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# Halloween Event!

Mark your calendar and be sure to save the date for our Spooktacular Halloween Event, Friday, Oct. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., outdoors at the Ranch House! It's guaranteed to be devilishly delightful for boys and ghouls of all ages! Stay tuned – more details to follow!



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## Valley Parkway Update

By Victoria DeSair, KCRMA Executive Director

Jefferson County Transportation & Engineering is seeking input on future improvements of Valley Parkway from South Valley Road to Ken Caryl Avenue. Valley Parkway will be repaved during the summer of 2022. Due to the number of resident concerns along this roadway, the County hosted a public meeting in July to solicit input on improvements such as crossings, intersections and general transportation operations.

In the initial public comment phase of the project, several residents expressed concerns about speeding on Valley Parkway. Residents, I beg you to slow down! In the last couple

weeks, the KCRMA Rangers have responded to three separate incidents where cars have hit deer in the Valley. Please slow down and be aware of major deer crossing areas like the intersection of Valley Parkway and Club Drive/White Oak and the blind corners on Ken Caryl Ave. as you enter or leave the Valley.

The County has heard your concerns about speeding. Input provided by Ken-Caryl residents will be analyzed in the coming weeks. Jeffco Transportation & Engineering will be conducting counts and speed studies to better understand the existing conditions and determine the best way to proceed within

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**Valley Parkway** 

Wednesday, Oct. 13

6 p.m.

**Projects** 

the scope of work.

The County is holding a second community meeting about Valley Parkway on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. online via Microsoft Teams. They will be discussing their findings associated with data collection and address some of the comments they've received thus far. Meeting details and the link to join online can be found at: www.jeffco. us/2850/Public-Improvement-Projects.

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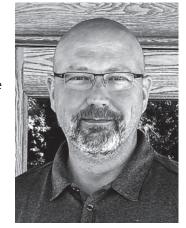
Jefferson County Transportation & Engineering looks forward to collaborating with the Ken-Caryl Ranch neighborhood in finding solutions to concerns along Valley Parkway. Please direct questions to the county Transportation Planner, Christina Lane, at clane@jeffco.us.

#### • Welcome

# Welcome Mark Knott, New Finance Manager

Mark Knott joins the Master Association as the new Finance Manager, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and extensive experience in financial management. Mark served as the director of Finance and Analytics at Panera Bread and spent seven years as the senior business analyst for TIAA-CREF.

Mark has hit the ground running in his new role and is eager to assist residents in his position as Finance Manager. He has been a Ken-Caryl resident since 2009. You can reach Mark at MarkK@kcranch.org, or 303-979-1876, ext. 115.



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#### **October**

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17	18	6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee	10:15 a.m. Story Time	5:30 p.m. Halloween Event	23		
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# It's a Choice, or is It???

By Brian Yowell, Community Administrator

Covenant Clips

Being part of such an amazing community warms my heart. Where else do you get such great amenities, breathtaking views, an equestrian center and such a rich

As we all know, it takes a lot of work, planning and diligence to keep such a gem sparkling.

I was recently communicating with a resident, and in our conversation, they shared with me something that was instilled in them growing up - "Ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it", and although our rules and

regulations are not the law, they are pretty darn important and there are consequences for not following them.

Before I go into those pesky consequences, I wanted to mention that everyone in Ken-Caryl Ranch actively chose to live in, or do business in, a community that is governed by a homeowner's association. All residents and businesses in Ken-Caryl Ranch are to follow the Master Association Rules, Regulations and Procedures and abide by the Master Declaration, which can be found at www.ken-carylranch.org.

Some neighborhoods such as Sunset Ridge, The North Ranch, Manor Ridge, The Enclave, The Settlement, and Mountain Gate all have their own unique sub-associations that come with additional rules and regulations that can be more restrictive than, but not less than, those of the Master Association. Ken-Caryl Ranch Office Park is an additional sub-association that must follow the same guidelines and has an additional set of rules, regulations and procedures that resident businesses must follow.

Additionally, there can be neighborhood specific rules regarding architectural improvements such as fencing and mail boxes, etc.

As a resident, or business owner, it is your responsibility to know, and understand, these rules and regulations.

Why do we have these rules and regulations? It's simple really, and something every resident and business should be happy about. The Master Declaration and the Rules and Regulations were developed to protect the aesthetic beauty of Ken-Caryl Ranch and to maintain a well-kept and beautiful place to live, which ultimately plays a huge part in the enjoyment of our residents and the value of their homes by ensuring that all homes and businesses in Ken-Caryl Ranch remain maintained, presentable and desirable all year round.

So, although you may not think leaving your trash cans out, or letting weeds build a retirement community in your front lawn are that big a deal, think about your neighbors and the community as a whole. Do you think your neighbors want to look at your oh-sobeautiful Waste Connections containers all day, or see the dandelions do the conga in your yard? I don't think so.

Now, we aren't animals, well technically we are, but we do have moral compasses, emotions and complex languages, and we understand that sometimes you may just not notice the paint peeling off the side of your house, or the fact that a family of rodents are transforming your log pile into a lodge, so we are here to help!

We will send you a little friendly reminder regarding something that needs your attention and give you adequate time to cure (resolve) the issue. If that little reminder gets lost in the pile of mail or "accidentally" thrown away, we will send you a second (not as friendly) reminder about what needs your attention. Now, if you've formed a habit of ignoring these little notices, we will put on the gloves and go to bat to protect your neighbors and send you a Notice of Hearing. At this hearing, you will have the opportunity to plead your case to a group of your peers - kinda like court, but not nearly as fun. If the issue hasn't been resolved, you can be fined every month for every violation until cured, and if the issue(s) remain un-cured, a lien can be placed on your home and/or the Master Association can force cure at your expense.

So, I think we should all work together to keep this little slice of paradise in Ken-Caryl looking (and behaving) like it should. Remember, we are all in this together.

Thank you, Ken-Caryl! At your service, **Brian Yowell** 



### **Master Association** Board

On September 21, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular meeting and discussed the following

- · An open space violation was reviewed, and it was found that there was a violation of landscaping being planted in open space and additional damage to open space as a result of a landscaping improvement. Open space and the MA Board will work with the resident to find a cure to the violation within the next 20 days and will present at the next Master Association Board meeting.
- Results from the Equestrian Center Boarder Survey were discussed. Results are available in the Board packet.
- Initial discussions for the 2022 Budget included discussion on one-time expenditures and improvements, and increased reserves needed for future community maintenance and repair.
- The Historical Society presented an update on the Bradford Perley House. Jim Antes spoke regarding the interest in the Bradford Perley House and recommended next steps for preservation of the structure.
- John Rodell from the Brannon Gearhart Task Force spoke regarding the use of carp in ponds for maintenance versus cleaning. He discussed sulfur levels in the pond sludge material, results of the dredge sample for odors and potential residents affected by the dredging of the pond.
- The Board decided to hold the November Board meeting on its previously scheduled date of Nov. 16.
- The following motions passed:
  - o Approve changes to the Access to Association Records Policy.
- Approve a John Deere Gator UTV purchase from Potestio Brothers in the amount of \$20,100, subject to availability.
- Add Community Administrator Brian Yowell and Finance Manager Mark Knott as signers on all Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association bank accounts.
- · Public comment at the meeting addressed topics including the conduct of meeting policy for Ken-Caryl Ranch Committees.



#### • In Remembrance

# Keep Your Eyes Peeled for Deer

By Michael Ryan, Park Ranger

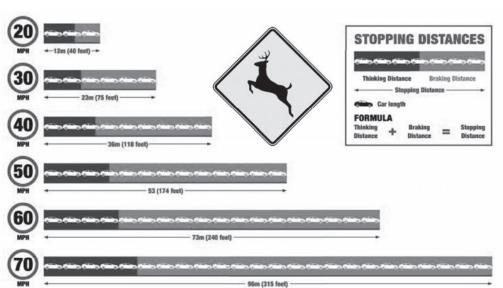
The KCRMA Rangers have noticed an uptick in calls and incidents involving wildlife-vehicle collisions. Since the beginning of August, the rangers have responded to four deer vehicle collisions, including two with young fawns. We are entering the rutting season for mule deer, meaning bucks will be seeking does and will be on the move across roadways. Everyone needs to be particularly attentive to avoid further collisions.

By adhering to a few guidelines, Ken-Caryl residents can avoid potentially dangerous situations and help keep both wildlife and drivers safe:

- Please slow down and be aware of major deer crossing areas, like the intersection of Valley Parkway and Club Drive and the blind corners on Ken Caryl Avenue and Valley Parkway and when passing through the Hogback or by the Equestrian Center.
- · Please adhere to posted speed limits.
- Obey traffic signs and other posted crossings.
- Scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder. When you see wildlife beside the road, be mindful, as they may suddenly bolt onto the road.
- Watch for glowing eyes of animals as they reflect your headlights, and remember, if one animal crosses the road, others may follow.
- Brake firmly if an animal is standing on, or crossing, the road. Never assume the animal will move out of your way.
- Do not swerve to avoid hitting a wild animal, this may result in a more serious collision.
- Dusk and dawn are the times of day when most wildlife collisions occur. Stay alert during these times and slow down.

Even while following all these tips, we can't anticipate the unpredictable and accidents are bound to occur. This is just a friendly reminder that most deer vehicle collisions happen in October through December. With the added factor of less daylight going forward, please be on the lookout for those proverbial deer in headlights.

For more information, contact the rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-291-7227. Drivers involved in a wildlife-vehicle collision should report the accident to the Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4501.



### An Old Friend

By Jeff Brock, Resident

I'd like to share some of my fondest memories of Jason Dahl during this 20th anniversary remembrance of 9/11. Captain Dahl was the Captain on United Airlines Flight 93, and was a long-time resident of Ken-Caryl Valley.

I might begin by taking you to the campus of San Jose State University, during the fall semester of 1977. I had just transferred in as a sophomore and was greeted by another sophomore by the name of Jason Dahl. He was running for the office of Vice President of the University's flying club, The Flying Twenty, and was asking for my vote. He also offered to campaign for me for the office of Communications Officer, which he was vacating. I agreed to run, but to my horror, discovered that I'd have to give a campaign speech to the entire Aeronautics Department student body. Jason sensed my nervousness, and as I was about to approach the podium, put me at ease with an affirming, "Just be yourself, they'll love you!".

And so started a lifelong friendship with a guy that was a natural leader, with a servant's heart, an easy-going demeanor and a fun-loving, mischievous spirit. By the way, he did the same thing for me for vice president, and president when he vacated those positions in succeeding semesters.

While at SJSU, we both struggled to build flight time, along with many of the other professional pilot hopefuls. Jason had stumbled on a nighttime aerial advertising job flying a Cessna 150 around the Bay Area. The electronic signboard would display advertising messages under the wing. You'd see the messages while attending nighttime outdoor events, like football games, amusement parks and baseball games. One day, he mentioned that he was moving on to a better part time flying opportunity, and would I like to take it? And, just like the Flying Twenty Officer positions, he passed



Resident, Captain Jason Dahl, hero of United Flight 93.

it on to me. Caring, with a servant's heart.

Jason started ferrying new Piper single engine aircraft from the Piper factories in Lock Haven, PA, and Vero Beach, FL, to a Piper dealer at the San Jose airport. One day, he mentioned they were looking for another ferry pilot, and would I be interested? I got the job. You'd take an airline flight out to Vero Beach or Lock Haven on a Friday night and fly the new Tomahawk, Archer or Arrow back to San Jose over the weekend, so as not to miss classes. Another example of Jason always thinking of others and putting others first. "How can I help?", or "Is there anything you need?", were to be lifelong questions you'd frequently hear from him.

Jason then happened on a dentist who had just purchased a Beechcraft Baron based at Reid Hillview airport. This gentleman was smart enough to understand his flying ability limitations and hired Jason as a safety pilot. A great way to acquire hard to find multi-engine time. As before, he recommended me to this dentist when he moved on to his next flying job. Another debt I will always owe

I could go on for some time, but I must reluctantly finish this fond walk down memory lane. Helping me get hired at United Airlines as a new hire B-727 S/O and giving me my IOE in 1987. Serving in my wedding as a groomsman in 1989. Visiting the hospital and cradling our firstborn in his arms in 1992. Blowing out our sprinkler system during our first winter in Denver, without being asked. Serving at the United Airlines Flight Training Center over many years as a Pilot Instructor, Line Captain, Standards Captain and LCA. The list could go on

But I hope, dear reader, that you've sensed an important theme to his life, as illustrated in these fond memories of Jason. One that is timeless, and one that should be of the highest importance to all of us. And, that theme is the importance of nurturing the following virtues in ourselves and our posterity. The virtues of caring and kind actions and words toward others, of selfless service to others, of self-sacrifice in the service of others and of showing love toward others. These virtues I observed Jason exemplify daily in his walk on this earth and I will be forever grateful for his friendship and example. Virtues that would serve us especially well in these times.

Jeff Brock has been a Ken-Caryl resident since 1991 and is a medically retired United Airlines pilot.



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# Ken-Caryl Ranch Moves to the Dark Side

By Kathy Webster, Resident

NO! Not that dark side!

In Star Wars, Sith's dark side was evil. Today's dark side, the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) is good.

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association is a current member of the International Dark Sky Association and supporter of Lights Out Colorado's volunteer program. Our Ken-Caryl Architectural Committee has taken the next step in the process of our community becoming certified as a "dark sky community."

A Dark Sky designated community is any town, city, municipality or other legally organized community that has shown exceptional dedication to the reduction of light pollution and the preservation of night sky, through the implementation and enforcement of a quality outdoor lighting ordinance, dark sky education and citizen/ resident support of dark skies for three consecutive years.

At a recent meeting, the Architectural Committee adopted updates to our Lights and Lighting Rules and Regulations that are more in line with dark sky status and with Jefferson County Zoning Resolutions. One such update is that "decorative lighting shall be turned off after 12 a.m. unless the space is actively being occupied/used." This includes decorative lights such as sconces, string, bistro, etc. Achieving dark sky status requires measuring light levels, overhauling lights to reduce glare and the spread of light onto private property, and getting residents to dial back and redirect their own outdoor lights, using hoods, motion sensors, timers and soft yellow/orange lights.

Please educate yourself. If you have not been informed about the International

Dark Sky Association and the Colorado version, Lights Out Colorado, please refer respectively to the articles from the March 17, 2021 edition of Life at Ken-Caryl on page 7 and the May 26, 2021 edition of Life at Ken-Caryl on page 7. You can also google darksky.org, or idacolorado.xyz/lights-outcolorado/ for more detailed information.

In the June 23 and Aug. 18 editions (page 3) of Life at Ken-Caryl, Brian Yowell, Community Administrator, gave excellent summaries of the updated lighting rules and ordinances adopted by our Architectural Committee. Brian gave you "Five Principles" to follow to help you in using outdoor lighting effectively, efficiently and respectfully towards nature and towards your neighbors. The key terms

- Useful: Install only where needed/used
- · Targeted: Shield light down, no light trespass, use hoods
- · Low Light Levels: Lowest necessary brightness
- · Controlled: Install timers, dimmers, motion sensors
- Color: Use warm color lights (not blue wavelength)

Governor Polis supports dark sky preservation and is considering a declaration of June as Colorado Dark Sky Month. A state "experience the night" campaign promotes stargazing tourism and preserves a legacy of the West. Ryan Parker, Colorado IDA chapter chairman stated, "More towns are realizing the value of going dark sky for economics, education, entertainment and health. Even in cities, more residents are becoming aware of a need to turn off their lights because of how light is affecting nature, especially migratory birds." One dark sky resident in Nucla stated, "There is no downside, it doesn't take away anyone's freedom...smart lighting and proper use of LED's (orange/ yellow) saves money, conserves energy, improves health and respects the needs of wildlife."

Dark skies can have a huge positive affect on migratory birds. Outdoor night lights throw migratory birds off their path, resulting in much stress and confusion, which

wastes their energy for the long trek. It is especially important to turn off outdoor lights as early as possible (at dusk) during the two heaviest migration seasons which are April and May and August through October. We are currently entering the fall migration season, which can continue until approximately Nov. 15. Do your part to help birds migrate safely by turning off your exterior lights and closing your curtains and blinds to avoid "sky glow" that can attract and disorient birds leading to exhaustion and even death. Go to birdcast. info to see bird migration projections.

In 2001, John E. Bortle developed a scale for measuring the quality or brightness of the night sky for a particular location. The scale is aptly named the Bortle Scale and was published in Sky and Telescope Magazine. There are nine levels or classes of brightness on the scale, with nine being the most extreme light pollution. Go to astrobackyard.com/the-bortle-scale/ for more detailed information and pictures of the various classes of brightness. Another easy way to measure sky brightness is to download the app, Clear Outside by FLO. The app uses your current GPS location to



present you with an accurate read-out of where your night sky lands on the Bortle

Protecting and preserving our natural night sky is a new frontier in environmental conservation and preservation. Colorado is proud to be a progressive state and with the support and cooperation of every resident, our community can preserve the legacy of the West and gain recognition as a dark place. When it comes to helping nature, we often ask ourselves, "But what can I do?" In this instance, it is simple, just follow the "Five Principles" and turn off all your outdoor lights by midnight. So, Ken-Caryl Ranch, let's join Westcliffe, Silver Cliff, Ridgeway, Norwood, Naturita, Nucla, Crestone, Salida, Cucrecanti, Gunnison and other towns, cities and Colorado National Parks in supporting the dark sky movement and help Colorado become the first dark sky state with the most regional dark sky zones. Let's set a goal for certification for our community. By Earth Day 2024, let's be on our way to the dark side.



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### It's a Matter of the Heart

Residents whose children attend or have attended Shaffer Elementary School over the past 20 years are sure to know Deb Donnelly, whether it was during her time as a paraprofessional, or in her current position as the school's health aide. Deb, who has resided in Ken-Caryl with her family since 1989, is known for her warm and welcoming personality and her compassion for her students in addressing their health needs, which is something she has experienced as a mother of her own children, especially in regard to her son, Patrick, who is in need of a life-saving heart transplant.

In 2011, Patrick, an avid hockey player and fan of the game, was diagnosed with congestive heart failure cardiomyopathy, at the age of 22. Despite this condition, he has demonstrated strength, determination and an unbreakable spirit in his battle against the disease over the past decade, which has now progressed to the point where a transplant is needed. Patrick's heart is no longer responding to the current medications needed to sustain

his health. Despite his own health struggles, Patrick is determined to give back to those in need, with his involvement in DAWG Nation, a non-profit dedicated to providing financial assistance and support to families and individuals in need during their time of crisis. As a former hockey player, and DAWG Nation supporter, Patrick detailed his own experience on the non-profit's website:

"In the summer of 2011, I was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, cardiomyopathy (swelling of heart tissue). I was 22 and forced to pause my new career in Texas for the first time. I was returned home, to Colorado, via ambulance and was received by the cardiology team at University of Colorado Hospital. My heart function, measured as an "ejection fraction," was at a dismal 9 percent. Eventually, through use of

From left, Mark, Deb and Patrick Donnelly.

medications, we were able to stabilize and even partially recover left ventricle function. I returned to chase my career goals in Oil and Gas... At one point, I had achieved an ejection fraction as high as 42 percent (an average healthy heart would be around 60 percent).

*In early 2019 however, my body became* weak again, the fluid retention from failing

kidneys makes it incredibly difficult to breathe. My heart was no longer responding to the medication as well as it had for the last eight years. After a few hard months of testing and monitoring, it was decided that my heart was too far gone, and it was time for a transplant.

Transplants are surprisingly safe these days, the larger concern is that it takes a long time to receive an organ offer. The trouble was, that I didn't have time, the hospital was preparing me for hospice care. Fortunately, a final set of testing showed my Right-side heart function to be strong enough to accommodate what's called an LVAD or (Left Ventricle Assist Device.) Implanting this pump has bought me the time I need to receive a new heart, as well as greatly improve the quality-of-life aspect of the ordeal.

I've been accruing time on the transplant list for a full year now, with no real idea of when a heart could come. Determined not to let life pass me by, I've started skating again, doing local stick-and-pucks at The Edge, which inspired me to hit the gym and get back into shape as best I can. This has led to cardiologists from the transplant team at UCHealth, incorporating me in research studies surrounding exercise and LVADs.

Hockey was a family affair growing up, I learned to skate on a pond outside of Chicago at four years old. My younger brother and I played travel hockey all over the U.S., with trips to Canada and Europe sprinkled in over the years. Hockey bound our family together and still does. My career culminated with a Major A, 2nd place finish in State with Foothills Hockey Association in 2006. And I was proud to play three years of Varsity hockey with Chatfield Senior High School.

I managed to stay in the loop while down in Texas with a little help from an old linemate, and current best buddy. As a referee for the American Hockey league, as well as the NCAA, living in nearby Houston, it was the local, San Antonio Rampage AHL team that kept bringing us back together. We have both been fans of Dawg Nation for years, and I know he continues to donate his time to tournaments every year, now with more meaning than ever. Hockey does bind us together in amazing ways."

DAWG Nation Hockey Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity dedicated to providing opportunities for persons with and without disabilities to gain confidence and independence through participation in national and international amateur ice hockey events, and to support local, national and international amateur ice hockey players and their families in times of crisis.

To learn more about Patrick's story, to offer encouragement and support, and to learn more about DAWG Nation, please visit www.dawgnationhockey.org.



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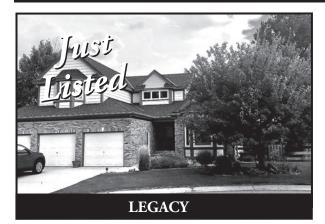
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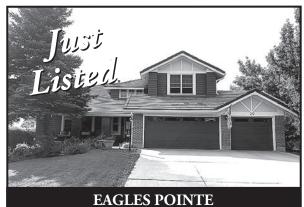


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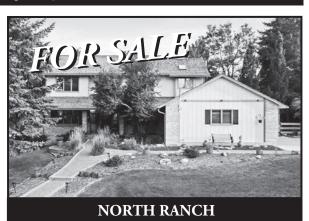
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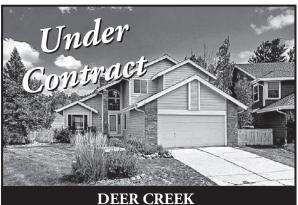
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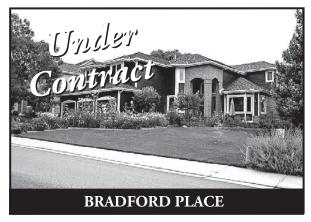


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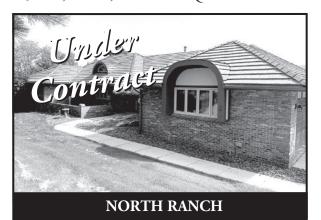
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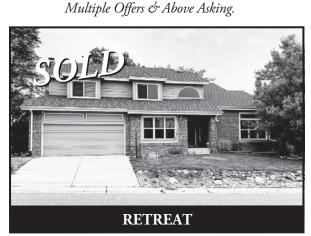
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Patrick Grant, Ken-Caryl resident and Educator for The Guardian Group, wants to extend this mission and empower all Ken-Caryl residents when it comes to securing their financial future. Patrick will be leading two Retirement and Income Planning Workshops on Oct. 18 and Oct. 21 from 7 – 7:45 p.m. at the Ranch House. His goal is to serve as a resource and advocate for residents to achieve their own financial goals, while simultaneously helping you achieve both personal and financial freedom.

As an independent firm, The Guardian Group serves to make a difference in people's lives, as well as the future for you and your loved ones. Patrick and his team understand that each person looks at the world through a unique set of eyes – each of us has life experiences that create our personal vision and values. He hopes to serve Ken-Caryl residents who want financial advocacy by getting to know you personally and providing comprehensive planning through his organization's proprietary Guardian Retirement Blueprint Process.

For more information on The Guardian Group, The Financial Sherpa program and Patrick's upcoming workshops, please contact him at patrick@guardianretire.com.



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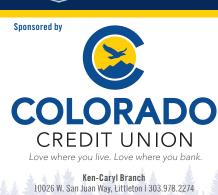


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Midge (#232579): Midge is a 10-year-old, female cat. Featuring a cottony soft ebony coat with amber eyes, Midge is a classic "private investigator" – she diligently works undercover to keep an eye on you and the household (her covert posture enables her to vanish into thin air if anyone or anything interferes with her investigation), and if you need a cat who knows how to stay out of trouble and will always keep your secrets, she just might take your case. Since Midge appreciated access to the outdoors with her previous family, she may successfully transition to a new family (with children aged 10 or older) that can provide her safe, thoughtful time outside.

Visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org to find out more about Danny, Midge and other deserving pets in need of good homes.

#### • Picture This!

### Hello, from Across the Pond...

Resident Wayne Broussard snapped and shared this photo taken at the pond by Shaffer Elementary School in the Plains.



#### • Our Rising Generation

## **Troop 686 Stays Busy**

Troop 686 has been working hard on community service projects. Scouts documented over 10,000 gravestones at Fort Logan National Cemetery for an Eagle Project. They were also busy around Ken-Caryl cleaning open space. They filled many bags of trash and found 30 golf balls in their clean-up efforts over Labor Day weekend!

If your son or daughter is interested in joining Troop 686, please contact Marisa Famariss at famariss4@gmail.com. The troop meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Heritage United Methodist Church.







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The 2021 pool season came to a close at this year's beloved Doggie Dip Day, where Ken-Caryl's canine companions took to the water to enjoy a dip in the new Ranch House Pool! The event also featured contests during each of its sessions, including a Fetch Competition, Diving Contest and Paddle Race.

Many thanks to all of our generous event sponsors, including Ken-Caryl Pet Spa, Chuck & Don's Pet Food & Supplies and Hands On Companion Animal Service!











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# Celebrate And Donate!

Resident Dr. Kaitlin Vellore knows firsthand the value of donating blood, not only as a physician, but as a recipient herself. Following the birth of her first child, Devin, Kaitlin received blood donations in the hospital that saved her life. As a result, Kaitlin and her family are paying it forward by supporting a Blood Drive in honor of their son's birthday. Devin's 4th Birthday Blood Drive will take place Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Shaffer Room at the Ranch House.

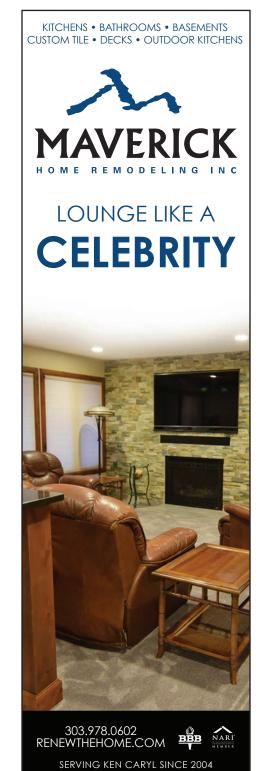
"Our angel was born and his mom's life was saved by blood donations," said Kaitlin. "Help us celebrate and save another life!"

All participants must be scheduled. Sign up at donors.vitalant.org as a guest and use site code 00437. Please call or email Kaitlin Vellore if you have any questions at kaitlin. vellore@gmail.com, or 914-473-9257.

For more on Kaitlin's story, visit: http:// cowyredcrossblog.org/paying-it-forward/.



Dr. Kaitlin Vellore's son Devin.



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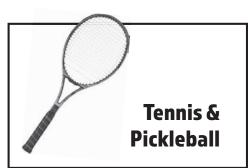
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## **Halloween Event!**

Save the date for our Spook-tacular Halloween Event, Friday, Oct. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., outdoors at the Ranch House! Be sure to stay tuned - more details to follow!

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#### **Evening Cardio Tennis!**

Get into the game! Ken-Caryl Ranch Tennis now offers evening cardio tennis sessions on Wednesday evenings in addition to Friday and Saturday sessions! Here's the game plan:

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- Wednesday 7 p.m., 3.0 and below
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- Friday morning 9:00 am: level 3.0 &
- Saturday morning: 8:00 am level 3.5+

Be sure to mark your calendars! Online registration opens 48 hours in advance at www.ken-carylranch.org.



KC **Fitness** 

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From Boomer Fitness to H.I.T.T. it Hard to Zumba, we've got fitness classes that appeal to all skill and interest levels! For the latest fitness class information, class descriptions, schedules and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org!

#### **Zumba Class at Dakota Lodge!**

There's still time to register for "Zumbathon – 2021"! Join us on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9-11 a.m. at Dakota Lodge for a 2-hour, fun-filled, Zumba class!

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Susan G. Komen Colorado chapter. Ages 12+. Register online for "Zumbathon – 2021" on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.



KC **Fitness** 

#### **Ken-Caryl Fitness Open House!**

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the 2021 Fitness Center Open House, Nov. 6! Meet our instructors, tour our facilities, and enjoy contests, music, demos, and discover the wide variety of classes and fitness options sure to appeal to all fitness fanatics! Stay tuned for more information to come!

#### **Barre Above is Back!**

Barre Above is back! This class fuses the very best of Pilates, yoga, aerobics and strength training. The 8-week session runs now through Oct. 29, Friday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am. For more information, and to register, please visit us online at www.ken-carylranch.org.

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# Story Time at the Ranch House

Join us for Story Time at the Ranch House, in partnership with Jeffco Public Library, each Thursday from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Due to community feedback, Story Time will take place outside of the Bradford room on the grass in front of the Ranch House until the weather forces us to move it inside.

#### **Soccer Shots for your tots!**

Soccer Shots returns to Ken-Caryl Ranch! This program is an engaging children's soccer program designed to introduce young players ages 2 - 8 to the joy and fun of team sports. Soccer Shots focuses on skill and character development under the guidance of best-in-class coaching. For more information, and to register your child, visit www.soccershots.org/den/.

#### **Enroll Your Child in our Nature Enrichment Programs!**

Space is currently available in our fall Preschool Nature Enrichment Programs! These programs take place at the Dakota Lodge and are for children ages 3-6 and potty trained. This program is ideal for preschoolers, part-time kindergartners or students attending home school. Each week has a new and engaging topic to look forward to! Outdoor Discovery meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:10-3 p.m. This program allows your budding explorer to experience nature with experiments, hikes and opportunities to view wildlife in the community.

Art Ventures meets Fridays from 12:10-3p.m. This program brings opportunities for students to explore and connect to nature in new ways through artistic learning and outdoor exploration! For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.

#### **Ken-Caryl Ranch B&A Care Program**

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This course is designed for pre-teens to help prepare them for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities and personal safety. Basic child care, including feeding, bathing and diapering will be covered. Participants will also learn basic child

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# **Haley Smith** Wins Two Bronze Medals for the **USA** at the World Championships

By Kathy Smith, Resident

Haley Smith, 21-year-old daughter of resident Kathy Smith, brought home two bronze medals as part of the U.S. Equestrian Vaulting Team at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 26-29.

Vaulting enjoys an ancient heritage and can best be described as one of the oldest known forms of equestrian sport. Often described as gymnastics performed on horseback, vaulting's origins can be traced back to Roman games, which included acrobatic displays performed on cantering

Equestrian vaulting is one of the eight equestrian disciplines recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation and the International Equestrian Federation (along with dressage, eventing, jumping, para dressage, combined driving, endurance and reining).

Haley began her equestrian career at the Ken-Caryl Equestrian center. She was also involved in gymnastics and dance classes. After reading about the sport of vaulting as an elementary school student, her mother researched Denver metro area vaulting clubs. Finding favor with the sport and winning several national championships, Haley started training at an elite vaulting club in California.

As a 16-year-old, she competed in her first world championships in LeMans, France, finishing in 11th place.

She spent her junior year traveling to California several weekends a month to train with the Pacific Coast Vaulting Club in Woodside, CA, outside of San Francisco.

Haley moved to CA her senior year and finished high school online so that she could participate in daily training.

Haley also competed in the 2018 World Equestrian Games, earning 4th place in squad and 6th in pas de deux. In 2019, she was selected to participate in the World Cup finals and secured the World Cup silver medal as part of a pas de deux (pairs - 2 vaulters on top of the horse), along with her partner, Daniel Janes.

Both Haley and Daniel trained in pairs and squad (up to 3 vaulters on top of the horse at any one time) during COVID-19. They qualified for the World Championships after winning numerous competitions in the US and securing the necessary minimum scores to compete internationally.

In Budapest, Team USA competed against European power houses, including strong teams from Germany and Austria. In Europe, most equestrians start out in vaulting so that they learn how to be balanced in the saddle and achieve harmony with the horse.

The US equestrian team secured the 2021 World Championship bronze medal in both pas de deux and squad, with impressive scores that were a slim margin behind their competitors.

We congratulate Haley Smith on making our community proud and wish her luck as she continues her training.

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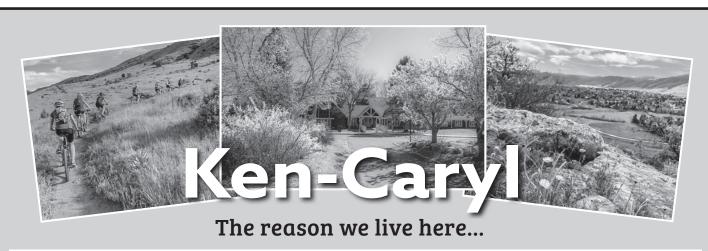
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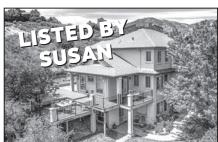








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# **Poster Perfect: Resident Artist Alexis** McDowell's Art **Beautifully Depicts Ken-Caryl Living**

Resident of Ken-Caryl Valley, student earning her BFA in ART Education, artist and nature lover Alexis McDowell and her husband Andrew, moved out to Denver back in 1998. Five years later, they were married and living in a place, as John Denver said, "was a home they had never been before."

They took a couple of slight detours out to Kansas City, Missouri, and Traverse City, Michigan, but when they came back, it was like coming home all over again.

When they were neighborhood hunting for the place their kids would grow up, they pulled into this beautiful valley between the hogbacks and never looked back. Since then, they have been spending their time exploring the private hills and trails and feeling blessed by the amazing views and spectacular scenery that surround them every day.

Alexis feels awe that in the morning, afternoon, and evening, rain and shine, the Valley, and its surroundings, provide us with a kaleidoscope of scenery that is unmatched. She says friends from out of town are always awe-inspired and amazed by the beauty. Other friends who are world travelers say it is one of the most beautiful places they have ever lived. We as Ken-Caryl residents are truly blessed.

Alexis has been an artist for as long as she can remember. She has always loved to draw and paint, and nature is her biggest inspiration. BC (before children), she and Andrew would hike the mountains and Colorado's famous 14ers and she would diligently pack her sketchbook and pencils, even though it would add weight to her pack. She even hiked down into the Grand Canyon on a seven-day trip and brought her

sketchbook and pencils along.

Acrylic and canvas have been her media for a long time, but it was not until recently that her love for vintage travel posters and the iconic sites in the neighborhood combined in her mind. That is when she began to create the Ken-Caryl Posters of special places around the neighborhood.

When she looks at the valleys and rippling hills with their watercolors and textured slopes, she says she can't help but feel the urge to create. She was inspired to begin a new series of artwork fully inspired by that landscape. The scenes are iconic places in our neighborhood as well as the surrounding area. Massey Draw, the Manor House, The Bradford Perley House and more... all of these places remind her of special moments in her life. She remembers the first time she hiked the Massey Draw Trail. The kids were just little. While they walked, they named the sections along the way. The "scrambly rocks", the "enchanted forest". When they got to the top, they could see forever. She ponders how those little sweet children are big now, but the trail remains the same.

And, then there is the Manor House - a mansion from old times that sits atop a hill overlooking our Valley. There are stories in those walls from a long time ago that involve natives and tears and biscuits and millionaires. Now the stories are of joy and laughter as we play and romp on the lawn or celebrate weddings and birthdays and special times. The trees and the soil hold our memories for us as waves of people, like the grasses, come and go.

These posters are her ode to this special place: Ken-Caryl Valley. She hopes you find the same enjoyment. If you would like to see more posters or are interested in purchasing (Christmas is just around the corner), visit her website at AlexisMcDowell.art. You can also contact her at drawsandpaints@gmail.com.



Above: Alexis sketching.

Below: Alexis' posters showcasing the beauty of Ken-Caryl Ranch.





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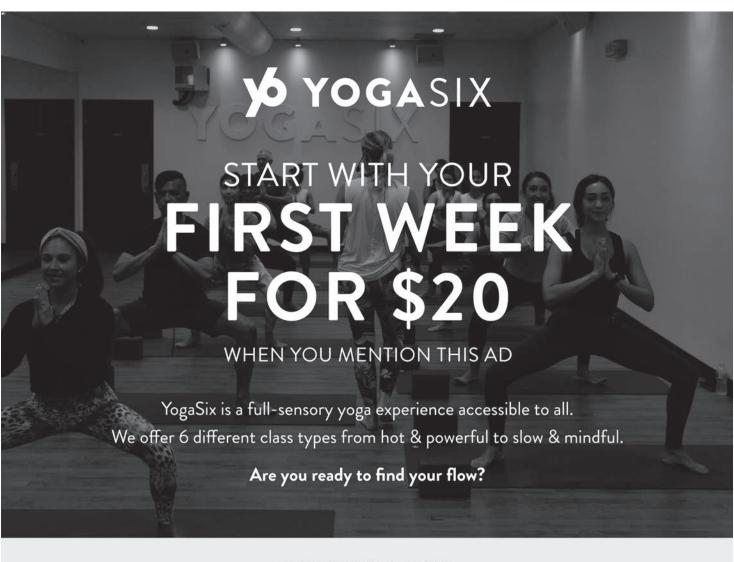
#### • Picture This!

# **Not Your Typical** Garden Variety

North Ranch resident Harriet Camp's granddaughter, Liv Martinez, proudly displays a very large carrot from her plot at the Ken-Caryl Community Garden. According to Harriet, it just may be the biggest carrot on record for the garden!



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#### KCR's Tennis Bash was a Smash!

Many thanks to our residents for helping to make this year's Tennis Bash, held over the Labor Day holiday weekend, a smashing success! Participants celebrated the end of the season with game courts, racquet demos, an exhibition match and crepes from Simply Le Crepes food truck, in addition to an exhibition match! Many thanks to our generous event sponsor Crystal Wurschmidt of Equity Real Estate for her generous support of this year's event and to Aura Salon for their gift card prize donations!



Coach Devin Van Treek leading teams at this year's Tennis Bash



Spectators having a "Bash" at this year's event.



KCR Tennis Supervisor Robert Campbell pictured with resident and event sponsor, Crystal Wurschmidt.

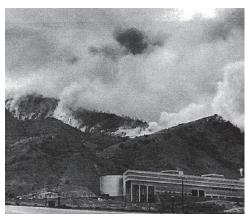
# 2021 KCR Summer of Tennis Highlights:

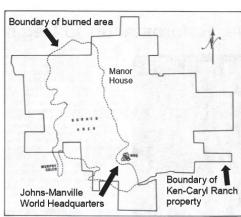
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- Liz Pike & Meghan Geisler Captains and League Champions for 4.0 Daytime Doubles League
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- Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Sent six teams to playoffs!
- Susanna Evans and Amy Clarke take 3.5 Doubles Tournament Champions at Colorado Athletic Club Monaco, 40+ 6.0 Mixed Doubles District Champions
- Tennis Bash on Labor Day

# Murphy Gulch Fire Scars Still Seen in KCR, as Documented in a New Video from the Historical Society

By Mary Antes, Resident and Ken-Caryl Historical Society Member

Residents who hike, bike or ride on the Ken-Caryl trails may encounter the sight of fallen logs, dead trees and stumps tattooed with burn scars. These are remnants of a forest fire that, in September of 1978, devoured thousands of acres in the foothills of the Ken-Caryl Valley. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society has produced a 15-minute video explaining how the fire started and the efforts to extinguish the flames that crept dangerously close to the Johns-Manville World Headquarters building (now Lockheed-Martin), the Manor House and homes on the West Ranch. This video is enhanced with actual 1978 footage of the fire from KUSA9 News and clippings from five area newspapers. To view this video, please visit: https://ken-carylranch.org/community-news/history-of-ken-caryl-ranch/historical-videos/.









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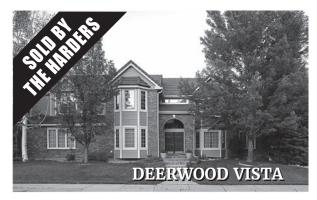
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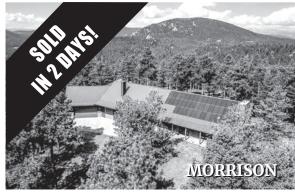
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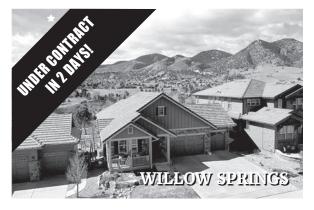


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#### Dear Editor,

The Universe is trying to tell us something. Are we smart enough to listen?

We all know the Universe has certain rules. For instance, nothing can travel faster than the speed of light. Another seems to be that no two things in the universe can be exactly the same. Take a look around you. No two stars are the same, no two planets. No two trees on earth are exactly alike, no humans, no two dogs. Are you seeing a pattern here? That's right, everything in the universe, including you and I, are one of a kind.

Think about it. Everything that is alive or evolving is different.

The universe breeds out sameness. If we were all the same, we'd have died off long ago, the result of some contagious disease or something. Instead, there are always some of us who are immune and carry our species forward.

Ask yourself, how art and literature and music would sound if we were all the same? So, if you are a bigot or some kind of supremacist, get over it quick...or you'll perish. Diversity is exactly what keeps us alive and lets us evolve. So, join the rest of us in our all-embracing march to the future. Diversity isn't just the best way forward, it's the only way. Who says so? The universe.

Are we smart enough to listen? Larry Sutliff, Resident

#### To the Editor,

I regularly hike in Ken-Caryl and mountain bike. Also, I've been a professional trail developer for four decades. I'm taken aback by the proposed reroute of the Stove Prairie Trail. There already is an existing suitable route following a lower profile.

True, there are some minor issues with the current alignment, but these can be

remedied and don't justify a redundant corridor permanently scarring yet another unspoiled slope, impacting sensitive areas and marring the view from residences. This route might provide a few minutes of "thrill" to some mountain bikers, but at what cost? As a trails planner, I follow three principles: do no harm; don't dishonor the landscape; and, don't dishonor adjacent properties. (I also advocate optimal safety and suitability.)

I believe it this project violates these principles and further degrades our priceless landscape legacy. It's ironic that we are appalled if a vandal sprays graffiti on a rock face but allow our leadership to look the other way if a trail cuts another unnecessary gash into a hillside. I also agree with many residents who don't want our priceless landscape and trails to become a bike race course or "terrain park". Bikers and hikers can share our trails in an equitable way-- but not to the detriment of the hiking experience or our sensitive resources.

I hope that the Open Space Committee will do the right thing and eschew this unnecessary and deleterious cut. I hope the Master Association will not be complicit. And, beyond hoping, I'll vote for leadership that honors stewardship values and respects all residents and urge my neighbors to do the same.

Robert Searns, Resident

#### Dear Editor,

Regarding a recent letter and disinformation at an MA meeting. At the meeting one member announced "Victoria, close your ears, I know it's a covenant violation, but I have two dead trees next to my house and I am not removing them because a woodpecker might land on them". The MA Board and staff members and attendees heard this, several residents

contacted the MA regarding these obvious violations of etiquette and conduct. This member admits they don't maintain their own property and have a trail right to their house that is clearly visible from Valley Parkway, but they don't want other trails. It is almost impossible to address subjects such as Parks and Playgrounds because they are engulfed in conspiracy theories that eagles and owls are being killed (no raptors have ever been found injured).

The parks and playgrounds promised by 2014 Bond are forgotten, almost 10 years later we still have not gotten what we paid for

I agree divisive politics have taken root and the survival of our neighborhood and nation are at risk. Personal embellishment and the misinformation and disinformation used for it are the root of conflict in our neighborhood and our country. Our laws clearly outline that all elected representatives in any capacity should not be given to personal embellishment or conflict of interest. Our nation exists due to the values, morals, standards and system of governance established by its birth. These truths are permanently chiseled in stone in sculptures and monuments in Washington, D.C., to bear witness for the world. We hold these truths to be self-evident and they are engraved in the hearts of the men and women that serve our nation.

At the other end of the mall sits the Holocaust Museum, which serves as a brutal reminder of failure, intolerance, inhumanity, injustice, cruelty, falsehoods and what will happen again if our nation fails. Our flag is a symbol of a Constitutional Republic, and we pledge allegiance for a reason.

Tim Berg, Resident

Editor's Note: While numerous playgrounds and facilities were updated as part of the bond projects, there was not funding to update everything. Staff and the board have communicated a schedule for park improvements. Per the Letter to the Editor Policy, letters do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the Master Association, its directors or staff.

#### Dear Editor,

Thank you, Valan Cover, for your letter in the September issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*. It described accurately the difficulty our community has when trying to work with the non-elected Open Space Committee, KCR designated Park Rangers and Volunteer Trail Club Coordinators. This situation, has become increasingly polarized and unpleasant over the last ten years. Notes from the Sept. 14th OSC meeting.

Letters supporting Stove Prairie Reroute (16): Almost all were less than three sentences and used the same "talking points": trail aesthetics, more sustainable,

easier to maintain, increased "single track" usability and improved user experience. Improved experience for who? The current trail is heavily used by bikers, hikers, strollers, dog walkers and horses. Would the reroute be as accessible to this variety of users? OSC was asked the question, but redirected to the "expert" volunteer coordinator. He said, "single track" was misunderstood by OSC, Trail Club, letters of reroute support, ranger surveys, Historical Society studies and botanical surveys. A 2' or 3' reroute could accommodate all.

Letters against Reroute (19): All were long, passionate, full of facts and anecdotal stories of positive feelings for this particular 30+ year old trail and the ability of the community to enjoy and use it easily. The **Trails Implementation Process Document** states, "a trail reroute such as this (over 1000') that could have significant impact to the open space resources or neighboring properties require survey and assessment work during the design process." The 2019 revised KC Open Space Comprehensive Management plan also states, "As residents experience KC Ranch Open Space from near or far, they expect to see a natural, visually pleasing environment." Objective 1 of this document: "work within the open space should minimize appearance disturbance that detract from residents' experiences."

Letters Sept. 14th OSC meeting (4): 4 against

Speakers Sept. 14th OSC meeting (4): 1 for - 3 against

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Please read the letters. Your fellow residents have spoken loud and clear. Let's get back to being good KCR friends and neighbors!

Catherine Packard, Resident



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Residents celebrated the start of the season at this year's Barn BrewHa with live music from KDog and the Howlers, beer from Blue Spruce Brewing Company, wine, food trucks, pony rides, a petting zoo and kids' activities like face painting! A rootin', tootin' big thanks to our generous event sponsors, realtor Eva Stadelmaier, Platinum Sponsor, along with Silver Sponsors Rob Stewart with State Farm and Keri Pugh with Fusion Financial Group, who also supported a food drive to benefit the Jeffco Action Center!













