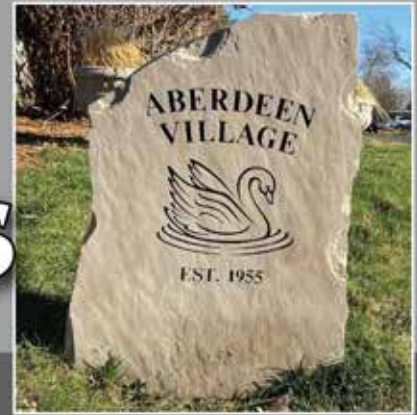


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Upcoming 2026 Meetings & Events Calendar

Board Meetings:

- June 11
- August 13
- October 8
- December 10

Association Annual Meeting: May 14

Annual 4th of July Parade: July 4

Annual Picnic: August 22

Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful.

—Jim Carrey



Aberdeen Village Dues Request

Please scan the QR code below to send the \$30 annual fee to the Treasurer.

Jim Watt
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Board Member Letter

After many years of service, I'm saying goodbye, farewell, and a fond "see you around," as I step down from my roles as Aberdeen Village Treasurer (29 years) and Board Member (34 years).

When I first joined the board, my daughters were both under five. I'll admit, I appreciated the occasional, well-timed break from the bedtime routine that board meetings provided. Over time, I came to deeply value the important role our association plays in keeping residents informed and advocating for the protection and preservation of what makes our neighborhood so special.

Over nearly 70 years, the Aberdeen Village Board's contributions have extended far beyond organizing social events. Some highlights include:

- Annexation to the City of Littleton (1957)
- Retaining half-acre lot zoning
- Re-evaluation of tax assessments (1967)
- Opposition to the proposed development of 160 apartments in what is now Ketrington Park (1969)
- Preservation of Ketrington/Gallup as a passive park (1977 & 1982)
- Establishment of the Neighborhood Watch Program (1981)
- Creation of a unified trash collection day (successful for a time in the 1990s!)
- Donations to the WWII Memorial
- Installation of street signs with swan decals (a nod to the swans that once lived at Ketrington Lake)

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Aberdeen Village Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Aberdeen Village Neighborhood Association will be holding its Annual Meeting at 6:30PM on Thursday, May 14, 2026, in the meeting room at Bemis Library. Following the election of Board officers and members, Mary Pat Valdes will deliver the Treasurer's Report. Robert Reichardt, our District 2 City Council member, will then provide an update on the following City of Littleton improvement project: (1) Downtown project, (2) Littleton Boulevard project (renamed to Blueprint project), (3) Elati Corridor Study and (4) Ketrington Park Master Plan (including status of Ketrington Lake revitalization project).

The meeting will be followed by a brief celebration of Mary Pat Valdes' 34 years of service as President, Vice President, Secretary, and for the past 24 years, Treasurer of the Aberdeen Village Neighborhood Association. Festivities will end at 7:45PM.

— Steve Natali, Secretary

Board Member Letter,

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- Updates to the Aberdeen Village History Booklet (1994)
- Installation of the stone entrance signs
- Coordinating with the City of Littleton to provide Aberdeen residents with updates on street paving status
- Ongoing and new traditions such as the Christmas gift drive, holiday lighting competition, monthly newsletter, neighborhood directory, and the July 4th parade

Serving on the board carries a shared responsibility to step into leadership roles when needed. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to serve in each officer position, with Treasurer being my favorite. A big thank you to Jim Watt for stepping up as our new Treasurer!

It has been a truly meaningful experience to serve this neighborhood. Along the way, I've built lasting friendships and cherished memories with fellow board members and neighbors. One of my favorite traditions is the annual summer party that for many years was held at Ketring Park. I'll never forget the "Family Olympics," filled with laughter, fun, and some impressive competitive spirit.

Thank you to all board members, past and present, for your time, dedication, and care. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

— **Mary Pat Valdes**

Aberdeen Village Association Officers and Directors

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Instantly brighten your space by swapping heavy, dark items for light-reflecting, natural alternatives. Key swaps include replacing dark curtains with sheer fabrics, switching to light-colored textiles, introducing mirrors, adding greenery, and changing to warm light bulbs, all of which enhance natural light and create a fresh atmosphere.

1. Swap Heavy Drapes for Sheer Curtains: Replace thick, dark window treatments with sheer or light-filtering curtains to maximize natural sunlight and create an airy atmosphere.

2. Swap Dark Textures for Light Fabrics: Trade velvet cushions or heavy throws for linen, cotton, or lighter tones to bring warmth without heaviness, instantly elevating the room's aesthetic.

3. Swap Dark Decor for Mirrors: Replace small artwork or dark decor pieces with mirrors placed opposite windows to reflect light and create the illusion of a larger, brighter space.

4. Swap Dry Decor for Greenery/Flowers: Bring in fresh-cut flowers or leafy green plants to add natural movement, color, and a spa-like freshness to tables and shelves.

5. Swap Harsh Lights for Warm Bulbs: Switch out bright white bulbs for warm white bulbs to create a softer, more inviting, and cozy ambiance. These small changes, often recommended for spring or summer refreshes, can significantly boost your mood and the feel of any room.

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10 Things Homeowners Should Do Before Summer

Few things are as American as home ownership! Although being a homeowner is the classic American dream, it is actually a big responsibility. Not only is it a large investment, there is the ongoing issue of upkeep and maintenance. This isn't easy to do because every season, every climate and home comes with unique challenges. You have to understand those challenges in order to protect your home and keep it in great shape for years to come. With summer right around the corner, there are some things you'll want to add to your weekend to-do list.

1. Check the gutters, even if you cleaned them before spring. This is the easiest way to make sure that summer showers don't lead to foundation damage. Gutters should be clean of debris, well connected and the downspouts need to usher water away from your foundation.
2. Before it gets too warm outside, inspect your home's crawl spaces. You are looking for moisture first, because even a little moisture can lead to mold and rot. You should also take a note of the temperature in these areas to make sure your insulation is doing its job.
3. Schedule a summer HVAC check up. This will let you beat the summer rush and catch small issues before they lead to expensive repairs and downtime during the hotter months of the year.
4. Inspect your home's irrigation system. This includes examining the lines and nozzles for leaks and clogs. Check your sprinkler heads to make sure they are also working properly.
5. Get your yard gear out of storage and check everything out. This includes checking your mower, trimmer and hoses along with anything you rely on for maintenance. Doing things like checking the oil, starting up everything and making sure hoses haven't developed holes over the winter can save you a lot of frustration!
6. Schedule pest control! Bugs might be few and far between in the winter but spring and summer is a different story. Schedule pest control now to prevent being overrun by creepy crawlers.
7. If winter and spring storms have damaged your trees and shrubs, now is the time to take care of it. Remove dead or unhealthy branches, or call in a professional for help. Luckily, it's a great time to plant if you're wanting to replace dead shrubs or bushes.
8. Changing temperatures and moisture can cause big problems for your driveway, sidewalk and foundation. Walk around and examine everything, paying close attention to cracks. If you notice anything new, call a professional to fix it before it grows into a larger, more expensive problem.
9. Check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as your fire extinguishers. If you don't have any, make this a priority!
10. Last but not least, remember to switch out your HVAC filter. Mark it on your calendar and do it more frequently throughout the cooling season. This will help your equipment work properly, and help keep your utility bill in check.

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Planning the next chapter can feel overwhelming—but it doesn't have to be! Our Senior Transitions Workshops are friendly, low-pressure events designed to help seniors and their families learn about the many steps involved in downsizing and moving. We'll touch on everything from decluttering and organizing important documents to understanding financial considerations and selling a home. Come enjoy a relaxed environment, connect with local experts, ask questions, and leave with valuable information to make future transitions smoother.

Wednesday, May 20th, 2026 @ 10:00 am
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