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Karen Padrevita

WHERE DID 2019 GO?

As I am writing this, I am having a difficult time realizing that we are in our final days of 2019, and can't believe how quickly this year has gone.

What a great year it has been too in the Acres Green Community.

We were busy with 2 Dumpster Days, 2 Garden Days and the fun times at the 4th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social.

At our upcoming December meeting, we'll be looking at the calendar and setting the dates for the activities in 2020.

I enjoy each event as it allows me to see many friends and meet new neighbors too.

Thank you all who come out and participate and especially to those who come out and help.

I may be repeating myself from previous newsletters, but being a paid member with the Acres Green HOA helps make these events happen. The trash truck for dumpster day is nearly \$600 and to offer the paper shredding truck, it is another \$500. The annual dues for a family membership is \$25. That's not a big price for the value that you get in return.

We'll be hosting our final 2019 meeting on December 19 at the Lone Tree Hub. The meeting is expected to be brief, and then we'll head over to Grist Brewery (near Rio Grande) for some fun social time. We would love it if you would consider joining us!

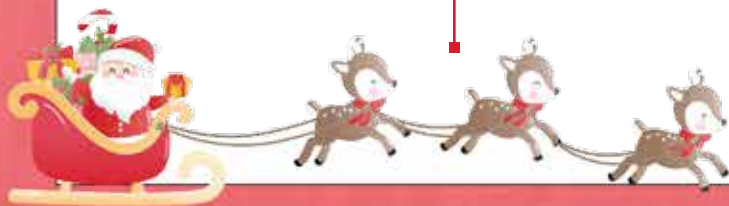


AGHOA Meeting:

Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.

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

See new business under meeting minutes



Happy Holidays!

Community Calendar Events & Activities

Dates	Event	Location	Times	More Info
Monday's	Ultra Beginning Line Dance Drop in class. <i>Each week learn a set of basic line dance steps and review previous steps</i>	Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd, Centennial	11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	For more information contact: nikkic@sspr.org Goodson Rec. 303-798-2476
Tuesdays	Line Dancing <i>Beginners</i>: <i>for those who know basic line dance steps. Improver: familiar with more advanced steps.</i>	Lone Tree Rec. Center 10249 Ridgeway Cr. Lone Tree, CO	Beginners 1:30 - 2:25 p.m. Improver 2:30 - 3:25 p.m.	For more information www.sspr.org or 303-708-3500
Wednesdays	Line Dancing <i>Beginners</i>: <i>familiar with basic line dance steps.</i>	Buck Rec. Ctr 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton, CO	Beginners 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	For more information. www.sspr.org or 303-797-8787
Thursdays	Line Dancing - High Beginner/Improver <i>line dance</i>	Goodson Rec. Ctr. 6315 S. University Blvd, Centennial, CO	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	For more info contact: nikkic@sspr.org Goodson Rec. 303-798-2476
Fri., Dec. 6	Big Band Ballroom Dance - <i>music provided by Mile High Big Band, dance lesson included</i>	Buck Rec. Ctr 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton, CO	7 - 10 p.m.	Tickets online or at the door. Fee: \$8 District Rate www.sspr.org Buck Rec: 303-797-8787
Thursday, December 19	AGHOA Meeting (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)	The Lone Tree Hub <i>Sweetwater</i> Room: 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124	7 p.m.	Karen Padrevita
Fri., Jan. 3	Big Band Ballroom Dance - <i>music provided by Mile High Big Band, dance lesson included</i>	Lone Tree Rec. Center 10249 Ridgeway Cr. Lone Tree, CO	7 - 10 p.m.	Tickets online or at the door. Fee \$8 District Rate www.sspr.org Lone Tree Rec. 303-708-3500
Jan. 15	Deadline for articles for the February 2020 <i>Greenleaf</i>	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed	5 p.m.	Contact Jean Henke
Jan. 20	Deadline for commercial & classified ads for the February 2020 <i>Greenleaf</i>	Porchlink Media: 6525 Gunpark Dr. #370-133 Boulder, CO 80301	5 p.m.	For more information: contact Kerri at: 720-295-2649, or kerri@porchlink.com

New South Suburban Regional Recreation Center

Provided by Jean Henke

South Suburban is building a new facility near the intersection of County Line Road and South Holly St. This will be a 206,000 square-foot facility.

This facility will offer the opportunity for drop-in sports, including Pickleball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey.

It will have three sheets of ice and multiple locker rooms. Included in the facility will be a Gymnasium that can be divided into 2 full size basketball courts, 4 junior courts, 4 volleyball courts or 8 pickleball courts.

There will also be a restaurant and bar with views overlooking the ice sheets. Concession stands, skate rental and a pro shop will also be included in the facility.

There will be a figure skating room, a dryland training room (off-ice training area), springboard floor, mirrors and ballet bar.

Also, in the design are administrative offices and a board room that will also serve as a rental space for parties and other activities.

The entrance on East County Line Road will have a signal and an additional entrance without a signal off County Line Road to the east of the main entrance. There will be parking for about 530 vehicles.

The expected completion date is Dec. 2020.

The South Suburban Ice Arena will be repurposed for SSPR use. The South Suburban administration building will be sold with revenue going back into the general operating fund.

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2020 Acres Green Home Owners' Association Membership Form

Dues for 2020:

Family \$25

Individual \$15

Senior (age 65+) \$5

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

Indicate: Family Individual or Senior

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

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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'**

To pay by check, follow the directions indicated on the form above.

Interested in making a donation? Thank you!

To use PayPal: Select one of the dollar amounts as indicated by level of membership.

To pay by check: Make payable to AGHOA and mail to AGHOA, c/o Sandy Inglis, 13183 Canopus Dr., Littleton, CO 80124.

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

Update on the Proposed Hospital

Provided by Jean Henke

Ron and I along with several other folks from Acres Green and Lone Tree attended Lone Tree Planning Commission meeting regarding the rezoning proposal for the hospital. It was a long and drawn out meeting which I am convinced is designed to discourage residents from participation, as several people did leave before the vote. That is just one reason why voicing concerns over these things is so important especially in writing.

The Planning Commission and SCL health did read the objections from mostly Acres Green residents and as a result did make some changes to the proposal before the vote.

We found it interesting that only about two people spoke in favor of the rezoning. Even most people from Lone Tree objected to the rezoning. A representative from Skyridge was also in attendance and opposed the rezoning. Three of the Planning Commission also opposed the rezoning. The vote was 4 to 3 in favor of the rezoning. The proposal was then set to go before the City Council.

Having been through many of these rezoning requests with Lone Tree we were amazed and relieved when SCL health dropped their request for rezoning and will look for other locations for a hospital.

Clearly SCL health listened to all the objections and thought better of continuing with this project.



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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.

Dogs, Leashes and the F word

Provided by Ron Brink

I have had quite an interesting year in that I started to walk my buddy; Sam. We walk Acres Green just about every day and meet all sorts of people as well as other dogs. Most are friendly. We walk through the water department trail (between Acres Green and Lone Tree), Sweetwater Park, Lonesome Pine Park and Altair Park. We generally walk about three miles each day and with missing maybe 25 days this past year we have put on over 900 miles. What does this have to do with dogs, leashes and the F word?

First, ALL the parks in Acres Green require your dog be on a leash. None of the parks is a dog run or dog training park. With that said I will invariably see owners letting their dog (or dogs) run loose. I've had dogs run and attempt to make contact with Sam so I'll yell to the owner get the dog and put it on a leash. I encountered a yahoo with two pitbulls and no leash and when I pass him I let him know they need to be on a leash but he never responds to me - all I got was a stare like "I don't understand English" but tried very hard to hold his dogs until I was past him.

I've had a guy with two dogs just running while he walks with his head down looking at, you guessed it, his phone. Both dogs started to run toward us but stopped after the owner/idiot realized I was shouting at him and he got his dog under control. I had a mother, yes, a mother, with her dog and her young child in a stroller with her dog running around not on a leash.

So, what should occur? They should be on a leash at all times. Take your dog to a dog run if you want it to run. If you ever get a chance to watch Judge Judy on tv you will hear the defendant saying "I know my dog is sweet and he never would attack..."

Well you don't know what your dog will do or what your dog is thinking. But with all that said I get the following when telling them the dog needs to be on a leash;

- *"Mind your own F...ing business"*
- *"Call the F...ing authorities I don't care"*
- *"Who the F.. are you, leave us the F alone"*
- *"Go F yourself"*
- *Or the universal sign of stupidity - the middle finger along with the F word.*

What has happened to taking responsibility for your dog and just doing the right thing? The leash law was made for a reason - it applies to everyone.



AGHOA Meeting Minutes

Provided by officers and directors

On Oct. 17th, the AGHOA meeting was held via e-mail due to the fact that not enough of the officers were able to attend. The following are the contributions from officers and directors.

Sandy reported that we had \$2,724.94 in deposits, \$2,738.08 in withdrawals, leaving \$2,336.89 in available funds. We have 3 CD's totaling \$4122.82, two matured in Oct. and one maturing in April of 2020.

At this writing neither the membership information nor were crime statistics available.

Ron has been talking to the Douglas County School District Rep. regarding the lack of maintenance on the school grounds and trails around the school. Since the district no longer has an agreement with South Suburban for maintenance of the trails and fields, they have fallen into disrepair.

He met with the official and they walked the trails together. He received some assurance that the trails would be better maintained.

Ron has also been working with South Suburban on a proposal for a matching gifts idea to improve the plantings around the two entrance signs. He received a proposed design for plantings that would not obstruct the signage. That of course can be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Jean mentioned that she'd like to schedule future gardening days (Spring and Fall) to coincide with dumpster day. It was great to be able to get rid of the garden trash that same day and not haul it back to the house. Also, if the trash companies begin limiting the amount of trash a household can get rid of, having to haul front garden trash to the house could create a problem.

Jean also wanted to mention that she heard from a resident who lives on Maximus Dr. regarding the speeding along that street. This resident would like to see the traffic trailer placed there again if we can get it.

This resident also suggested a traffic circle at Maximus and Mercury Circle - Jean agreed that would help. Jean said she is especially concerned now that we've been through the recent rezoning proposal for a hospital.

Jean foresees one of the unintended consequences resulting from additional traffic from any more businesses built along Park Meadows Dr., to be people trying to get around the traffic by cutting through Acres Green using Maximus Dr. to Acres Green Dr. This already happens to some extent. But as one Lone Tree resident put it at the Planning Commission Meeting, "From Thanksgiving through Christmas it is impossible to drive down Yosemite."

A traffic circle would at least slow people down who would come through the neighborhood. This is especially concerning due to the fact that those who cut through have to go right by Acres Green Elementary school. And with many children walking to and from school increased traffic on those roadways should be a concern to all of us.

Jean said she thinks this needs to be addressed to the Douglas County Commissioners and we would need to probably talk to Public Works. She was not sure how to proceed exactly.

AGHOA Meeting:

Thursday, December 19, 2019

The AGHOA meets the Third Thursday of most even numbered months. Dates for 2019 are: December 19. **NOTE MEETING LOCATION: Lone Tree Hub, 8827 Lone Tree Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124**

Agenda

- Neighborhood watch
- Upcoming events
- Building around us
- Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
- Other business

Updates from the Architectural Control Committee



Ron Brink
ACC

Construction in Acres Green has been slower this year than in the past. Very few permits have been pulled, or at least few needed ACC approval. There has been an extraordinary amount of roofing and as I mentioned in the last article, a permit is supposed to be pulled, then again it doesn't require a letter from the ACC.

For those of you that don't know, I'm reaching a significant milestone in my life. I will be turning 70 later this year. So, I will no longer be on the ACC after the first of the year. With that said, I'm looking for someone to take my place. The time involved is minimal, I probably spend more time writing these articles than on ACC business.

It is an interesting position in that you get to meet new or old neighbors and find out firsthand what construction is going on in Acres Green. You would be interacting with the Douglas County Building Department as well. They will send you an email letting you know that a permit request has been made for say an addition and you'll meet with the homeowner and then provide DCBD with ACC approval.

Just so you know over the years, I think I may have given a negative response to a permit request twice. I would say 99.9% get the ACC approval. So, if you are or might be interested, please contact me; email - rbrink@ix.netcom.com or phone - 303-910-5500.



BEES are ready for winter!

For those of you that didn't see a previous article, we lost our hive over the last winter so we started all over this spring with a different type of bee. We had Italian bees but found they didn't do well here so we are trying Carniolan bees. So far, they are heartier and more prolific in both new bees as well as honey production.

I have noticed that as soon as the temperature reaches 50 degrees they are out and about. Not sure what they are looking for probably water. We have a sugar water dispenser that they love. We are letting them keep all the honey this year (bummer) but next year we should have a bumper crop.

I just checked them this past week and the box that most of the honey production is in, I estimate it to be between 80 and 100 pounds of honey. Lastly, if anyone is interested in learning more about bees or wanting to start their own hive, drop me an email (rbrink@ix.netcom.com) or give me a call 303-910-5500.

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\$414,419	842 Altair Dr	5	3	Multi-Level	2432	10/3/19
\$365,000	186 Olympus Cir	4	2	Multi-Level	1956	10/4/19
\$435,000	13774 Omega Cir	3	3	Multi-Level	2288	10/7/19
\$415,000	171 Dianna Dr	3	2	Bi-Level	1764	10/23/19
\$370,000	404 Neptune Ct	4	2	Tri-Level	1955	10/29/19
\$389,900	395 Helena Cir	3	2	Bi-Level	1764	11/4/19
\$418,000	13194 Spica Dr	4	3	Multi-Level	2826	11/8/19



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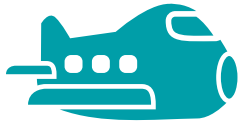


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We are pleased that over 1415 people out of the 1053 homes in the community have signed up and are sharing information in our neighborhood.

If you are interested in checking out this FREE social networking site, visit:
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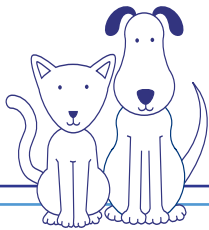
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The Teen Services listing is offered and maintained by the Homeowners Association, and is not a service of Porchlink Media, LLC. Any misuse of the listing should be reported immediately to the Homeowners Association.



Please see Teen Services in
the printed newsletter.



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If you have a concern or complaint about drivers, call the Traffic Safety Hotline at 303-660-7539.

Please leave the following information on the Hotline:

- Detailed description of the traffic problem.
- The exact location where the traffic problem occurred.
- 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.

THANK YOU!

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

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Information provided by Lynne Watcher, Communications Department, South Suburban Parks and Recreation

Holiday Party Rentals: We have rentals available for your holiday events from athletic fields (indoor) to party rooms.

Who: All ages

When: Anytime

Where: Lone Tree Hub (hubrentals@ssprd.org), South Suburban Golf Course Bar & Grill (MReese@ssprd.org), Sports Dome (JPolgar@ssprd.org) as well as other SSPR facilities.

Price: Varies by the facility

A Hudson Christmas: Enjoy the wonderland decorated with thousands of outdoor lights. Explore the trails where bursts of light and color wrap around trees and shimmer on bodies of water. Sip a cup of hot chocolate along the way.

Who: All ages

When: Nov 29 - 30; Dec 1, 6 - 8, 13 - 24, & 26 - 31, 5 - 9 pm

Visit with Santa through Dec 23, 5 - 8:30 pm

Where: The Hudson Gardens & Event Center

Price: \$9 Hudson Gardens Members, \$8 - \$10.50 youth and adult Non-Members

Holiday Pass Sale: The 2019 holiday season is almost here, which means our annual sale is back! We're offering deals on punch cards and passes to our recreation centers.

Who: All ages

When: Dec 2, 2019 - Jan 3, 2020

Where: All recreation Centers

Price: \$50 off Youth, Senior, Adult Passes, \$100 off Household Annual Pass Resident, 10% off 10 Packs of Personal Training, Private Reformer and Massage



Breakfast with Santa: Bring the whole family to this event sponsored by the Littleton Rotary. It includes a pancake breakfast and photos with Santa. Seating is limited.

Who: All ages

When: Sat, Dec 7, 8:30 - 9 am, #7052012

Where: Buck Recreation Center

Price: \$4 Resident, \$5 Nonresident, registration is required

Crocodile Rock - Parent Tot: This music program features a folk guitarist and opportunity for your child to sing and dance and to play musical instruments in an educational and stimulating setting.

Who: Ages 1½ - 3

When: Sat, Dec 7 - 14, 10:15 - 11 am, #4250111

Where: Goodson Rec. Center

Price: \$40 Youth Resident, \$44 Youth Nonresident

Holiday Arts & Craft Fair: This annual fair feature crafts, pottery, jewelry, clothing, quilts, paintings, photography, floral arrangements, woodwork and more from Colorado artisans.

Who: All ages

When: Sat, Dec 7, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Where: Goodson Rec. Center

Price: Free entry

FREE South Suburban Encore Chorale Holiday Concert: The concert offers a sparkling collection of holiday music that will please every musical palette.

Who: Ages 55 and over

When: Sat, Dec 7, 11 am

Where: Parker United Methodist Church

Price: Free

Goodson Movie Night: Children are invited to have pizza dinner and popcorn while watching movies. Bring a pillow or blanket.

Who: Ages 3 - 12 (must be potty-trained)

When: Fri, Dec 13, #3450212

Where: Goodson Rec. Center

Price: \$15 Youth Resident, \$20 Youth Nonresident

FREE Holiday Ice Shows and Skate with Santa: Skaters from the community, from tots to seniors, will participate in the annual Holiday Ice Show performances. Everyone can skate with Santa with their paid public skate admission and skate rental.

Who: Family event

When: Fri - Sun, Dec 13 - 15, various times

Where: South Suburban and Family Sports ice arenas

Price: Free, with a donation of a non-perishable food item

Polar Party: Join us anytime for the obstacle course, craft activities, pictures with Santa, and meet the Polar Bear! Soccer Buddies will provide soccer activities. Beverages and snacks provided by Monk and Mongoose.

Who: All ages

When: Sat, Dec 14, 9 am - 12 pm, # 1015012 (dance performance 9 - 11 am)

Where: Lone Tree Rec. Center

Price: \$5 Resident, \$7 Nonresident

Bald Eagles: Experience an amusing and eye-opening day as you learn the quirky habits of our national symbol - the bald eagle. Start in the classroom, then hike with a naturalist to look for eagles perched over the lakes or river in search of prey.

Who: Ages 6 and up

When: Wed, Dec 26

9 - 10:30 am, #675910

1 - 2:30 pm, #675911

Where: South Platte Park

Price: \$5 - \$9 Resident, \$9 - \$12 Nonresident



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.

Lone Tree Holiday Tree Lighting: Enjoy live holiday tunes, hot cocoa bar and s'mores roasting hosted by the Lone Tree Arts Center Guild, fun giveaways (while supplies last), and of course Santa and his reindeer. Mayor, Jacqueline A. Millet and members of the City Council will kick off the holiday season with remarks and the lighting of the tree. **Dec. 6th, Fri. 6:30 P.M.** Lone Tree Arts Center. Entry is Free.

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2. When the sun isn't shining, keep your blinds and curtains closed to avoid losing heat through your windows.
3. Dress warmly even if you are staying in the house. Wear socks and slippers or shoes. Layer clothing inside and out for warmth and protection.
4. Make sure you are eating to keep your "body engine" running and so you don't lose the body fat that keeps you warm.
5. Watch your alcohol intake. Alcohol can make you lose body heat.
6. Ask a family member, friend or neighbor to check on you during cold spells. If your heat goes out, stay with a neighbor or friend – don't tough it out as your body may not be able to handle the lower air temperature for an extended time. Space heaters can be fire hazards and some produce carbon monoxide, so they shouldn't be used without fully investigating whether or not they are safe. And they require outside air to operate safely.
7. Simple things can keep you warm and safe, but if you or someone you know is experiencing some signs and symptoms of hypothermia, call 911. Stay warm inside and out, carry that extra sweater with you, always keep a hat and gloves in your coat pockets and remember that scarf to cover your face. It's also time to make your shoe fashion statement with some warm boots with good treads on their soles. It is winter in Colorado and the weather can change quickly!

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