

Magnificent Manor

The majestic Manor House, all aglow and decked in a fresh, crisp dusting of snow - just in time for the holidays!
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Santa Sleighs it at this Year's Holiday Happenings

Santa Claus came to town early with a stop at the Ranch House for Ken-Caryl's Holiday Happenings event on Dec. 3, featuring photos with Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, crafts, and the Big Guy's favorite – hot cocoa and cookies! For more event photos, turn to pages 16-17.



December

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



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
18	19	20 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	21	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

OUR COMMUNITY

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◆ DUES NEWS



Be Sure to Update Your 2023 Dues Payments!

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 is posted on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org under the *About Us* tab, then Financials. Dues will increase Jan. 1, 2023. If you set up your own automatic bill payments through your bank or SmartStreet, you must update the payment amount. If you have ACH automatic payments through our system, your dues payment will automatically update. Go to www.ken-carylranh.org and click on Pay My Dues to see payment options or to sign up for ACH payments.

If you have any questions or comments about the budget, contact General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org.

◆ ELECTION NEWS

Calling all Candidates! 2023 Master Association Board Election

As we look toward the New Year, the 2023 MA Board election will be right around the corner! The next MA Board election will take place in March 2023. The expectations of a board member are attendance at monthly MA Board meetings, the monthly Joint Study Session and liaison meetings as assigned. Board members are also expected to communicate regularly and proficiently via email. Additional time or meetings may be necessary to fulfill the responsibilities as a board member.

Pending any special circumstances, board members typically serve three-year staggered terms with a portion of the Board elected each year. Stay tuned – more information and candidate application to come in the New Year!

Get to know us and experience how the MA Board works by joining us for the next MA Board Meeting in January. Questions? Please contact Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org, or at 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

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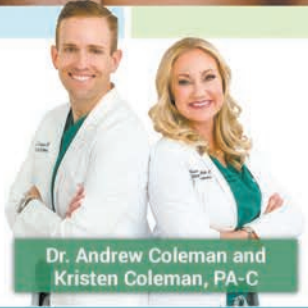
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Being Prepared for Winter in the Open Space

By Gary Norton, Park Ranger

A change in the weather during warmer months can be a minor inconvenience, while being caught off guard in the winter has the potential for severe consequences. Checking the forecast before going out can better prepare you for these conditions. Always let someone know where you will be going and your estimated time of arrival back home. Hiking, biking, snowshoeing or skiing up steep foothill trails can be exhausting and cause you to work up a sweat, even in frigid conditions. Dressing in layers can prevent overheating and allow you to better adapt to changing conditions.

The heat produced from exertion can be deceiving; if an extended stop is necessary due to an emergency or from exhaustion, the body can quickly become chilled and can lead to medical emergencies like hypothermia. Avoid wearing cotton clothing. Cotton takes a long time to dry and could lead to continual cooling of your core temperature. Synthetic or wool base layers wick moisture away from your body, dry quickly and have the ability to thermo-regulate even when wet. An extra layer like a wind shell can trap extra heat while sedentary, block the wind and can be easily packed away while on the move. The fine balance of exertion and your body's attempt to maintain a certain core temperature can burn a lot of calories. Bring plenty of water and high energy food on your winter outings. As we all know, the sun sets early in the winter months, so if you leave in the afternoon for your outing, give yourself plenty of time to return before dark.



- Winter essentials:**
- Dress in layers. Light weight thermo-regulating base layers made of wool or synthetic fibers. Include a hat and gloves.
 - Wind and water-resistant shell,
 - Plenty of high-calorie food and water.
 - Survival kit with a fire starter, space blanket, whistle, compass, first aid supplies and a source of light to navigate if you find yourself out in the dark.
 - Don't count on a cell phone for help. You could be out of service, or your battery could run out.

Be aware of trail closures for muddy conditions

Lower Cougar, Colorow and the Bluebird Bird trails may be closed periodically throughout the season due to muddy conditions. Information and updates on our trails can be found at: <https://ken-carylranh.org/open-space/trails/> or <https://www.facebook.com/kencarylranh>.

Pets should be leashed and under the owner's control at all times

Even though it's hard to keep your pet leashed while using poles or when you decide to go to the local sledding area, Open Space Use Rule #4 regarding leash regulations still applies. Coyotes and other predators may be more likely to approach pets that are loose and away from their owners when their normal food supplies are scarce. A dog off leash may be inclined to chase deer and other wildlife. Wildlife can use up scarce energy reserves trying to flee from a loose pet. Harassment of wildlife is also a fineable offence under Colorado state law and can lead to an expensive citation. Other trail users will appreciate an under-control pet while they are navigating snowy terrain.

With proper preparation and adherence to a few simple guidelines, winter is an enjoyable time to get out and enjoy the trail system. If you have any questions regarding trail conditions or any open space matters, give the ranger staff a call at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

We're Hiring for a Natural Resource Specialist

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association is seeking to hire a full-time Park Ranger - Natural Resource Specialist. Primary duties include noxious weed control and ecological restoration, forestry-related tasks, open space patrol and providing basic services to community members. Work experience in various exotic plant control field operations, use of chainsaws and other power equipment required. For position details and to apply, please visit our website and click on the *About Us* tab, then Employment Opportunities. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 30.

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*If you'd like to join us and follow Santa, please
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starting at 2:50 p.m.*

WHITE OAK TO HONEY LOCUST
AROUND WHITE OAK
VALLEY PKWY TO BUCKTHORN
VALLEY PKWY TO WILLOWLEAF
DAWN HEATH TO VALLEY PKWY
NORTH RANCH RD TO GOLDEN EAGLE TO
BLACK BEAR AND BACK TO VALLEY PKWY
MOUNTAIN LAUREL TO DEERWOOD
BLUE SAGE AND DOWN WOODRUFF

Plains Parade Route - 4:00 p.m.

*If you'd like to join us and follow Santa, please line
up along Continental Divide next to the Ranch
House starting at 3:50 p.m.*

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE PASSING BY RANCH HOUSE
LEFT RAMPART RANGE RD
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In Memoriam - Sharon Kemper

Sharon Rose Francis was born on Sept. 29, 1952, in Terre Haute, IN, and was the daughter of Leroy Andrew and Mary Kay Francis. She was the younger sister of Richard, Mary Kay and William Francis and was a 1970 graduate of Garfield High School and a 1974 graduate of Stephens College, where she developed her equine interests. Sharon married her husband, John H. Kemper on May 29, 1976, and shortly thereafter, the newly married couple moved to Falls Church, VA, where Sharon was employed by Georgetown University Hospital, while her husband pursued master’s degree studies. In 1978, Sharon and John moved to Louisville, KY, and Sharon gave birth to their daughter, Jan Michelle, in October 1979 and to their son, Jonathon Barrett in February 1982.



John and Sharon Kemper and their daughter, Jan.

As the children grew older, Sharon resumed her equine interests at the suggestion of her friend, Karen, who suggested that she purchase a horse for Jan to ride instead of using a school horse. Karen later invited Sharon to join her on trail rides in Wisconsin, which she very enthusiastically embraced. Sharon was very devoted to the education of Jan and Jonathon and was very involved in their admission to their prospective schools, Northwestern University and Tulane University, and was understandably very proud of their respective academic achievements.

In 2011, Sharon and John moved to the Ken-Caryl Valley, where she initially relocated her three horses to the Ken-Caryl Equestrian Center and simultaneously continued her deep passion for hunter/jumper riding at a stable near Louviers, CO. Sharon took great care of her two favorite horses that were stabled at Ken-Caryl, making nightly visits at 9 p.m. to turn them out and provide them with their favorite treats.

In addition to her riding interests, Sharon was greatly involved in the charitable organization, Little Souls of Tanzania, an orphanage located near Arusha, Tanzania. Sharon traveled to Tanzania on various occasions to gain a deep appreciation for the efforts of the orphanage so that she could become more effective in raising funding for Little Souls of Tanzania.

Sharon is survived by her husband, John, children Jan and Jonathon, a granddaughter, Alexis, and her two brothers and her sister as well many nieces and nephews.



Sharon Kemper riding Ziggy.



A Kemper family Christmas. Sharon, pictured, bottom row, second from right.

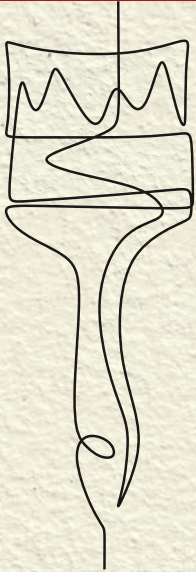
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Community Park Master Planning Process Update

As we look forward to the next 30 years of Community Park, located across from Shaffer Elementary, 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.

On Dec. 15, the Metro District hosted an open house to kick off the Community Park master planning process, which included a short presentation to help explain the

process, the next steps and to garner resident feedback. Meeting notes, options for providing feedback for those who were unable to attend and future updates will be posted to the dedicated Community Park Master Plan webpage of our website, located under the *Parks & Facilities* tab at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Questions? Contact District Manager, Traci Wieland, traciw@kcranch.org, 303-979-1876, ext. 136.

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PICTURE THIS! - Iconic Christmas

Resident and professional artist Alexis McDowell, whose portfolio quintessentially captures Ken-Caryl living, snapped and shared this photo of the iconic car and Christmas tree, taken at the Manor House during their Winter Wednesday event on Dec. 7.



◆ JEFFCO CONNECT



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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Santa is Coming to Ken-Caryl on Christmas Eve!

By Bre Small, Resident and Realtor

In the magic of the holiday season, Ken-Caryl Residents Andy and Bre Small have decided to add a little extra joy to our community this year by leading a “Ken-Caryl Santa Parade” on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24! The parade route will start in the Valley at 3 p.m. and Santa will roll over to the Plains and depart from the Ranch House at 4 p.m. Anyone who would like to be part of the parade is encouraged to line up at 2:50 p.m. behind Santa’s white Cadillac escalade along White Oak, next to Bradford South.

The Small’s have been proud Ken-Caryl Residents since 2014. Bre is a neighborhood realtor and Andy owns Beacon Roofing, located in Ken-Caryl’s Garage Town complex. With their twin daughters being 3-years-old this Christmas, they absolutely love all the joy and merriment that goes with the holiday season, and they know how exciting it is for young children to get to experience a Santa sighting right before Christmas! They encourage neighbors of all ages to join them in spreading Christmas spirit by checking out the parade route and coming outside to wave at Santa as he passes by the location closest to your home this Christmas Eve!

The Valley Parade Route: 3 p.m.

(If you’d like to join us and follow Santa, please line up along White Oak Dr. next to Bradford South starting at 2:50 p.m.)

- White Oak to Honey Locust
- Around White Oak
- Valley Pkwy to Buckthorn
- Valley Pkwy to Willowleaf
- Dawn Heath to Valley Pkwy
- North Ranch Rd to Golden Eagle to Black Bear and back to Valley Pkwy
- Mountain Laurel to Deerwood
- Blue Sage and down Woodruff

The Plains Parade Route: 4 p.m.

(If you’d like to join us and follow Santa, please line up along Continental Divide Road next to the Ranch House starting at 3:50 p.m.)

- Continental Divide Passing by the Ranch House
- Left at Rampart Range Rd
- Right at Continental Divide
- Left at San Juan Range
- Left at Cochetopa Pass
- Right Main Range Trail
- Left at Sawatch Range Rd
- Left at Continental Divide
- Left at Park Range Rd

Cut-Your-Own-Christmas-Tree Pilot Program a Big Success!

This year, 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, approved a Cut-Your-Own-Christmas Tree Pilot Project as a nice addition to Ken-Caryl’s annual Christmas Tree Sale.

The pilot project provided the community with an option to register for a permit, limited to 75 permits, one per family, to hike in the open space and cut up to three Christmas trees per permit. The cost of the permits was \$10, and all proceeds went to offsetting Open Space Department expenses.

We are pleased to announce that this year, all available permits were purchased, raising \$750!

The goal of the program was to take areas that are not as accessible to bulk forest operations and allow volunteers to cut their own trees in designated areas where regeneration of Douglas Fir trees were reaching such a height that it begins to act as a ladder fuel for wildfire.

Thank you to all of our residents for participating in this year’s pilot program and contributing to its success!



Residents Dave and Leslie Reed hike down the Bradford Trail with their freshly cut Christmas tree, harvested as part of this year’s Cut-Your-Own-Christmas-Tree Pilot Program. Photo courtesy of resident Dennie McGarry.



A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all at the CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON event earlier this month. It was great to see so many neighbors, friends and excited young faces! A special Thank You to The Manor House for creating such a spellbinding event, to Carriages of Colorado for the fun sleigh rides, and of course a huge Thank You to Santa, as he works to fulfil all those wishes.

We wish you and yours a Joyful, Warm and Happy Holidays!

Brian Lee, Amy Bassett, Mike Aden, Tara Byrnes and Greg Milano — Your Ken-Caryl neighbors, and Agents with Colorado Home Realty.

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PICTURE THIS! - Flying High

Resident and professional photographer Emily Fletke took this photo at Bradford Park recently, where she caught a beautiful shot of a hawk flying overhead!



PICTURE THIS! - Turning the Tables

Resident and *Life at Ken-Caryl* photo enthusiast Beth Sparks snapped and shared this photo of a bird taking up residence in her “cat” bird house!



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Valley Parkway Improvements Update

Jefferson County completed construction of the raised crosswalks located on Valley Parkway at White Oak Drive and Mountain Laurel Drive earlier this month, making the intersections fully operational. Crews removed two stop signs at the intersection, however the stop signs located on White Oak and Mountain Laurel remain and will not be removed as part of this project. Each intersection has been modified from a four-way stop to a two-way stop with raised crossings. Jeffco also implemented the rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at White Oak, as a result of resident feedback, which are now fully operational.

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Ma (#268138):

Ma is an 8-year-old female cat. Known for her immediate interest in you, Ma is looking forward to quiet days relaxing in the sun or your lap. When approaching her kennel, she can often be found lying on warm towels or blankets. She can be very affectionate, but will still appreciate a space to call her own.

To find out more about Odin, Ma and other deserving pets in need of good homes, visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org.



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GIVING BACK!



This year's Santa Claus Shop that helps provide toys for children in need this holiday season.

Santa Claus Shop Toy Drive Helps Kids in Need!

Thanks to the generosity of our community, residents and realtors Brian Lee, Amy Bassett, Greg Milano and Tara Byrnes with Colorado Home Realty (CHR), were able to collect approximately 200 toys in support of their annual Toy Drive in conjunction with the Santa Claus Shop.

According to the team, two bags were filled with donations at the Community Center and one bag at the Ranch House. In addition, gifts were also delivered to the agents' homes, and cash was donated in support of this year's event. There were so many donations, they even filled a Suburban! Brian Lee delivered the donated toys earlier this month on the opening day of the Denver Santa Claus Shop (DSCS)! According to Brian, young and old were pitching in to help unload the toys!

The Denver Santa Claus Shop invites parents who are referred to DSCS from Denver Human Services, Social Service Agencies and Community Partners to shop for toys for their children ages 0-11 in December each year. The toys are then displayed in a shop, and parents are given a voucher for toys. They can then choose specific toys for their children, which is a gift in itself for both! Many of these children may not receive a gift this holiday season if it wasn't for the DSCS and resident donations.

"We are grateful to the Ken-Caryl community for your generous donations to the Denver Santa Claus Shop," said Brian, Amy, Greg and Tara. "Your kindness will bring many smiles this season."



Residents participate in this year's toy drive.



From left, residents and realtors Brian Lee and Greg Milano collecting toys at this year's Santa Claus Shop Toy Drive. All photos courtesy of Colorado Home Realty (CHR).

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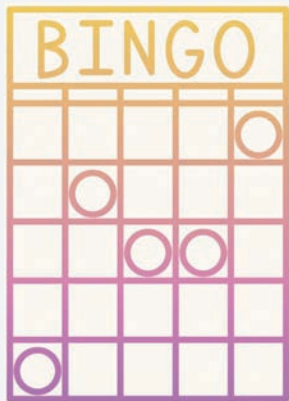
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Adult Programs

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Brunch and Bingo!

Come join us for some fun bingo games on Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Ranch House! This event will feature an array of breakfast foods and beverages, including pastries, fruits, coffee and more! Prizes will be awarded to our bingo winners. Registration is free! Drop-ins are welcome, but food will be limited. Thank you to Crystal Adams with Equity Realty for sponsoring this event. 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.

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

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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.

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A special thank you to our entire ranger staff, including Sean Warren, Matt Öven, Gary Norton, Michael Ryan, Peter Marozas, and Sofia Lambert, and to the following volunteers who donated their time at the Christmas Tree Sale, including Joel Pankow, Dennie McGarry, Joe McCabe, Mike Danaher and Bill Lipsteuer.
A special thank you our rangers

for their hard work in harvesting the perfect trees for our residents to enjoy this holiday season and to our volunteers Jim Mahoney, Bill Lipsteuer, Mike Skeffington, Blake Spellman and

Joel Brouhle. With approximately 200 trees harvested this year, they certain deserve a second helping of figgy pudding this holiday!



Rangers harvest the perfect Christmas trees in preparation of this year's Christmas Tree Sale, Dec. 3 at the Dakota Lodge.



Residents were treated to hot refreshments and treats, courtesy of residents and realtors Brian Lee, Greg Milano, Amy Bassett, Tara Byrnes and Mike Aden with Colorado Home Realty. Photo courtesy of Matt Öven, Park Ranger Supervisor.



Above and left: Residents enjoy picking out the perfect Christmas tree at the annual Christmas Tree Sale at Dakota Lodge. All photos courtesy of resident Dennie McGarry, unless otherwise noted.

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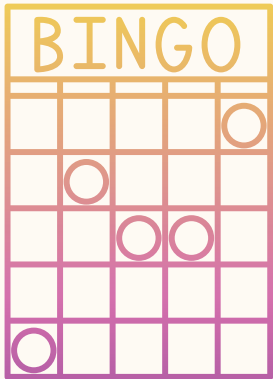
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Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for printing Kathy Webster’s fascinating article on how to make survival easier for the birds that spend the winter here (“When Migration Ends, Survival Begins” in the Dec. 7 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*). I did wonder how our feathered friends could possibly survive when it can get so cold. Understanding how nature provides our birds with “strategies” for winter survival is, indeed, amazing. My neighbors and I already feed the birds and now will follow Ms. Webster’s other suggestions to make the winter a bit easier for them. Would love to see photos in coming issues of our winter birds and brief reminders of what we can do to help them winter over.

Catherine Packard, Resident

Dear Editor:

There is so much to be done. The KCRMA Board election is coming soon. For those residents who are unsure if they are eligible to vote, you may contact the Master Association.

- * A record of 51% responded to the 2021 KCR Survey.
- * Conservationists are hoping for an even larger voter turnout.
- * It’s time for balance on our Board of Directors. After a decade, it is time for change.
- * It’s time for compromise with how we manage our unique and most valued resource and the dollars associated with it.
- * The future of our Foothills and Hogback Open Space is at stake.

The operating budget for Open Space management is about \$700,000. Then there are customary additional expenses tacked on such as the cost of new looped trails. Over the last decade, the Stacked Loop Trail System has been extended in our North Foothills and continued, almost enclosing the entire South. The only land left is an elk migration corridor located far from our residences. Enough, please! There is only one ‘direct’ beneficiary of the Stacked Loop Trail System.

- * It is preferred for mountain biking.
- * Included are switchbacks with extended curves not desirable for

hikers.

- * It adds unnecessary miles and increases the dollar costs.
- * Stacked Loop Trail Systems do not benefit nature. It fragments and is harmful to nature.
- * There are better alternatives to reach points of interest.
- * The trails south of Massey Draw can be modified to be hiker efficient, less exerting, safer and more habitat/ environmentally friendly.

The sport of mountain biking is challenging and requires agility and speed. Speeding mountain biker activity disturbs other trail users and wildlife.

I hope everyone, including Trail Club Members, will understand the value that a Conservation Area (safe area) would add to the community and will support it. Leave the bicycle at home and enjoy a peaceful walk. The area south of Massey Draw is ideal for the hiker/equestrian tranquility experience. I will either run or support candidates who will endorse this desperately needed conservation/wildlife preservation initiative.

Jim Fodor, Resident

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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
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Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch
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Lukas Jamtgaard	303-763-0250	P	18	Mountain Gate
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Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	B	13	Territory
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Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	12	Wynterbrooke
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Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	15	North Ranch
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
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Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-766-9843	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe
Libby Sauer	303-506-9752	B, P	12	North Ranch
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