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Community Garage Sales— June 3 & 4,
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 Acresgreen.org**

AGHOA Meeting: June 16, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: The Hub, 8827 Lone Tree
Pkwy., Lone Tree, CO 80124

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Gina Smith retires from Acres Green Elementary School

By JoAnn Latrhop

Gina Smith is retiring from Acres Green Elementary as the Principal after 19 years. She moved to Colorado in 2003 looking for a change and began her career in the Douglas County School District at Acres Green Elementary as the Assistant Principal.

Principal Smith, told parents and staff that together we have demonstrated a tremendous amount of compassion, love, resilience and creativity as we walked through the very challenging last few years, and she could not imagine enduring through these times with any other community.

She said she will treasure her time spent here and will never forget the amazing students who walk through these doors every single day, as they are the center of all they do at Acres Green ES. The students have left a lasting impression on her heart, and she will miss them the most.

Gina said it has been a privilege and honor to serve the Acres Green Elementary School community. She said we are a positive and professional community of educators who are strongly committed to ensuring the highest levels of learning for all children.

Her favorite memory from her time at Acres Green came when the school was working on a fundraising goal. She and the former AP, Mr. George Boser, had a special prize for the students if they met their goal. The special surprise came at an assembly when a barber from Floyd’s came and shaved Mr. Boser’s head. Mrs. Smith, having dyed her hair purple the night before, then walked in. Mrs. Smith expressed how excited the students were and how amazing the cheers were. It was great.

Principal Smith sincerely thanks the Acres Green community for all the friendships and learning opportunities she was provided. “I am a better person for having worked here.

To my fellow colleagues in DCSD, thank you for the laughter, the tears, the collaboration, the memories and the friendships. I wish you all the best as you continue the good work!

With deepest gratitude and love, Gina Smith”

Community Calendar Events and Activities

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Mondays	11:30—12:30	Introduction to Line Dance (level 1) Learn how to line dance. Line Dance is great fun, social and good exercise for mind and body.	Goodson Rec. Ctr., 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial 303-798-2476
Wednesdays	1:30—2:30	Beginner Level 2 Line Dance for those who have learned basic line dance steps.	Buck Rec. Ctr., 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton 303-797-8787
June 3 & 4	All day	Acres Green neighborhood garage sales	Residents are encouraged to post their sales on Nextdoor and Craigs List
June 11	9 a.m. till 11:00 or until full	Acres Green Roll-off—Free to paid members for 2022.	Acres Green Elementary school parking lot
June 16, Oct. 20, Dec. 15	7 p.m.	Acres Green HOA Meetings	The Lone Tree Hub- Sweetwater Room or on ZOOM
July 15	5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the Aug. Greenleaf. Contact Jean Henke at 303-649-1497 or 3roses@ix.netcom.com	Send articles in narrative format to Jean at e-mail listed
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Pat Perlinger Honored – one of our own!

“Honoring a retired advisory panelist. On April 16, Sheriff Tony Spurlock was joined by a group of past sheriffs to honor retired PSAC (Public Safety Advisory Committee) member Pat Perlinger.

He had represented the citizens of Douglas County on the advisory committee since its inception in 2008.”

Reprinted from the *Lone Tree Voice*, April 22, 2022





Senior Column

By Jim Hope

Farmers Markets (FM) near Acres Green

- *Highlands Ranch Town Center, 9288 Dorchester St., May 1 thru Oct. 30, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- *Festival Park 300 2nd Street, Castle Rock May 8 thru end of Sept., Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- *Parker 19565 Main Street, Parker May 8 thru end of Oct., Sundays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- *Littleton Aspen Grove, 7301S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton July 13 until Sept. 14, Wed. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- *South University 7424 S. University Blvd. Centennial 8012 May 6 thru Oct. 28, Fridays 10 am to 2 pm (No market on June 6).

Senior Life Expo

Thursday June 30, 1 pm, Free admission and Free parking Douglas County Fairgrounds 500 Fairgrounds Road, Castle Rock 80104

Summer Vintage, Antique and Artisan Market

Lone Tree Summer Vintage, Antique and Artisan Market July 16th. Vendors will be selling a wide variety of goods such as antiques, vintage items, apparel, home decor, garden items, jewelry and much more. Free admission. July 16, 9 am to 3 pm 8401 Park Meadows Center Dr. Lone Tree, CO 80124

When hiring anyone advertising in this publication, residents are urged to do their own research. Complaints regarding improper behavior will result in immediate removal of an ad.

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Safe and Fun Summer Activities for Seniors

1. Swimming or Water Aerobics. These activities are low impact to help individuals who have arthritis or stiff joints. Water exercises can also increase bone density and muscle mass to help with flexibility and reduction of pain.
2. Reading a Book. Reading reduces stress, enhances sleep, sharpens decision-making, and may delay the onset of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.
3. Put a Puzzle Together. Puzzles prevent boredom and boosts moods. They also require seniors to concentrate on the task, which allows them to improve their concentration skills and build their cognitive reserve.
4. Go for a Walk. Walking strengthens bones, improves mobility, decreases pain, and relieve stress.
5. Crafting or Sewing. These are fun activities to create something to be proud of. Crafting can stimulate the senses, boost your mood, and trigger positive memories.
6. Gardening can reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s and related forms of dementia. Engaging in this activity helps gain exposure to vitamin D while providing nutritious fruits and vegetables to your home-cooked meals.

AGHOA Membership Dues

In 2021 we had 186 families and individuals registered as members in the AGHOA. 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. Select one of the dollar amounts as indicated by level of membership.

- \$25 Family
- \$15 Individual
- \$5 Senior (65 and older)

If you don’t have a PayPal account, complete the payment details under “PayPal Guest Checkout”.

To pay by check:

Make payable to AGHOA
Mail to AGHOA, c/o Sandy Inglis, 13183 Canopus Dr., Littleton, CO 80124

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

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

Remember members can use the roll-offs for free!



Acres Green ACC

by Jim Hope

Spring has come and with that Easter celebrations. Some of you may have baby chicks that will eventually become full grown chickens. Residential property in Douglas county is allowed to have 4 pet chickens per property.

I usually receive questions on various topics each month, but did not this month, so I will provide some useful residential information from Douglas County Zoning and Planning.

Yard waste and landscape debris:

Please sweep and bag all trash for disposal with your waste disposal company. Do not allow clippings and debris to enter streets and storm drains, eventually clogging pipes, rivers and degrading water quality.

Over-the-Counter plan review: The Douglas County Building Division offers an Over-the-Counter, (OTC) plan review process for limited resi-

dential construction projects as described below. In most cases, this process allows homeowners to obtain same-day permits for small projects. Additional information may be required upon review, but once the project is accepted as an Over-the-Counter review, the process should take approximately 30 minutes. All OTC reviews are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Over-the-Counter plan review process is limited to 1) Basement finishes and 2) Simple residential interior remodel. Over-The-Counter plan review applications should include (if applicable):
AG Architectural Control Committee (AG ACC) approval letter
Completed permit application to include all subcontractors with current Douglas County registration
Fire department approval if the home is equipped with fire sprinklers
Two sets of architectural plans drawn to 1/4" = 1 ft scale or other identified standard scale

As always, my goal is to help you understand Douglas County codes and regulations and to help you navigate thru 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 non-emergency phone number; 303-660-7505.

Issues regarding activities at residences which are disturbing to the neighborhood are under the authority of Douglas County Zoning Compliance; phone number 303-660-7460.

You can also contact me and I will do my best to help you and point you in the right direction.

My contact information is below.

Jim Hope Email:
acresgreenacc@gmail.com
Phone: 720-810-4032

Questions for the commissioner

Ron Brink has been collecting questions for Commissioner Abe Laydon who will be attending the June 16th AGHOA meeting at the Hub.

Here is a brief summary of those questions.

One question regarding the school property adjacent to Sweet-water Park.

Six questions regarding speeding,

people not stopping at stop signs, roundabouts and wrong way drivers.

One question about people not leashing their dogs.

Three questions regarding people who don't take care of their property and make walking on sidewalks difficult.

Two questions regarding abandoned or unlicensed cars.

One question about senior property taxes.

One question regarding ice hazards on sidewalks

One question about county property in A.G.

Ron will submit the questions to the commissioner prior to the meeting.

Bee Update

By Ron Brink

It is nearing the end of April and the time to keep a watchful eye on the hives. May starts the "splitting/swarming" season. Beekeepers know that early spring when the bees are very active and the new bees are starting to spread their wings that hives can become crammed quickly.

There are two options. The first let nature take its course – let them swarm. They take a large portion of the bees and a queen and what you would call, fly the coop. We had two swarms last year and both surprised us as we were not ready for that.

The other option is to split the hive; make two out of one. This is the preferred method especially if you want to increase your hive count. You also have more control of when and how it happens. Splitting basically involves taking some capped brood, larvae and food from a strong and healthy hive and putting the frames into a new hive box.

Some recommend taking the queen (if you can find her) along with the frames, others leave her. Either way, weather permitting about May 1st we will attempt a split. I already have two new hives, stands, tops etc. ready and waiting.

UPDATE: May 1st came but I decided to put off splitting for a day or two. That day or two was about 30 minutes too late. On May 3rd I had a doctor appointment and told the doc about our bees and that right after this appointment I was going to split the hive.

Well, no sooner than arriving home twenty minutes late I got a text from my neighbor – "Ron your hive swarmed and the swarm is sitting in my tree!" I ran to the back and sure enough, about fourteen feet up in the tree was the swarm. I setup my extension ladder, climbed up with my Home Depot 5-gallon bucket. I reached out as far as I could, stuck the bucket under the swarm, gave it a couple good



shakes and the bees fell into the bucket along with the queen!

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!

Be a problem solver, not a problem identifier—Join the AGHOA today!

A family membership is less than 50 cents a week. An individual membership is less than 30 cents a week.



2022 Acres Green Home Owners' Association Membership Form

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 article in this newsletter.

To remain current as a member in the AGHOA you must pay dues annually. Join Today!

Dues for 2022: Family \$25, Individual \$15, Senior (age 65+) \$5.

When volunteering for a committee deduct \$10 from dues. Indicate: Family __, Individual __, or Senior __

Indicate if you are making an **additional donation** _____ or **paying for multiple years** _____

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

Name _____ Spouse (significant other) _____

Street Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address: _____

Names may be listed in the Acres Green Greenleaf newsletter unless otherwise requested.

AGHOA meeting minutes

Provided by Ron Brink

The last AGHOA meeting was held on April 21st through ZOOM. The first order of business is to correct the dates for the community garage sales. The correct dates are Friday and Saturday, June 3 & 4.

The dumpster day is the following Saturday June 11, from 9—11 or until full. That is also the day for the front garden cleanup. Dumpster \$950. Members can use it for free.

Building around us update. Ron mentioned a referral we received from Lone Tree regarding a proposed two-story building

Treasurers report summary Deposits were \$470 for this period. Bills were \$466.8. Available funds \$1,563.68.

South Suburban signs in the parks. The sign by Sweetwater says the city of Lone Tree. Ron called South Suburban Parks and Rec. regarding the error. Sweetwater Park is in unincorporated Douglas County. Ron also mentioned the signs that mention that dogs should be on a leash. He asked for additional signs. Ron also sent a message to Melissa who is coordinator for the parks to ask about the status of the upgrades for the playground equipment.

Welcome committee—no updates available.

SAAC committee—JoAnn mentioned that currently there is no person representing the Community on that committee.

ACC updates. A couple complained about a neighbor who is conducting a construction business on his property that is a nuisance. They were told to call the Douglas County Zoning at 303-660-7460 to report the problem.

Ron mentioned that the commissioner will be attending the June AGHOA meeting. Ron has been compiling a list of questions for the commissioner.

JoAnn mentioned that Gina Smith is leaving, see the article in this newsletter. There is a new garden initiative at the school and they are asking for help from the community with that effort. No

details were available.

She also announced that food trucks will be at the school the first Monday of every month from May through October.

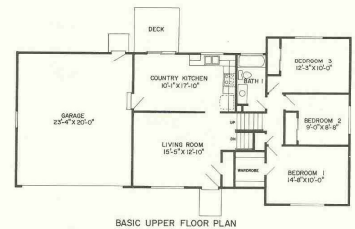
Acres Green Home Models

Provided by Jean Henke

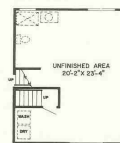
In this section I am reprinting the original layout of homes in Acres Green. I encourage folks to use Nextdoor to set up a group to discuss remodeling ideas.



Drawings are an Artist's Conception and are not intended to show specific architectural detail.



BASIC LOWER FLOOR PLAN



FINISHED LOWER FLOOR PLAN



Price Sheet

33,500
24,245
\$ 9,255

THE COUNTRY HEIR SERIES

NAME	PRICE
Bucklodge	\$30,975
Foxpoint	\$29,450
Beaverdam	\$30,700
Huntington	\$32,300
Fatmehabten	41,150 36,400 34,900 33,500 3,650
Elkhorn	\$31,400

---THE ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE---
Special energy package, 8000 sq.ft. site with all underground utilities, 2-car garage, wall to wall carpeting, electric range, range hood and disposer and a full open lower level. Please ask the salesman for other available options.

OPTIONAL PRICES TO COMPLETE LOWER LEVELS

BUCKLODGE	\$4165	HUNTINGTON	\$3930
FOXPOINT	\$3599	FATMEHABTEN	41,500
BEAVERDAM	\$3745	ELKHORN	\$3680

Prices effective February 25, 1975 and are subject to change without notice.
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Welcome Committee —New to the community or know of someone who is? Please contact **Mona Beuthel** at IamMonaB@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.

Senior Activities Director— **Mona Beuthel** Contact her at: IamMonaB@gmail.com or at 303-919-9644. Let her know what kind of information you are looking for in the senior section.

Traffic Concerns and Complaints - *If you see something putting people in danger, please call 911.***

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.

Be the first to receive the Greenleaf. Send your e-mail address to us at: 3roses@ix.netcom.com Note: you are responsible for allowing access to your e-mail address.

Aircraft Noise Line - Register complaints about loud or low flying aircraft at <http://bit.ly/ReportNOISE> or call 303-790-4709.

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

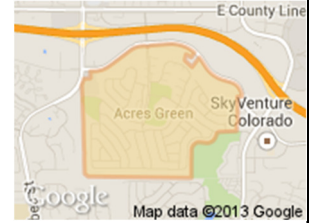


Nextdoor Acres Green

The Nextdoor website is a FREE private social networking site for Acres Green residents. It has been great for people sharing information, offering items for free or for sale, finding lost pets, recommending restaurants and services, joining the Neighborhood Watch and much more!

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 site, visit: nextdoor.com/join/QSLJBP



AGHOA Meeting June 16, 2022

The AGHOA meets the Third Thursday of most even numbered months. The next AGHOA meeting is scheduled for June 16. **NOTE MEETING LOCATION: at the HUB.**

Agenda

- ◆ Commissioner Abe Laydon
- ◆ Upcoming events (garage sales, roll-off, garden clean-up and more)
- ◆ Building around us
- ◆ Committee status (Treasurer, Membership, Social, South Suburban, Welcome, AGE SAC, ACC)
- ◆ Other business

4th of July Activities

This year the Acres Green community will once again have a 4th of July Parade with antique and unique cars. The parade will begin at Acres Green Elementary school and travel through the neighborhood. Ron Brink has volunteered to work on this fun event. He has requested that car owners gather at the school at 9:30 a.m. on July 4th. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and travel through the community.

We are hoping to once again have the water balloon fight at Lonesome Pine Park. We are also hoping to have ice cream and kids games. There are no plans yet to have a children's parade this year.

What do all of these things need? Volunteers! We need people to step up and organize and lead these ac-

tivities. So this is your opportunity to participate in the community, meet new people and have a great time.

So if you would like to help make this 4th of July a day to remember, contact the Acres Green Board of Directors at:

boardofdirectors@acresgreen.org

Food Trucks come to Acres Green

Provided by JoAnn Latrop

The first food truck event for the Acres Green HOA saw many neighbors participating and getting to meet each other. We're happy to announce that the Food Trucks are planned to be here the second Monday of each month from June through October at Acres Green Elementary Parking lot.

Mark your calendars for June 13, July 11, August 15, September 12 and October 10th. We have 1053 house in our community and as



long as the trucks make a profit then the HOA can host the food trucks nights.

This is a community get together, invite your friends, help us advertise outside of our community. If you have photos from the event, please consider sending them to the Acres Green Homeowners Association's Facebook

page and look for updates there at acresgreen.org

Many thanks to JoAnn for organizing these events.



Fundraising School bond issue

If you would like to help raise funds for AG Elementary school here is an easy way to do that.

Digital Fundraising while you shop!

Please follow this link to connect your King Soopers Shoppers Card with Acres Green Elementary: <https://www.kingsoopers.com/topic/king-soopers-community-rewards> Our school organization number is QV153.

This is one of the easiest ways for you to support our school. It is just a one-time enrollment and connection of your Soopers card to our school through the Community Rewards tab on their website or the Kings Soopers App.

Each quarter you can see how much your family has contributed to our school right on the App!

This fall the Douglas Country School District will be asking voters to approve a Mill Levy and Bond update for school. For detailed information please go to:

[Https://dcsdk12.org](https://dcsdk12.org)

Here are a few facts:

How much will it cost?

approximately \$43 per \$100,000 value of home per homeowner per year

\$177 per \$100,000 value of business per business owner per year

Why is it a no new tax bond?

This just means that the new bond replaces the old, and taxes for the sake of the bond do not change.