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#### **AGHOA Meeting:**

**October 20, 2022** 

Time: 7:00 p.m.

**Place: The Hub** 

8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124

## Acres Green 4th of July pictures

#### Provided by Karen Padrevita, JoAnn Lathrop & Brandon McLaughlin

The Fourth of July celebration in Acres Green was a wonderful hot day at Lonesome Pine Park. Ten cars participated in the parade which snaked throughout the neighborhood for about 45 minutes. Car number 10 (actually a truck) owned by Phi Nguyen won. Voting took place on the Acres Green website at: acresgreen.org See pictures of all the winners in this newsletter and on the Acres Green website.

At Lonesome Pine Park, ice cream bars were handed out to all who came out to celebrate. Rock painting for the kids and a water balloon fight at Lonesome Pine Park, sponsored by the AGHOA. During the water balloon fight a special area was set up for children under 5 years old. Brandon McLaughlin organized this event and he provided 2500 balloons to throw. Clean up was accomplished by all. This event was sponsored by the AGHOA as well.

Cold Stone Creamery gave us coupons (buy one get 2nd free) for the kids, we gave out 67. The driveway chalk contest was won by the Bradler family. The Marcheese family took 2nd place and Lathrop family 3rd place. Awards were given out at the Food Truck night July 11th. Thank you to everyone who came out.

#### WATER BALLOON FIGHT



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WATER BALLOON FIGHT

Community Calendar Events & Activities						
DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION			
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August 8	5:30—7 p.m.	Food Trucks	A. G. Elementary School Parking Lot			
Sept. 12	5:30-7 p.m.	Food Trucks	A. G. Elementary School Parking Lot			
Sept. 17	9 a.m. – 11 a.m. or until full	Dumpster Day—A trash truck will be available, free to AGHOA members. Non-members will be able to join that day and use the truck.	Acres Green Elementary School Parking Lot			
Sept. 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the Oct. 2022 Greenleaf Contact Jean Henke	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed			
Sept. 20	5 p.m.	Deadline for commercial & classified ads for the October 2022 Greenleaf	Porchlink Media:			
		For more information: contact Kerri at: 720-295-2649, or kerri@porchlink.com	6525 Gunpark Dr. #370-133 Boulder, CO 80301			
Oct. 20	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting (At this meeting we will have an election of officers. The only person at this writing who is running is JoAnn Lathrop for President).	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or on ZOOM			

## Lonesome Pine Park Improvements

Pictures and info provided by South Suburban Parks and Rec.

Ron was able to get information regarding the proposed improvements at Lonesome Pine Park from South Suburban. Below are the drawings of the plans for the redesign of Lonesome Pine Park. Demolition and construction are scheduled to begin this fall and continue through the Spring of 2023.





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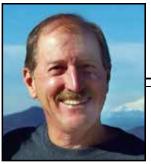
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## **Welcome Committee**

New to the community or know of someone who is?

Please contact **Mona Beuthel** at lamMonaB@gmail.com or at 303-919-9644. She'll get a welcome package out so you can welcome a new neighbor. We welcome Mona as the new director of this committee.



Jim Hope

## Updates from the **Architectural Control Committee**

Now that summer is here. I walk the neighborhood for exercise and often talk to people. Several subjects seem to arise frequently, and I have been asked to place a previous section of Douglas County regulation in the *Greenleaf* again to allow residents to gain the insight of their neighbors. Prevalent issues are

abandoned, inoperative or unlicensed vehicles and difficulty in walking on sidewalks due to unkept property. The following is a section from the Douglas County Ordinance.

Unincorporated Douglas County Ordinance - Section 2 #208 Trash, Junk, Inoperative Vehicles

No land may be used as an outside storage area for the purpose of collecting, dismantling, storing, or selling of junk, trash, rubbish, refuse of any kind, remnants of wood, metal, or plastic, discarded materials, inoperative vehicles or dismantled machinery, whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use, unless approved as a use by special review in the zoning district.

Essentially this County ordinance makes it a violation to collect inoperative vehicles, trash and junk anywhere on your property.

Several property owners are preparing plans, hiring contractors and making changes to their property, including complete landscaping projects, renovation to update kitchens and baths, adding ingress/ egress windows, and to adding new out-buildings or garages. This may be reflective of the increased value of properties in Acres

Green and the desire to stay in this friendly neighborhood.

Just a couple of notes:

- 1. Be sure your contractor (or you) display your permit for the inspector to access.
- Dumpsters for demolition material need to be on the property, not in the street.

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 for indoor and outdoor building projects.

The Douglas County Building Dept in Castle Rock can be reached at 303-660-7497 - Dial 0 for Building Dept.

Issues regarding public right-of-way (roads) are under the authority of the Douglas County Sheriff, who can be reached at a nonemergency phone number; 303-660-7505.

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Jim Hope



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### **AGHOA Membership Dues:**

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Remember members can use the roll-offs for free!

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

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Please indicate if you are making an additional donation or are paying for multiple years.

Member names may appear in a Greenleaf Newsletter unless otherwise requested.



## **AGHOA Meeting: October 20, 2022**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Place: The Hub, 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124

The AGHOA meets the third Thursday of most even numbered months. The next AGHOA meeting should be scheduled for Oct. 20. **NOTE MEETING LOCATION: at the HUB.** 

#### Agenda

- Recap on 4th of July activities & food trucks
- Upcoming events Dumpster Day Sept. 17, upcoming contests
- Building around us
- Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
- Other business

#### Median: Trees, Grasses, Bushes & Weeds

#### By Ron Brink

On Jul 20th, we met with Kale Proksch, Forestry and Open Space Manager, from South Suburban. Kale is new to SSPR and realizes that the Acres Green median has maintenance concerns that need to be addressed.

We discussed the **trees** and how the drought has stressed them to the point that many are losing branches and that the trees need trimming and some TLC. He also pointed out that we have several ash trees that are "near death" and they will be removing these, primarily due to the ash borer which will kill them anyway. The trees will be replaced with non-ash and trees that can withstand the drought.

The grasses were next. He understands that the **grasses should not be cut** and to promote healthy grasses they need to grow and drop seeds. SSPR will plan on doing an over seeding with native grass seeds.

The **juniper bushes**. If you notice at most of the cut-throughs there are juniper bushes that have taken over. The plan is to remove the junipers and replace with other drought resistant bushes.

Finally **weeds**. The primary issue are the weeds that grow next to the street. He will get the crews to mow a strip along the street to remove the weeds.

With all this said, he did want us to know, and this isn't an excuse, SSPR is having issues hiring and keeping employees much like the rest of the country. A lot of these activities will take time and most will be done later at the end of summer or beginning of fall.

He wanted us to know that our median needs attention and to give SSPR the time to work on the median issues.

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the gentleman who has been weeding along the fences on Acres Green Drive. Your efforts have greatly improved the look of Acres Green Dr. Thank you so much!



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#### Food Trucks in Acres Green

#### **Provided by JoAnn Lathrop**

Food Trucks were a success in May. Many people came out which made the event profitable for the trucks. We have two dates left this year, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12.

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## Acres Green parade & contest winners

Winner of the "Best car in the parade" vehicle number 10 owner Phi Nguyen.











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This has been an interesting early summer. I started with two hives then captured the swarm from one of my hives. That was all I wanted – right?

No, Jean received a call from a neighbor in Acres Green. She said there was a swarm in the tree right above her back fence. I suited up, put a ladder in my truck along with my trusty

5-gallon Home Depot bucket.

I drove over and sure enough there was a swarm maybe two feet from the top of her fence. I set my ladder up put the bucket under the swarm, to try to get the swarm into the bucket.

I shook the bucket and I had another swarm! I took the bucket-o-bees back to the house. I started out the spring with two extra hive boxes but I have filled them both.

So now I have four hives in my backyard. I've opened all four up and did the inspections for mites and made sure there was enough room for them to expand.

So here it is almost the middle of July, all four hives are doing great. I have already added honey to all four hives (supers are where the bees make honey just for Jean and I.)

I'm looking forward to the fall harvest and I still have almost two months to go.

I already had a new empty hive waiting so after making sure all the bees went to the bucket, I dumped the bees into the new hive. We now have three hives!



## Acres Green parade & contest winners

First Prize in the chalk art contest the Bradler family





2nd place the Marchese family





3rd place the Lathrop family





**Upcoming Contests**—look for information regarding prizes for house decoration contests including October/Halloween and Christmas in the Oct. newsletter, on the website and on Facebook.



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#### **THANK YOU!**

Editor Jean Henke, with thanks to Lenora Starr for her help with the editing of this issue!



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# Please see Teen Services in the printed newsletter.





#### **Acres Green**

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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 FREE social networking site, visit: nextdoor.com/join/QSLJBP



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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.



#### **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.

#### Shopping Extravaganza at the Castle Rock Factory Outlets

The Outlets at Castle Rocks are having their 17th Annual Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A day full of shopping, prizes, & fun, all to raise money for non-profit organizations in our local community. Tickets are \$30 each (plus \$3.46 processing fee) and \$20 of each ticket sold goes back to the participating non-profit of your choice. *Castle Rock Senior Center would love to be your Non-Profit of choice!* 

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When: September 17, 9AM-5PM

Where: Clement Park, 7306 W. Bowles Avenue, Littleton, CO 80123

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#### Living & Aging Well Luncheon: Bingo!

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Where: Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel: 9808 Sunningdale Blvd, Lone Tree, CO 80124

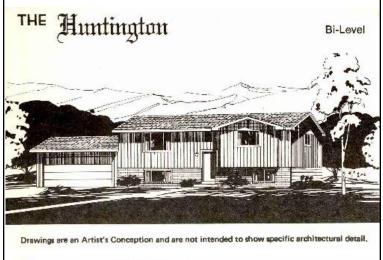
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## Acres Green Home Models

**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.







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#### **Answers from the Commissioner**

By Jean Henke

Commissioner Abe Laydon attended the June 16th AGHOA meeting at the Hub. He came equipped with answers to the questions we submitted to him. Here is a brief summary of those answers.

One question regarding the school property adjacent to Sweetwater Park. Commissioner Laydon was pleased to announce that the undeveloped land adjacent to Sweetwater Park, which was owned by the Douglas County School District, has been purchased by Douglas County. That land will be deeded over to South Suburban Parks and Rec.

Six questions regarding speeding, people not stopping at stop signs, round abouts and wrong way drivers. Residents can obtain more information about speed enforcement and report concerns at: https://www.douglas.co.us/public-works/traffic/speed The sheriff's office maintains a list of targeted speed enforcement areas. In Jan. & Feb. they issued 19 tickets on Maximus Dr. over a three-week period. Staff plans to deploy temporary radar speed feedback sign on Maximus Dr.

**Regarding round abouts**—the proximity of residential driveways and impacts to the park would need to be considered.

One question about people not leashing their dogs and picking up after them. South Suburban Parks and Rec. manages the parks and trails in Acres Green and the easement between Virgo Dr. and Acres Green Dr. The number for the Park Ranger is 303-435-8227.

Three questions regarding people who don't take care of their property and make walking on sidewalks difficult. Currently, Douglas County does not have regulations regarding landscaping maintenance for a residential property. The county will investigate complaints regarding weeds on properties if they are potentially a noxious weed. Noxious weed investigations and enforcemt is handled by Public Works, 303-660-7490.

Two questions regarding abandoned or unlicensed cars. If a vehicle in on private property with an expired plate and stored in the open, or the vehicle is not operable, it may be a zoning violation. A complaint can be filed by contacting Douglas County Planning at 303-660-7460. Ask to speak with someone in zoning compliance. They do not patrol for violations.

Vehicles parked on the street with expired plates or not operable, can be reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's office at 303-660-7505.

**One question about senior property taxes.** In recent years several proposals to increase, decrease, eliminate or otherwise adjust the Senior & Disabled Vet Exemption have failed. SB22-093 attempted to double the exemption from 50% of \$200,000 to 50% of \$400,000. That bill did not make it out of committee.

One question regarding ice hazards on sidewalks. Keeping sidewalks clear of ice and snow is always a challenge. In Douglas County, adjacent property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks (and curb ramps) clear. Sidewalks and ramps that are not cleared within 24 hours can be reported for enforcement by calling 303-660-7480.

One question about county property in A.G. (the front garden at Acres Green Dr. and Apollo Ct.) This question was not answered at the meeting. Commissioner Laydon said he would take that issue with him and see if anything could be done to help with the issue.

In other AGHOA business, the plans for the 4th of July activities and parade were discussed. The Food Truck event for July 11 was the date to announce the winners of the contests from the 4th. There will be 3 food trucks and 1 ice cream truck at each event.

On the last Dumpster Day about 40 cars participated, some making more than one trip. We collected \$900 for the AGHOA. The next Dumpster Day is scheduled for Sept. 17. Members of the AGHOA can participate for FREE.

Sandy provided the treasurer's report. We had \$947.28 in deposits and \$436.13 costs. Deposits are from membership dues. Costs are: publishing the Greenleaf, room rental for the HUB, website renewal, and Xcel Energy. Our new available balance was \$2,074.83.

Ron mentioned that South Suburban Parks and Rec. needs a letter from the AGHOA regarding our desire for no mowing in the median. Ron has been working with South Suburban on this and other issues. (Please see his article in this newsletter regarding the Medians).

Mona mentioned that there are 30 new homeowners in the community. There were some issues getting the newsletter out in June. We are working on that. No meeting in August.

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