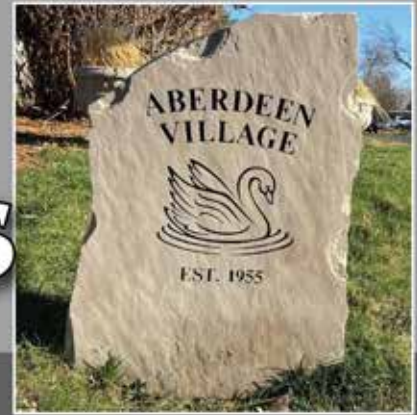


# ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village



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## Upcoming 2024 Meetings & Events Calendar

- **Association Annual Meeting:** May 9, Bemis Library, 6-7:30 pm
- **Neighborhood Get-Togethers:**
  - \* **Joint Men and Ladies' Get-Together:** May 16, 6-9 pm, home of Mark and Amy Hojegian, 6178 S. Lakeview St.
  - \* **Ladies' Get-Together:** June 20, 5-8 pm, home of Kelly Stahlman, 6192 S. Aberdeen St.
  - \* **Ladies' Get-Together:** July 31, 5:30-7:30 pm, home of Karen Papi, 6039 S. Elati St.
- **Board Meetings:**
  - \* June 13      \* October 10
  - \* August 8      \* December 12
- **Annual 4th of July Parade:** July 4
- **Annual Summer Picnic:** August 23
- **Annual Holiday Party:** December 6
- **Annual Lighting Contest:** December 13



## Clean Up Your Room Day

Spring cleaners get their wish granted each year when National Clean Up Your Room Day arrives on May 10th. Children often dread this parent-appreciated day. Though, some years, the observance arrives with perfect timing for Mother's Day! However, the observance doesn't only target kids. It is also about picking up, straightening up, and cleaning up the whole house. Adults take spring cleaning seriously, and homes get aired out. They organize, de-clutter, and rearrange. It's time to fix the broken and match up missing parts, like with like. We tackle cluttered closets and donate or throw away those things we no longer use. Help your children make their beds, clean their rooms, and eliminate the toys and clothing they have outgrown.

## Board Member Letter

The big news this month is the annual meeting on May 9. It will take place in the large meeting room downstairs at the Bemis library. The time is 6-7:30 PM. We hope you will come and listen to a presentation by Robert Reichardt, Littleton council member from Aberdeen Village. He plans to talk about the direction he sees the city moving, as well as the plans for Ketring Park and the lake. He will be prepared to answer questions about other items of interest going on in Littleton as well, such as the *Costco on the Lumen property, the quad road, the plan for downtown Littleton, and the city ditch*. We will elect officers and board members for the coming year, hear the treasurer's report, vote on a dues increase and meet new residents who come to our meeting. Best of all, pies from Manna Bakery will be served.

Two of the six at-large board members are up for reelection this year. We have an opening for the office of Vice President as Jessica Barrett moved away since our last election. If you have interest in joining the board, please let one of us know. Your board is a committed and fun group of people to work with.

I hope you are enjoying the spring time weather that has finally, partially arrived and that you didn't suffer too much during the windy weekend we had at the first of April. We had some excitement in our garden in April. The bees in our beehive swarmed to the trunk of a tree ten feet from the hive. We called the beekeeper who owns the hive, and she came and gathered the bees for relocation. It was a phenomenal experience to watch (and hear). If you want to learn more about bees, there are hives at Hudson Gardens. On May 4 and June 1, they are hosting "Meet the Beekeeper" where you can stop by the Apiary while Hudson Gardens' beekeepers are working to observe live, active beehives and real-life management techniques.

We look forward to seeing everyone on May 9 and at the upcoming neighborhood get-togethers.

— Beverly Maxwell, board member



## Annual Dues

Aberdeen Village's Neighborhood Association is supported by the **voluntary** payment of annual dues and donations by each of our households. Participating households pay \$20 per year, and that funds the Annual Summer picnic (coming up in August), the Holiday party, and other activities such as the Fourth of July Parade and Holiday Lighting contest. One way to look at it? For \$20, you get all the beer, brauts, burgers and wine you can eat and drink at the Annual Picnic (along with watching all the kids get half-buried in soap suds), and all the good cheer you can consume at the Holiday party. (The Aberdeen Connections newsletter is published cost-free due to the included advertising.)

Dues were last increased in 2010 from \$10 to the current \$20 per year. During the past 14 years, rising costs have slowly turned a slight fiscal surplus into a growing annual deficit. To sustain the neighborhood association, a vote will be taken at the upcoming Annual Meeting on a Board proposal to increase the dues to \$30 per household per year. The Board hopes you see this the way we do: paying \$30 annually, or the equivalent of a beer and burger over at the Cherry Cricket, seems like a good bargain for an entire household.

The association will still be running a slight deficit, but the hope is that more households than the current 50% participation will pay dues, and some minor belt-tightening of the budget by the Board will bring finances back into balance. Of course, donations above the annual dues are always welcome and appreciated.

— Steve Natali, board member

## Peace Officers Memorial Day

Every May 15th Peace Officers Memorial Day pays tribute to local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice or been injured in the line of duty. The observance takes place during Police Week. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serve in the United States today. Each year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial adds new names to the wall. The average is 163 deaths per year. Fallen law enforcement officers represent all levels of law enforcement, including local, state, federal, tribal, and military law enforcement. They are family members, husbands, wives, parents, sons, and daughters.

## Aberdeen Village Association Officers and Directors

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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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# Memorial Day Activities With Kids

We're so excited for the summer! The pools are opening, the grill's heating up, and school's winding down. But in the midst of the fun, take a few minutes to teach your family that Memorial Day is a special time to recognize the service men and women who've fought for our country.

## Explain the History of Memorial Day

The Memorial Day tradition began around the Civil War, when folks wanted to honor the soldiers who had died in that conflict by decorating their graves. There's some disagreement over whether this started in the south or in Waterloo, NY, but in either case, the tradition started as Decoration Day. Families would gather together at cemeteries, bringing picnics and remembering, together, those whom they had lost. Gradually Decoration Day became Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday of May. While Memorial Day is specifically a holiday to recognize the sacrifices of men and women who have died in combat, many people also spend the day honoring veterans and current service personnel and working for peace and unity with all people.



## Watch a Parade or Memorial Service

We have some local parades, and kids love a parade, but you can also take the opportunity to point out traditions and Memorial Day etiquette. Teach children that we stand and

take off hats as veterans pass in a parade. Have them look for American flags, and point out that, officially, flags are to be flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day as a remembrance. During services you may also see soldiers fire rifles into the air or people throwing flowers into the ocean in memory of those lost at sea. Next time you're at your local town hall or playground, check for a memorial and take time to read it with your kids.

## Make a Tasty Treat

Bring cookies or another treat to our neighbor, a World War II veteran. It's wonderful to recognize someone your kids know. But it's also fun to enjoy a treat yourselves! A simple one is a blueberry and strawberry parfait with yogurt, whipped cream, or ice cream. Put them into clear plastic containers to show the patriotic colors, and pop them into the freezer if it's a hot day.

## Craft Something Special

Want to slide in a history lesson while keeping little hands busy? You can help kids make a tissue paper poppy while explaining about Memorial Day's origins, then explain that poppies, because they are blood-red, became a symbol of sacrifice during World War I. These are easy to create, and they make a lovely gift.

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<p><b>Sundays</b> <b>HIGHLANDS RANCH</b> MAY 5 - OCT 27 HR Town Center 9288 Dorchester St. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b> <b>LITTLETON</b> JUN 19 - SEP 25 Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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## Help Protect Loved Ones From Scams

### *In part from the Jeffco Sheriff's Behind the Badge Newsletter*

Our victims of scams are not numbers, however; they're real people. People like Susan, who was victimized and whose name we have changed to tell her story.

Susan, 76, got a call from a man claiming to work for an Internet provider. He told her that while he was checking her Internet speed, he noticed she had a \$500 credit on her account for services she was entitled to but did not use. He instructed her to get on her computer and when she did, a page was already open that she did not recall opening. The caller told Susan she had accidentally hit a button that selected a refund of \$5,000 instead of \$500. The caller then told Susan he would lose his job if he didn't get the extra \$4,500 back.

The caller instructed Susan to withdraw \$4,500 from her bank and purchase nine \$500 gift cards. He stayed on the phone with Susan while she went to the bank and two separate stores to purchase the gifts cards. During the call, Susan asked him several times if he was scamming her. He said no. Once she had the gift cards, the caller instructed her to tell him the gift card numbers and security codes. Susan did. After the call ended, Susan tried calling his phone number back but the number was disconnected.

Unfortunately Susan was scammed for \$4,500.00. Could the same happen to your parents? Your grandparents? Even you? Scams come in many forms, but how we should respond to them is the same:

- Do not answer calls from unknown numbers. If it's important, they'll leave a message.

- Do not provide personal information on the phone or in an email or text message to anyone you do not know. Personal information includes date of birth, social security number, credit card numbers, and bank account information.
- Do not withdraw money, send money, purchase gift cards, or make other financial transactions for someone you do not know.
- If you suspect it's a scam, end all communication – hang up the phone or delete the email or text message.
- If you have been scammed or your personal information has been used without your knowledge or permission (for example, a new credit card arrives in your name), report it to local law enforcement immediately (and cancel the card!).

One of the best ways to help protect your older loved ones from being scammed is to talk to them about common scams and how to avoid them. For more information, visit <https://www.jeffco.us/985/Scams>.

– Reggie Marinelli, Sheriff

### Sheep to Shawl: Littleton Museum

The Sheep to Shawl event will take place on Saturday, May 4, from 10am to 3pm at the Littleton Museum. See wool transformed from freshly shorn fleece into the woolen items we know and love. No fee for admission.

<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/Events/Sheep-to-Shawl>

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## Mother's Day Activities To Try As A Family

**TAKE AN AT-HOME TRIP:** Even if you can't hop on a flight to Paris for the weekend, Mom can still enjoy a little taste of France. Start by buying some French croissants for breakfast. Then pack a picnic lunch of French bread, cheese, and fruit—or order a meal from your favorite deli or restaurant (quiche, anyone?).

**SHARE OLD MEMORIES:** One sentimental way to share family memories is by looking through old photographs or home movies. If you live near Grandma or Grandpa, ask them to pull out old mementos of Mom as a child, and take a trip together down memory lane.

**CREATE A FAMILY COMIC STRIP:** Start a new tradition this year by creating a family comic strip. Take a long sheet of paper, and draw three or four large squares next to one another, like a newspaper comic strip. Then, think of an event, celebration, or something funny that happened this past year, and illustrate it with markers, crayons, or paints. Be sure to include dialogue, a date, and a title, such as "Life with the Smiths."

**OTHER IDEAS:** Host a Lip-Sync Contest; Recreate the Spa at Home; Plant Some Flowers; Make Sentimental Artwork  
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## Red, White, And Blue Trifle

When you're looking for festive Memorial Day desserts or just an easy summer treat, turn to this red, white, and blue trifle to satisfy your sweet tooth. The key to this patriotic trifle is using fresh, ripe berries. Skip the frozen fruit here.

YIELDS: 8 - 10 serving(s); TOTAL TIME: 30 mins

### Ingredients:

- 8 oz. cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 c. heavy cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 lb. pound cake, cubed
- Two 6 oz. containers blueberries (about 2 cups)
- Two 6 oz. containers blackberries (about 2 1/2 cups)
- One 1/2 qt. strawberries, stems removed, sliced

### Directions

1. Combine the cream cheese and granulated sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer with a paddle attachment. Beat on medium-high speed for 1 to 2 minutes until smooth. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl. With the mixer on medium, slowly add the heavy cream and vanilla and mix until combined. Switch to the whisk attachment and whip at medium speed until soft peaks form and the mixture is easy to dollop.

2. Place a single layer of cake cubes in a large trifle dish (about 12 to 14 cups). Top with 2/3 of the blueberries and blackberries, then 1/2 of the whipped cream (about 2 cups), then 2/3 of the strawberries. Repeat the cake and cream layers once more, then decorate the top with the remaining berries. Serve immediately or make in advance and store for up to 24 hours in the refrigerator.

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## Etiquette For Dog Parents

Dog parents have a responsibility to manage their pets' behavior and follow certain rules of etiquette. Follow these guidelines to ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

- **Scoop your poop.** Bring several bags on your walks to be sure you have enough. If you run out, either come back and clean it up later, or ask another walker if they have a bag to spare.
- **Prevent barking.** Practice getting your dog's attention to easily redirect him if he barks at people or other dogs. If you know your dog acts this way, only allow him in the yard when supervised.
- **Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask.** The same rule applies if you see another dog and caretaker approaching. Ask first and respect the other's response.
- **Always leash your dog on walks.** Not everyone is comfortable around dogs. Keep your dog close to you and stay alert to others. Your leash should be short enough to prevent your dog from contacting or jumping on passersby.
- **Don't play while on leash.** If you meet another dog on a walk (and it's alright with their caretaker) let the dogs sniff each other for five seconds and move on. Letting your dog play with another dog while on leash can result in injury and teach your dog that all dogs enjoy this kind of interaction, although many don't.
- **Be aware of other people's feelings.** If your dog does something to upset someone (jumping up, barking) apologize to them and take measures to prevent the situation from reoccurring.

— Animal Humane Society

## Littleton Market Update

March

	2023	2024	+/-
Active Listings	312	290	-7.1%
Pending Listings	292	297	+1.7%
New Listings	336	310	-7.7%
Closed Listings	255	243	-4.7%
Days in MLS	41	34	-17.1%
Median Closed Price	\$619,200	\$627,500	+1.3%
Average Closed Price	\$682,573	\$719,935	+5.5%
% of Closed Price to List Price	100.4%	100.2%	-0.2%

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