

# ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS



Monthly Newsletter of Aberdeen Village

## Upcoming 2023 Meetings & Events Calendar

### NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHERS:

- **Ladies' Get-Together:**  
September 13, 5:30-7:30 pm,  
home of Kelly Stahlman, 6192 S Aberdeen St.
- **Joint Men and Ladies' Get-Together (no kids):**  
October 19, 6-8 pm, home of Lisa Rice,  
6057 S. Lakeview St.
- **Annual Holiday Party:** December 2
- **Annual Toy Drive:** December 2
- **Annual Lighting Contest:** December 9
- **BOARD MEETINGS:**  
October 12; December 14

## September 13: Positive Thinking Day

Celebrate positive thinking by saying some affirmations, hanging around with positive people or showing gratitude for the simple things in life.



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## Board Member Letter

As summer ends and our kids head back to school, we're reminded that life is always evolving and moving forward whether we're ready for it or not. I'm always excited for fall, as it gives our family a chance to get back on a normal schedule and refreshes our vigor to finish the year strong. And just like our personal lives, the city of Littleton continues to renew as well. We've all probably seen new pavement on surrounding streets, and our Aberdeen Village roads are supposedly still due for a massive overhaul this calendar year. Perhaps the road crews have been busy with the failed culvert on Jackass Hill, and I agree this needs to be a top priority. It's been a big inconvenience not being able to sneak down local streets to access Mineral, Santa Fe and Aspen Grove, so we'll see what happens in the next few months!?

The city is also looking to overhaul Ketrang Park, Gallup Gardens, and Gallup Park which will apparently be known as "Ketrang-Gallup Park" moving forward. You can see preliminary plans and renderings in the Bemis Library behind the checkout stand. One nice addition I noticed is a formal pedestrian walkway

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## Meet Your Neighbors

Greg and Sheri Kelton have lived in Aberdeen Village for seven years. They love the neighborhood because of the large lots, mature landscaping and specifically that they now have a ranch-style house (no stairs!). They moved here from Grant Ranch where the homes are much closer to each other. And while you'd think that would lead to more interaction with your neighbors, Greg recalls that they met more people the first month living here in Aberdeen Village than the 18 years residing in Grant Ranch. Like most of us, they enjoy the expansiveness of these ranch homes with lots of main floor living. The fact that there have been a few additions to their home over the years doesn't hurt.

They've always known about Aberdeen Village – Greg grew up on nearby Fairfield Street and is fond of telling you that there are exactly 188 paces between where they live now and the house in which he grew up. The Kelton's met while attending the University of Oklahoma back in the early 80's. Sheri is a native of Oklahoma, and they still head back to Tulsa a couple of times annually to visit family. They have a daughter and a son in their 30's, both of whom attended Littleton High School and are now out in the real world. They have three cats: 17, 10 and 8 years old, and last year they took in a pregnant rescue cat who ultimately delivered eight healthy kittens, some of which were adopted by neighborhood families.

Prior to retirement a few years ago, they ran a successful business writing technical publications for local architectural companies, servicing primarily commercial, educational and institutional projects. Now they appreciate having no deadlines and their mindset is that there is always tomorrow to finish up projects. They enjoy working in their yard, taking

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on Gallup between the museum and the library which should slow down traffic and provide a much safer crossing. If you search “Ketrington-Gallup Park Master Plan” on the internet, you can learn more about the vision and also give input by taking a survey. Also don’t be alarmed if you see a random truck and equipment in the field between Ketrington Lake and Lakeview; that’s just a crew working on the well which pumps fresh water into the lake.

There are also lots of new hot spots popping up close to Aberdeen. We’ve been visiting the new Sanitas Brewery in The Chuze Fitness complex. It shares the space with the latest Atlas Coffee location. Visitors can either indulge in a latte or a beer depending on how they are feeling and even grab food from CBurger, which features organic beef. Being within walking distance to the new Cherry Cricket is fun. They did a great job with the building, and once they get the staffing and menu dialed in, it’ll be even more amazing. The Black+Haus Tavern is now open in Downtown Littleton; they expanded from their Parker location and offer handcrafted dishes, custom cocktails, and a cultivated wine list. And coming soon this fall, and right next door in the old Jackass Hill Brewery location, is Denver Beer Co’s fifth taproom in the city. Check out the renderings of their enhanced outdoor space on their website; it’s going to look awesome!

--Mark Hojegan, Board Member

## 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](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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## Pets of Aberdeen

This month we interviewed Polly Artim about her puppy, Barney.

**What breed is Barney?**

Barney is a chocolate lab.

**How old is Barney?**

He is only 1 year old.

**Where did you get Barney?**

We got Barney from a farm in northern Pueblo.

**What tricks does he love to do?**

He can catch frisbees and his record is 27 frisbees in a row.

**Why do you love him?** He is silly and likes bones, balls and frisbees.

— Kate Moore, Resident



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## Meet Your Neighbors, *continued from front page*

care of their lawn and landscaping, and they've been entertained watching all the house renovations and sales happening here over the past few years. Greg likes to road bike, and you may also run into them working out together at nearby Chuze Fitness during the week. They also like to cook and entertain, and Greg specifically enjoys cooking various types of meats in his smoker.

Like most of us, they appreciate the wildlife roaming around Aberdeen Village, and they've had their fair share of encounters with the raccoons, coyotes and bobcats that inhabit the area. Luckily, no one in their household has had a run in with neighborhood skunks. They've seen owls and falcons over the years, and vividly recall a battle between an aggressive, nest-raiding hawk being harassed by 40+ magpies in their front yard. We can only hope that these trials of life continue here in Aberdeen Village!

--Mark Hojegan, Board Member

**METRO DENVER FARMERS' MARKET**

**MARKET ON YOUR CALENDAR**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturdays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOUTHWEST PLAZA</b></p> <p>MAY 6 - OCTOBER 28 Southeast Parking Lot Wadsworth &amp; Bowles 8am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturdays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAKWOOD</b></p> <p>JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 30 Mile Hi Church 9077 W Alameda Ave 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sundays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HIGHLANDS RANCH</b></p> <p>MAY 7 - OCTOBER 29 HR Town Center 9288 Dorchester St. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesdays</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LITTLETON</b></p> <p>JUNE 14 - SEPTEMBER 27 Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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## Now, In Littleton... The Emerald Ash Borer

We've all seen the moving vans (and dumpsters!) signifying our many new neighbors in Aberdeen Village and Littleton. But do you know about one of the newest and smallest residents of our town? It's the *emerald ash borer*, a tiny green insect that invades the ash trees that shade our streets and homes. This unwelcome visitor from Asia was found in Boulder in 2013 and has migrated south along the Front Range, landing here in Littleton this year.

First identified in Michigan in 2002, this non-native insect has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the US and Canada. The bug has no natural enemies, so it tends to spread rapidly. As per its name, the insect bores into the bark of the ash tree to lay its eggs. During the winter the larvae hatch and destroy the "veins" in the tree. Because ash trees were so heavily planted many years ago, urban foresters say the Denver area could lose up to 15% of its tree cover – over 1.5 million trees!

So, what can YOU do? First, determine if you have ash trees on your property. If you're not sure, you can find a good description of the leaves and bark at <https://www.wikihow.com/Identify-an-Ash-Tree>. The emerald ash borer plays no favorites – it will infect any variety of ash except for the commonly found smaller tree with orange berries known as a "mountain ash."

Then make a plan! If you'd like to save the tree, contact a certified arborist about steps that can be taken to "inoculate" the tree. Don't put too much stock in home remedies since foresters say that whatever you do will be much less likely to save the tree than obtaining professional help. And remember, while this inoculation may seem expensive, it's much less than the cost of taking down a dead tree!

If your ash tree is overgrown, or in poor health, and you don't wish to try to save it, arborists say it's safer and perhaps less expensive to remove the tree before it becomes infected and dies (which it WILL do, usually within two to four years). Then, decide what kind of tree you'd like as a replacement. Information about "a green menace" can be found at the website of the Colorado State Forest Service, <https://csfs.colostate.edu/forest-management/emerald-ash-borer/>.

— Mike Galvin, Board Member

## Littleton to Host SpaceX Rocket Booster Exhibit

In an effort to boost tourism, Littleton this fall will display a 146-foot-tall SpaceX Falcon 9 first-stage rocket booster. The free attraction, which would be the third of its kind in the country, can be seen on the DISH Network corporate office campus on Bowles and Santa Fe.

The 146-foot rocket booster – almost half the length of a football field – will sit horizontal on the western end of the DISH campus, spanning the Littles Creek Trail. It will be on supports that keep the booster about 10 feet off the ground. The Telluray Foundation is providing a \$2.4-million grant to complete the project, but DISH will be responsible for upkeep and maintenance costs after the initial assembly is complete.

Councilors, including Jerry Valdes from our neighborhood, raised concerns regarding the location, particularly the impact it would have on foot and bike traffic on the Mary Carter Greenway. Representatives from DISH assured councilors that the placement of the rocket will not significantly hinder foot traffic. They also said it will have no impact on the South Platte floodplain, and will have minimal impact on the Littles Creek floodplain. The DISH representative also said the exhibition is an opportunity to boost use of public transportation, as it may be difficult to find parking near the DISH campus.

— Beverly Maxwell, Aberdeen Village Resident

## Aberdeen Village Home Sales - Past 12 Months

Address	Sold Price	Asking Price	Discount/Premium	Beds	Baths	Sq Ft Total	Days on Market	Sold Date
6052 S Aberdeen St	\$1,700,000	\$1,799,000	94%	5	5	3,868	16	07/27/2023
5971 S Aberdeen St	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000	104%	4	4	3,280	4	07/19/2023
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
520 W Aberdeen Ave	\$1,200,000	\$1,250,000	96%	5	4	4,795	9	9/7/2022

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