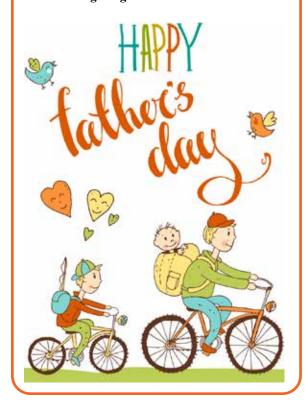
## ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS



Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village

# Upcoming 2024 Meetings & Events Calendar

- Neighborhood Get-Togethers:
  - \* Joint Men and Ladies' Get-Together: June 4, 6-9 pm, home of Mark and Amy Hojegian, 6178 S. Lakeview St.
  - \* Ladies' Get-Together: July 31, 5:30-7:30 pm, home of Karen Papi, 6039 S Elati Street
- Board Meetings:
- Annual 4th of July Parade: July 4
- Annual Summer Picnic: August 24
- Annual Holiday Party: December 6
- Annual Lighting Contest: December 13



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### **Board Member Letter**

With June upon us, we are already almost halfway through the year, and we are just beginning to welcome warmer weather and longer days with the summer sun. In Aberdeen Village, we are fortunate to be connected to Ketring Park and Lake and the surrounding amenities. We enjoy a beautiful neighborhood, taking walks on our newly paved streets, enjoying the park, visiting with neighbors and spending time on their yards and landscapes. As summer moves in, here are some basic water-wise irrigation tips and some local events to fill your calendar.

#### WATER-WISE IRRIGATION TIPS

As temperatures rise, and we start our irrigation systems, remember to inspect for leaks and make necessary repairs. Consider adjusting your watering schedules. Denver water has sent out watering recommendations in the mail, which you can also find here - https://www.denverwater.org/residential/rebates-and-conservation-tips/summer-watering-rules. Also consider installing WaterSense labeled irrigation products, such as a smart irrigation timer that can adjust runtimes daily based on the weather. As you replace sprinklers, use pressure regulated spray heads that save approximately 10-20% water by reducing misting from the nozzle. These two things are not only good practice, but now a recent current law in Colorado, that will change what is sold and installed starting in 2026.

#### LOCAL EVENTS TO FILL YOUR CALENDAR IN JUNE

- 1. Summer Concert Series. Kick off the season with melodious tunes and rhythmic beats at the Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series on most Wednesdays in June and July from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The first concert called *After Midnight*, is on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There are other shows in June on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **2. Little Jam Concert Series.** Enjoy four free Little Jam concerts at Sterne Park, the first being June 8<sup>th</sup> with Stone Beat Invasion, a Rolling Stones and Beatles cover band. Enjoy the outdoor music and bring your blankets and lawn chairs.
- **3. Historic Downtown Walking Tour.** Tour historic buildings, and learn about the architecture and the people who owned them on the Downtown Walking Tour on June 7th, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. Meet at the Depot Art Gallery.

As we enjoy the warmth of June, let's seize the opportunity to connect with our community and nature. Whether it's attending local events, tending to our landscapes, or simply savoring the pleasure of summertime, let's work together to ensure our community remains a thriving oasis in Littleton.

### Downtown Littleton Farmer's Market

Support local and get your fill of fruits and veggies at the Downtown Littleton Farmers Market on Nevada St. north of Main St. every first and third Sundays from 9am to 1pm through October.







### **Aberdeen Village Association Officers and Directors**

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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### **Annual Meeting**

Thanks to everyone who came to the annual meeting last month. Council member and Aberdeen Village neighbor Robert Reichard spent much time talking to us and answering questions about the lake, Ketring Park, Costco on the Lumen property, the quad road, the plan for downtown Littleton, and the city ditch. It was thought provoking and informative. He promised to let us know when items of interest to our neighborhood, especially as related to the lake, are going to be on the agenda.

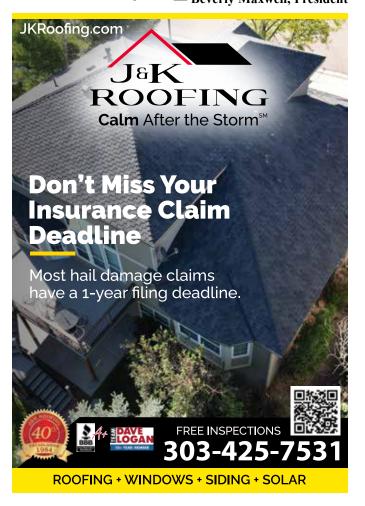
The ballot was voted on and approved unanimously as presented. Prior to the meeting, Cathy Holtestaul agreed to run for the office of vice-president. There is still an opening for an at-large board member position. If you have an interest in joining

the board, please let one of us know. Your board is a committed and fun group of people to work with. We want to give a special shout-out to Sara Corbitt who is leaving the board. She has worked tirelessly on neighborhood projects and has coordinated the delivery of the newsletter for the past year.

The vote for an increase in dues to \$30 a year was also unanimously approved. If you haven't done so already, please submit your dues to Mary Pat Valdes. You can drop off or mail your payment to her at 6042 S. Aberdeen St. or Venmo the payment to her at @MaryPat-Valdes. The \$30 is a bargain when you consider all the ways the dues contribute to a sense of community here at Aberdeen Village.

— Beverly Maxwell, President





Obituary<sub>-</sub>

**Jeff Frasier**, 23-year Aberdeen Village resident passed away peacefully on February 23, 2024 after a valiant and graceful six-year battle with Young-onset Dementia. He was 58.

Jeff Frasier, the original Dude, leaves a huge hole in the lives and hearts of all who loved him. His offbeat humor, unique perspective and eye for beauty will be missed. Jeff's colorful way of speaking was a constant source of comedy to those around him, so much so that a friend coined the term "Frasiology" to describe Jeff's descriptions, which were at once completely unexpected and exactly on-point. His best-known trademark was calling everyone Dude. Literally everyone, old women, priests, strangers and friends alike. He also loved to drink Mountain Dew, and so he eventually became known as Mountain Dude.

He was born in Denver, CO on December 22, 1965. The oldest child of Ken Frasier and Barb Frasier (Sundem), Jeff began displaying a natural knowledge of how things worked at an early age. His mechanical abilities and artistic eye were obvious to his family from the very start. He was obsessed with going fast from childhood, working with his dad to build hot rods in the family garage, tricking-out his bikes and racing his brother and the other kids on the block, and usually winning.

Jeff attended St. Mary's of Littleton elementary school, where he made many friends who remained by his side until his death. He also met his future wife, Lori Frasier (Gillen), the two becoming best friends in addition to childhood sweethearts.

Jeff was the quintessential Gen-Xer. The mantra "Work Hard, Play Hard" perfectly describes his lifestyle. He started work at age 11, earning money to buy his first car and then turning that Ford Pinto into a hot-rod. He couldn't wait to turn 16, and spent many evenings drag-racing on West Colfax back in the day. He blew up

the motor more than once but had no regrets. Another saying of his was "If I'm not burning fuel, I'm not having fun." He would continue to buy, rebuild, paint and race countless vehicles throughout his life.

He graduated from Littleton High School in 1984 and moved to Durango, CO for college. It was not long before the lure of the nearby ski resort pulled him into the fledgling new sport of snowboarding. Jeff lived the life of a ski bum for several years. Living in both Winter Park and Steamboat Springs, he loved this time and gathered more friends who would be with him for life. During the summers he could be found on a lake waterskiing and working hard to earn "fun coupons," his term for money. He would use the term "like buttah" to describe a deep powder day on the slopes or a still body of water for wakeboarding.

Eventually he returned to Littleton and his first love Lori, and they married in 1994. Jeff started his own lawn sprinkler company, Mountain Dew Irrigation, and built it into a very successful and well-respected business with hundreds of loyal customers. Jeff serviced many of our neighbors in Aberdeen Village. Customers called him "the sprinkler whisperer."

Jeff was a car guy and lovingly restored a 1958 Ford Custom, which he loved to take to car shows and to show to his neighbors and friends. One year he convinced other "car guy" neighbors to bring their hot rods to the summer party, so we had our own mini car show right on Aberdeen Street.

At the age of 52 Jeff was diagnosed with Young-onset Dementia. This devastating disease robbed him of so much, but he maintained his good nature, his humor, his faith and his love for family and friends. Jeff is survived by his beloved wife Lori and his three children Finnan, Kenna and Colleen, all of whom live in Aberdeen Village.

— Lori Frasier, Resident

