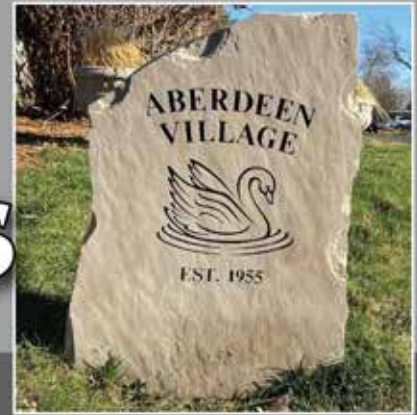


# ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village



## Upcoming 2025 Meetings & Events Calendar

**Board Meetings:** December 11

**Annual Holiday Party:** December 6

**Annual Lighting Contest:** December 13

**Craft Fair:** December 13, 10am - 2pm  
at 5951 S Aberdeen St.,  
home of Nancy Thorn

## Holiday Party: December 6

On Saturday, December 6 at 6 PM, Scott & Trish Bergeron, 6079 S. Elati St., are once again opening their home for the annual holiday party for adults in our neighborhood. This is always a highlight of the year. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert, and join us to enjoy the company of friends, old and new.



## Annual Toy Drive: December 6

For the past several years, Carol McKinley and Maggie and Jim Watt have run an annual Toy Drive in our neighborhood. If you would like to participate, please drop off a new, unwrapped toy for all ages (0-18) by December 6th at either Maggie Watt's house at 659 W Aberdeen Ave or Carol McKinley's house at 6077 S Lakeview St. You can also bring your donation to the holiday party.

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## Board Member Letter

Hello neighbors, You'll find information about a lot going on in the neighborhood for all ages. For everyone, we have the holiday lighting contest; for preteens and teens, the judging of the lighting contest (more details to follow in the next newsletter); for adults, the annual holiday party; and a craft fair for all ages. We hope you will join in the fun.

Election Day is a few days away. No matter where you stand on the issues, we hope you will exercise your privilege and right to vote.



Our long-term and esteemed treasurer, Mary Pat Valdes, has made it clear that she will not run for another term as treasurer. She had talked about "retiring" for a few years, but has decided that this is the year that she is finished. While she uses accounting software, she said it could just as easily be accomplished manually, as done by her predecessor, or by using an Excel spreadsheet, and it takes less than an hour a month. This is a great opportunity to serve your community

and get to know some neighbors better. If you are interested in joining the board and doing the job of treasurer, please let a board member know.

In August, I saw many of you on the Elati Street Corridor Study Walk. At the time of this writing, the city of Littleton is still eliciting public engagement. According to their website, they plan to issue a final report by December, so now is the time to let them know how you feel. You can find the information at [elaticorridorstudy.com](http://elaticorridorstudy.com).

— Beverly Maxwell, President

## Historic Downtown Littleton Candlelight Walk: November 28, 2025, 5:30–8:00 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season at Littleton's heartwarming Candlelight Walk and Parade on Friday, November 28, 2025. Main Street will turn into a winter wonderland with music, dancing lights, and joyful festivities for all ages. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m., as carolers and performers fill the street with seasonal tunes. Local businesses serve hot cider, cocoa, and holiday treats. This year, adults can also enjoy festive cocktails while strolling. Santa will be available for photos at Creative Littleton Events (5730 S. Curtice St.) before and after the parade.

The highlight of the evening is the magical parade, stepping off at 6:30 p.m., with sparkling floats, community groups, and a special appearance by Santa Claus himself. Santa lights the grand tree in Bowles Plaza, followed by a dazzling drone show over The Melting Pot at the west end of Main. The event is free and open to everyone.

## 10 Tips For Raising Grateful Kids

Saying thank you is one of the first social rules many parents teach their children, and for good reason. We want our kids to be appreciative and not take things for granted, and learning to be grateful can improve kids' relationships, ability to empathize, and overall happiness. If you are looking for ways to reinforce the importance of gratitude or would like to find other meaningful ways your kids can show appreciation, here are some tips:

**1. Set an example.** Kids learn a lot from watching their parents. Show them what it means to be grateful by offering a genuine "thank you!" to a waitress who serves your food, a helpful neighbor, someone who holds the door open for you. But don't stop there — include your kids, too. Thanking children for doing things that are helpful, even when they are chores like putting away toys, reinforces the behavior and lets them know they're appreciated.

**2. Point out generosity.** Call attention to it when people (including your kids!) do things that go beyond what's expected — helping without being asked, being especially thoughtful, or taking extra time to do something because it's important to someone else. Send the message that you will notice if they knock themselves out for you, or for someone else.

**3. Have a talk.** Try asking your child how they feel when people say thank you to them for doing something nice, and then how they feel when they don't.

**4. Find fun ways to say thanks.** There are lots of ways to show gratitude. If your child isn't comfortable talking to strangers or has a hard time expressing themselves in writing, work together to come up with a different way for them to show their appreciation. They could try giving a smile or a thumbs up if someone holds the door, or show grandma how much they love their new coat by drawing a thank you picture (or taking a smiling selfie!) instead of writing a card.

**5. Share the love.** Encourage kids to think of people who help them, from coaches to neighbors to the local firemen, and say thanks with cookies or cupcakes.

**6. Put things in perspective.** Talk to your kids about those who are less fortunate. Understanding that not everyone has the same advantages will help them develop compassion for others and gratitude for their own privileges.

**7. Let kids choose.** Encourage kids to turn their interests into action. Whether it's a fundraising drive at school, a bake sale, or a run for charity, expressing their interests and using their skills for a good cause is a great way to boost their confidence and give them a chance to give back at the same time.

**8. Get involved.** If kids are too young to go alone or aren't comfortable dealing with strangers solo, make giving back a family affair. Find places where you can volunteer together or let your child choose a charity to donate to.

**9. Make gratitude part of bedtime.** When you tuck them in at night, ask your child to tell you three things they're grateful for. Even if they've had a bad day it will help them — and you — end each day on a positive note.

**10. Give kids credit.** Be mindful of the fact that your child may have their own way of expressing gratitude, even if it doesn't fit your expectations. —<https://childmind.org/article>

## Aberdeen Village Association Officers and Directors

*If you have questions regarding a neighborhood issue,  
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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 **Beverly@place2learn.net**. 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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## History Of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not

only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

–<https://department.va.gov>

*We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving.*

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*Pictures from December 2024 Craft Fair*

## Holiday Craft Fair: December 13

On Saturday, December 13, there will be a neighborhood craft fair at the home of Nancy Thorn, 5951 S. Aberdeen St., from 10 AM to 2 PM. Anyone from the neighborhood is welcome to sell their wares. Please call Nancy at 303-761-7668, if you would like to participate. All are encouraged to join your neighbors to shop for fun and unique gift items. We've included some pictures from last year.

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Oct. 7 8:30 PM @ Los Angeles Kings  
Oct. 9 7:00 PM UTAH  
Oct. 11 7:00 PM DALLAS  
Oct. 13 10:30 AM @ Buffalo Sabres  
Oct. 16 5:00 PM @ Columbus Blue Jackets  
Oct. 18 7:00 PM BOSTON  
Oct. 21 8:00 PM @ Utah  
Oct. 23 7:00 PM CAROLINA  
Oct. 25 1:00 PM @ Boston  
Oct. 26 11:00 AM @ New Jersey  
Oct. 28 7:00 PM NEW JERSEY  
Oct. 31 2:00 PM @ Vegas  
Nov. 1 2:00 PM @ San Jose  
Nov. 4 7:30 PM TAMPA BAY  
Nov. 8 8:00 PM @ Edmonton  
Nov. 9 8:00 PM @ Vancouver  
Nov. 11 7:30 PM ANAHEIM  
Nov. 13 7:00 PM BUFFALO  
Nov. 16 7:00 PM NY ISLANDERS  
Nov. 20 7:00 PM NY RANGERS  
Nov. 22 6:00 PM @ Nashville  
Nov. 23 5:00 PM @ Chicago  
Nov. 26 7:00 PM SAN JOSE  
Nov. 28 1:30 PM @ Minnesota  
Nov. 29 1:00 PM MONTREAL  
Dec. 2 7:00 PM VANCOUVER  
Dec. 4 5:00 PM @ NY Islanders

Dec. 6 10:30 AM @ NY Rangers  
Dec. 7 11:00 AM @ Philadelphia  
Dec. 9 7:30 PM @ Nashville  
Dec. 11 7:00 PM FLORIDA  
Dec. 13 7:00 PM NASHVILLE  
Dec. 16 8:00 PM @ Seattle  
Dec. 19 7:00 PM WINNIPEG  
Dec. 21 4:00 PM @ Minnesota  
Dec. 23 7:00 PM UTAH  
Dec. 27 8:00 PM @ Vegas  
Dec. 29 7:00 PM LOS ANGELES  
Dec. 31 7:00 PM ST. LOUIS  
Jan. 3 5:00 PM @ Carolina  
Jan. 4 3:00 PM @ Florida  
Jan. 6 5:00 PM @ Tampa Bay  
Jan. 8 7:00 PM OTTAWA  
Jan. 10 2:00 PM COLUMBUS  
Jan. 12 8:00 PM TORONTO  
Jan. 16 7:00 PM NASHVILLE  
Jan. 19 2:00 PM WASHINGTON  
Jan. 21 7:00 PM ANAHEIM  
Jan. 23 7:00 PM PHILADELPHIA  
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Jan. 28 5:30 PM @ Ottawa  
Jan. 29 5:00 PM @ Montreal  
Jan. 31 11:00 AM @ Detroit  
Feb. 2 7:00 PM DETROIT  
Feb. 4 7:00 PM SAN JOSE

Feb. 25 7:00 PM @ Utah  
Feb. 26 7:00 PM MINNESOTA  
Feb. 28 4:00 PM CHICAGO  
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Mar. 3 8:00 PM @ Anaheim  
Mar. 6 6:00 PM @ Dallas  
Mar. 8 12:00 PM MINNESOTA  
Mar. 10 8:00 PM EDMONTON  
Mar. 12 8:00 PM @ Seattle  
Mar. 14 2:00 PM @ Winnipeg  
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