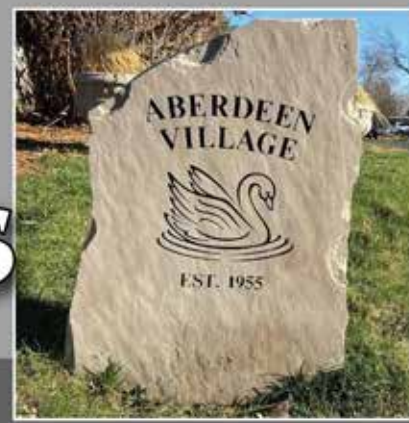


# ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

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## Upcoming 2023 Meetings & Events Calendar

**NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHERS:**

- **Annual Holiday Party:** December 2, 6-9pm, home of the Bergeron's, 6079 S Elati St.
- **Ladies' Get-Together:** January 18, 5:30-8 pm, home of Carol McKinley, 6077 S Lakeview St.
- **Annual Toy Drive:** December 2
- **Annual Lighting Contest:** December 9
- **Board Meeting:** December 14



## Low Water Levels at Ketring Park Lake

If you walk around Garland Reservoir, AKA Ketring Park Lake, you've likely noticed how low it the water is this year compared to seasons past. The city of Littleton notices too and wants to fix the problem, but the solution is a work in progress. The question as of this fall is...what is the best plan for the lake moving forward, and can we save the lake?

First things first, in this giant experiment so close to our hearts, is to determine why the lake is low. The old pump was a problem. It was only pumping 11 gallons of water a minute from an underground well, so the city bought a new pump and installed it this summer. According to Brent Soderlin, Director

of Public Works and Utilities for the city of Littleton, the pump needed to be drawing out 40 gallons of water a minute from an underground well in order to fill the lake.

The test to see if that new pump would be the answer to our disappearing-lake woes happened August 15. That day, an engineer activated the system, and as Soderlin looked on, they waited with their fingers crossed as water started flowing from a pipe on the east side of the lake. After days of monitoring, the crew was disappointed to find out that the new pump was only drawing 20 gallons a minute, far less than they had hoped. "It

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Aberdeen Village will continue the tradition of the Holiday Lighting Contest. Judging will take place Saturday, December 9 after sundown. Prizes will be awarded. Winners will also receive a lawn sign to display until January.

## Board Member Letter

Are you ready for the final season in Colorado 2023? The five seasons being winter, spring, summer, fall and road construction! Did you know that November was the ninth month in the Roman Calendar, which is why its name is derived from "novem" meaning "nine."

No doubt the fall season is upon us. Tree leaves and temperatures have fallen, and the mountain tops indicate winter is coming soon, as are the holidays. It is the time of year to ensure that our homes and health are winter worthy, safe and secure. To ensure your home is prepared for the winter season, don't forget to have your property inspected for any weather-related maintenance needs, such as checking your heating system, sealing windows, winterizing your sprinkler system and cleaning your gutters to prevent ice dams and water damage. It is also a good time to test your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and ensure that you have a charged fire extinguisher on hand.

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## Board Member Letter,

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It is also time to be mindful of those things that we cherish, are thankful for, committed to and planning for in the seasons ahead. Whether it be family, friends, community, piety, financial goals, spring projects, travel or many more, all of these things will certainly require some personal time, thought, considerations and possibly some professional input and support. Keep in your mind, heart and actions that there are those who will dream their joys, but will not have the means to construct them. Please consider volunteering, visiting and/or donating your time or financial support to those in need. There are a number of charities available. There are also resources available to us as individuals, if the need arises.

As mentioned in many of the *Aberdeen Connections* newsletters throughout this year, we in Aberdeen Village are fortunate to live in a community alive with friendly neighbors, new families, refreshed homes and roads, which all provide a greater sense of security, peace of mind and community.

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in Aberdeen's annual festivities during the month of December. These include the Holiday Party December 2, the Toy Drive December 1-4, and the Holiday Lighting Contest December 9.

Happy Holiday!! Eat, receive, give and be well!

— Paul Boykin, Board Member

*Gratitude is the ability to experience life as a gift. It liberates us from the prison of self-preoccupation.*

— John Ortberg

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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](mailto: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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*Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.*

—Jim Bishop

## Low Water Levels, *continued from front page*

won't fill the lake," Sonderlin told us. He said that the next step is to explore whether the pump "can be tweaked" to work harder and draw out more water to fill the lake. "Forty gallons would be the magic number," said Soderlin.

Soderlin plans on filling in the Littleton City Council on what he finds out at a meeting this fall. Tune in to those meetings to keep up with developments. There is a possibility that keeping the lake full at the size it is now is not a sustainable solution.

— Carol McKinley, Aberdeen Village Resident

## Streets of Aberdeen Village

Work is taking place on street repairs throughout the neighborhood. While it is an inconvenience at the time, it will be worth it to have our streets in better shape. There has been some concern that cars will speed faster through the neighborhood with the improved streets. The City of Littleton's citizen-initiated neighborhood traffic calming program aims to provide a streamlined and transparent way for citizens to report neighborhood traffic safety concerns and work with staff to address these concerns. If there is a neighborhood traffic safety issue that the city should know about, the city has established an online guide to report and submit a request. It can be found at <https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works-Engineering/Neighborhood-Traffic-Calming-Program>. You can also call the city of Littleton at 303-795-3700.

— Beverly Maxwell, Aberdeen Village Resident

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# Littleton Life Center’s Annual “Let’s Do Christmas” Party

Are you looking for an easy way to make a big difference for those less fortunate in the Littleton community this holiday? Littleton Life Center’s Annual “Let’s Do Christmas” Party takes place on Saturday, December 9th from 9 am to 8 pm. During the event, parents in need of assistance can pick out one gift for each of their children. For many of the parents, this is the only gift they are able to give their children. This brings a smile to the kids and relief and joy to the parent or guardian when they know their child will receive something special at Christmas. It is also very meaningful for them to be able to choose something personal for their children. After the gift is chosen, volunteers wrap the present, giving parent and child something else to look forward to on Christmas morning. Also, many of these parents have commented that the wrapped present adds cheer to their home, as they do not have any decorations for the holidays.



Any Aberdeen Village resident who feels inclined to buy a child’s unwrapped gift or two for these kids, please drop the present off at either Maggie Watt or Carol McKinley’s house by **December 4**. They will deliver the gifts to the Life Center at 5804 South Datura in time for helpers to do inventory. The donations are organized by age, and there tend to be more

toys for the younger age group of 0–5-year-olds than needed. Please remember the 6–18-year-old age group for donations as well, as there are many teens in the program. Good gifts for them include shaving kits, cool socks, and craft kits including sewing and knitting. Creativity is appreciated! Video games and gift cards are not accepted. **They anticipate needing gifts for up to 1,000 children this year.**

There are other ways to be involved if you are unable to shop for gifts. You can also donate financially to provide toys and supplies for a holiday meal by texting Toy to 80875. You could sign up to serve as an elf shopper, gift wrapper or general help at the event at the Life Center on Saturday, December 9, by going to <https://www.lifecenterlittleton.org/event/lets-do-christmas/> and signing up for a shift. The Life Center was created by Mission Hills Church and is now a primary partner of the church with a vision to see transformed communities.

**WHERE to drop off gifts between 10:00 am on December 1 and 4:00 pm on December 4:**

- Maggie - 659 W Aberdeen Ave
- Carol - 6077 S Lakeview St

— Maggie Watt and Carol McKinley – Aberdeen Village

## Aberdeen Village Home Sales - Past 12 Months

Address	Sold Price	Asking Price	Discount/Premium	Beds	Baths	Sq Ft Total	Days on Market	Sold Date
6283 S. Elati St	TBD	\$1,000,000	TBD	5	3	2,744	TBD	TBD
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

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