

# Acres Green Scene

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## Calendar of Events:

**Start Decorating The Tree at Acres Green Dr. Marquee:** December 1st

**Holiday Lighting Contest Judging:**  
Starting week of December 16th

**Neighborhood Watch Meeting:**  
January 11, Lone Tree library/Kid's corner

**Newsletter Input Deadline:** January 15th

**HOA Meeting:** February 8th  
Lone Tree library/Kid's corner

## Decorate Christmas Tree At The Marquee & More!

Please add an ornament to the Christmas tree at the marquee. Please send a photo and your family name to [aghoaevents@gmail.com](mailto:aghoaevents@gmail.com). If you wish to decorate any of the garden area, fence, iron trellis, we would appreciate any help. A family suggested at our Trunk or Treat that we have a tree lighting for the neighborhood. Maybe at one of the Lonesome Pine park trees with hot chocolate and caroling. This year is a simple wish to get the trees decorated. We wish to have a committee that would be dedicated to making this an Acres Green tradition going forward.

## Pickleball Tournament On September 24th & Forming A New Club

14 people and 7 teams with, double elimination, participated in the 50th AGHOA party. Congratulations to Chad Moynihan and Derek Shaw 1st place. 2nd place went to Steve and Jody Torres. Derek Shaw has offered to be the coordinator for the Acres Green Pickleball club for the New Year, if interested, email him at [chimboo21@hotmail.com](mailto:chimboo21@hotmail.com). Thank you to all our players: Aubree Shaw and Matt Glascock, Betty Matter and Alyssa Thompson, Jim and Sarah Paliga, Katie Glascock and Lisa Moeller, and Neil and Laura.

## President's Letter

*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays* from all of us on the HOA Board of Directors and Chairmans. The HOA is always looking for input and ideas as we are here to support the Acres Green community through activities and want you to know that what we are doing is supporting you. As a community civic organization, our agenda is to provide our 1056 houses with gatherings for all to enjoy. Thank you to Michelle Gillette for providing the kids at the 50th a face painter. Braving the cold on a snowy trunk or treat were 82 neighbors & 5 cars with resident Sean Meighan, our pirate ship guy & Andy our friendly pirate. We voted on the newest Emperor Penguins name (we submitted the voting: Pearl, won, Pandora & Astrid were the other names). Thank you to Mona, and good friend Roberta Hodge for getting our meeting place in October. The Christmas house decorating contest will start, for a week, on December 16. We hope you enjoyed the new activities this year and other ideas have been suggested to gather as a community. We need to find a location for the following suggestions: a wine night, we found a painter who will come to a home



for a painting night, beer night, garden club, neighborhood watch participants, bingo night, safety & help technology night, SSPR Matching gift program committee, Good Samaritan Club, Tree lighting and pirates night. If you would like to help or make suggestions, email to [aghoaevents@gmail.com](mailto:aghoaevents@gmail.com). Our meetings are set for February, April, and June at Lone Tree library at no cost to the HOA. Without more advertisers we have moved some articles

to the website; minutes of meetings, senior column, ACC, SSPR and traffic updates permanently reside there. We would sincerely like to thank all the following individuals for participating in events, meetings, emailing, involvement and your support to the HOA!

Alba Rosa Madrigal, Roseanna Robichaud, Eva Ikonen, Isabell Ikonen, Lenora Starr, Bill Ramsey, Tom Hughes, Christine Neenan, Alyssa Rush, Emalee Owens (AGES Principal), Annet Williams, Derek Shaw, Fred & Kathy  
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## Help Your Neighbor This Winter Season ~ Snow Is Coming Soon

As I was growing up I remember my mom telling us it is good to volunteer and help others. This Winter season we are asking for you to check on your neighbor. If they're having difficulty clearing their sidewalk or may need help putting out trash cans on wintry days, consider offering them a helping hand. We are property owners in unincorporated Douglas county and are required to shovel our sidewalks after the snow stops within 24 hours.



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You're welcome to contact the AGHOA ACC chairman with any of your questions. He's willing to do his best to help and point you in the right direction. Jim's contact information is acresgreeacc@gmail.com, 720-810-4032.

## Acres Green Membership Enrollment Form

**2023 AGHOA Dues:**  
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 The 2023 Calendar Year is from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Payments made after January 1, 2023 are not prorated. For example, a payment made in October enables active membership only through December 31, 2023.  
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# President's Letter, *continued from front page*

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— Your neighbor, Jo Ann Lathrop

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# October Treasurers Report:

Beginning Balance (9/16/2023): \$1886.06

Deposits: \$0.00

Expenditures: \$1,234.57

- Dumpster Day (830)
- Newsletter (305)
- 50th Anniversary (61.77)
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## Our Own Pirate Ship In Acres Green

I am Sean Meighan. I built the pirate ship at 881 Altair Drive in 2020. This is the fourth year for a Christmas show on the ship. The ship is 50 feet long and adorned with Christmas lights, decorations, and sound effects with sails and three working cannons. Every December, I invite the local community to come and enjoy a magical night. I am excited to continue the tradition for years to come. For the past four years, I have been asked various questions which I've included a sampling below (Please refer to the website for the full list):



L-R: Jo Ann Lathrop, Sean Meighan and Mona Beuthal

**Q: How much does your electricity bill increase?**  
A: Around \$30 a month in December. Why? Because, although there are 30,000 lights, they run at 30% brightness. Also, most lights are off at any given time.

**Q: Why did you build a pirate ship?** A: Well, I blame the Denver water department. In the spring of 2020, they sent a flyer and asked residents to remove 25% of their lawn and replace it with a Xeriscape garden. We would save millions of gallons each year if we all did this. So I removed 25% and planted Xeriscape plants. But when I finished this I noticed how uneven my front yard was so I built an 80-foot-long retaining wall. In the summer of 2020, a neighbor said my wall looked like the hull of a ship. So that day, I decided to build a ship on top of the wall.

**Q: How long does the show last?** A: Each year we start the show on Halloween and run it daily until January. We broadcast on 89.5FM so you can watch the show when it is cold or snowy.

**Q: What are the show hours?** A: The show runs daily from 5 pm to 10 pm for 3 months. 1 month of Halloween music, then two months of Christmas. Normally we start Christmas on Thanksgiving. This year, because of the warmer weather I am ahead of schedule. Christmas music has started on Nov. 14th.

**Q: Can I come on the ship?** A: You may come on the ship every night unless I am absent. I play in multiple bands and orchestras. On the nights I am gone I will have a saw horse blocking entry with a notice "Ship Is Closed". If the sign is not present, you are welcome aboard.

**Q: Do you accept donations?** A: I do not accept donations, but you can donate to the Denver food bank or breast cancer.

In conclusion, I am happy that the Acres Green neighborhood welcomed the pirate ship. It is a pleasure to meet all of you each year.

## Result of The Halloween Contest

Driving around the neighborhood searching for the best Halloween decoration on October 31st as the president, is an easy task. 1st place went to Cathy & Rodney McCurdy 13274 Mercury Dr. 100 balloons and 84 popcorns were given out. 2nd place went to Katie Dunlap 13786 Omega Circle. It was like walking into a haunted house. 3rd Place to Elizabeth Cunningham 13482 Achilles Dr. The Hocus Pocus house with all original painted designs. Honorable Mention is 13781 Omega Circle with original designs. Photos on website.

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**50th Anniversary Block Party**

It was a beautiful day at Lonesome Pine Park on Sunday, September 24th. Joining us was Jim Johnson, the son of the original contractor of AG. In September 1972 he started to work with his dad by framing houses. Our long-time resident, Bob Barth spent the day with us speaking to the neighbors about the history living here. Here is a few of things we learned. Acres Green was named by Gene Johnson, the co-builder/contractor favorite TV show at the time was Green Acres. The first street built was Helena Circle (the cul de sac was not built all the way). These were the first homes as they started by building six houses on the West side and six houses on the East side. They built towards the middle where the school and park were planned. The first homes had single car garages. And two car garages were built years later. There was a library at the beginning of acres green drive and Jim played on the softball team, Builders vs the HOA, (Ken Good). Sweetwater Park had horses. The names of the streets were to attract workers from Martin Marietta to attract engineers to live here. We were the first major development in Douglas County and the second was in castle rock. Country Village estates in Lakewood, are the same houses built a few years later. Thank you to Mona, VP for contacting Jim and gathering the photos, articles that were on display. We will continue to research to get more stories from the residents. Email aghoavicepres@gmail.com

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A	413 Helena Circle	\$558,000	\$558,000	4	2	1,933	57
A	13749 Omega Circle	\$575,000	\$558,000	3	2	1,799	36
P	13782 Omega Circle	\$620,000	\$620,000	4	3	2,737	5
P	222 Helena Circle	\$569,000	\$569,000	4	2	1,764	0

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