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February 2021

Time flies when you are having fun

By Karen Padrevita

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Early in 2011, or was it 2010, I began volunteering with the AGHOA as the Vice President. During that first year, I learned a lot about listening to neighborhood feedback and being a representative of our community. This was when Ron Brink was the President, and a Solar Array was proposed to be built near the elementary school.

In 2012, Ron began traveling for his work and he ended his term as President of the AGHOA. This is when I stepped up to support the community and earned the title of President.

This opportunity has allowed me to meet so many wonderful people in our community that I never would have if I didn't volunteer. From watching families cheer and laugh at the 4th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social to helping the community clean up with Dumpster Day, I know I have been blessed to be a part of the Acres Green neighborhood.

It is now my turn to step down and pass on the torch, as this year, I plan to finish my degree, get a kid graduated from H.S. and focus more time to my career.

I will still be an active community member, and you most likely will see me at each event as I intend on still supporting the AGHOA as a committee member.

Is It Your Time to Shine?

The AGHOA currently has openings on the Board of Directors. Volunteering with the AGHOA is not a scary task and it will not take up all of your time! There are 5 meetings per year (third Thursday of Feb., April, June, Oct. & Dec.), and 3 summertime events. **The time commitment averages to less than 2 hours a month. If you've been looking for a way to be more involved and invest in your community, this is your time! No experience is necessary, only the willingness to help out.**

If you are interested in a Board of Director position, please email boardofdirectors@acresgreen.org, and/or join in at the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18 via Zoom or in person. (invite details will be posted on nextdoor.com).



AGHOA Meeting: February 18, 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
February 18	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM
March 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the April 2021 Greenleaf Contact Jean Henke	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed
March 20	5 p.m.	Deadline for commercial & classified ads for the April 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
April 15	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM

Acres Green Personalities

By Jim Stern

In the past Pat Perlinger would interview people in the community through a column in this newsletter. Pat stopped writing that column some years ago. Jim Stern has agreed to revive that practice and do a few columns introducing you to various persons in the community. This is the first of those columns. We hope you enjoy them.



Nobody ever gets to meet the editor and publisher of a newspaper, magazine, or local newsletter. This month we asked **Jean Henke** to talk about herself, and her service to the neighborhood, Acres Green Homeowners Association.

I was born in St. Charles, MO some time ago. I graduated from Lindenwood College (now university), St. Charles, MO, with a BS in Business, and a minor in computer processing. Also completed the Master Gardener and Food Preservation programs through the CSU extension office. I also graduated from the Denver Archdiocese Catholic Biblical and Catechetical Schools, which has been a wonderful experience.

I've been married to my husband: Ron Brink for 27 years and we've had our current home here for 31 years. I have one step-son, and we have two grandsons. Once Ron retired from the Air Force and we moved back home here, I did a lot of volunteer work. Both Ron and I have been very active in the community since he retired.

Jean Henke

Once we got back home, I found that the *Greenleaf* was no longer in publication, so one of my volunteer activities has been publishing the *Greenleaf* since June of 1994. I am not doing the publishing now, but with the help of our directors, I still put the *Greenleaf* articles together for Porchlink Media. So, this June will be my 26th anniversary of my involvement with the newsletter.

I was the recorder for the AGHOA from Feb. of 1995 through June of 2015. Along the lines of publisher, I've compiled and maintained the history for the community and published a directory for the community for several years, ending in 2006.

I worked with Cecil Courtright (now deceased), Douglas County and The Boy Scouts on the development and maintenance of the front and east gardens. Now I have become the default person for maintaining the front garden, time permitting. I've worked on several projects with Douglas County commissioners, Douglas County Planning, Douglas County School District, South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the City of Lone Tree and others over the years to promote the interests of this community.

My husband and I joke that we will be buried here when we die. We enjoy living here and have made many friends over the years. We have some terrific neighbors as well.

My former occupation was as a Computer Systems Programmer and analyst with the government. I am currently teaching line dancing four days a week for South Suburban Parks and Rec. I am also part of a line dance team that performs in various locations. Ron and I also enjoy ballroom dancing and line dancing at various locations with friends.

My other hobbies and interest include gardening, especially starting plants from seed in my greenhouse and using it to extend the season. Some of the best things about gardening for me is harvesting my crops and preserving them through canning, dehydrating and freezing. Being in my kitchen is one of my favorite places to be besides the garden. I love cooking and baking. I do make a very HOT green chili using either Hatch or Pueblo chilies.



Jim Hope
ACC

Updates from the Architectural Control Committee

As I write this article it is only the middle of January and it is beginning to feel like spring, even though it is the middle of winter. Day temperatures are already in the 50s and 60s occasionally and we are graced with only a little snow at a time.

If you are considering an outside project remember that March is the heaviest snow month of the season. April is next, with February being third, according to averages for the last 130 years. It is a good time to plan, but perhaps to wait for seasonal Spring to begin.

However, this is a good time of year to perform yard cleanup, to have trees trimmed and removed, if necessary. I give this reminder because just this week we had a wind storm and my neighbor's dead 40-foot tree blew over into our yard causing unnecessary damage to a fence, and other buildings. If your trees are dead or badly in need of trimming, the cost to trim/remove may be less than the deductible on your insurance, should you have an incident.

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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Jim Hope



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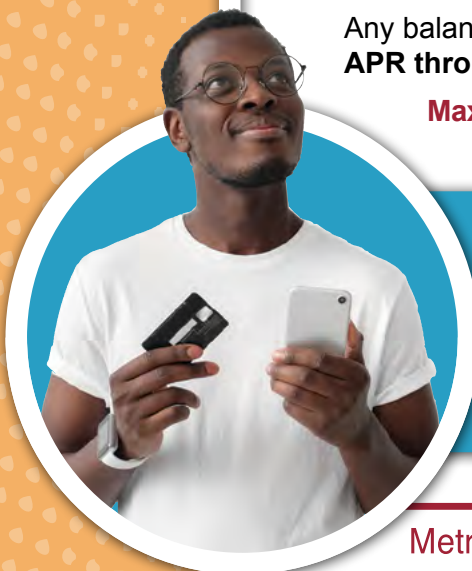
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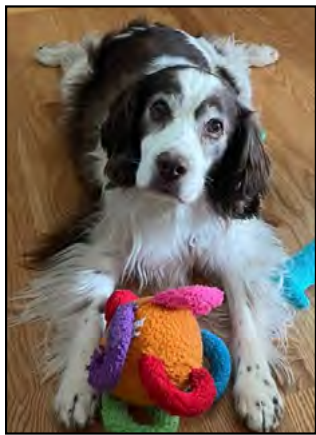


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Dogs are like our children. Sam is ours

By Ron Brink

I know you've all heard the claims: *"My dog would never bite you..."*, *"You must have teased my dog for him to bite you..."*, *"how did he get loose? I'm so sorry he would never bite you..."*

How about replacing 'bite you' with 'bite your dog'. As a lot of you know,

I have walked the Acres Green neighborhood for going on 5 or 6 years now, both for my health but also for the health of my best buddy Sam. He is one of the gentlest dogs you will ever meet. Say something to him, and he will roll over on his back and wait for you to rub his stomach, even if he didn't know you.

Early in December Sam was attacked by two dogs as we were walking our daily route. As I crested the little hill on the road where the attack occurred, I saw a man on a bicycle with two dogs that I thought were his.

Well, it took all of two or three seconds for the dogs to leave the man on the bicycle and to see Sam and I, and they were upon Sam. I tried to protect Sam but the one dog was determined. It attacked at least twice and the second lunge he latched on to Sam. I screamed for help as I was kicking and punching the dog to get him to off Sam. The man, who I thought owned the dogs, came up only to mumble something and pointed to his ears – he was deaf. I found out later he was being harassed by these two dogs as well.

At the same time, the owner and her son came out to help. It took the three of us men beating on the dog to pull the dog off Sam. I called 911 and then my wife to pick us up.

There was blood all over me and Sam. We both sat there in the street, both shaking, waiting for my wife to pick us up to take Sam to the emergency vet. I will always wonder what could have happened if no one was around or heard me yelling.

What took maybe a minute or two before they pulled the dog off Sam, has taken just about a month for the healing process to complete, at least externally. The worst was the first day when they ask whether we would want or not want a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) because he is an older dog, 13 years old, and they were going to perform surgery. That was hard.

He ended up having three surgeries and we had to bring him in for eight or nine days straight to have his body wrap replaced. The wrap was to keep everything "connected." In the end I added up what this cost; \$5,034.00. If it was twice this amount, it would have been worth it to have him back with us.

So, the next time you let your dog run loose whether in the park or just down the street, think about it because you "think" you know your dog but you really don't "know" your dog, no matter how trained he may be or how well behaved. This is why I keep harping in articles, and shouting at you in the park; **put your dog on a leash**. And the \$5000.00 bill next time might just be yours if you don't have control (leashed.)

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Minutes from the Dec. meeting were not available.

Agenda

- Establishing dates for 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



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.

Bee Bummer

By Ron Brink



I have written over the past few years about our trials and tribulations from the type of bees to swarming bees. Yes, we lost a hive in the past so this news isn't old, but it is new to us.

If you remember back in early January of this year, we had the high winds? And to add insult to injury the winds occurred at night. It woke me at about 1 or 2 am. I listened to deck chairs being thrown around along with just about anything that wasn't tied down. I wondered how the two hives were going to fare and, in the morning, we found the top of one of the hives was off.

Somehow the wind ripped it right off and tossed it about five feet. Needless to say, the hive died. They had no protection from the wind or the associated cold.

So, who is at fault? Me. I never strapped the hive down, something I have done every year with every other hive. It is primarily to help prevent raccoons from tipping the hive over but I should have known better. My bad. All we can hope for is the coming spring.

UPDATE: We lost the other hive as well. Looks like we will be going back to the drawing board, this spring.

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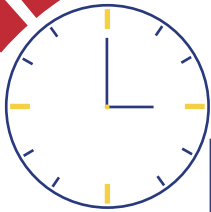
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\$415,000	433 Helena Circle	4	2	Bi-Level	1,990	10/23/2020
\$430,000	13163 Regulus Drive	4	2	Bi-Level	1,764	10/16/2020
\$434,900	13134 Acres Green Drive	4	2	One	1,934	11/24/2020
\$435,000	182 Pegasus Drive	5	2	Bi-Level	1,990	12/2/2020
\$435,000	306 Helena Circle	4	2	Bi-Level	1,990	12/1/2020
\$437,000	13180 Mercury Drive	4	2	Tri-Level	1,769	10/16/2020
\$448,000	312 Olympus Circle	5	2	One	1,989	11/30/2020
\$455,000	13229 Mercury Drive	3	3	One	1,935	10/13/2020
\$455,000	147 Helena Circle	5	2	Bi-Level	1,764	9/29/2020
\$460,000	283 Maximus Drive	4	3	One	1,764	1/15/2021
\$480,000	347 Jupiter Drive	5	2	One	1,935	12/28/2020
\$491,500	763 Altair Drive	3	3	Multi/Split	2,288	12/30/2020
\$515,000	908 Mercury Circle	4	3	One	2,737	1/14/2021
\$515,000	13174 Rigel Drive	5	2	One	2,737	1/15/2021
\$520,000	13226 Peacock Drive	4	3	Multi/Split	2,812	11/30/2020
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Acres Green

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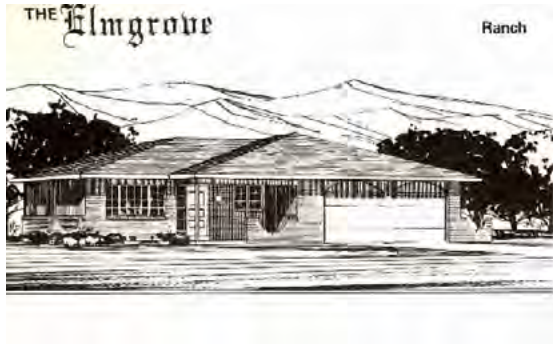
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Acres Green Home Models

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.



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Seniors Activities Corner

By Mona Beuthel

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- <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-faq>
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What's Trending in 2021



Interior colors are flowing from deep tones to bright uplifting hues. Ultimate gray with splashes of sunny yellow for kitchens and living areas. Black, deep browns combined with soft pastels or rich aqua fiesta, satin paprika or passionate red. Which is neither bright red nor deep red but a luscious deep rosy red.

Fabrics and textiles are trending with course natural raw weaves. Matted and textured velvets, artist brush stroke prints and huge florals, wild flowers and abstract motifs.

Bathrooms are spaces of renewal and regeneration with round mirrors, round tubs and sinks, arched doorways and squared open luxury showers. Checkered tiles in deep tones are trending in baths and the French Boudet', in ultra-modern to traditional styles.

Trending big in 2021 are both live plants and faux plants, where live plants won't thrive, bring the need for nature and the outdoors inside. Both refreshing and uplifting! Growing a culinary herb garden of basil, rosemary, thyme, oregano, parsley and sage brings life to your meals and natural aromatherapy to your home.

Happy and Healthy New Year!