

ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village



Upcoming 2023 Meetings & Events Calendar

NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHERS:

- **Joint Men and Ladies' Get-Together (no kids):**
August 9, 5:30-7:30 pm, home of Mark and Amy Hojegan, 6178 S. Lakeview St.
- **Ladies' Get-Together:**
September 13, time TBD,
home of Kelly Stahlman, 6192 S Aberdeen St.
- **Joint Men and Ladies' Get-Together (no kids):**
October 19, 6-8 pm, home of Lisa Rice,
6057 S. Lakeview St.
- **Annual Picnic:** August 26
- **Annual Holiday Party:** December 2
- **Annual Toy Drive:** December 2
- **Annual Lighting Contest:** December 9
- **BOARD MEETINGS:**
August 10; October 12; December 14

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Board Member Letter

As Bev Maxwell and John Sharp step down from their positions as President and Vice President of the Aberdeen Village Board, we are grateful for their hard work and legacy: this Aberdeen Connections newsletter. Bev and John felt that living in a neighborhood was all about building a community and creating lasting connections between neighbors, thus the name "Connections" for the newsletter.



Speaking of building upon one's connections, the Annual Picnic is coming up on Saturday, August 26, from 6-9 pm. As has happened since time immemorial, the section of Aberdeen Avenue between Elati and Lakeview Streets will be blocked off and the revelry will begin. Your annual dues will then provide – in addition to the Holiday Party on December 2nd – beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages accompanied by

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Meet Your Neighbors

Wilson and Leigh Skomal moved to Aberdeen Village in 2021, halfway through the pandemic. They had great friends who lived here for years (Ben and Erica Griffiths), and when the Griffiths needed more space, they worked out a win-win scenario with the Skomals to continue their legacy on Aberdeen Avenue. Leigh and Wil were very excited to be living in this great neighborhood.

Leigh grew up in Alabama and attended the University of North Alabama. She moved to Denver in 2011 and lived downtown because she wanted to experience big city life, but little did she know that she would meet her future husband working at Whole Foods Market down in Highlands Ranch. After being exposed to different products and brands during her time at the store, her work evolved into social media marketing, and she's currently a commercial photographer who deals with food and lifestyle.

Wil grew up locally and even had a brother in the band that would march in the Western Welcome Week Parade, so he's very familiar with the quality of life growing up here in smaller-town Littleton. And although they don't presently have children, he and

Leigh are excited about the possibility and see our neighborhood as the perfect foundation for the future. Wil's an attorney working for a financial group based in town and typically works from home. Occasionally setting up at the dinner table with views of outside, he finds joy seeing the random wildlife, and they've both spotted the healthy-looking coyote that has been roaming around as of late. He's also spotted great horned owls in Ketring Park and of course had a few run-ins with racoon families.

When the Skomals are not in Aberdeen Village, they love to travel, and their most recent adventures have them in Spain visiting some of their good friends and family. When they're home you might find them in their backyard cultivating their garden (they like to harvest and cook) or running out to Waterton Canyon for a quick hike. They also like to frequent small neighborhood hotspots like Ned Kelly's, The Lazy Greyhound and Fellow Traveler in Englewood. They (like most of us in the AV) are excited to be within walking distance to the new Cherry Cricket!

— Mark Hojegan, Board Member



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charcoal-fired hot dogs, brauts and hamburgers. To round out the meat and drink, please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, as well as a chair. We'll bring the tables. If you are a child (or wish to revert to being a child), bring clothes that can get nice and wet, as Ann Lincoln, the Bubble Fountain Lady, will be returning to bury you in a pile of non-toxic, hypoallergenic suds.

Ever wonder who that person is three doors down from you on the left? An insert in this month's newsletter contains an updated version of the Aberdeen Village directory and map. Put both these items up on your refrigerator, and you will never need to ask yourself again the name of that person walking their dog past your house. There has been turnover in the neighborhood, so please send me any needed additions, deletions, or corrections to names of adults in the household, phone numbers or emails.

— **Steven Natali, Secretary**

Ketring- Gallup Park Master Plan

City planners seek feedback on plans to update Ketring Park, Gallup Gardens, and Gallup Park – the parklands surrounding Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum. The parks, collectively called Ketring-Gallup Park, feature Ketring Lake, a mature tree canopy, beautiful views, public artwork, pedestrian trails, and multiple parking areas. The City of Littleton, together with South Suburban Parks and Recreation, will develop a master plan for the parks to serve as a guiding document for a vision of the area's future. The master plan will provide long-term goals and strategies for improvement. The survey will help planners better understand the public's current use and perceptions of the park. Please visit the following website and complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ketring-GallupSurvey1>.

— **Sara Corbitt, Board Member**



**KETRING-GALLUP PARK
MASTER PLAN**

**Aberdeen Village Association
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If you have questions regarding a neighborhood issue, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Aberdeen Village Improvement Association.

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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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Crews to Begin Ketring Lake Well Rehab

Crews began rehabilitating the well that supplies Ketring Lake's water supply on July 17. While Ketring Lake was historically filled by the High Line Canal, Denver Water – the canal's owner – has discontinued this use. The lake's only water supply is a well on the east side of the lake, dug in 2016. While this well produced a flow of 45 gallons per minute when dug, it has since decreased, until last week when it stopped flowing completely. The City of Littleton hired Hydro Resources Inc. to rehabilitate the well and restore its flow. Beginning July 17, crews began examining the well with a video inspection tool, followed by a cleanout and repair process expected to take about four weeks. For questions, contact Public Works and Utilities at 303-795-3806.

— Sara Corbitt, Board Member

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<p>Saturdays SOUTHWEST PLAZA MAY 6 - OCTOBER 28 Southeast Parking Lot Wadsworth & Bowles 8am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p>Saturdays LAKWOOD JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 30 Mile Hi Church 9077 W Alameda Ave 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>
<p>Sundays HIGHLANDS RANCH MAY 7 - OCTOBER 29 HR Town Center 9288 Dorchester St. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p>Wednesdays LITTLETON JUNE 14 - SEPTEMBER 27 Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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West Nile Virus: What To Do About Mosquitoes

Talk about summer buzz kill. The mosquito which carries the West Nile Virus is flourishing, thanks to Colorado’s record-setting wet spring and early summer, which was followed by warm temperatures. With Aberdeen Village being close to the Garland Reservoir (Ketring Lake) with its cattail marsh, we need to be aware the mosquito season will be darn irritating in more ways than one.

While 200 species of mosquitoes exist, the Culex is the only one in Colorado which carries West Nile. Culex mosquitoes are multiplying “like the fluffs on a dandelion head,” according to one Metropolitan State University biologist. The Boulder County Public Health Department confirmed that Culex mosquitoes are alive and doing very well this season. The potentially virus-carrying species comprised 40-60% of the mosquito population collected.

Several Colorado county public health departments detected the virus in testing pools during weekly surveillance. Recently, the West Nile Virus was detected in a mosquito trap located near Erie (Fort Collins). Metropolitan State University biology professor Robert Hancock, aka the “Mosquito Man,” calls the weather patterns that allowed the Culex to thrive an “exponential situation.” The 40-year veteran of mosquito study said that Colorado’s wet weather means “more and more adult mosquitoes have a much better chance to survive.” They usually can’t live for long in Colorado’s typically hot, dry summers.

Last year, Colorado had the most West Nile cases in the country with 204. Eighteen Coloradans died from the virus. In 2021, Colorado had the second-most cases of any state. There have been no reports in Colorado of a human contracting the virus. However, most West Nile Virus cases are reported in

August and September. Experts confirm that “typically, we see cases later in the year as the virus amplifies and the risk goes up,” said Lane Drager, consumer protection coordinator for Boulder’s health department.

Symptoms can include fever, headache, joint pains and fatigue that can last for months. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends rest, fluids and over-the-counter pain medications to relieve lighter symptoms. The CDC reports that only 1 in 150 people exposed to the virus will develop more severe symptoms which can range from inflammation of the brain to meningitis. People over 60 are at greatest risk, as are those who suffer from diseases like cancer, diabetes, kidney disease and those who have received transplants.

With the amount of Culex mosquitoes showing up at alarming levels and months of unpredictable swarms ahead, public health officials are cautioning Coloradans to protect themselves.

Drager offers “The Four D’s” to stay safe:

- Deet — use insect repellent, preferably containing Deet, to ward off potentially dangerous or pesky mosquitoes. Repellents which contain Picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol products are also acceptable.
- Dress — when you’re outside, wear long sleeves and pants.
- Dusk and dawn — be most proactive at these times when mosquitoes are most likely to feed ... on you!
- Drain — drain standing water around your home where mosquitoes lay eggs and breed. The annoying insects can inhabit anything from a big can holding water to an outdoor pool, rain gutters and irrigation ditches.

— Carol McKinley, Aberdeen Village Resident

Aberdeen Village Home Sales - Past 12 Months

Address	Sold Price	Asking Price	Discount/ Premium	Beds	Baths	Sq Ft Total	Days on Market	Sold Date
5971 S Aberdeen St	TBD	\$1,200,000	TBD	4	4	3,280	TBD	TBD
6052 S Aberdeen St	TBD	\$1,799,000	TBD	5	5	3,868	TBD	TBD
6167 S. Elati Court	\$1,200,000	\$995,000	120%	4	3	3,331	33	3/17/2023
6062 S Aberdeen St	\$805,000	\$875,000	92%	4	2	2,211	46	1/20/2023
520 W Aberdeen Ave	\$1,200,000	\$1,250,000	96%	5	4	4,795	9	9/7/2022

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