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Cut-Your-Own-Christmas-Tree Pilot Program

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Open Space Department, Open Space Committee and Board of Directors, in accordance with the Ken-Caryl Ranch Forest Stewardship Plan, has approved a Cut-Your-Own-Christmas Tree Pilot Project to provide the community with an option for residents to register for a permit to cut a Christmas tree in our open space, limited to 75 permits total, with all proceeds going to offset Open Space Department expenses. Each permit costs \$10, limited one per family, for up to three cut trees.

Permits may still be available for purchase online, while supplies last, via the *Open Space* tab on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. More information on page 9.

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Hello (Again) Ken-Caryl!

By Brian Yowell, Master Association General Manager

Hello Ken-Caryl Ranch! You might recognize me from publications such as *Life at Ken-Caryl* and the world-renowned articles featured in our - ‘Covenant Clips’ column each issue. My next role in “As Ken-Caryl Turns” will be as your new General Manager!

Now, you can peel yourselves off the floor and get ready for a riveting ride!

Kidding aside, I’m honored to be supporting our Master Association Board of Directors, Master Association staff, and you – the residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch. Being a part of Ken-Caryl Ranch since 1980 – my parents built our family home in Quail Ridge II, now known as Aspen Meadows – I hold the community very near and dear to my heart.

We are all so lucky to live in such a beautiful community. A community that is managed and supported by staff that is passionate about their contributions to the betterment of Ken-Caryl. A community that is supported by volunteers, including our board of directors, committee members, task force members, historical society members, trail-club members, and open-space patrollers, who give their time, experience, knowledge, and hard work to keep Ken-Caryl a place we can be proud to call home.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Victoria DeSair for everything she has done for Ken-Caryl Ranch in her role effectively and passionately managing our community. Words can’t express my gratitude to such an amazing leader, and mentor, and I’m proud to say, friend. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

As always, please reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have, now, or in the future at 303-979-1876, ext. 113, or via email at briany@kcranch.org.

Continuing to serve the Ken-Caryl Ranch Community isn’t only a pleasure, it’s my passion.

Again, thank you for being the heart of our community – our people.

At your service,
Brian Yowell



December

All meetings will be held at the Ranch House unless otherwise noted.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
4	5	6 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	7	8 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 10:15 a.m. Storytime	9	10
11	12	13 6 p.m. Open Space Committee Meeting Dakota Lodge	14	15 10:15 a.m. Storytime 5-7 p.m. Community Park Master Planning Open House	16	17
18	19	20 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	21 4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee	22 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting	23 Ranch House and Community Center Closed for Christmas	24 Community Center Closed for Christmas – No classes
25	26 Ranch House Closed for Christmas	27	28	29	30	31

Information regarding audio and video conferencing options for public meetings will be communicated as it becomes available. See website at www.ken-carylranh.org for details.

BULLETIN BOARD

Master Association Adopts \$4 Dues Increase for 2023

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board adopted the 2023 Master Association Budget with a \$4 per month dues increase, which equates to a total of \$64 each month to cover increased operational

expenses, fire mitigation efforts and perimeter fence improvements in 2023. Approximately \$1 of the monthly dues increase will go toward fire mitigation, including interface mowing, home assessments and woody vegetation removal. Approximately \$3 per month will go toward perimeter fence

improvements. The approved budget has been posted on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org under the *About Us* tab, then Financials. Dues will increase beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Residents who are not currently set up on automatic ACH payments, are kindly reminded to update their dues payments accordingly. To set up ACH

automatic payments, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the Pay My Dues icon, located in the top right-hand corner of your screen. If you have any questions or comments about the budget, contact General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org.



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PICTURE THIS! - Sitting Pretty

Valley residents Mike and Paula Spalding snapped and shared this photo of two darling does politely waiting for their Thanksgiving feast.



OUR COMMUNITY

KCRMA Park Rangers Spearhead Tree Removal, Dec. 20

As part of the Master Association's commitment to resident safety, fire mitigation efforts and to improve overall community aesthetics, Ken-Caryl's open space staff will oversee the removal of several dead and dying trees at the entrance to the Valley at the intersection of Ken Caryl Ave. and South Valley Road. The work is scheduled for Dec. 20 and is being completed by Splintered Forest LLC.

This project will require a single lane closure into the Valley and has the potential to impact traffic, so residents are encouraged to plan accordingly when traveling to the Valley. The project is expected to be completed over several days, depending on weather and tree conditions.

For questions regarding this project, please contact Open Space Manager Sean Warren at seanw@kcranch.org, or 303-979-1876, ext. 463.

WE'RE HIRING!

We're Hiring for a Communications Administrator!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association is hiring for a part-time Communications Administrator! This position will assist in the daily communications and operations of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association, including managing and supporting classified and display advertisers and advertising initiatives for *Life at Ken-Caryl*, in addition to performing administrative duties in support of the MA's communications directives. The Communications Administrator will also have the unique opportunity to balance their managerial and organizational skills by lending their creative talents to this position! Applications are being accepted now through Dec. 15.

For more information on these employment opportunities, and to apply, please visit our website at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org and click on the *About Us* tab, then Employment Opportunities.

BOARD SUMMARY

MA Board Summary

On Nov. 15, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held its regular meeting and discussed the following items:

- Monthly Financial Report
- Monthly Manager's Report
- The Board passed the following motions:
 - Accept the results of the 2021 Master Association Audit
 - Refer delinquent accounts to the Master Association attorney for collections
 - Approve the Beacon Hill Flagpole Memorial Program
 - Accept the Wildcat Ridge Eagle Survey Report
 - Approve the 2023 contractor selection for two track and backcountry trail maintenance
 - Adopt the 2023 Master Association Draft Budget
- Public comment at the meeting addressed assorted topics, including benches and memorials in open space, *Life at Ken-Caryl* newspaper advertising, diversity in committees, and 2023 MA Budget and dues increase.



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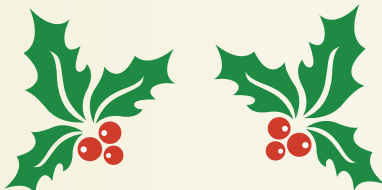
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Christmas Lights and Other Outdoor Items Pose Hazard to Deer

By Sean Warren, Open Space Manager

This holiday season, please remember to keep wildlife in mind when decorating your property this fall and winter. Fall is the time of year when deer are in the rut (mating season). Males are searching for mates and their antlers are fully grown for the season, increasing the chance that they will get snagged on something. KCRMA Park Rangers receive many calls regarding deer entangled in light strands, yard and garden items (vegetable garden cages, fencing), or even netting from sports equipment. The following are some tips from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to mitigate the risk of entangling wildlife on your property:

- Wait to put up outdoor lights on posts, shrubs or small trees until after the peak of the deer rut, sometime after the first week of December.
- Trees with trunk diameters of two to six inches are most likely to be rubbed by bucks, which entangle lights in their antlers; only string lights on larger diameter trees.
- Use multiple short strands of wire plugged together versus one long strand so that if animals become entangled they will have less wire to deal with.
- Avoid stringing lights “clothesline” style across areas — firmly attach lights to tree limbs, gutters, or fence posts.
- Place some flagging along the wired decorations so that deer can see where the wire is and avoid entanglement.

These ideas can also apply to general yard planning year-round. Wildlife can also benefit from:

- Removing volleyball nets from their posts during the winter – don’t wrap nets around the post, as animals may still be enticed to rub their antlers on it and get caught.
- Disconnecting and storing water hoses, tomato cages and other gardening materials (netting, stakes, ties, etc.) until spring.
- Taking down and storing hammocks and swings when not in use.

Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers will investigate a report regarding a deer entangled in lights or netting only if it is impeding the deer’s sight, feeding and/or mobility. If the light strand or netting is not causing harm and is just a nuisance, the rangers will ask the reporting party to casually observe the animal over the next few weeks to see if the situation worsens. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the rangers for more information at 303-979-1876, ext.-170.



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Year-Round
Wildfire

By Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise
Committee

Fire plays an important role in the life of a forest, clearing away dead wood and undergrowth to make way for younger trees. But for much of the last century, fire-suppression policies have sought to extinguish wildfires as quickly as possible to preserve timber and real estate. This approach has led to the accumulation of brush and other vegetation that is easily ignited and serves as fuel for wildfires.

Most of the large fires with significant property damage have occurred in Colorado in 2020, where some of the fastest developing counties are in forest areas that were once largely uninhabited. These areas, known as the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), contained about a third of all housing units in the United States in 2017, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Fast-growing areas with moderate to high wildland fire potential range from parts of the south to large parts of the west. Rising temperatures and more intense droughts are also believed to contribute to large, destructive blazes. Warmer weather contributes to wildfire conditions in many ways: drier and more combustible vegetation, more frequent lightning strikes, an extended fire season, more intense winds and earlier spring snowmelt in mountainous areas leading to dry vegetation earlier in the wildfire season. A typical wildfire season would run from mid-summer to early autumn, but with these changing conditions, wildfires are becoming a year-round occurrence.

In recent decades, the number, severity and overall size of wildfires has increased across much of the U.S. In fact, the 2020 wildfire season in Colorado recorded the three largest fires in acres burned. For many wildland firefighters, fire season is something they remember from the start of their careers, when they quickly learned there were five seasons: winter, spring, summer, fall and fire season. However, wildfire is now year-round for much of the United States, and the firefighters are now prepared for the concept of a fire year.

Wildfire season has become longer based on conditions that allow fires to start and to burn—winter snows are melting earlier, and rain is coming later in the fall. What was once a four-month fire season now lasts six to eight months. Fires in the winter months are becoming part of the norm. Other factors contributing to longer fire seasons include extended drought, tree mortality from pine beetles and invasive species such as cheat grass that allow fire to ignite easily and spread rapidly. Added to all this were policies that encouraged aggressive fire suppression for more than a century. These policies had the effect of allowing fuels to accumulate, leading fires to grow in size and intensity.

All these conditions are making wildfires harder to control and allowing forests to hold fire longer. For years, agencies relied on seasonal firefighters for summer months, but now that wildfires are burning into the winter, they need to reevaluate their hiring plans. Wildland firefighting agencies also need to evaluate the way they conduct training for year-round fire, as well as how to handle the inevitable workforce fatigue, combined with the challenge of keeping crews safe.

Firefighters now plan for wildfire year-round. They know that it isn't a matter of if there will be a fire, but when. They proactively pursue fuel reduction treatments like mechanical thinning and prescribed fires. When conditions are favorable, options such as these reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. Even in the winter environment with snow on the ground, fire managers see opportunities to prepare for wildfires.

Residents who live in fire-prone areas must also plan and live in fire adapted communities. Defensible space, structure hardening and family plans for a possible evacuation, including pets, should be part of living in the wildland-urban interface. Nearly 90 percent of wildfires are human-caused, so preventing wildfire is important. It is possible for wildfires to break out anywhere if conditions permit. They are most prevalent in rural areas with prolonged dry seasons yet dense vegetation. These factors, along with high winds, enable wildfires to spread and can lead to catastrophic events in the surrounding areas. In the U.S., several states have provided these ideal conditions, and have seen some of the highest levels of wildfire activity. While the winter months bring some moisture and make fires less likely and more manageable, it doesn't stop them

from igniting completely.

1. Climate Change Is Causing More Droughts

Many parts of the earth have new normal temperatures 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit higher than pre-industrial levels. That might not seem like much, but that amount of warming creates a lot of change: heat waves, droughts, water shortages, extreme precipitation, rising sea levels and fires, to name a few. Lack of moisture increases fuel flammability and availability, making a clear link between increased drought and increased fire risk. Drier conditions also increase forest pests, such as the mountain pine beetle, that can weaken or kill trees. Dead trees become ready-to-burn fuel.

2. There's A Lot of Fuel for Massive Fires

Tree mortality in Colorado is high thanks to climate change, unprecedented drought, high tree densities and a bark beetle infestation. That's ready-made fuel that even the tiniest spark can ignite. Wildfire behavior depends on fuel, weather, and topography. The extreme heat of summer causes more thunderstorms and lightning strikes, offering the initial spark for many fires.

3. Wildfires Are Spreading Faster

Not only is it easier for wildfires to

start in dry conditions, but they spread faster, too. The East Troublesome Fire in Colorado in the fall of 2020 grew 100,000 acres in 24 hours. And it's not only acreage that's in jeopardy – many homes and communities are nestled near the forest and may not have much notice when they need to evacuate.

4. Wildfires Are Getting Harder to Contain

Wildfires are getting more difficult to put out in part because of the abundance of ladder fuels in overgrown forests. These are low-lying tree branches, shrubs, and small and medium trees under the canopy of larger trees. Once a slow-burning surface fire on the ground reaches these ladder fuels, fires can spread rapidly to the entire top canopy. When those big trees are burning, embers blown by the wind can ignite neighboring trees and can be spread further downwind.

Now that we must plan for a fire year, we all have roles to play. Mitigation of risks around your home, creating defensible space, hardening of your house and preparing for early evacuation are critical to reducing the risks of wildfire in the Ken-Caryl community. What are you doing to help?

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When Migration Ends, Survival Begins

By Kathy Webster, Resident, Audubon Member

The great fall bird migration of 2022 has come to an end. The birds that winter here in Colorado include finches, sparrows, chickadees, nuthatches, flickers, siskins, grosbeaks, juncos, jays and more. These birds must redirect their energies and focus on survival.

Colorado can experience some bitter cold in the winter. We humans would not consider venturing out without bundling up in the latest synthetic adorned with hat and gloves. So as a bird lover, you might wonder, how do birds, who are warm-blooded, survive in the winter?

Birds that chose not to migrate to warmer climates have their ways. Here are some amazing facts regarding the strategies used by birds to survive a brutal winter while maintaining their territory.

Many species cache, or store, food during the fall months to eat later when food is scarce. They are pushing seeds into tree bark, filling tree cavities and burying food in the ground. This is not the amazing part. How do birds remember where they hide all this food? Miraculously, they enlarge their brains! As an adaptation, in the fall when it is time to store food, birds add neurons to their hippocampus, or memory, region of their brains, increasing brain volume by 30 percent!

Birds do not hibernate, but they

do lower their body temperatures. One method involves entering a state of “torpor.” During torpor, body temperature, breathing rate, heart rate and metabolic rate are all lowered. Energy is saved by the hours spent in torpor. Another method for some species is “regulated hypothermia,” in which the birds drop their body temperature up to 15-22 degrees F to conserve energy.

Birds seek shelter away from the cold wetness of snow and rain as well as the frigid blowing winds that rob their body of heat. Tree cavities are a favorite; however, dense foliage, evergreen trees and brush piles can provide respite from the elements. A simple trick that birds instinctively use is strategic placement. They gather on the side of a tree trunk that shields them from the wind, snow, or rain. On sunny days, birds gather on the side of the tree that provides the most sunshine for warmth.

Birds have “down feathers” for insulation, which helps to shed moisture and provides warmth. Often you will see birds fluffed up like a cotton ball. They are expanding their “down” to keep the cold out and their body warmth in. Another type of insulation is body fat. Birds need fatty food sources not only to maintain energy, but also to bulk up with an extra layer of fat. When trying to preserve heat retention, huddling with your bird buddies is important. Multiple warm bodies, sitting on their feet and hunkering down to bring all extremities close to their body maximizes the warm air layers of their down feathers. All the birds benefit

from teamwork. Some species have the ability to control their body circulation. That’s why birds don’t get frostbite on their feet! Birds’ feet are mostly bone and tendons with very little muscle or nerve tissue and little fluid in the cells. Blood vessels are close together and blood can flow into and out of the feet quickly. The blood is warmed at the body core and returned to the feet before they can freeze. This is called a “countercurrent heat exchange system.”

These are the adaptations that have evolved over time to help birds survive. What can we do to increase their chances of survival during the cold winter months? It simple: water, shelter and food!

- Maintain a source of fatty foods for birds to keep their energy reserves up and put on fatty layers. The most important thing is to keep the feeders consistently filled only during hibernation season, when bears are inactive.
- Birds must have a source of fresh water. Dehydration is a threat to birds in the winter when freshwater sources are frozen over. Providing a bird bath or dish of water with a heater can give birds a much-needed source of fresh water.
- Provide shelter from the elements. Birds appreciate birdhouses that allow them to get out of the wind and snow. Evergreen trees, evergreen bushes and woody shrubs in the landscape will give birds a place to shelter. If you don’t have evergreens, you can build piles of twigs, branches, and leaves and arrange in a loose brush pile. We see birds everywhere, but we don’t realize there are far fewer birds than just 50 years ago. A recent study published in the journal Science estimates that there are three billion fewer birds today than in 1970; that’s 1 in 4 species that have disappeared.

What with all the challenges facing birds today such as climate change,

loss of habitat due to wildfire and logging, light pollution, human activity, use of pesticides, wind and solar farms, providing water, shelter, and food is the least we can do to make winter survival easier for the birds that bring us so much beauty and joy of song. For more detailed information on the survey and bird saving solutions, visit www.3BillionBirds.org.

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Coming Soon! Babytime at the Ranch House Begins in January!

Ken-Caryl Ranch, in partnership with the Jefferson County Library, is excited to bring Babytime to the Ranch House on Thursdays, beginning on Jan. 5, 2023. Babytime will run from 9:30-10 a.m. in the Bradford Room at the Ranch House and will be followed by Storytime at 10:15 a.m. This new program is designed to help the littlest minds develop and grow. Come join us to bounce, sing, rhyme and read with your baby!

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Community Park Master Planing Process

By Traci Wieland, Metro District Manager

History

The 2017 and 2021 Community Surveys both identified the need for a restroom at Community Park, to which the District wholeheartedly supports; however, there is more that is needed to be considered than just a restroom when thinking about Community Park. The District acquired this 14-acre area across from Shaffer Elementary when it signed the Bargain and Sale Deed on Dec. 31, 1991, with a land developer who abandoned plans for housing. Via District funds and several joint venture grants through Jefferson County, the 14-acre park was planned and developed in 1992 and 1993. The park is nearing the 30th anniversary of its development, and it has served an incredible purpose for the community as one of the primary locations of athletics, including soccer and baseball. It is also home to one of the community's accessible playgrounds and an immensely popular picnic shelter. Its location next to Shaffer Elementary and along several of the community's greenbelts makes it a community hub for diverse activities.

Master Planning Process

As we look forward to the next 30 years of Community Park, the community will be asked to participate in a master planning process to not only look at how we use the park today, but how our children and grandchildren will use the park for the next 30 years. Master planning processes will help establish a long-range plan to help ensure that community resources are used effectively, and priorities are based on the greatest community benefit. Aligning the community's vision to the master plan will help to establish a clear plan of action and clearly identify the priorities that helped to establish that plan. The District is fortunate to have BrightView Design Group. BrightView Design Group provides a broad spectrum of landscape architecture expertise and

is part of a national firm with design, construction, pre-construction, and maintenance branches in the Denver Metropolitan Area and nationwide. We invite all residents to join us on the evening of Dec. 15 at the Ranch House for an open house to kick off the master planning process. The evening will include an open house from 5-7 p.m. with a short presentation at 5:45 p.m. that will help explain the process, next steps, and garner feedback. You'll have the opportunity to stop by and talk directly with the staff and planners about your needs today and into the future. Please note that this presentation will be in-person only. For more information and updates, including meeting notes from the Community Planning Open House, please visit our dedicated Community Planning webpage on our website at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org, then click on the *Parks & Facilities* tab. Questions? Contact District Manager, Traci Wieland, traciw@kcranch.org, 303-979-1876 x 136.

PICTURE THIS! - Admiring the View

Resident Deb Slavec took this photo of a buck seemingly admiring the view in the Valley. Can you blame him?



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Wishing you Happy Holidays, from my house to yours.

Kim Rachwalski

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Brandy is a 3-year-old, female American Pit Bull Terrier mix. Brandy has been lovely to have in the shelter. She is always thrilled to lounge on a comfy bed and play with her favorite toys. Generally mellow, she enjoys her quiet time and prefers distance and space from other dogs. She is currently in a foster home, but an appointment can be scheduled to meet with her.



Dutchess (#267228):

Dutchess is a 10-year-old, female cat. This cat is quite the love bug. She seeks affection often and will curl up in your lap. Despite being on the older side, Dutchess still has a lot of love for playing and a little bit of sass. She will pull on your heart strings the moment you see her.

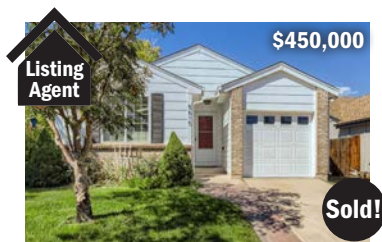
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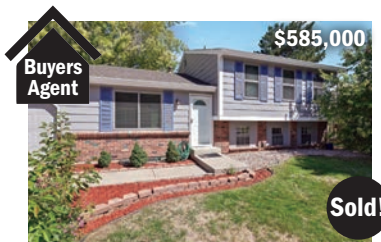
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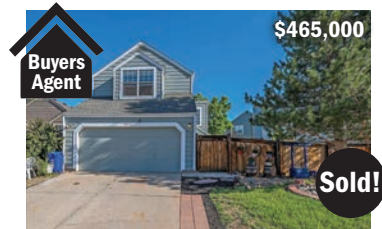
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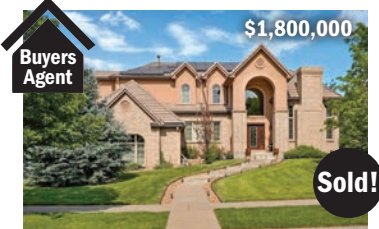
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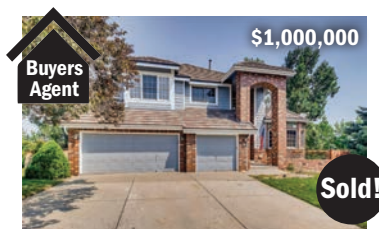
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Pre-K Nature Enrichment Programs

Have your 3-6-year-old join our nature enrichment programs offered this fall at the Dakota Lodge! Each program fosters exploration of nature and new discoveries each week with varying topics and runs from 12:10-3 p.m.

Art Ventures Spring 2023:
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Wonders of Nature – Topic-Based Sessions

This spring, we look forward to offering several topic-based preschool nature enrichment sessions! Students will get to explore nature with experiments, hikes, and opportunities to view wildlife in the Ken-Caryl community! Each session will have fun and engaging nature-based lessons focused on the session's topic specifically related to Colorado or the Ken-Caryl area! Registration is for specific topic-based, 3 to 4 week-long sessions. For session topics and to register, please visit www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the *Programs* tab, then Preschool.

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Youth Programs

Storytime at the Ranch House Moves Indoors

Please join us this winter from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Bradford Room at the Ranch House for Storytime and enjoy fun with our youngest residents!

COMING SOON! Babytime at the Ranch House Begins in January!

Ken-Caryl Ranch, in partnership with the Jefferson County Library, is excited to bring Babytime to the Ranch House on Thursdays, beginning on Jan. 5, 2023. Babytime runs from 9:30-10 a.m. in the Bradford Room at the Ranch House and will be followed by Storytime at 10:15 a.m. This new program is designed to help the littlest minds develop and grow. Bounce, sing, rhyme and read with your baby!



Adult Programs

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Spring Nature Adult Enrichment

Ken-Caryl Ranch is excited to offer adult nature enrichment programming this spring! Looking for a fun evening activity to do with your child? Each week bring your child(ren) to come explore a new topic or create a guided hands-on project. Father-daughter, mother-son, grandparent-grandkid, this is a great chance to bond and spend time together while experiencing something new. Experienced instructors will guide you through each evening's endeavors. This is limited to pairs only, one adult and one child. Children must be 5 years or older. To view program offerings and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.



Adult Programs

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Residents Get Their Gobble Wobble on at this Year’s Annual Event!

All photos courtesy of resident photo contributor Wayne Broussard.

Residents kicked off the Thanksgiving holiday week by participating in this year’s Gobble Wobble 5K and Fun Run, with a total of 45 participants.

A big shout out to all of our turkey day trotters and volunteers for helping to make this year’s event such a success and to our generous event supporters, Platinum Sponsor Crystal Adams with Equity Realty, Gold Sponsors JP Sicotte with Movement Mortgage and Gravina’s Window Center of Littleton, and Silver Sponsor Blue Sage Dental.

A special thank you to resident photo contributor Wayne Broussard for donating his talents to beautifully capture this event! To access photos, prints, digital files and downloads of the Gobble Wobble, please visit <https://turvesgreenmedia.pixieset.com/gobblewobblerrunnersgallery/> and enter pin 5031.



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PICTURE THIS! - Oh, Christmas Tree!



Resident Mitch Schroeder cut down a tree with his father, Chris Schroeder, as part of the tree cutting pilot project.



Master Association Board Member Chris Schroeder brought his own tarp to make the tree removal process a little more manageable! Photos courtesy of Chris Schroeder.

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Email to allisonh@kcranch.org.
Deadline for Dec. 21 paper is Dec. 12 at 9 a.m.

Dear Editor:

While the removal of the stop signs on Valley Parkway primarily affects those who either reside in or frequent locations in Ken-Caryl Valley, it may be useful to provide residents with information regarding Vehicular Right of Way Rules for the impacted Valley Parkway intersections. State or local laws written in accordance with the “Uniform Vehicle Code” establish the right-of-way rule at intersections having no regulatory traffic control signs, such that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection. My interpretation of this would be that if a vehicle is turning left from Club Drive or from White Oak Drive onto Valley Parkway and is in the intersection, then traffic on Valley Parkway would be required to yield the right of way to the vehicle in the intersection.

As a reminder, when two vehicles approach an intersection from different streets or highways at approximately the same time where stop signs are present, the right-of-way rule requires the driver of the vehicle on the left to yield the right-

of-way to the vehicle on the right.

I am assuming that Colorado’s traffic regulations conform to the Uniform Vehicle Code and that the information provided herein is applicable.

John H. Kemper, Resident

Editor’s Note: Only the stop signs on Valley Parkway are being removed. The stops signs on White Oak and on Mountain Laurel that are currently in place as you approach Valley Parkway will still remain. Each intersection will be changing from a four-way stop to a two-way stop with raised crossings.

Dear Editor:

Following is my letter to Jefferson County regarding the development of Parcel B.

I live in Ken-Caryl and am also a member of the Architectural Committee of the Ken-Caryl Master Association. I am writing to urge that the developer of Parcel B in Ken-Caryl be held to the requirements of the Official Development Plan (ODP) adopted for Ken-Caryl when it was first developed and not be granted any variances.

I welcome new residents to share in our special Ken-Caryl experience. However, the quality of that experience has depended on and depends on following the requirements of the ODP adopted prior to its development. FYI - Ken-Caryl was one of the first such communities established in the U.S. and its development was a model for many developed since.

Sincerely,
David Wray, Resident

Dear Editor:

Fellow mountain bikers: It is time to compromise. This sport has dominated all trails in our 3,000 acres of Foothills Open Space. There is more value in providing a “Safe Zone” where grandparents and parents with their children can hike undisturbed by speeding mountain bikers. This “Safe Zone” or Conservation Area, was a preferred choice in the 2021 Survey.

- * Mountain biking in the entire 3,000 acres of Foothills Open Space provides little added value.
- * 2,000 acres open to mountain biking and 1,000 acres for a Conservation Area excluding bikers is a better choice.
- * Aggressive mountain biking endangers the biker and others.
- * There have been too many serious accidents in KCR and too many hiker/biker incidents.
- Aggressive mountain bike racing and the fragmenting trail system which, followed from 2009 until now, is detrimental for Ken-Caryl. Let’s save at least a portion of our land.
- * Mountain bike racing went on for seven long years until 2010.
- * With more races in 2009, the controversial Stacked Loop System Trail Plan emerged.
- * These stacked loops divide the land into smaller pieces and cause habitat compression.
- * It has compressed wildlife foraging areas and constricted mammal nesting space.
- * This trail system provides no benefit to nature. It only adds unnecessary miles and dollar costs.
- * The final image resembles a giant bicycle racetrack more than any in Jefferson County.
- * This KCR Stacked Loop System

supports aggressive mountain biking and attracts non-resident groups.

The ideal “safe zone” lies south of Massey Draw. It is about 1,000 acres. Two KCR contracted biological surveys referenced this area as a “Potential Conservation Area”. It contains scarce flora and wildlife. It includes the Docmann Golden Eagle nesting site and a raptor foraging area. Further south is an important elk migration corridor. Hikers will love this area.

Over the past two years, I just missed being elected to the MA Board by fewer than 100 votes. Public safety should be a top priority for Master Association Board Members. Trails south of Massey Draw can be modified to be hiker efficient, less exerting, safer and more ecologically friendly.

Jim Fodor, Resident

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Hope Cuttitta	720-404-0282	B, P	18	Deer Creek
Ella Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	16	Legacy
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	15	Legacy
Razi Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	12	Legacy
Presley Davis	720-487-8778	B, P	13	Sunset Ridge
Megan Ellis	720-290-2033	B, P, S	14	Heirloom
Jack Famariss	720-434-7033	B, P	14	North Ranch
Ryan Flint	303-517-3749	L,P,S	15	Retreat
Caleb Flint	303-517-3749	L,P,S	12	Retreat
Grant Foster	720-345-3120	L, S	17	Aspen Meadows
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate
Lauren Fox	720-273-4077	B	12	North Ranch
Eva Gallant	303-517-8864	B, P	15	Deer Creek
Georgia Gilmore	720-210-4177	B	16	Heirloom
Connor Glitzer	303-489-3932	L, S	16	The Village
Maria Gonzalez	720-224-3612	B, P, S	12	Cimmaron
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B, P	15	Barrington Ridge
Cameron Guider	303-868-7198	B,P	14	Aspen Meadows
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	14	Aspen Meadows
Kara Hammond	720-979-4069	B, P	13	Carriage Hill
Aubrienne Hansen	720-822-5512	P	13	Stallion Pointe.
Keegan Hardesty	720-484-9557	B, L, P, S	15	Cimarron
Mac Hardesty	720-672-1225	L, P, S	13	Cimarron
Gailyn Harrigan	720-390-2770	B, L, P, S	13	Colony
Michael Hefner	303-359-9052	P, L	12	The Spread
Reed Hershey	720-828-3245	B, L, P	12	North Ranch
JJ Heupel	720-372-9476	B, L, P, S	16	Enclave/Traditions
Natalie Himmel	720-788-3419	B, P	15	Eagles Pointe
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood
Reece Hodges	303-667-2606	L, P, S	12	Saddlewood
Gunnar Holmes	720-505-6764	L, S	15	Carriage Hill
Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows
Lukas Jamtgaard	303-763-0250	P	18	Mountain Gate
Afton Jones	720-705-9797	B	16	Manor Ridge
Tyler Karchut	605-641-5672	B, P, S	13	Bradford Place
Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	B	13	Territory
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	15	Cimarron
Sierra King	720-582-3334	L	14	Heirloom
Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	12	Wynterbrooke
Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista
Shea McCaughey	720-774-7499	B, P	13	Cimmaron
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy
Rileigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe
Nathan McAnally	303-358-1993	L, P, S	12	Retreat
Janey Millstone	720-668-1029	B, P	15	North Ranch
Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	15	North Ranch
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	13	Retreat
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	17	Legacy
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions
Lillian Pool	720-985-1667	B, P	16	Bradford Place
Alec Prinzi	303-810-3221	B, L, P, S	12	Shaffer Hill
Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge
Joshua Reisinger	303-587-0927	L, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe
Alessandra Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S,	13	Village
Paulina Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S	12	Village
Griffin Ruszkowski	303-960-9883	L, P, S	13	Stallion Pointe
Jake Ruszkowski	720-607-2809	B, L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-766-9843	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe
Libby Sauer	303-506-9752	B, P	12	North Ranch
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	18	Heirloom
Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	13	Heirloom
Aly Secondo	720-625-9910	B, P	12	Cimarron
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	15	Cimarron
Anna Smith	567-217-1248	B	16	North Ranch
Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows
Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows
Lachlan Stevens	720-742-0086	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place
Seumas Stevens	720-210-6065	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place
Maddy Szabo	720-768-5452	B	16	Aspen Meadows
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	16	Legacy
Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15	Cimarron
Catie Watkins	720-705-1656	B, P	14	Manor Ridge
Judah Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,P,S	14	The Spread
Wyatt Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,P,S	12	The Spread
Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	15	Carriage Hill
Cole Yaley	970-946-7649	B, P, S	13	Carriage Hill

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	2 Mesa Oak	11 Willowleaf	15 Mountain High	54 Blue Sage	7622 Davis Peak
	5 Blue Cedar	3 Willowleaf	4 Wild Turkey	9 Lindenwood	49 Blue Sage
	21 Bridlegate Lane	4 Mourning Dove	13 Buckthorn	9 Buckthorn	5 White Fir
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