

ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS



Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village

Upcoming 2024 Meetings & Events Calendar

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

Neighborhood Get-Togethers

In spite of weekends of cold and snow, we are beginning to see signs of warmer weather. Along with nicer weather come the thoughts of neighborhood gatherings. Of course, we'll have the annual summer picnic and the holiday party, but we like to enjoy get-togethers at homes throughout the year. Some of our perennial hosts are taking a break due to other demands on their time. Karen Papi has invited the ladies to her home on July 31, and Mark and Amy Hojegan will open their home to all adults in May or June. If you are interested in hosting, please let Beverly Maxwell or Mark know so that we can get it on the calendar. All you need to do is open your home. Attendees bring snacks and drinks. It's a great way to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

— Beverly Maxwell, Aberdeen Resident

Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m., when people will move their clocks an hour ahead, or "spring forward," creating an extra hour of daylight in the evening and cutting morning light short by an hour.

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Board Member Letter

The Ides of March are upon us, and it is time to start readying the gardens for the coming spring. Hard to believe, isn't it, with snow on the ground? Look for dedicated gardeners putting in cool season crops, such as arugula, lettuce, spinach, peas and kale, beginning mid-March through the end of April. And look for the grow lights coming on inside of basements or sheds, as people start sprouting warm season crops, such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplants, at the end of the month for transplant outside in mid-late May.

Also, with the coming of spring, resurfacing of the remaining Aberdeen Village roads will be completed. Enjoy dodging those potholes while you still can!

Once again, it is time to update the Aberdeen Village Directory and Neighborhood Map for distribution, as an insert in a coming Aberdeen Connections newsletter. If you have newly moved into the neighborhood, please contact me via email or phone (steven.natali@gmail.com or 303-882-3814) and pass along the names of the adults in your household and any emails and/or phone numbers you want included in the directory. If you have been here long enough to have received the last directory and map, please look it over and let me know of any additions, deletions or corrections I

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Pets of Aberdeen

This month we're featuring the pet of Kris and Julie Owen.

What is your dog's name and age? Clover Prudence Owen is almost 5 years old. She was a rescue, so her age is approximate.

What is your dog's favorite toy? She loves all of her stuffed animal toys. She loves to play tug-of-war and tries to eat them.

Why do you love your dog? We love her because she's part of our family. She protects us. We give each other love, safety and comfort. Nolan added, because she is cute and her fur is soft. Emmett added, because she's funny.

What's your favorite thing to do with your dog? Our favorite things vary among us. Emmett's and mine are taking walks (not around other dogs because she barks). Nolan's is playing and waking up together. Kris's is rides in the car or camping, when she can run free.

— Jane Curran, Aberdeen Resident



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need to perform in order to bring your portion of the directory and neighborhood map up to date.

Lastly, Aberdeen Village Neighborhood Association will be holding its Annual Meeting in the Bemis Library on May 9, 2024 at 6 p.m. With people leaving the neighborhood, various officer positions have opened up on the board. Please let me know if you have any interest in being placed on the ballot as a candidate for a board officer position.

Enjoy your spring!

— Steve Natali, Secretary

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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Taste of Spain: Winetasting and Paint Event

ACC Study Abroad and the ACC Foundation are hosting "A Taste of Spain" guided painting and wine-tasting on Thursday, March 7, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Colorado Gallery of the Arts at Arapahoe Community College. Enjoy Spanish wine and tapas as ACC Faculty Dawn Viola guides attendees through a Flamenco dancer painting. The cost is \$85 and proceeds will go directly to ACC students participating in the study abroad program. Information can be found at <https://www.arapahoe.edu/events/taste-spain-winetasting-paint-event>.

— Deana Moore, Editor

History Adventures Day Camp

The Littleton Museum summer programs have been a tradition for over 40 years. History Adventures help our participating Explorers understand the experiences of people from the past who have called Colorado home through hands-on activities and instruction from expert historical interpreters.

These day-long activities are open to 12 children per session and require prior registration to attend. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

All sessions are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and cost \$50 per day per child. Registration opens to Friends members on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 9 a.m. Registration opens to all on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 9 a.m. A benefit of membership in the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum group is access to the early registration period.

—<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov>

Oreo Cookie Day

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GraceFull Community Cafe: A Café with a Mission

Nestled in the heart of historic downtown Littleton, lies a unique establishment that has been serving the community since May 2016. The GraceFull Community Cafe, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is more than just a cafe. It's a place where people from all walks of life can gather, enjoy a good meal, and give back to the community. The cafe operates on a pay-what-you-can model, ensuring that everyone, regardless of their financial situation, can enjoy a good meal. This model not only provides food security but also fosters a sense of community and inclusivity.



The cafe prides itself on serving fresh, homemade food and specialty coffee. From the popular breakfast burrito to the highly praised coffee, the quality of their offerings has garnered many positive reviews. The atmosphere at GraceFull Community Cafe is cozy, warm, and friendly. It's a place where everyone is welcome, and each person's unique story and gifts are valued. GraceFull Community Cafe offers daily volunteer opportunities, allowing community members to contribute their time and skills. This involvement helps strengthen community ties and promotes a culture of giving.

GraceFull Community Cafe is more than just a cafe; it's a home in the Littleton community. It's a place where people gather, eat well, and are inspired to give back. So, whether you're in the mood for a great meal, a cup of coffee, or looking for a place to volunteer, GraceFull Community Cafe is the place to be. GraceFull is located at 5610 S Curtice St and is open Tuesday through Saturday 7am to 2pm. Visit gracefullcafe.com to learn more about their mission, values and the GraceFull Foundation.

— Deana Moore, Editor

Denver Restaurant Week

Back for our 20th Anniversary! It's the perfect chance to try out new spots where restaurants offer special menus over the 10-day, two-weekend format. You'll find every type of cuisine such as Colorado grass-fed beef and lamb, international fusions, fresh seafood that's flown in daily, and innovative vegetarian options, spiced up with local ingredients like the famous green chile.

Price Points: There are four price points this year (with both to-go and in-person options): \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$55 for multi-course meals. The tiered pricing structure allows restaurants to provide great deals for diners and a robust representation of Denver's increasingly renowned culinary offerings.

VISIT DENVER's program was originally created to showcase the city's dining scene to local residents over a traditionally slow time of year for the restaurant industry. In its inaugural year, the program had 83 participating restaurants. In 2023, more than 200 restaurants signed up.

Tables fill up fast during Denver Restaurant Week. Diners are encouraged to make a reservation, try some earlier or later seatings or even Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday options. It's also important to remember to cancel any reservations you don't plan on using so other diners can use it. The delicious menus these restaurants have prepared are also great deals. Be sure to tip your servers generously.

—<https://denverrestaurantweek.com>

Littleton Market Update January

	2023	2024	+/-
Active Listings	335	246	-26.6%
Pending Listings	181	211	+16.6%
New Listings	155	212	+36.8%
Closed Listings	147	158	+7.5%
Days in MLS	47	46	-2.1%
Median Closed Price	\$581,500	\$611,811	+5.2%
Average Closed Price	\$664,103	\$686,628	+3.4%
% of Closed Price to List Price	98.1%	98.7%	+0.6%

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