. Get organized. Get staged.
15. Take your pets somewhere for showings.