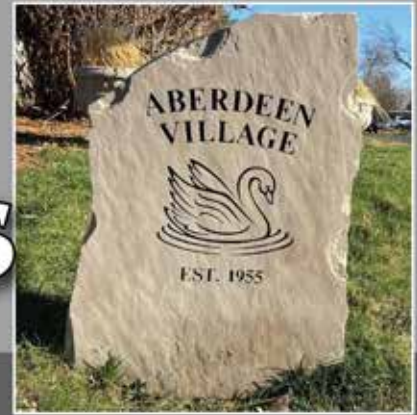


ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village



Upcoming 2024 Meetings & Events Calendar

- **Ladies' Get-Together:** January 18, 5:30-8 pm, home of Carol McKinley, 6077 S Lakeview St.
- **Board Meetings:** February 8, April 11
- **Association Annual Meeting:** May 9
- **Annual 4th of July Parade:** July 4

Cherry Cricket's New Littleton Location

The iconic Cherry Cricket expanded its legacy beyond Denver and opened its third location right here in our beloved Littleton community a little over six months ago. Originating in Denver more than 78 years ago, Cherry Cricket has become synonymous with mouthwatering burgers, a vibrant atmosphere, and a commitment to creating a space where friends and families can gather to enjoy fantastic food and create lasting memories.

Ambiance and History: The newest Cherry Cricket location, strategically situated at 819 W. Littleton Boulevard, offers a fresh take on the classic Cherry Cricket experience while paying homage to the building's storied history. The Littleton building was originally built in 1967 and has been home to several restaurants, including the Crestwood Restaurant for more than 40 years. Many Littleton residents may remember celebrating everything from prom to wedding anniversaries at the Crestwood. The walls of the Cherry Cricket are adorned with photos of good times at the Crestwood and historical photos of Littleton, making every visit a nostalgic trip through time. The Cherry Cricket deliberately kept signature elements like the rock walls and mansard roof, but also stayed close to the feel of the original Cherry Cricket in Cherry Creek with the marquee signage, lobby fish tank, and other design elements unique

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Board Member Letter

Welcome to the New Year! First, thank you to Scott and Trish Bergeron for hosting yet another wonderful Holiday Party last month and for gathering us all together for good cheer. And congratulations to the winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest.

We live in the midst of a dynamic neighborhood. All around Aberdeen Village, things are changing for the better. Here are four things you may want to be aware of, all of which provide potential for a stronger and more cohesive community.

East Community Center: During 2021, Littleton Public Schools merged East and Ralph Moody elementary schools into the new Little Raven elementary school. East Elementary, which you pass every time you head over to King Soopers, has since been repurposed as the East Community Center. It provides afterschool and youth groups, childcare, a community food bank/market, a community space and garden, educational classes, small business support, sports and recreation and mental wellness. It currently provides housing to North Littleton Promise School, the Saint Andrew Market, Break Bread and All-Health Network.

Project Downtown: With the recent passage of an increased sales tax rate, money has come available to refurbish Littleton's downtown area and "improve multimodal connectivity, parking, pedestrian safety, wayfinding, green infrastructure, and streetscape enhancements (*i.e.*, lighting,

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Holiday Lighting Contest

Aberdeen Village held the annual Holiday Lighting Contest on Saturday, December 9. It was a lot of fun driving through the neighborhood and seeing all of the beautiful and fun decorations. First prize, once again, went to Kimberly Ward and Scott Turner at 6198 S Lakeview Street. The judges believe that the deer herd multiplied, and the lights are even more festive than they were a year ago. Honorable mention was awarded to George and Tami St. John at 6021 S Aberdeen Street for the attractive presentation of lights both in the front and back yards. The most original prize this year went to Paul and Lorna Boykin at 6092 S Aberdeen Street for their unique use of lighting and color in keeping with the midcentury modern design of their home. Skip and Beverly's friends, the Majcens, graciously donated their time again this year to do the judging.

— Beverly Maxwell, Aberdeen Village Resident



First Prize Winner: 6198 S Lakeview Street



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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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trees and wider sidewalks.” The idea is to create a single, cohesive, thriving downtown core. The city concluded its first survey of local residents and businesses on November 6th and will be seeking additional input in the new year. Please be sure to weigh in with your opinions, as the project continues to take shape. For more information, Google “Littleton Project Downtown.”

Ketring-Gallup Park Project: This 55-acre space surrounds Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum and is a key resource for residents of Aberdeen Village. The city is creating a master plan for this area that creates a “comprehensive vision that celebrates and fosters the cultural amenities of the site.” This master plan “will provide long-term goals and actionable strategies with detailed, prioritized improvement projects.” The city of Littleton spent this past fall seeking input from the community, and this month will roll out “a preferred master plan” for public review and commentary. To learn more about the plan and to give future input, Google “Ketring-Gallup Park Master Plan Littleton.”

Littleton Brewing Company: Last year our neighborhood gained the Cherry Cricket. This year, just down the hill, will be Littleton Brewing Company. Happily, excuses to grab a neighbor (or neighbors) and “walk on over” for a cup of coffee (Lost Coffee comes to mind), to have a burger (Cherry Cricket awaits), or to grab a beer (soon to be Littleton Brewing Company) keep on growing.

The intention of this newsletter and the various neighborhood activities planned by the Board each year is to increase the sense of community we all feel in our lives. This, along with the planned improvements all around us, can serve to bring all of us closer together in our sense of collective well-being. May 2024 be good to you and all of those around you!

— Steven Natali, Secretary

Master Your Finances in 2024: A Quick Checklist for Financial Success

As we usher in the new year, it's crucial to take stock of our financial health and set the stage for a prosperous future. Here is a concise financial checklist to ensure you're on the right track in 2024:

- Review and Update Your Budget:** Assess your income, expenses, and savings goals. Make necessary adjustments to accommodate any changes in your financial situation.
- Evaluate and Adjust Investments:** Analyze your investment portfolio. Ensure it aligns with your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Consider consulting a qualified financial advisor to optimize your investment strategy.
- Use FSA Dollars and Make HSA Contributions:** If you have a high deductible health plan (HDHP), explore maximizing your health savings account (HSA) contributions. In 2024, the maximum contribution for an individual HSA is \$4,150, and the maximum for a family is \$8,300. If you are 55 or older, you can contribute an additional \$1,000.
- Emergency Fund Boost:** Aim to have at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund. It provides a financial safety net in case of unexpected events.
- Retirement Savings Reassessment:** Confirm you're contributing enough to meet your retirement goals. Take advantage of employer-sponsored plans and tax-advantaged accounts.
- Insurance Review:** Assess your insurance coverage, including health, life, and property. Adjust based on changes in your circumstances to ensure adequate protection.
- Debt Reduction Strategy:** Develop or refine a plan to reduce high-interest debt. Prioritize paying off debts to free up more money for saving and investing.

Remember, financial success is an ongoing process. Revisit this checklist throughout the year and adjust your financial strategy as needed. Rely on us as a resource. We are always available to assist you with deadlines or other issues. We are also happy to collaborate with your CPA, attorney, and other professionals you work with to help ensure that you are prepared for the coming year.

Start today to help secure a brighter financial future in 2024!



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to Cherry Cricket. The parking lot of the location was converted into what the company calls a Burger Garden, which contains a pet-friendly outdoor patio that seats over 100 people. You can also enjoy a game of cornhole on artificial turf or sit in the Adirondack chairs by a fire pit while you wait for a table.

Menu Delights: Of course, the true heart of any Cherry Cricket location lies in its menu. The culinary team at the Littleton spot has crafted a diverse selection of mouthwatering dishes to satisfy every palate. While the signature Cricket Burger remains a star on the menu with its long list of build-your-own burger toppings, the chefs have also introduced new creations that showcase their dedication to culinary innovation. From handcrafted salads to tantalizing appetizers and innovative vegetarian options, there's something for everyone at Cherry Cricket Littleton.

Hack: When driving by the Cherry Cricket, you will often see many people waiting outside for their table to be ready. This doesn't have to be you, especially since our neighborhood is only a few blocks away. You can join the waitlist from the comfort of your living room by either going to Cherry Cricket's website (<https://cherrycricket.com>), or directly to the Yelp.com Cherry Cricket site to join the waitlist or to see the wait times. Once your party is approaching the top of the wait list, you can head to the Cherry Cricket and avoid all that time sitting or standing outside the restaurant.

Cherry Cricket Littleton is more than just a restaurant; it's a culinary destination that celebrates the spirit of our community. So, gather your friends and family, and head over to experience the delectable delights and warm hospitality that Cherry Cricket is renowned for. Let's make Cherry Cricket Littleton a cherished addition to our local dining scene.

Here's to good times, great food, and the newest member of our neighborhood – Cherry Cricket!

— Deana Moore, Editor



Looking For Volunteers and Contributions

We are looking to learn more about our neighbors and build connections this year. I encourage you to share your thoughts, aspirations, and highlights with the community. Your contributions are what make our newsletter a true reflection of our unique and caring neighborhood. Whether it's a personal story, a community initiative, or an event announcement, your voice matters. Please send any ideas to dc_moore@outlook.com. Also, we love learning more about our wonderful neighbors and pets. We welcome both new neighbors and any seasoned residents who would like to share their story. If you're interested in introducing yourself and/or family or business to your neighbors, please email Mark Hojegan at mark@cyclingrealtor.com. If you're interested in sharing your pet with your neighbors, please send the following information to dc_moore@outlook.com:

- Your Pet's Name, Age, Type (Breed)
- Your Name and Contact Information
- A Short Story or Unique Superpower/Tricks your Pet Has (if any)
- A Picture of your pet to share in Aberdeen Connections

Alternatively, we can send the Aberdeen Connections' youth reporters, Kate Moore and Evie Obergfell to interview you about your pet and take a picture for the newsletter.

— Deana Moore, Editor

Aberdeen Village Home Sales - 2023

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| 6052 S. Aberdeen St | \$1,700,000 | \$1,799,000 | 94% | 5 | 5 | 3,868 | 16 | 7/27/2023 |
| 5971 S. Aberdeen St | \$1,250,000 | \$1,200,000 | 104% | 4 | 4 | 3,280 | 4 | 7/19/2023 |
| 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 |

Thinking of selling your home in 2024? NOW is the time to develop a strategy and get your home ready if you want to be on the market by March / April when more Buyers are traditionally looking. Let's meet up to discuss your goals!

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