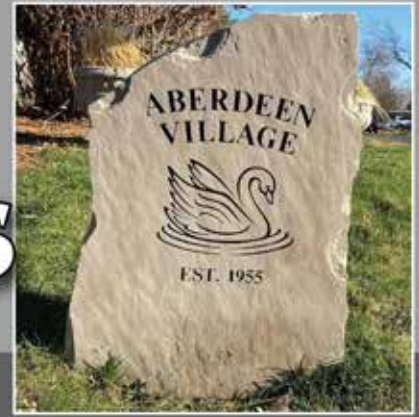


ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village



Upcoming 2024 Meetings & Events Calendar

- **Board Meetings:** February 8, April 11
- **Association Annual Meeting:** May 9
- **Annual 4th of July Parade:** July 4

Valentine's Bazaar

Aspen Grove, Littleton

Friday, February 9th
from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Includes FREE horse-drawn carriage rides.

Saturday, February 10th
from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Includes a special Pet photo with Cupid to benefit the Colorado Pet Pantry.

Valentine's BAZAAR is popping up for the first time ever in Littleton at Aspen Grove Center on February 9 and 10 for the love of all things local! This indoor market will feature 60+ carefully curated vendors with a focus on jewelry, confections, art, fashion, and other Giftables, along with tastings, live music and craft cocktails.

- **General Admission:** FREE Entry, All Ages!
- **Friday Night Happy Hour:**
Friday 4 - 6 p.m. \$25. Two hours of bottomless beer and wine from 4-6 p.m. on Friday. Includes a Denver BAZAAR commemorative cup, and your choice of holiday shopping bag or lip balm.
- **Bottomless Mimosas:**
Saturday 11 - 1 p.m. \$20. Includes two hours of Bottomless Mimosas, Denver BAZAAR commemorative cup, and choice of holiday shopping bag or lip balm.
- **Drink Token Package:** \$35. Valid any day, any BAZAAR location! Includes 5 drink tokens redeemable for any beer, cocktail or wine.

— <https://aspengrovecenter.com/>

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Board Member Letter: Living With Wildlife

One of the many advantages of living in Aberdeen Village is the large lot sizes, the verdant landscape and the mature tree canopy. Along with this comes the enjoyment of watching the wildlife that thrives in our suburban environment. Speaking personally, during four years of living on South Aberdeen

Street, we have been visited by a wide variety of bird species, from songbirds to owls, hawks and even a bald eagle. A mother bobcat and her kits took up a three-day residency in our side yard; and we've seen coyotes, skunks, racoons, and of course the ever-present squirrels and rabbits! Just this week we watched a beautiful red fox chasing a rabbit around our backyard before exiting through a hole under the fence.

An environment filled with animals can generate questions. How do we coexist with wildlife in an environment we have changed by our very presence? How do we strike

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Happenings At Bemis Public Library

Lovebug Drop-in Craft: February 3, 10:00-11:30 am, 1:00-2:30 pm

Drop into the Cloud Forest to create a pom-pom lovebug and learn more about Creativebug, the library's database for craft tutorials.

LEGO Club: February 3, 3:00 pm

Design and construct LEGO creations. Come early for a special sorting session. Build from a theme or use your imagination to make a brand-new creation. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. The LEGO club meets every first Saturday from 3-4 p.m.

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Living With Wildlife, *continued from front*
 a balance between respecting the natural world and living a safe and comfortable life? To gain some guidance, I talked with a representative of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The DOW’s mission statement is: “To perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state and to provide people the opportunity to enjoy them.” Perhaps their balanced approach could provide some guidance.

As stewards of our small pieces of the big picture, what options do we have? As I walk around Aberdeen Village, I see choices that neighbors have made. Many homeowners have installed “downward directed lighting” that minimizes negative effects that nighttime lighting can have on migratory birds. Others have left patches of last summer’s grasses and perennials to provide winter homes for beneficial insects and pollinators. If you see a pet cat outdoors, you might notice that the neighbor “belled” the cat to help safeguard our songbirds.

Of course, not every animal or insect contributes to our enjoyment. It’s hard to keep positive thoughts toward the swarms of non-native Japanese beetles that arrive in July and for the racoons who leave their “gifts” on the back of my lot! Excess populations of rabbits and human-fed squirrels can pose health hazards, as well as damaging trees and landscaping.

Solutions? The internet provides excellent information on supporting the natural environment (one site: <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/how-can-i-protect-wildlife-my-community>) while maintaining a comfortable and safe lifestyle. As in many things, balance is probably the key – learn what is needed, make your choices, then take action!

— Mike Galvin, Board Member

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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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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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Bemis Public Library, *continued from front page*

Senior Book Club: February 7, 1-2 pm

Fever in the Heartland by Timothy Egan. Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or via zoom. (See library event page for zoom link). Ages 50 and up.

Art Workshop with BMoCA: February 17, 2-3:30 pm

Join BMoCA Educator Reid Portscheller for a hands-on workshop about BMoCA's current exhibition, and create a piece of art inspired by the show. For Adults of All Ages. Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or go to the library website to register.

Construction Challenge: The Floor is Hot Lava!

February 17, 11-11:30 am, 1-1:30 pm, 3-3:30 pm

Play with jumbo wooden blocks to build bridges and other structures with a small group. Strategy, cooperation, and creativity are needed since the floor is lava and participants can only step on the blocks and boards as they build. Registration required. Please call 303-795-3961 to sign up for one of the sessions. Ages 4 - Grade 5

Evening Book Club: February 21, 6:30-7:30 pm

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or via zoom. (See library event page for zoom link). For adults of all ages.

For a full list of activities, visit <https://www.library.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/Events-Calendar> or scan the following QR code:



National Love Your Pet Day

February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day is a day to show extra love and appreciation for your pets. It's a reminder to take some time to play with them, show affection, and do something special for them.



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Littleton DDA Launches Website and E-Newsletter For Community

The Littleton Downtown Development Authority (LDDA) launched its new website and e-newsletter. The new site allows users to stay up to date on all the latest Downtown Littleton news, events and developments on their mobile and desktop devices. “We are excited to unveil our new website that captures the vibrancy of Downtown Littleton,” said LDDA Executive Director, Jenny Starkey. “From its modern design to its mobile responsiveness, this site is our central hub for sharing important information, announcements, and news with the Littleton community and beyond.”

The new website and e-newsletter are the LDDA’s first efforts in boosting downtown vibrancy and business support by providing consolidated professional downtown marketing and promotion. The site is not only a resource to visitors and tourists, but also to local businesses within the Littleton DDA boundaries.

A few of the features on the new site include the following:

- A **Business Directory** has been added to highlight each of the businesses located within the LDDA boundaries in categories that range from food and drink to shopping and health and wellness.
- The new site has an **Events Calendar** that shares a variety of events taking place in the Littleton DDA boundaries, as well as a place for users to submit their downtown events to be added to the events calendar.
- The **News** section will be updated on a regular basis with the latest information about all things happening in the Littleton DDA boundaries.

- The **About Us** section highlights the services, leadership, meeting schedules and strategic priorities and initiatives, so interested parties can follow the efforts of the LDDA.

In addition to the new website, the LDDA is launching its monthly e-newsletter. Explore the website and sign up for the e-newsletter by visiting www.littletondda.org.

– Littleton Merchants Association

Groundhog Day

February 2nd is Groundhog Day, on which the emergence of the groundhog (woodchuck) from its burrow is said to foretell the weather for the following six weeks.

Since 1887 an animal in Punxsutawney has been the center of a staged appearance each February 2. In what has become a media event, a groundhog designated Punxsutawney Phil is the center of attention of television weathermen and newspaper photographers. Although promoters of the local festival surrounding Punxsutawney Phil claim that the animals have never been wrong, an examination of the records indicates a correlation of less than 40 percent. (Whether a groundhog does or does not emerge is thought to be related to the amount of fat it was able to store before going into hibernation.)

–<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Groundhog-Day>

2024 COLORADO FREE VISITS

Clyfford Still Museum

February 29 July 28
April 28 November 2

Colorado National Parks

January 15 August 4
April 20 September 28
June 19 November 11

Denver Art Museum

January 9 July 9
January 27 July 21
February 13 August 13
March 12 September 7
March 24 September 10
April 9 October 8
April 28 November 2
May 14 November 12
June 11 December 10

Please confirm with the venue on rules and availability.

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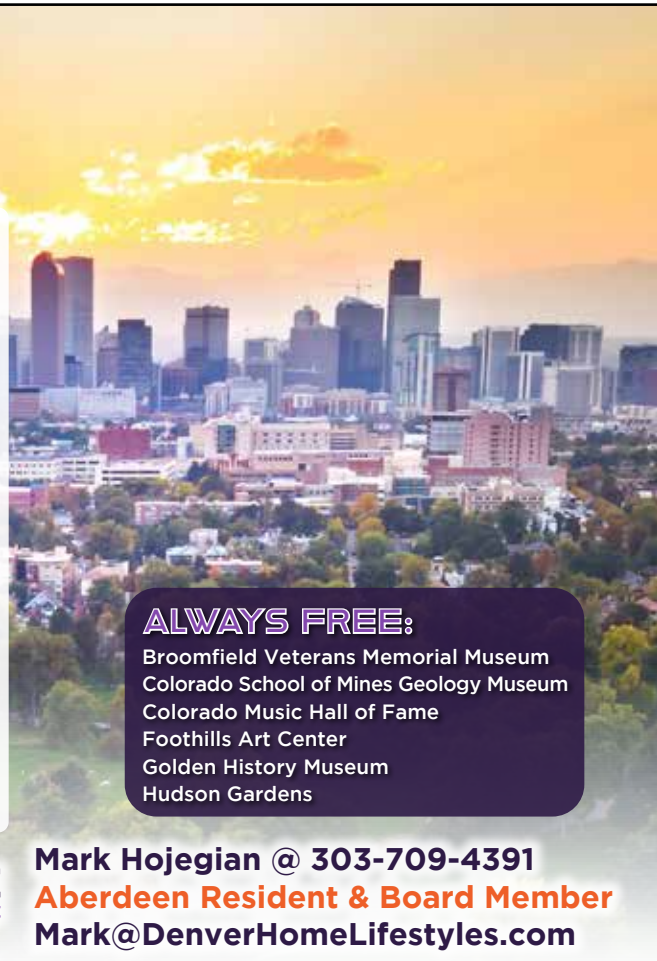
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Denver Museum of Nature and Science

January 8 September 10
January 28 September 30
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April 28 November 2
June 4 November 18
June 19 December 8
August 21

Denver Zoo

January 5 November 1
January 21 November 9
February 11 November 17
April 7



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- Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum
- Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum
- Colorado Music Hall of Fame
- Foothills Art Center
- Golden History Museum
- Hudson Gardens



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