

ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS



Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village

Upcoming 2024 Meetings & Events Calendar

- **Joint Men and Ladies' Get-Together:** May 16, 6-9 pm, home of Mark and Amy Hojegan, 6178 S. Lakeview St.
- **Board Meetings:** April 11
- **Association Annual Meeting:** May 9
- **Annual 4th of July Parade:** July 4



Teach The Children To Save Day

Each year on the fourth Thursday in April, National Teach Children to Save Day encourages children to develop good saving habits. Bankers across the country volunteer every year to teach children to save. Developing these habits at a young age creates a foundation for a lifetime of saving. Involving our children with a savings plan, and money management skills prepare them for a solid future. Parents should teach children about financial matters so that when they head out into the world they avoid pitfalls that can be financially devastating. With an early start on saving and an understanding of budgeting their money, children will have solid habits as they head into adulthood.

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Board Member Letter

Many of our neighbors generously donate time, resources, and talents to support local causes and charitable organizations. As shared in a previous newsletter, East Elementary School was recently repurposed into the East Community Center, a public facility that partners with organizations providing services for adults, children and families. You may want to consider dropping by the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 18 at 4 pm to learn more about volunteer opportunities in our extended neighborhood.

North Littleton Promise recently relocated to the East Community Center. In 2003, Maureen Shannon was part of a group from a local church who learned about the struggles of communities in Northeast Littleton. Today, Maureen is the Executive Director of the non-profit charitable organization that provides life giving relationships to foster faith, education and leadership in a Christ-centered community. After school and summer programming for elementary, middle and high school students, four soccer teams, parent groups and resource navigation are available.

Other organizations at East Community Center:

- Break Bread provides to-go meals while building meaningful relationships.
- All-Health Network provides mental health support to Littleton Public School staff members.
- Rooted 303 provides essential support to the recovery of substance misuse through individual coaching and/or group workshops.
- The Optimist Club and Littleton Police Department engage in community service and enrichment activities.
- Littleton Community Music Association offers guitar lessons for intermediate and advanced young musicians.
- Sweet Dream in a Bag and St. Andrew Market address basic needs by providing bedding for children and a free, non-perishable food market, respectively.
- Parkinson's Pointe, Arapahoe/Douglas Works, and Third-Eye Yoga offer wellness, career support, free meals, community connection and holistic health programs.

Weather permitting, street reconstruction resumes in Aberdeen Village. The City of Littleton delivered notices with detailed information, including the contact information of the new contractor, Chavez Construction, 303-979-3757. The contact person at the city for any concerns or questions is Kimberly Dall at 720-910-3522 or via email at kdall@littletongov.org.

Another volunteer opportunity to serve our neighborhood is an officer position on our HOA board. Please let a current board member know if you are interested. Aberdeen Village Neighborhood Association's annual meeting is May 9, at 6 pm in Bemis Library. Robert Reichardt, the District II City Council Representative, will speak and answer our questions at the meeting.

— Mary Pat Valdes, Treasurer

Happenings At Hudson Gardens

Hudson Gardens has several trunk shows scheduled in the gift shop that will feature unique art and gift items and will showcase local artists. You won't want to miss these events, so mark your calendars!

- **April 27 & 28**, 10:00 – 3:00: Nature Inspired Watercolor Cards
- **May 4 & 5**, 9:00 - 4:00: Original Mixed Media Art

Admission to the gift shop and to tour the gardens is always free so come on by and check out the gift shop, support local artists and enjoy a stroll through the grounds. Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 South Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120 and there's plenty of free parking.

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 5th of the month before the next month's issue, except for the January issue which is December 1. Please email news articles to the editor at avneighbor1955@gmail.com. Note your name and include a daytime phone number (we won't publish it) in case there are any questions. Letters to the editor may be printed without the author's name if requested.

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Watch the Rockies at Coors Field

Nothing says warm weather like baseball on a sunny day. What better place to watch a game than Coors Field in downtown Denver with a grand view of the mountains in the distance? The Rockies season runs from early April through early October, and maybe longer, pending a playoff run.

Opening day for the Colorado Rockies will be held on Friday, April 5th, 2024 as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays. There are plenty of festivities to celebrate the return of baseball. Coors Light will be set up in McGregor Square with activities for the whole family, the Broncos quarterback will throw a ceremonial first pitch, and there will be a fly-over by the Air National Guard. Don't miss this exciting day!

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Zoo Lovers Day

Each year on April 8th, National Zoo Lovers Day encourages us to explore our local zoos. Each year millions of people visit zoos and learn about the many animals that live there. Also known as zoological parks, many of them serve as breeding centers. These facilities are relied upon when species are endangered or at risk of becoming endangered. They also provide education to the public about a broad variety of animals and their habitats.

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April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

Garden cleanup is the first priority.

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven't done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

What we've been waiting for – Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼" deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It's not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

Lawn care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

Wasp control:

- Hang pheromone traps out to capture early emerging yellow-jackets. If you trap a queen early, you prevent a nest. These bright yellow traps are available at both garden centers and big box stores. They will not harm other insects just yellow-jacket wasps.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting ask.extension.org any time day or night.

–Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener

Top 10 Things to Do to Get Your LAWN READY IN SPRING

1 Remove debris: Before doing anything else, start by removing any debris such as leaves, twigs, and other winter debris from the lawn. This will allow the grass to breathe and receive the necessary sunlight.

2 Aerate the soil: Aeration helps to improve drainage and air circulation in the soil, which allows the grass to grow more effectively. Renting an aerator or hiring a professional is recommended.

3 Test the soil: Test the soil pH levels and adjust, if necessary, with lime or sulfur to ensure the soil is at the right pH level for optimal grass growth.

4 Fertilize: Apply a fertilizer that is appropriate for the type of grass you have, following the instructions on the package.

5 Water: Water the lawn deeply at least once a week to encourage deep root growth, as opposed to frequent shallow watering.

6 Mow: Start mowing the lawn when it reaches a height of around three inches. Avoid cutting more than one-third of the grass height in one mowing session.

7 Seed: If there are bare or thin patches in the lawn, overseed with grass seed to promote thicker and more uniform grass growth. Be sure to wait 6-8 weeks after fertilizer or weed control, and when temps are consistently above 50 degrees.

8 Weed control: Apply a pre emergent weed control product to prevent weeds from germinating, or manually remove weeds by hand. Can also get post-emergent weed control, just make sure it is safe for grass.

9 Pest control: Apply pest control products as needed to prevent damage from insects or other pests.

10 Maintenance: Regular maintenance such as mowing, watering, and fertilizing throughout the spring and summer will help keep the lawn healthy and looking its best!



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