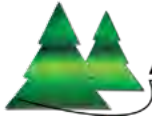


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**June
2021**

New committee Leads the AGHOA

By Ron Brink

I must first thank Karen Padrevita for taking the lead as president of the AGHOA these past ten years. We are so much better for her contributions and leadership. Again, thanks Karen.

So, what happens now that she has stepped down? Who will take her place? Will we wander in the desert for 40 days or what? We have decided to run the AGHOA by COMMITTEE. There will not be a president but the "position" will be swapped between the other officers. Each will take a turn for about two months which will include writing the main article in the *Greenleaf*. We will see how this works as we go along. So why am I writing this article? I'm not really an officer perse. I was the president for roughly twenty years, yes that is twenty years (at two different times). I am also helping out with the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) as well I guess that is where I currently qualify.

We have a lot of things coming up in the near future.

Garage Sale. June 4th and 5th. This is a neighborhood-wide event and we hope to see a lot of you setting up your tables to sell those priceless items all on the same weekend. We will be advertising on Nextdoor and on Craigslist. We encourage residents to advertise their individual sales on those sites as well. The more information you can post on those sites will get you more customers. We will be putting up the banners at both entrances the Wednesday before so it should draw a good crowd through the neighborhood. So, hold onto your priceless items for that weekend and hope you make a lot of money.

AGHOA Dumpster Day. June 12th. We will be offering, to AGHOA members FREE dumping. If you are not a current member, you can join that day and bring your trash and dump it as well. Please see the membership info in this newsletter. It's a great deal! This is open to only folks who live in Acres Green. The truck will be ready at 9:00 AM and will stay until full or 11:00 AM which ever comes first. We tried to have both a shredder and an electronics recycler but so far, we haven't found any reasonable prices, so for now it is just the roll-off. We will try again in the fall roll-off to have a shredder as well as the electronic recycler.

Garden Cleanup. June 12th 9:00 am. We are looking for adult volunteers that want to spend an hour or two freshening up the front entrance. If your son or daughter needs service hours please accompany them. Please do not bring children, this is a very busy intersection. Please wear close-toed shoes, bring gloves and tools for weeding and trimming. Meet at the front garden at Apollo Ct. and Acres Green Dr. You can also park in the medical office parking lot.

Independence Day Car Parade. July 3rd 10:00 am. As I said above, dust off and polish up and decorate your Antique, Muscle, Souped Up, Rebuilt Cars. Meet in the Acres Green Elementary School parking lot. The parade will wind itself through the neighborhood honking their horns. Step out to the street and cheer on your favorite. Follow the parade to Altair Park where you can look closer at your favorite vehicles. Make sure you bring the kids for ice cream from the Yogi ice cream truck.

That is about it for now. I hope to see you out at one or more of the events this summer. Look forward to someone else taking the helm two months from now.

AGHOA Meeting: June 17, 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
June 4 & 5	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Annual Neighborhood Garage Sales: Residents are encouraged to post their sales on Nextdoor & Craigslist.	Various locations throughout the community.
June 12	9 a.m.	Dumpster Day—No Shredding or Electronic Recycling	Acres Green Elementary School Bus Lot. AGHOA Members can use the dumpster for free.
June 17	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM
July 3 SATURDAY	10 a.m.	Acres Green Independence Day Car Parade	Starting from Acres Green Elementary School, going throughout the neighborhood.
July 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the August 2021 Greenleaf Contact Jean Henke	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed
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October 21	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meeting	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or through ZOOM

Median and Grass Cutting

By Ron Brink

The median along Acres Green Dr. has always been an issue for residents. When South Suburban (SSPR) took over management of our parks they also took over management of the median and other areas.

The median at that time consisted of large rocks and boulders. At one point many years ago, SSPR replaced the rock with native grasses. Because those grasses are native they need to be left to grow till they can drop their seeds, allowing reseeding. They are not like your lawn grass that spreads through runners. There is also no water to the landscaping in the median, which is another reason for the native grasses, which can survive in our area.

Two years ago, the AGHOA requested that SSPR stop, yes stop, mowing the median to allow the grasses to reseed. Some folks are 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.

If you feel the need to call and discuss this, give me a call at 303-649-1497, leave a message and I'll call you back.

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

Provided by Jean Henke

Our annual Neighborhood Garage Sales are scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 4 & 5 at various homes throughout the community. As usual the AGHOA will put up banners the Wednesday prior to the event and post the general information about the sales on Nextdoor and Craigslist.

Residents are encouraged to post detailed information regarding their individual sales on those sites as well. Please include the times your sale is open. The more information you can provide will get you more traffic to your sale.

If you do put up signs in the community, we ask that you remove them after the sale. Think about donating those unsold items to a local charity.





Jim Hope
ACC

Updates from the Architectural Control Committee

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AGHOA Minutes

Provided by Matt Fierro

The last AGHOA meeting was held April 15th on ZOOM. The first order of business was to report on current vacancies. As mentioned in Ron's article the AGHOA will be operating as a committee.

Angela Thompson will no longer lead the Neighborhood Watch Committee, nor be the recorder for the HOA meetings. If anyone would like to take one of these positions, please contact one of the officers or attend the next AGHOA meeting.

Jim Stern will no longer be writing articles about people in the community.

Dumpster Day:

Is scheduled for **June 12th from 9 to 11 am** at Acres Green Elementary School.

Sandy plans on being there as well as Mona and will get a current membership list from Lenora. Members can dump for FREE. Residents can pay their dues at that time and take advantage of the dumping.

No Shredding or Electronics recycling during this event.

The cost is 800.00 for just the dumpster (trash truck).

Brandon volunteered to help out with social media advertisements. Matt will work with Brandon on this to help spread the word.

September 18th will be the next dumpster Day. Shredding should be available through Metrum Credit union at that event.

Front Garden clean up: is also scheduled for June 12th at 9 a.m. Any adult is welcome to join Jean at the front garden at Apollo and Acres Green Dr. Please bring gloves and tools to pull weeds. Also, please wear closed toed shoes. Please do not bring children to this event.

Garage Sales:

The annual Neighborhood Garage Sales are scheduled for the 4th and 5th of June. Ron will put up the banners at both entrances the Wed. before the event. Residents are encouraged to post their respective sales on Nextdoor and Craigslist. We will post general information regarding the neighborhood sales on both sites.

Next HOA Meeting - June 17

Matt will out of town. Will need to reschedule or have someone else run the meeting. Information will be posted on Nextdoor.

Independence Day Events

- Saturday the 3rd is the scheduled day for the car parade. There will not be a children's parade this year.
- Ron is working with Bob to get the parade route and cars setup.
- Karen will organize Metrum Credit Union activities for that day.
- At this point there is nothing on Lone Tree's calendar regarding Independence Day activities in Sweetwater park.

COMMITTEE STATUS

Welcome Committee: Mona has delivered 8 welcome packets. She will be submitting some receipts for expenses.

In attendance were: Sandy Inglis, Lenora Star, Mona Beuthel, Brandon McLaughlin, and Jim Hope.

To Do's -

Matt - will get the AGHOA Zoom login Credentials for the next meeting.

Sandy - will follow up in getting the cones and the banners.

Sandy - will reach out to Karen regarding Independence Day (3rd of July) events/activities.



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AGHOA Meeting: June 17, 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: Garden Clean-up, Dumpster Day, Garage Sales, etc.
- Building around us
- Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
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As I wrote about losing both hives last fall/winter due to the freezes. I didn't have time to insulate them before that big wind/freezing temps. Anyway, we have decided to move on and try again.

We ordered two replacement sets of bees. One is a NUC and the other, how do I describe it, bees in a box. The first was the NUC. It arrived Sunday, May 2nd and the other arrived May 8th.

The NUC was our first taste of installing bees this way. We picked up a box that had five frames, frames are where they build the honeycomb. We got the box home, took off the top box, remove five frames and then replace the five from the NUC box. We put a reducer to make the opening small and then enlarging it over time. We stuck a food packet on top of the box and then replaced the top box. Lastly, we put an inverted jar of sugar water on the front of the hive. The mix was 1 part sugar to one part water. It took them maybe a day to reorient themselves before they started to bring pollen back to the hive.

The second bunch of bees, box-o-bees, was a little more interesting. We drove home with the box of bees in the back of the truck. When we got home, we removed the top box from the hive.

This is where it gets a little more "interesting." Picture a shoebox size box, full of bees, with screens on both sides and a can, inverted, with sugar water. I carefully removed the can and Jean took out the queen's box. I call it a coffin. I then pried out the cork and put in a small piece of marshmallow. The bees eat through the marshmallow to release the queen to start making babies. Jean attached the queen's coffin to the middle frame of the hive. I then took the box with about three thousand bees, smacked it down a couple times and immediately turned it over shaking the bees out of the box.

They had no issues with me doing this and it took maybe five minutes for the bees to crawl into the frames. I put another food packet on top, replaced the top box and added their jar of sugar water. And away they went!



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Acres Green

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South Suburban Parks and Rec. Matching Gifts Program

By Ron Brink

Every year South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) has what is called the Matching Gifts Program. They set aside \$10,000 and ask organizations within the SSPR boundaries to submit proposals;

The Matching Gifts Program provides a way for individuals, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses, and other organizations to join with South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) in the development of their particular projects. They work with eligible groups in the continual development and improvement of our parks, facilities, and programs.

The South Suburban Board of Directors annually budgets money in the General Fund to be used to match funding requests, in an amount up to fifty percent, from eligible applicants.

Back in 2019, we submitted a proposal to spruce up the two entrances to Acres Green. The 2019 proposal, as submitted, was too broad and lacked not enough information. Needless to say, it was not approved.

Late 2019, we worked with a horticulturist from SSPR, designing and laying out what we wanted to do. Especially the green bushes that almost obscure the north entrance sign. We came up with the plan, a list of plants and costs. It came up to roughly \$1600.00. Our part of that cost is \$800.

We submitted our proposal early March 2020. Then COVID-19 hit. We then got good news and bad news. SSPR had to layoff employees and cut back where ever they could. You guessed it, the Matching Funds Program was cut for 2020. That was the bad.

The good was that they were going to keep all the proposals and IF the program was restarted in 2021 we would already have our proposal in place.

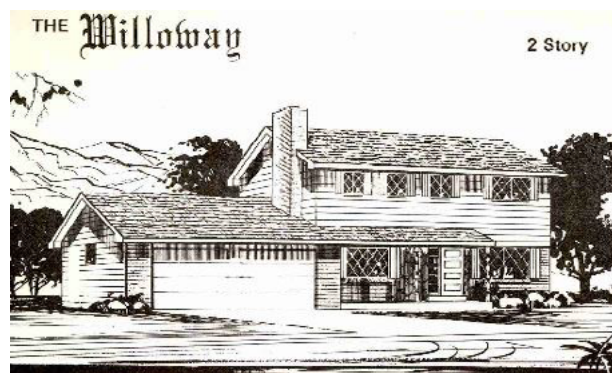
On May 15 we received an email that our proposal was approved. Right now we don't have any further news as to when they will start but we will let you know as soon as we hear anything.

We are excited to see the transformation of those two areas as they are the first thing we see coming into the neighborhood.

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.



4 Bed Rooms - 3 Baths
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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.

Senior Technology Safety

- **Internet Safety:** A little data can reveal a lot about you. 15% of people over 65 have internet access. The sites you visit keep track of you too. Your computer collects information about you including; sites you visit, how long you were there, downloads and purchases. Choosing your passwords carefully can help protect you from internet account breaches. Don't use user names, birthdays, ages, address or phone numbers. Stay web safe!
- **Online Shopping:** To the left side of your address bar, look for a lock symbol to indicate you are shopping on a secure site. Buy from companies you know and trust. This will make shopping online a safer experience for you.
- **Online Gambling:** Some online gambling sites operate from outside of the U.S. and are not regulated by state gaming commissions. Users are not protected from unfair gaming practices like with real-life casinos. Play it safe!
- **Identity Theft:** Your fingerprints are your own but your personal information can be used by others. Don't give social security numbers, credit card information or other personal information over the phone.

Farmers Market Time!

Centennial Farmers Market:

- University Towne Center, 7424 S University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80122.
- University and Dry Creek, NE Corner near Burger King. Wed., May 5 – Oct. 27, 10:00am - 2:00pm

South University Farmers Market:

- 5859 S University Blvd, Greenwood Village, CO 80121, across from Trader Joes
- Aspen Academy Parking lot Fridays, 5/7-10/29, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Senior Life Expo

The **Senior Life Expo** is a free event is where Douglas County seniors and their family members will be able to speak with 80+ senior related businesses and organizations. Participating partner lists, seminar schedules and information is available at www.castlerockseniorcenter.org on the events page or by calling 303-688-9498. June 30th, Wed. 1pm – 5am Free admission & parking at Douglas County Events Center, 500 Fairgrounds Road, Castle Rock, 80104

The Front Range Maker's Market

The **Front Range Maker's Market** will be held 2 Saturdays in Castle Rock at the Outlets at Castle Rock. The Market will be OUTDOORS and will host 50 vendors. Find uniqueness and quality at this market for makers, artists, crafters, vintage collectors, boutique owners and local small business owners. **June 12 and August 14, 9am-3pm** FREE ADMISSION

Golf Anyone?

Castle Rock Senior Activity Center 21st Annual "Fall Swing" Golf Tournament. This tournament is open to anyone who wants to play at Bear Dance Golf Course in Larkspur, CO. All the proceeds go to benefit the Castle Rock Senior Activity Center. Early Bird Registration is \$180 by June 25. Registration ends August 25. Contact: Castle Rock Senior Center, 2323 Woodlands Blvd. Castle Rock, 80104. 303-688-9498, crsc@CRgov.com

The Seniors Guide to Staying Healthy Year-Round

1. **Get active:** Physical activity is an immune system booster. The more you move, the more your body is able to fight inflammation and infections. Low impact exercises like walking, yoga and swimming, or low impact aerobics are effective, too. Modify your exercise routine to find what feels best for you.
2. **Take supplements:** Some supplements help support a healthy immune system. Before taking a supplement, always ask your doctor if it's safe, especially if you're taking a prescription medication.
3. **Eat a healthy diet:** Diets rich in fruits, vegetables are a good source of antioxidants along with lean meats also give your immune system a boost and protect against harmful viruses and bacteria that cause illnesses. Limit your consumption of sugary and fatty foods, which can trigger inflammation in the body and lower your immune system. In addition, limit your intake of alcohol.
4. **Wash your hands frequently:** Wash your hands with warm soapy water often, and for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your nose, face, and mouth with your hands. Also, disinfect surfaces around your home and workstation frequently.
5. **Learn how to manage stress:** To reduce stress, increase physical activity, get plenty of sleep, set reasonable expectations for yourself, and explore relaxing, enjoyable activities.
6. **Get plenty of rest:** Getting enough sleep can reduce your stress level, help your body repair itself. It can also improve memory and concentration. Aim for at least seven and a half to nine hours of sleep per night. If you have trouble sleeping, talk to your doctor to find the underlying cause.
7. **Take steps to prevent infections:** Getting annual vaccinations is another way to stay healthy throughout the year. If you're age 65 and older, talk to your doctor about getting a high-dose or adjuvant flu vaccine. The flu virus changes each year. Check with your doctor about getting pneumococcal vaccines to protect against pneumonia and meningitis.
8. **Schedule annual physicals:** Always speak with your doctor if you have concerns about your health. Regular physical examinations will enable your doctor to diagnose any problems early. Getting early treatment may prevent long-term complications. The immune system weakens with age, making it harder to fight off viruses. If you see a doctor within the first 48 hours of flu symptoms, they can prescribe an antiviral to reduce the severity and length of symptoms.
9. **Avoid contact with people who are sick:** Limit contact with people who aren't feeling well and avoid crowded areas until conditions improve.

LifeSpark Cancer Resources

LifeSpark is a non-profit organization that pairs people with cancer, people recovering from cancer and their care givers with Reiki and Healing Touch services. You will be connected with a Healing Touch or Reiki provider, and you will receive eight weeks of free wellness sessions for the best support and care possible on your cancer healing journey! These sessions can lower stress, depression, and pain, and may strengthen your body's healing abilities. Services are FREE. Sign up at: LifeSparknow.org, select 'Treatment signup'



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- 🏠 19 Homes have sold in Acres Green since January 2021
- 🏠 With an average of 3 Days on the market
- 🏠 Other recent market trends show that more sellers than normal are planning to list their homes for sale in the next 12 months.
- 🏠 Total home sales in 2021 are still predicted to be 6.2 percent higher than last year. Even as mortgage rates drift upward, home purchase demand remains robust.
- 🏠 With the continued supply-demand imbalance, an upward pull on prices is expected to remain consistent in 2021 and beyond.

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