

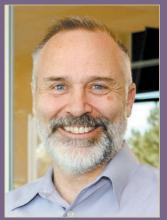




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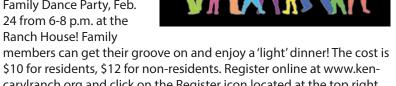




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#### **Neon Family** Dance Party, Feb. 24

Dance the night away and enjoy some quality family time at our Neon Family Dance Party, Feb. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the



members can get their groove on and enjoy a 'light' dinner! The cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 for non-residents. Register online at www.kencarylranch.org and click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

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#### Looking to Get Involved? Consider Running for the Metropolitan District Board

By Traci Wieland, District Manager

Election season is upon us! Ken-Caryl Ranch is governed by two distinct entities, the Metropolitan District and the Master Association, and both organizations are holding board

elections. The Master Association Board election kicks off this week, but voting for the Metropolitan District Board doesn't begin until April. There's still time to submit a Self-Nomination Form to run for one of the three open seats on the Metropolitan District Board. The deadline is Feb. 24, so don't miss this opportunity to get involved!

I know it is often confusing to understand the two entities, which work together to support amenities, services and programs for the community. Hopefully, some of this background information about the Metropolitan District and Master Association, as well as the two elections, will help clarify. If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to me at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org.

### What is the Difference Between the Master Association and the Metropolitan District?

The Master Association is the HOA that oversees covenant and architectural control, Master Association-owned open space, trash and recycling services, the Equestrian Center and community communications. The Metropolitan District is the governmental entity that provides maintenance in the parks, greenbelts and facilities. The Metropolitan District also provides recreational activities such as youth programs, adult enrichment, fitness and pools for the enjoyment of the community. The Boards are the decision-making authorities that shape the future of the community. Board members are elected to establish policies and provide general direction to the managers, who handle operations.

#### When are the Elections?

The Master Association Board election is Feb. 15 – March 7 at 5 p.m., and the Metropolitan District election begins in mid-April when ballots are mailed and closes at 7 p.m. on May 2. See the election chart on page 5 for details about both elections.

#### How Do I Submit my Nomination for the Metropolitan District Board?

There are three open seats, each serving four-year terms, in this year's Metropolitan District Board election. If you are interested in running for one of the open board seats, you must submit a Self-Nomination and Acceptance Form to the Designated Election Official (DEO) by Feb. 24, no later than 5 p.m.

All nomination forms must be acquired from and returned to the District's DEO, Sue Blair, Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC, 7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Sue Blair can be reached directly at 303-381-4977 or by email at sblair@crsofcolorado.com or elections@crsosfcolorado.com.

If you don't submit a Self-Nomination Form by Feb. 24, the deadline to file an affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate with the DEO is Feb. 27, no later than 5 p.m.



#### **February**

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
12	13	6 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee	9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	17	8
19	20	6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	22	7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	6-8 p.m. Neon Family Dance Party	25
26	27	6 p.m. MD Board Meeting				

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

#### OUR COMMUNITY

#### Local Band to Play Fundraiser

By Susan Boyle, Resident

The Vinyls, a six-piece cover band, five of whom live in the Ken-Caryl Valley, are playing a fundraiser to benefit The Alzheimer's Association on March 11 from 5-8 p.m. at Behind the Scenes Taphouse, located at 10488 W. Centennial Road, Littleton. The event is free with a suggested \$10 donation contributed through http://act.alz.org/goto/The\_Vinyls or a QR code available for scanning at the event.

The Vinyls, formed in 2008 by Brian Boyle and his wife Susan, started as a backyard band to entertain their neighbors at a potluck. Over the years, while band members have drifted in and out, the band has stayed true to its Ken-Caryl roots. Tapping into the classical music training of next-door neighbor Michael Kelley on saxophone and harmonica, Brian, guitar and lead vocals, and Susan, keyboards and vocals, have welcomed the talents of neighbors Larry McMahon, lead guitar, and Peter Hovland on bass. Greg Horner, drums and vocals, provides the heartbeat of the band.

Over the years, The Vinyls have played many local venues and events, including The Ranch House 4th of July celebration, North Ranch July 4th pool party, 2022 Battle of the Bands, a fundraiser for Ukraine, and numerous backyard parties and graduations.

Within the past year, Brian lost his mother to Alzheimer's disease. The painful progression of this disease as it impacted Brian's family motivated him to support the local Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's campaign. Though neither walking nor creating a team to walk, Brian was keen to use his music to honor his mother.

For more information on sponsoring or attending this event, or to contact The Vinyls for your event, check out our Facebook page @TheVinylsUS, or email Brian at TheVinyls@outlook.com.



The Vinyls

#### Sign Up for the e-News!

To sign up for the e-News, go to www.ken-carylranch.org and fill out the e-News sign-up form on the home page.

# Happy February Everyone!

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Let's pour our hearts into this amazing place we are fortunate enough to call home. Consider looking around your neighborhood to see what you could do to help a neighbor that may be struggling or isn't well enough to take care of certain household tasks. Look around your house to see how you could spruce up your own home. Get a head start to your spring clean-up! If you are

wanting to start exterior projects, please click on Home Improvements page of our website at www.ken-carylranch.org, located under the *Resident Resources* tab.

P.S. Please get those holiday lights and decor down and your trash bins out of sight!

Be kind and have a blessed month!

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We Need You to Help Make our Summer Events a Success!

#### **Call for Summer Event Musicians!**

Calling all Ken-Caryl Ranch musicians! We are looking for local bands to perform at our Rockin' the Ranch Summer Concert Series as well as our second annual Battle of the Bands. We are searching for bands of all genres that are family-friendly and want to entertain our community! Interested? Please contact Kate McDonald at katem@kcranch.org.

#### **Call for Ageless & Unstoppable Guest Lecturers!**

Our Ageless and Unstoppable program is back! Ageless & Unstoppable is a series of continuing education programs geared toward adults, retirees and seniors. We are on the hunt for companies and speakers to come and share their knowledge for

this adult-focused program. This summer program meets once a week and will feature discussions on tenacity, resiliency, purpose, how to sharpen your skills and imagination as well as guest speakers, fun events and games!

If you or your company is interested in being a guest speaker for this program, please reach out to Kate McDonald at katem@kcranch.org. Stay tuned for more information on program topics!

### Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation Scholarships

By Dennie McGarry, Resident, Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation is soliciting scholarship applications from Ken-Caryl residents in their senior year of high school. This year, two scholarships will be awarded for \$1,000 to help defray the costs of higher education. Applications must be turned into the Ranch House by Friday, March 17 at 5 p.m. (Applications that are received in the Ranch House mailbox by Friday, March 17 at 5 p.m. will be accepted. Please note, the Ranch House is closed to the public on Fridays.) For eligibility requirements or to download a scholarship form, visit www.kencarylranchfoundation.org.

#### **Community Service**

The first scholarship focus is community service. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must include a one-page, self-written essay on community service, which describes: 1. what the applicant thinks is meant by community service, and 2. his/her own contributions in the way of community service.

#### **Civil Discourse**

The second scholarship focus is on civil discourse. To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must include a one-page, self-written essay on any controversial subject showing how to compromise and solve a problem. In summary, vigorous disagreements, expressed with civility and respect strengthen our pluralistic nation.

#### **About the Foundation**

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation, created in October of 1990, was originally conceived as an organization to accept deductible donations of money and other items of value to be used to benefit the community. The Foundation quickly found itself involved in the acquisition from the developer of the Ranch of 537 acres in the South Valley area of the Ken-Caryl Ranch to be preserved as open space. The early years of the foundation were devoted to ensuring that the purchase of the South Valley was completed.

The Foundation since that time has engaged in numerous activities, including art shows and golf tournaments, to raise funds to benefit cultural, recreational and educational opportunities on the Ranch. The benefits have included: scholarship awards given to area high school students; programs in area elementary and middle schools to support music, the arts, and educational programs; the Make-a-Wish Foundation; Ken-Caryl open space, the Alive-at-25 teen driving program; disability renovations at the Ken-Caryl Ranch House, including a lift, ramps and swimming pool access; for historical preservation of the Bradford-Perley House in the Valley; and support for The Miracle Field, a solid surface ball field at the Schaefer Athletic Complex of the Foothills Park and Recreation District in Jefferson County.







• MA ANNUAL MEETING

#### Master Association Annual Meeting, March 7

The Annual Meeting of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. via Zoom only. The online meeting information and agenda will be posted at www.ken-carylranch. org prior to the meeting. Proxies for Annual Meeting quorum purposes will be part of the online Master Association Board election. When you go online to vote, you will be able to submit your proxy at the same time. If you choose not to vote in the election, an online proxy form will also be available separately. The proxy does not grant your voting privileges to anyone. If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting, contact Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org, or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

# Interested in Advertising in Life at Ken-Caryl?

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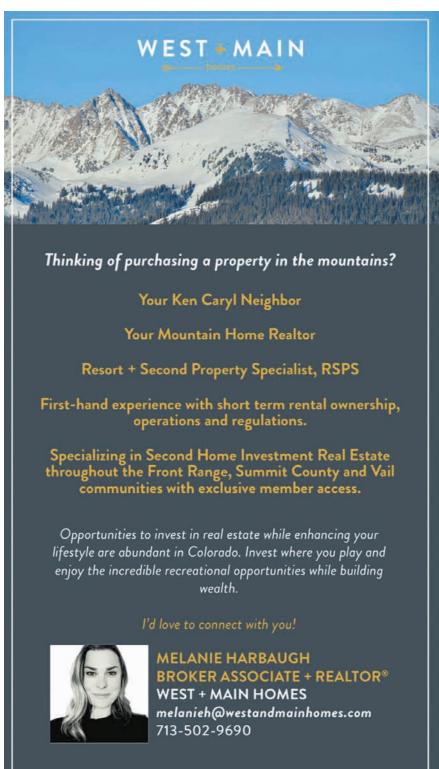
#### ELECTION NEWS

# Now Accepting Applications for the 2023 Open Space Volunteer Patroller Program

Love our trails? Looking for a great opportunity to serve the Ken-Caryl community and spend more time in our open space? Then consider applying to be a Volunteer Patroller! KCRMA's Volunteer Patrollers serve as an extension of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association's Park Rangers. Volunteer Patrollers provide rules education, trail use guidelines and private open space information. Volunteer Patrollers strive to achieve and maintain a positive relationship with different user groups and present a professional image. For more information, program requirements and to apply, please visit our website at www.kencarylranch.org and click on the *Open Space* tab.



Ken-Caryl Ranch Volunteer Patrollers Joel Pankow, John Kemper and JP Bordewick.



# Take a Seat: Calling All 2023 MD Board Candidates!

There are three open seats, each serving four-year terms, in this year's Metropolitan District Board election. As this is a government election, all registered voters within the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District will have the opportunity to cast their ballot.

If you are interested in running for one of the open board seats, the deadline for filing your Self Nomination and Acceptance Form with the Designated Election Official (DEO) is Feb. 24, no later than 5 p.m. The deadline to file affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate with the DEO is Feb. 27, no later than 5 p.m. This year's MD Board election will take place on May 2. Please stay tuned to this publication for more information to come.

#### **How to Submit a Self-Nomination Form**

All nomination forms must be acquired from and returned to the District's Designated Election Official (DEO) listed here: Sue Blair, CEO, Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC 7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Contact Sue Blair at 303-381-4977, at sblair@crsofcolorado.com, or elections@crsosfcolorado.com.

Self-nomination forms are thoroughly reviewed by the DEO to confirm eligibility and are then confirmed with the Secretary of State. Once this is complete, an official candidate list will be published.

For questions regarding the Metropolitan District Board or upcoming election, please feel free to contact Metropolitan District Manager Traci Wieland at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org. For questions regarding eligibility or how to file your self-nomination form, please contact the Designated Election Official, Sue Blair, CEO, Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC 7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E Greenwood Village, CO 80111 at (303) 381-4977, at sblair@crsofcolorado.com, or elections@crsosfcolorado.com.



# MA and MD Board Elections: What You Need to Note Before You Vote

It's election season for Ken-Caryl Ranch! Since our vibrant community is governed by two distinct entities, we will have two elections this spring, one for the Master Association Board and one for the Metropolitan District Board. These two entities work together to support amenities, services and programs for the community.

The chart below summarizes the upcoming elections, and more information is available at www.ken-carylranch.org under the *About Us* tab on the Board of Directors page.

	Master Association Board Election	Metropolitan District Board Election			
When can I vote?	Feb. 15 – March 7 at 5 p.m.	April through May 2 at 7 p.m.			
How will I get my ballot?  Your ballot will be emailed if there is an email on file, or a postcard will be mailed. You can also vote in-person at the Ranch House.		You will receive a ballot by mail. You can return it by mail or at a drop-off location listed on your ballot.			
How many votes does my house get?	As an HOA election, there is one ballot per household.	As a government election, all registered voters that live in the District may vote. (May be more than one vote per household.) Information regarding voter registration can be found through the office of the Secretary of State: https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/			
How many seats are on the ballot?	Two seats that are each three-year terms	Three seats that are each four-year terms. Each registered voter may vote for three candidates.			
What does this Board oversee?	The Master Association is the HOA that oversees covenant and architectural control, Master Association-owned open space, trash and recycling services, the Equestrian Center and community communications.	The Metro District is a governmental entity that provides maintenance in the parks, greenbelts and facilities. The District also provides recreational activities for the enjoyment of the Ranch community.			
Who do I contact for each entity if I have questions?	General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org	District Manager Traci Wieland at traciw@kcranch.org			
Who do I contact if I would like to run for the Board?	General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org	The District's Designated Election Official: Sue Blair, CEO, Community Resource Services of Colorado, LLC 7995 East Prentice Avenue, Suite 103E Greenwood Village, CO 80111 (303) 381-4977 - Direct sblair@crsofcolorado.com or elections@crsosfcolorado.com			
What is the deadline to submit my application for the Board?	Deadline was Jan. 26.	Self-Nomination and Acceptance Forms must be filed with the District's Designated Election Official no later than 5 p.m. on <b>Feb. 24</b> .			







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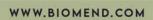
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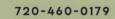
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#### 2023 Master Association Board Election in Full Swing

Virtually meet your 2023 MA Board candidates! Five residents submitted applications for two open seats on the Master Association Board, and you can now see their candidate profiles online at www.ken-carylranch.org under the *About Us* tab on the Board of Directors page and on page 6 of this issue.

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board election opens Feb. 15 and runs through March 7 at 5 p.m. Here's how the election works:

- Residents and businesses with an email address in our accounting system will receive an email from kcr@ivotehoa.com on Feb. 15 with voting instructions. You can also scan the QR code below to be able to vote online.
- Those residents and businesses without an email in the system will be mailed a postcard on or after Feb. 15.
- There is one ballot per household or business. If you own multiple properties, or are a business, you will only vote once, but your vote will be weighted.
- The election will be done online, but paper ballots will be available at the Ranch House Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those residents who do not wish to vote online. You will need a photo ID to vote with a paper ballot. Please note: The Ranch House is closed to the public on Fridays.
- There are two open positions for the Board, so you will vote for two candidates.

Did you miss the MA Board Candidate Forum earlier this month? Then be sure to hear what the candidates had to say, including having the opportunity to directly address resident questions, by checking out the recorded session posted to our website at www.kencarylranch.org under the *About Us* tab on the Board of Directors page.

Questions about the election? Contact Brian Yowell at briany@ kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

Thank you for your participation in this important election process.



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#### Meet Your 2023 MA Board Candidates



James Fodor
Email: Candidate chose not to publish.

Phone: (303) 903-5572 Community Area: Valley Resident Since: 1983-1991 and 1995 to present.

**Occupation:** Retired Dentist, private practice, and Navy Supply Officer, USPHS Dentist, 26 years active duty

### Community and/or Civic Organizations:

- Honorary Life Member of the American Dental Association, the CDA and the MDDS
- Disabled American Veterans, Commanders Club, Silver Leader
- Commanders Club, Silver Leade
   Military Officers Association of

America (Life Member)

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Colorado School of Dentistry (3 years)
- KIND, (Kids in Need of Dentistry),
   Volunteer Provider
- AMSUS, (Active-Duty Member)
- Board Member, KCR Subdivision, Architectural Chairperson
- American Correctional Health Services Association
- (On my own time I developed a Dental Assistant Vocational Training program that was certified by the Department of Labor and used nationwide by the Federal Government.)

Hobbies: Sports and accepting challenges shaped my life. I fell off my mountain bike for the last time. With a service-connected disability, my physical activity is now limited to weight training, hiking and road bicycling. In the Navy, I was stationed in the Caribbean for three years. We still enjoy snorkeling when on vacation.

# Why have you declared your candidacy for the Board of Directors?

Karen and I are long-time residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch. We share with you a common desire to preserve the history, the amenities, the property values, the environment and the aesthetics of this community. Has the distribution of the money always been wise or equitable? This is an important time, and perhaps a critical time, in Ken-Caryl history. There is a difference in philosophy concerning the future use of the Foothills and Hogback Open Space. Should the total area be made available for sports or should a slice of it be limited to pedestrian and equestrian access? Presently, there is only one sport in question and that is mountain biking. This is a great sport and there is a high level of enthusiasm by the participants. It seems fair if 1,000 acres of Foothills Open Space is set aside for hikers and equestrians exclusively as a safe zone and then approximately 2,000 acres is still available for mountain biker use.

KCR is a great community, but not yet perfect. Here are a few ideas for

consideration

- Find incentives to enhance resident attendance at meetings (Alter the protocol).
- Protect property values (Do not harm small communities for the 'greater good').
- Respect the open space (Keep the human footprint to a reasonable minimum).
- Honor your privilege to serve (Be respectful to residents at meetings and in public).
- Transparency (This needs improvement. Residents have a right to know).
- Safety (Much has been done; there is more work to do).
- Fiduciary responsibility (Fair and equitable distribution of funds).
   Finally, the Plains subdivisions are getting a little love.

Karen and I are proud to live here. The community spirit has always been exceptional. A much larger percentage of residents volunteer, vote and participate in the surveys than in other communities.

# What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the KCRMA Board of Directors?

Prior to dental school, my career began as a U.S. Navy Supply Corps Officer, Ensign (0-1). After dental school, I served in the U.S. Public Health Service Dental Corps and retired as a Director Grade, Captain (0-6). As Supply Department Head on our ship, my responsibilities were all related to running the business of the ship: procurement, accounting, budgeting, providing services and paying the crew. My undergraduate business degree was in management and economics. The responsibilities were similarly business-related at two other duty stations. There was an early promotion from 0-2 to 0-3. A sevenyear Supply Corps tour was completed as Executive Officer at a foreign shore duty station and then I entered dental school. To keep things from getting boring in the Navy, I volunteered for unrelated collateral duties requiring high security clearances and specialized training. The Navy also provided an education in petroleum and airport inspection, and I traveled extensively throughout the Caribbean and South America during the last three years. In the USPHS, there were three duty stations, and the positions were: Chief Dental Officer, Chief of Health Programs supervising two MD's and a full staff, and Regional Dental Consultant. As a regional consultant, the duties were to provide business guidance and leadership to twelve regional clinics with a budget equivalent to the MA. Final retirement came after 14 years working in private practice. The 25 years in the uniformed services provided leadership opportunities and recognition for achievements. While on active duty, I was awarded the Hazardous Duty Ribbon, the Commendation Medal (twice), the PHS Citation and the Outstanding Service Medal, among

# On which committee(s) do you wish to serve as a liaison? Why?

A board liaison's responsibility is to listen carefully and to summarize accurately the information learned. For an effective process, each committee must have representation for a balanced viewpoint on major controversial issues. With two committees, there is a definite need for balance. One KCR unique feature is undergoing systematic change, and

it is not good. The two committees directly involved are: the Open Space Committee and the Community Planning Committee. These are the two I am most familiar with and would prefer to be liaison.

- This unique feature distinguishes Ken-Caryl from other communities.
- It was identified as 'most valued' on the survey.
- It is our precious and actually delicate open space.

You do not have to live near the open space or use the open space, but the fact that you live in Ken-Caryl and have access to the foothills and hogbacks increases the value of your property. No single sport or minority activity should be able to alter this fragile amenity or cause disruption of the ecological balance over the entire extent of the Foothills Open Space. A safe zone, Conservation Area makes economic sense.

- The Community Planning Committee develops the important KCR Survey Questions.
- These should be written so the responses don't have to be interpreted.
- There has been improvement, but the problem still exists.
- It would be better to actually interview prospective committee members so balance can be achieved.

There were three known conservation-minded residents who applied, but were not accepted to the Open Space Committee.
This committee recently approved the Stove Prairie Reroute, but the Board did not, and this Committee

unanimously approved the memorial stones for the open space. I feel both committees need refreshed, conservation-minded balance.

What do you see as the major issues facing the KCR community over the next three years, and how would you deal with those issues as a Board member?

There have been positive accomplishments as a result of Master Association Board action. Good work is in progress; however, other areas need attention.

- Fire mitigation and the danger of wildfire has been addressed very well. This effort needs to be continued. Use the same page in the Life at Ken-Caryl newspaper for regular updates and a map with a brief evacuation plan could appear semiannually. Residents should be encouraged to be compliant, but that should be an individual responsibility.
- The Plains portion of Ken-Caryl is finally getting a more equitable distribution of the revenue. That needs to continue. Help for fences and a more aesthetic Community Park is anticipated.
- Safety is something I have addressed for years. The concept of having an incident report icon on the Ken-Caryl webpage would enable 'real time' reporting. Choose to use your smartphone or a paper form.
- The new NADG residents and the rest of us will be paying taxes and dues. If any of our amenities become overcrowded, then find ways to reduce non-resident usage.
- In all other quality communities, the



**&** Life at Ken-Caryl

major roadways look impeccable with well-kept trees and shrubs. All of our parks could use more screening vegetation and trees to improve aesthetics.

- It will be worth saving a portion of our open space as the KCR Conservation Area with trails for hikers and equestrians exclusively. The land south of Massey Draw is ideal. Other communities are ahead of us.
- Encourage attendance at meetings.
   The MA Board decided not to allow 3 minutes for resident comments on agenda items that did not require a motion. Come on now, let residents speak.
- Traffic and speeding are still a problem. Some of JeffCo's solutions do not meet expectations. We need better coordination.

### What is your vision for the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch?

Obviously, this is a proud community. There are so many residents who participate in the election of board members and there are two elections a year. This is an important election. The Community Survey identified the open space as the most valued amenity. The decisions board member candidates actually make after being elected are not always clearly identified in their resumes. You know that I will give conservation of open space the highest priority along with a fiduciary responsibility of carefully managing your money. This was my job in the Navy.

- I feel that the two biological surveys have correctly identified the area for a Potential Conservation Area.
- It should have a parking lot near the trail so all residents will have access.
- It must be of adequate size.
- Ideally, it needs to be the habitat for a significantly important wildlife population.
- There should be convenient sites for casual observation.
- There should be a trail system that is comfortable and efficiently designed for hikers.

All Federal lands that come under the Wilderness Act of 1964 do not permit mechanical means of transportation on the dirt trails and specifically do not permit bicycles. Hikers and equestrians are allowed on the trails. This law has withstood the test of time by successfully preserving the ecosystems and wildlife habitats. More areas in Colorado are adopting these rules to preserve some of the parks. My vision is a hope that the

Master Association Board follows the will of the residents as expressed through the survey and not favor their personal preference. A Conservation Area had a survey acceptance of 52% and new trails as 45%. Why not have both? Ken-Caryl is falling behind.

#### What is your philosophy toward Ken-Caryl Ranch amenities and spending money on those amenities?

For all board members, the fiduciary responsibility in providing and maintaining valued amenities is a priority. Quality amenities enable Ken-Caryl to compete with other communities as a preferred place to live. This raises property values. Ken-Caryl must be judicious with spending because there are only 4,400 residences in this relatively small community compared with neighboring Highlands Ranch, Lakewood and others.

- Carefully monitoring the costs associated with maintenance is paramount. Keeping good maintenance records needs to be emphasized and monitored.
- Amenities and organized activities bring residents together, enables new friendships and raises the spirit of the community.
- All major procurement requires professional advice and adequate professional bids.
- Community Park is getting a facelift.
   The park needs to be kept as a day-time park in consideration of those who live nearby. Sangre De Cristo needs a facelift too, on both sides of the street.
- As adults, there is a collective responsibility to develop the children athletically and educationally. They are the future, and the country will be stronger.

We need ways to get the residents, small businesses, and our prominent large corporations together with cooperation and common interest endeavors.

- One idea is to form a Ken-Caryl Conservancy. The objective would be to study, collect information, and find ways to preserve the uniqueness and history of this special place.
- One day we may be able to bring it all together in a pictorial book form (Something we could all be proud to have on our bookshelves)
- Someday the Docmann Gulch will come to life again, as hikers observe from a distance, and it will become a favorite place for everyone to visit on foot or on horseback.



#### **Michael Phipps**

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Community Area: Plains Resident Since: 2021 Occupation: Engineer Community and/or Civic

**Organizations:** I currently serve as an Engineer Specialist within the Data Analytics and IT Systems management community.

Hobbies: For any adventurous person, over their lifetime many hobbies become entertaining. For me, I currently have interest in historical heritage education, genealogy, data analytics and small game hunting. My past interests have included beer brewing, oil painting portraiture, photography, boating, fishing and aviation. I've also spent time over the years contributing to child education in arts and sciences as well as charities such as the Humane Society.

# Why have you declared your candidacy for the Board of Directors?

I wish to benefit the community with my experience and better my neighborhood for our children.

# What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the KCRMA Board of Directors?

I have over a decade of small and mid-size business operations management, including some years advising enterprise-level stakeholders that has provided me with various experiences, skills in negotiation, communication, understanding compliance requirements and comprehension of data to make informed decisions.

# On which committee(s) do you wish to serve as a liaison? Why?

I am interested in Architectural and Historical Society Committee liaisons since they align with both my passions and my experiences professionally.

# What do you see as the major issues facing the KCR community over the next three years, and how would you deal with those issues as a Board member?

Major issues for the community in the near and long-term will be the management of the impending development and population growth in our community. Maintaining the lifestyle that both meets our expectations to live as we choose, and keeps our kids safe, will be prudent.

# What is your vision for the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch?

Our vision should be maintaining the heritage and ecosystem of our community in a safe and sustainable way forward.

#### What is your philosophy toward Ken-Caryl Ranch amenities and spending money on those amenities?

Amenities funding needs to be secured in a way that financial expenditure is ensured to be available as a resource for the members of the community and not exhausted unnecessarily from unplanned occurrences or poor planning.



#### Rilla Reinsma

**Email:** outdoorenth@gmail.com **Phone:** Candidate chose not to publish.

Community Area: Valley
Resident Since: 1992
Occupation: Retired
Community and/or Civic
Organizations: Community Planning
Committee, Whiz Kids Tutoring, Love

INC/IMPACT **Hobbies:** Baking, cross stitch, reading, genealogy, USA history books, travelling, word search puzzles, hiking/walking, watching classic TV shows and movies, soccer fan, yard mowing

# Why have you declared your candidacy for the Board of Directors?

As a long-time resident of KCR, I have seen the community change and grow in many ways. While we have added more residents, amenities and trails, we have also seen a decline in the diversity and quantity of wildlife in the area.

In the past six years, I have been actively involved in attending meetings of the MA, MD and Open Space Committee, and have accumulated a significant amount of information in the form of agendas, minutes and legal documents. I have also been serving on the Community Planning Committee (CPC) since 2017.

I am particularly concerned about the lack of balance on the Board, which has been male-dominated for most of the 30 years that I have lived here. It is important the Board reflects the diversity of the community, including a balance of genders.

I am passionate about the need for compromise on open space issues. The results of the last three community surveys have shown that residents are divided on various open space issues, with both sides using the survey results to support their point of view. However, it is not appropriate to completely ignore the views of the minority just because one group perceives that it has a small majority. We need to find solutions that balance the needs of all residents and the wildlife. Open Space has an intrinsic value and makes KCR unique among Denver suburbs.

I support the ongoing efforts of perimeter fencing and to improve the Equestrian Center as a valuable asset of the community. Other important issues include conservation areas in open space, nighttime and seasonal closures for the well-being of wildlife, and finding a way for hikers and equestrians to use the trails safely.

I believe that diversity and compromise are crucial for the well-being and sustainability of KCR.

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# What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the KCRMA Board of Directors?

As a 30-year resident, I am committed to my community and have demonstrated this through my active participation in local meetings and committees, including the MA, MD and Open Space Committee, where I have attended over 95% of the meetings for the past 6 years and served as a member of the CPC for 6 years. I have frequently contributed to the various topics of discussion at the Open Space Committee meetings and board meetings, hopefully giving the perspective of the KCR community, or at the very least, a different angle from which is being verbalized in meetings. The contributions I bring forward in meetings are being drawn from governing documents and the results of the last couple community surveys as well as discussion with my fellow neighbors and friends that live in KCR. Additionally, I have shown my dedication to my community through my engagement in various volunteer efforts such as managing competitive soccer teams for my sons, recording statistics for their high school soccer team, managing and working in concession stands for a non-profit organization, and tutoring in reading and math to support the education of local youth. I have also made time for spending time with my family, from raising my two sons, to walking and hiking with my dog on both paved and backcountry trails and even providing childcare for other families. I have a deep sense of community and family values that drives me to constantly look for ways to give back and make a positive impact on those around me.

# On which committee(s) do you wish to serve as a liaison? Why?

I believe that my extensive experience serving on the Community Planning Committee (CPC) for 6 years has provided me with a deep understanding of the needs and desires of our community. It is difficult, to say the least, to get a survey written that encompasses all of the concerns of the community. This can also make interpreting the answers challenging. The open-ended questions have also been informative to study and read on topics that may not have

had a question in the survey. I am committed to ensuring that the results of the Community Surveys are taken into account when setting budget priorities and making decisions that affect the residents of KCR.

I would also like to be on the Open Space Committee. I have always enjoyed being outdoors, growing up here in Colorado, hiking and exploring many different parts of the state. Being a KCR resident for the last 30 years, and having open space and wildlife right here in my backyard, it is important that this committee serves the entire KCR community and future generations to enjoy trails, open space and viewing our wildlife.

I understand the importance of being fiscally responsible with the monies given by our residents and I am dedicated to fulfilling resident wishes as best we can. I believe that my experience and dedication make me the ideal candidate to serve as a liaison between the CPC or the Open Space Committee and the MA Board, so that the community's voices are heard and acted upon.

# What do you see as the major issues facing the KCR community over the next three years, and how would you deal with those issues as a Board member?

It is crucial for the health and wellbeing of our community that we are fiscally responsible with the monies received and make informed decisions on how to allocate them. Not only is this important for the financial stability of the community, but it also ensures that our resources are being used in the most effective way to benefit all residents.

Protecting open spaces for wildlife is essential for preserving the biodiversity and ecological balance of our community. These spaces provide crucial habitats for a variety of species, and their preservation is necessary for the survival and thriving of these animals. Additionally, preserving open spaces also provides residents with a chance to connect with nature, which has been shown to have numerous benefits for mental and physical health.

Being Firewise is of the utmost importance for the safety and security of our community. While fires are a natural part of the ecosystem, human-caused fires can be devastating and

have severe consequences. By being Firewise and considering the impact on wildlife habitat and food sources, we can reduce the risk of fires and protect our community and its natural resources.

Lastly, addressing issues of vandalism, crime and trespassing by non-residents is essential for maintaining the safety and security of our neighborhoods. These issues not only affect the physical wellbeing of our community, but also the emotional and mental well-being of residents. By being vigilant and proactive in addressing these issues, we can ensure that our community remains a safe and secure place for all residents to call home.

### What is your vision for the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch?

My vision for Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR) is to once again make it a representation of "True Colorado Living." This means embracing the unique history and geological features of the area and using the diverse expertise and perspectives of the community to improve upon and protect these resources. I believe that by re-reading the community surveys and actively involving a variety of the residents in decision-making through committees, we can ensure that the priorities of the community are being met.

The aesthetics of our community have been a source of pride and embarrassment over the last 30 years. Perimeter fencing and the lack of consistency of its looks, and just being in disrepair, has been an issue for over 20 years. Thankfully, this is now a priority for the community and a task force has undertaken this and is solving its problems. Fencing is not something that will change overnight (it will take many years), but it is off to a good start and the finished product will be something all of KCR will benefit from. Watering of our greenbelts is also an ongoing problem, but keeping our sprinkler systems in good repair and good fertilizer will keep the grass looking lush. Our trees along greenbelts and in our parks are also now being trimmed and replaced, if necessary, again keeping the aesthetics of our community looking

What makes KCR special is its

wealth of natural beauty, historical significance and diversity of expertise within the community. By tapping into these resources and fostering a culture of compromise and collaboration, we can create a truly unique and exceptional community that represents the essence of "True Colorado Living."

#### What is your philosophy toward Ken-Caryl Ranch amenities and spending money on those amenities?

My philosophy toward Ken-Caryl Ranch amenities is that they should bring value to the majority of residents, and not just a small portion of the community. We need to be financially responsible in how we maintain and improve these amenities. The opinions of residents should be taken into consideration when deciding on how to spend money on amenities, and if a majority of residents do not want funds to be spent on a specific amenity, that should be respected.

KCR has so much history. From the Mastodon bone that was found a number of years ago, to the Indian artifacts that have been found, to the old wagon trails giving access to the mountains from here, to all the rare flora, fauna, and diverse wildlife that are in the Dakota Hogback and foothills, there is a need to preserve all this for future generations here in KCR and Colorado. These are things that are irreplaceable, and I hope that many people, old and young, get to enjoy all that KCR has to offer.

KCR also has a lot to offer in the way of activities: tennis, swimming, hiking, equestrian, cycling, fitness classes and team sports at our Community Park. These all bring value to the community and need to be kept in tip-top shape and prioritized as to their needs.

The Board should also strive to ensure that the money spent on amenities bring value to the community as a whole and increases the overall value of the area. The uniqueness of KCR should also be taken into account and the Board should be accountable to the residents in all areas of spending, to ensure that the community's money is being used in the best interest of the majority of residents

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#### Chris Schroeder

Email: cschroeder@bcer.com Phone: (303) 718-2772 **Community Area: Plains Resident Since: 1998 Occupation:** Engineer **Community and/or Civic Organizations:** 

The following is a list of community, civic, offices, and/or clubs for which I have served:

1992 - Regimental Honor Board Vice Chairman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy

1996-1997 - Volunteer Coach for Arvada Eagles Soccer Association 2004 – Served as the Secretary/ Treasurer for a successful State Senate campaign

2005 - While serving as the Secretary/Treasurer took on the additional role of Campaign Manager 2006 - Served as the Vice Chair

for State Senate District 22 Vacancy 2008 - Served 3 years on the

Advisory Board for ARC (Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center) 2010 - Volunteer Coach for Foothills Bible Church Soccer program

2016 – Served on Board of Advisors for a 100-person engineering firm

2017 – Served on the Downtown Chapter Advisory Board for the Colorado Thought Leaders Forum 2019 - 2020 Volunteer Coach for

Chatfield Wrestling Team 2021 - Present Volunteer Coach for

Mountain Bike Team

- **Volunteer Organizations:**
- Habitat for Humanity • Food Bank of the Rockies
- Denver Rescue Mission
- Ken-Caryl Master Association 2020- Present Served as a Board Member on the Ken-Caryl Master Association

2021- Present Served as the Vice President of the Board

During MA Board, I served as liaison on the following KCRMA Committees:

- Firewise
- Covenant
- Architectural

Hobbies: Woodworking, chess, skiing, hiking, cycling, wrestling and

#### Why have you declared your candidacy for the Board of **Directors?**

In 2020, there were three main reasons I decided to run for the MA Board: continued fiscal stewardship, give back to the community and representation for the Ranch/Plains.

Coming into this position, I did not fully understand the challenges, but not many first-year candidates truly can. I understood "fiscal stewardship" was a large challenging issue and that is why I stated my purpose as "continued." We were forced to make challenging decisions during my three years and nearly every decision had a substantial fiscal impact. I voted no on the recent dues increase decision not necessarily because we did not need the increase (we do), but because I believed the money should have been allocated heavier on the Firewise, life safety, and security of the community. Fences are extremely important and a very challenging issue, I just could not vote for fences over safety. With that said, I am fully confident the 2023 Board and current staff will find creative ways to address both issues and set a future course that is clear and fiscally responsible.

To address giving back to the community. The residents should understand the 3-5 hours they may see/hear during the monthly MA meeting and the 2-3 +/- hours for committee liaison work is only the tip of the spear. We as a board log countless hours researching, reviewing and preparing for issues that face this community. Many on the Board in the last year have stated, rightfully so, that this is closer to 10-15 hours a week. I am proud to serve with all current board members as this is more than any of us anticipated. But, speaking for myself, this is a wonderful community that provides for me, and my family, and my time and service is the least I can offer in return.

Finally, I've been a resident of the Plains for 25 years. I believe during my time on the Board I have spoken up when I felt influence was skewed toward the Valley. There are many improvements happening on the Ranch and in the Valley, and I believe the balance and focus is appropriate. I will continue to advocate when appropriate but still use sound judgement for issues with the Valley.

#### What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the KCRMA **Board of Directors?**

In addition to being an owner and executive of a 100-person engineering firm and having served on multiple boards, I bring three solid years of engagement in very complex KCRMA issues. I will ensure a continuation of fiscal accountability and responsible stewardship of our community resources towards our safety and security. The skills I believe I have demonstrated over the three years include: Rational, Balanced Judgement, Critical Thinking, Project and Resource Management, Contract Negotiations, Strategic Short- and Long-Term Planning, Leadership, and Holistic and Conceptual Thinking.

Also, I've been a resident of the Plains 25 years. I believe during my time on the Board I have spoken up when I felt influence was skewed toward the Valley. There are many improvements happening on the Ranch and in the Valley, and I believe the balance and focus is appropriate. I will continue to advocate when appropriate, but still use sound judgement for issues with the Valley.

#### On which committee(s) do you wish to serve as a liaison? Why?

I have served as the liaison to the Architectural Committee since day one and would be honored to continue in that role for future years. I deeply respect the committee and the members. They are truly vested in this community and every decision is thoroughly vetted with the filter of community first. I also currently serve as liaison to the Firewise Committee and believe this is another incredible committee. The obvious challenges of a wildfire ravaging our entire community, east and west of the hogback is real. I researched training, certifications, and consultants that could support KCRMA in Firewise solutions and support. Unfortunately, there is not a long list of consulting firms out there, but I did find certification programs that could train and certify our own ranger staff, making them the experts. I pointed our Executive Director and our Open Space Manager in that direction, and we initiated training for our staff to be an example for neighbor communities.

#### What do you see as the major issues facing the KCR community over the next three years, and how would you deal with those issues as a Board member?

During my initial candidacy, I acknowledged aging infrastructure as the main major issue. Although that is still a significant issue, (irrigation, fences, buildings) we are in a new realization after the Marshall Fire and the three recent fires we experienced in our own community in the last two years. And we experienced a pandemic that shifted how the MA and the MD operated. We as boards (MA and MD), worked together to ensure operations, services and fiscal viability were not compromised, and in large they were not. The next board will be faced with these continued challenges and must balance limited resources and finances to ensure continued success.

An additional issue facing the Board, Architectural Committee and the residents is the construction of new residences in our community. The NADG is developing large parcels of undeveloped land in KCR. The Board and the Architectural Committee are working very hard to ensure they are following our neighborhood rules and regulations. This must continue, not just throughout the planning phases, but through construction and adoption of the new residents.

#### What is your vision for the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch?

I stated before that I would love to see future generations say, "Ken-Caryl is where I want to live and raise my family." That is still true. I also stated that to achieve this we must follow two tenets: continuation and conservation. That also is still true. Continuation of our values and the conservation of our resources. We must continue to value our assets and invest in them. This also means to continue to create new assets that meet the changing needs of the community. The second tenet is conservation. Conservation is the planned management of our community overall. This refers to our infrastructure, open space, water, developed and undeveloped land, structures, staff. We must work into our plan awareness of renewable resources and apply them when financially viable.

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#### What is your philosophy toward Ken-Caryl Ranch amenities and spending money on those amenities?

I value our amenities. I believe our amenities are amazing assets and we must spend our money frugally, but appropriately on those assets. You can quickly identify one's values by looking at where they spend their money. As a steward of finances, I'd say we must prioritize and spend our money prudently on our values. Secondly, the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the community. Board members must act in good faith and candor in their duty to represent the Ken-Caryl community in all transactions. By this I mean we must not exceed our resources. I believe I have voted in accordance with this belief over the past three years. I will continue to vote with this principal for the next three if re-elected.



Debbie Seagraves
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Community Area: Valley
Resident Since: 1986
Occupation: Retired
Community and/or Civic
Organizations:

Waterside West Condominiums, Fraser Colorado, HOA Board of Directors - Board Member 2019 - 2020 President 2020 - 2022

Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 742 and Boy Scout Troop 686 - 1995 - 2017, Den Leader, Den Leader Coach, Training Coordinator, Committee Chairperson, Merit Badge Counselor, Treasurer

Chatfield High School – Member of the Soccer and Basketball Booster clubs supporting fundraisers as well as the Chatfield Thespians 2008 - 2014

Winter Park Ski Resort - Volunteer Host - 2019 - Present

LOW Catholic Church Funeral Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry, Liturgical Ministry – 1995 - present

LOW Catholic Church Youth Group -Meal Coordinator 2004 - 2009 LOW Catholic Church Religious Education Teacher 1998 - 2003

**Hobbies:** I am so proud to have been a wife and partner to a wonderful man and to be a mother of three wonderful sons as well as an amazing daughterin-law and a grandmother to a precious little boy. Some of my favorite things to do are hanging out with my family, going to sporting events, playing games, celebrating holidays and birthdays, getting together for a backyard BBQ, or just enjoying each other's company. I enjoy traveling, skiing, golfing and hiking as well as attending professional sporting events. I have Broncos season tickets and also enjoy attending Nuggets, Avalanche and Rockies games when I can.

Why have you declared your candidacy for the Board of Directors?

My husband and I first came out to the Ken-Caryl area in May 1986, one month after we were married, in search of our forever home. The minute we drove into the Valley, we fell in love. We moved in on Halloween day that same year, raised our three sons, and never planned to move. We moved here because of the natural beauty of the area and the open space, and stayed because of our neighbors and the realization of what an extraordinary community this is to raise our family.

I believe giving back to the community is something that we all must do and there are many ways to accomplish that. For me, one way is to become a board member where I can contribute and give back to this community as it has given so much to me and my family. It is the people that make this community so special, and I want to have a significant role in representing this community so that it continues to be an extraordinary place for future generations.

# What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the KCRMA Board of Directors?

I have served this community primarily volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America in many different capacities for over 20 years. My husband, David Seagraves, and all three of my sons are Eagle Scouts. I am sure many of you know me through this organization and it was something that I enjoyed doing with my family and all the scouts and families that we have gotten to know throughout the years. My husband passed away November of 2021 and we shared a passion of serving our community, which we both did over the years in many different capacities. I want to continue serving our community and maintain the legacy this community has and will have in the future.

Recently I served three years on the HOA Board for the Waterside West Condominiums in Fraser, Colorado. For two of those years, I served as President. One of my biggest accomplishments was leading the effort to create a RFP to find a new property management company, interviewing prospective companies, selecting the finalists and negotiating the contract. The Board received a lot of gratitude and praise from the homeowners.

I currently am retired after spending 37 years at a telephone company (Century Link, now Lumen) with the last 27 years being in IT. I managed a global workforce of over 400 employees and managed budgets upwards of \$40M. I negotiated contracts for labor resources, software, hardware, product delivery and outsourcing of work. The last four years of my career were as an IT consultant with IBM as a Project Delivery Executive managing software delivery and IT Operations.

One of the Board's primary responsibilities is to be a good fiscal steward. I am a data-driven decision maker and I believe my experience over the years will be beneficial in serving the community.

# On which committee(s) do you wish to serve as a liaison? Why?

Overseeing the community to ensure it is properly maintained and continues to be a beautiful place to live is a primary responsibility of the Covenant Control Committee. This can be a very challenging responsibility and is very important to

continuing to make this community an extraordinary place to live. While serving as a board member on the Waterside West Condominiums HOA, I learned firsthand what it takes to enforce the covenants and policies as we did not have a separate covenants committee to perform this function. The Board, with the support of the property management company, was responsible for this activity.

The Historical Society is also a very important committee to our community. Preserving the history of our community is critical for current and future generations. Knowing about the natural history and those that came before us help us to better understand the area we live in. It is critical for planning the future and preserving the past.

I would be interested in either of these two committees, but would also welcome being a liaison for any of the committees.

# What do you see as the major issues facing the KCR community over the next three years, and how would you deal with those issues as a Board member?

One of the most significant issues facing this community are the two new neighborhoods that will be developed over the next 2-3 years. As these homeowners become members of our community, it will be important to ensure our amenities can continue to serve our community. It will be critical to understand how we operate in the future and make decisions to maintain the beautiful place we live and ensure that the amenities we have, or future amenities we need to develop, continue to serve our community. We have many valuable community assets that entice people to live here, and I will do all I can to ensure these assets continue to serve this community.

Another significant issue is that of trails versus conservation. This is a polarizing issue for our community, and we must, as a community, figure out a way to come to harmony on these issues. I don't have a solution, but I will do my best to listen to both sides of the issue and work to bring the community together.

I have spent many hours with my husband and my children on the trails. I have hiked all the trails including the Docmann Trail as well as the Lost Canyon and Shaffer Trails. These trails are primarily used by mountain bikers, and you typically don't see a lot of hikers due to the distance and amount of time it takes to get there and back. Our trails are not overcrowded and this point, as well as many others, should be taken very seriously when considering additional trail construction.

I will work, to the best of my abilities, to represent this community and be fiscally responsible as we move forward to find solutions that meet the needs and desires of our community and bring us together.

# What is your vision for the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch?

The Ken-Caryl Master Association was established in April 1974 and in 2024, will celebrate its 50-year anniversary. By 1977, 150 families lived in Ken-Caryl. We have a great legacy!

The quality of life in this community is extraordinary. We need to focus on decisions that continue to make this community extraordinary, a great place to live and raise our families, maintain our property values, and

continue to be a place where people want to live and play.

As you can only imagine, our community has turned over many times in the last 40+ years and we have many generations of families living here. We need to be able to serve all community members, grandparents and new families alike, tennis players, equestrians, swimmers, mountain bikers, hikers, etc...

I love this community and want to serve in a capacity where I can make a difference. I believe I am a person of high moral standard and integrity. If you don't know me, please ask those that do, and I believe they would say the same. My only agenda is to listen to community members and make decisions that continue to make Ken-Caryl Ranch an extraordinary place to live and I appreciate your consideration to vote for me.

#### What is your philosophy toward Ken-Caryl Ranch amenities and spending money on those amenities?

When it comes to managing our amenities and spending money on these amenities, it is critical and important to listen to all community members. We must listen to the ideas our residents bring forward on how to best to serve them. Our activities should be fairly and competitively priced compared to activities outside our community. We need to be fiscally responsible to ensure we are serving our community in the best way, and that our residents should have the first option to enjoy the amenities over those living outside our community.

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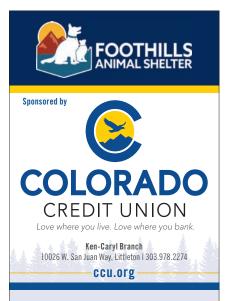




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# PICTURE THIS! - Chew on This!

The family that grazes together, stays together, as seen and snapped by North Ranch residents Janet and Ralph Spencer.







#### Local Girl Scout Troop Addresses State Capitol on Climate Change

Submitted by: Jacque Tedesco and Paige Leonard, Residents

On Jan. 25, Ken-Caryl Girl Scout Troop 67358, composed of fifth graders from Bradford, used their voices to advocate for action to address climate change! The girls testified at the State Capitol in favor of Senate Bill 23–016, a bill to reduce greenhouse gasses in Colorado. Each girl researched facts about climate change and told legislators why reducing greenhouse gasses was important to them in their testimonies. Troop member Vivian Anderson explained the risk of decreased snowstorms due to climate change and the impact on the ski industry. Mia Sisneros shared that this bill is important to her because she hopes to one day take her grandkids to Hawaii to enjoy playing in a clean ocean. Teagan Olson and Avery Leonard presented facts about the impact of greenhouse gasses on animals and humans, and Jenna Tedesco suggested using solar panels and electric cars in Colorado. Abby Ninneman explained melting glaciers and that this issue is important to her because she "plans to live another 80 years and wants to live in a clean and safe environment." Leah Henderson, Avery Mason and Simone Oese were also at the Capitol to show their support. Members of the Transportation and Energy

Committee gave the girls a round of applause and thanked them for using their voices to speak up on this important issue. The bill passed in committee and will be moving to the next round.

You can support these amazing leaders and changemakers through Girl Scout cookie sales! Visit tinyurl. com/Troop67358 to order cookies and a troop member will deliver them to your door. Proceeds from cookie sales will go towards a troop sleepover at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and will help buy supplies for Pepper's Senior Dog Sanctuary as part of our community service project. You can also buy cookies to donate directly to GraceFull Cafe in Littleton. Thank you to the Ken-Caryl community for supporting this incredible troop over the past five years!

#### Weed Busters: We Ain't Afraid of No Weeds (or Ghosts) with 443 Volunteer Hours in 2022 to Prove It!

By Dawn Hendry, Resident, Colorado Master Gardner

A huge thank you to the dedicated Ken-Caryl Weed Warriors and Ken-Caryl Trail Club members who joined forces this year to volunteer eradicating invasive mullein and various types of thistle in our open space. Erlinda Stafford led the Trail Club members and Dawn Hendry led the Weed Warriors this year. Thanks also to Liam Cullinane, former Ken-Caryl Ranger and Natural Resource Specialist, who trained and supported us. If you recreate on other Metro Denver Front Range lands, which often are plagued by noxious weeds, you can see the amazing health of Ken-Caryl Open Space by comparison.

From May through November 2022, these volunteers have either dug up or bagged the cones and seed heads of hundreds of thousands of weeds. This was the result of a backbreaking 293 hours volunteered by the KC Weed Warriors and 150 hours by the KC Trail Club! Many volunteers joined us this season, including, from both groups: Kati Allison, Dave Banning, Jodie Barr, Deb Beckmann, Walter Campbell, Mark Celusniak, Sean Churchill, Mike Danaher, Naomi Ducharme, Jerome Eyquem, Jed Flint, Brent Flom, Shaun Giebel, Bill Hahn, Rob Hendry, Kathie George, Janina Giarritano, Tom Koening, Josh Lee, Dan Miller, Scott Musgrave, Dave Osborne, Deb Osborne, Jamie Pieroni, Kim Pieroni, Pam Shrum, Erlinda Stafford, Oliver Thurman, Rachel Thurman, Brad Walsh, Kyle Walters, Chad Weber and Paul Wood.

Special mention must be made to Dorie Banning, Rebecca Fererra, John Fosholt, Dawn Hendry and Rhonda Ingle who all volunteered more than 25 hours each. Apologies to anyone who volunteered and was left off these lists. All these folks have done significant work for a third year to keep our grasslands healthy and beautiful. Thanks also to homeowners who have begun patrolling areas adjacent to their homes, which also keeps our open spaces free of the invading species.

Every weed that is pulled or dug keeps herbicide out of our soils and waterways when those same weeds don't have to be sprayed. Our efforts also save Ken-Caryl the costs of spraying. The targeted weeds are non-native so have little benefit to the ecosystem, especially when they form large monocultures and suppress plant diversity.

If you'd like to join our volunteer crew to tackle weeds from the Colorado Noxious Weed list, call Dawn Hendry, 720-273-5998, or via email at dawnjeanine62@gmail.com. Trail Club members who volunteer can submit these hours toward the Willow Springs Access yearly bracelet. We've made good progress, but constant efforts must continue to be made to prevent their return. Willow Springs and West Ken-Caryl also have weed clubs, so a healthy corridor of grasslands is being created. The work would go quickly if our team had more members, so please consider joining through either group!



Girl Scout Troop 67358 members and leaders visit the Capitol.



Troop members testify at the State Capitol in favor of Senate Bill-23-016 to reduce greenhouse gasses in Colorado.



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# PICTURE THIS! - Caught in the Act!

Resident Frank Schmidt caught this sneaky little fella trolling in the backyard of his Heirloom home.



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Coordinator



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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.kencarylranch.org and click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

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#### Marilyn Elrod Elected to Historical Society Hall of Fame

By Jim Antes, Resident, KCR Historical Society

Because of her decades of tireless efforts to preserve and promote the history of Ken-Caryl Ranch, Marilyn Elrod has been elected to the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society's Hall of Fame. After she was nominated by the Historical Society, the Ken-Caryl Master Association Board of Directors unanimously approved the honor at its January 2023 meeting.

Marilyn became a member of what was then known as the Ken-Caryl Ranch History Committee in the 1980s. She developed an interest in organizing the thousands of documents, photos, videos and artifacts relating to the history of the Ranch that had accumulated over the years. Following a brief consultation with an archivist from the Colorado Historical Society—now known as History Colorado—she learned the proper procedures to manage this large trove of materials, and this effort led to the formation of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society Archives. In the course of this massive undertaking, Marilyn developed an encyclopedic knowledge and understanding of Ranch history. Thus, she became a major source of information and guidance for the KCR Historical Society on its many projects.

One of the projects that she helped organize is the Oral Histories Project. People who had personal experiences related to Ranch history (e.g., descendants of former Ranch owners, people involved with the development of the Ranch) were interviewed. Those interviews were recorded and transcribed, and available on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website and Jefferson County Libraries, thanks to Marilyn's efforts.

Marilyn has been regularly involved as a volunteer on other Historical Society projects. For example, she has helped with the annual maintenance of the Bradford Apple Orchard. She participated in recent archaeological

investigations, such as the Massey Draw Foothills project and the survey following the Oak Fire. She helped in the development of the brief videos about the history of the Ranch, available on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website.

Marilyn recently moved to Florida, but still plans to participate via phone in Historical Society meetings and as a consultant for the new coordinators of the archives.

Thus, whether it was organizing major projects such as the archives, answering questions about Ranch history, or actively participating in ongoing Historical Society activities, for decades Marilyn has volunteered to serve the community in preserving and promoting Ranch history. She is richly deserving of this honor.



Current photo of Marilyn that appears on the plaque hanging in the Ranch House.

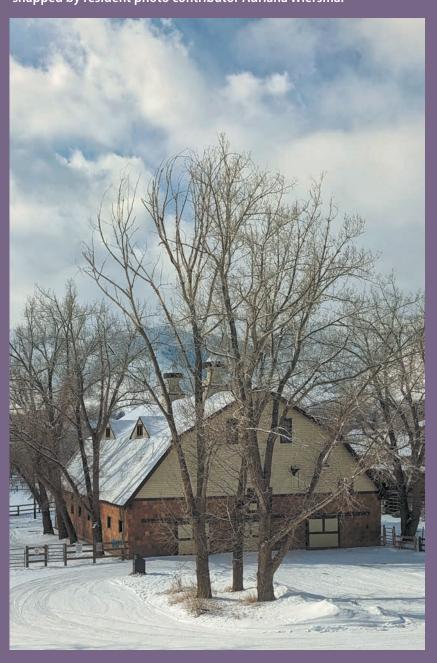


Marilyn dressed in a period costume for the 2014 KCR 100 Centennial celebration at the Manor House,

#### beside Teddy Roosevelt (a.k.a. Vinny Badolato).

#### **PICTURE THIS! - Peace and Quiet**

A peaceful day at the Ken-Caryl Equestrian Center, as seen and snapped by resident photo contributor Adriana Wiersma.





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#### Ken-Caryl Ranch Welcomes Core Soccer Technology!

Submitted by Dan Paulter, Core Soccer Technology Owner

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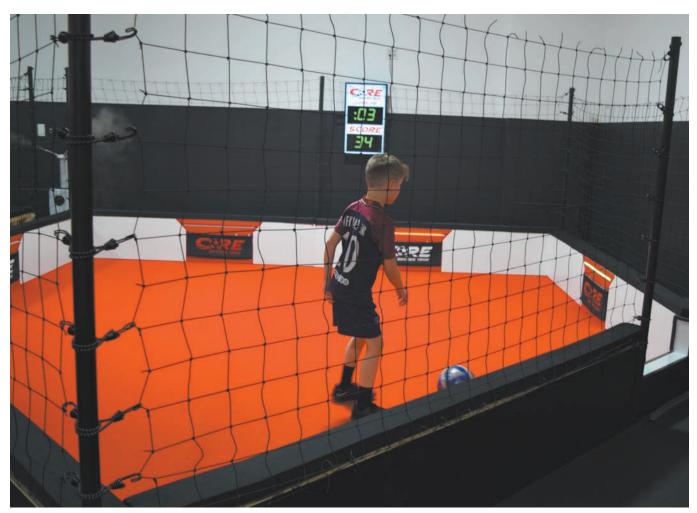
Our first location in Centennial opened April 2021, and our second location in Ken-Caryl opened in September 2022. We currently offer various programs such as team training, birthday parties, coaching, and team parties and events. We plan to expand our offerings to include clinics, leagues, camps and parents' night out. We serve ages 4 to 99. Any age and experience level can enjoy playing at Core, whether you are a new player or a seasoned soccer player.

I am most excited about offering a fun and unique concept to the community for kids and adults alike, and the opportunity to provide a space to ignite or continue a passion for the game. Giving players the chance to develop and improve their soccer skills in a fun and positive environment was a motivator in creating the concept. At Core, we want to help build the soccer population and give back to youth soccer.

Core Soccer is a benefit to the community because we provide a platform for youth and adult players to quickly develop multiple facets of their game in a fun training environment. Core has qualified soccer coaches on site to further assist players with their game. Our facility helps athletes improve various skills, including first touch, passing accuracy, ball striking, field awareness, stamina, agility and cognitive decision making. Our proprietary 360-degree POD helps improve performance by self-training various fundamental skills utilizing proprietary sensors and software.

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A participant getting their kicks at Core Soccer Technology to hone their soccer skills.



Inside Ken-Caryl's new resident business, Core Soccer Technology.

# Community Park Master Planning Meetings Engage Residents in the Process

Last December, the Metropolitan District held a meeting to discuss the Community Park master planning process. Nearly 300 people also provided online feedback regarding the park's future. All this valuable information was used to develop several concepts that were presented back to the community at the Community Park Master Plan Open House in January, where residents had

the opportunity to view three design concepts and have their questions and concerns addressed by staff and project planners.

If you missed any of these meetings, stay tuned! Residents will also have the opportunity to talk directly with staff and planners about your needs in the future. Questions? Contact District Manager Traci Wieland at traciw@kcranch.org, or 303-979-1876, ext. 136. Scan the QR code or visit our website to see the concepts.





Community members attend the Jan. 26 Community Park Master Plan Open House.





 $Residents\ review\ design\ concepts\ for\ Community\ Park\ that\ were\ developed\ based\ on\ community\ feedback.$ 

#### PICTURE THIS! - Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Resident and KCRMA Volunteer Patroller Kathy Smith took this photo following a recent snowstorm in Ken-Caryl Ranch.





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Resident and Realtor Crystal Adams hosted Brunch & Bingo at the Ranch House.



Residents of all ages had fun at Brunch & Bingo at the Ranch House in January.

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# Trash & Recycling Information



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Master Association monthly residential dues. Waste Connections can be reached at 303-288-2100 or www.wcdenver.com.

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The preferred method for submitting letters to the editor is by email to Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch. org, but they may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Ranch House, Attn: Allison Hefner, 7676 S. Continental Divide Road, Littleton, CO 80127. A response will be sent via email when a letter or article is received. If you do not receive a response, call 303-979-1876, ext. 108, to confirm receipt.

We do not print anonymous letters. Letters must include name, address and phone number (daytime), but only the author's name and "Ken-Caryl Resident" or applicable government office will be printed in the paper. Residents may submit up to eight letters to the editor per calendar year. More than one letter per resident may be published in a single issue of the paper provided that the letters are not about the same subject. Letters will be printed on a space available basis and may be edited. Editor retains right to appropriateness and content.

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Email to allisonh@kcranch.org.

Deadline for March 1 paper is Feb. 17
at 9 a.m.

#### Dear Editor:

Climate change is a pressing global concern that requires immediate action. Fragmentation and encroachment into habitat, especially on the edges of urban areas is a related compounding trend that threatens the wellbeing of the world that our children will inherit.

One initiative that addresses this crisis is "30 by 30," which aims to protect 30% of the world's terrestrial and marine habitat by 2030. This initiative is based on four pillars: protecting biodiversity, conserving protected areas, creating connectivity between protected areas, and protecting threatened habitats from loss and degradation due to climate change and inappropriate use.

The results of the 2021 community survey indicated that the majority of KC residents support the need to protect/conserve our open space. To achieve this, we must hold the MA Board accountable for delivering on the residents' requests and advocate for the adoption of these/similar principles.

Furthermore, the MA Board should convey these values to the Open Space Committee, Conservation Club, and the Trail Club, to work holistically as one team to ensure that these principles are being implemented. It is also crucial that our HOA fees are not spent on projects or initiatives that do not align with or support these principles.

If you support these points, please contact the MA Board and stress the importance of supporting a local conservation initiative based on the principles above. You can also write letters to the Life at Ken Caryl editor expressing your support for protecting our open space for future generations and voting for candidates in the upcoming MA Board elections who will work with the community to protect our open space.

If you have not already considered this, please think about the vital need to protect our environment for future generations and please consider the impact our actions today will have on our children and pledge to take responsibility for protecting the environment for their benefit. We can make a positive impact on our local environment by thinking globally, but acting locally. This includes not building new trails in protected/sensitive areas and working on rehabilitating of our open space.

Doug Gray, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

We appreciate the work by Colorado Parks and Wildlife on the draft plan for wolf reintroduction. However, there are points in the draft that have doomed wolf reintroduction to failure. The focus should be on changing attitudes and values, and not reinforcing and condoning outdated and deplorable ancestral practices.

The North American Model for Conservation (NAM) is outdated and equates management with killing. "Scientific research supports the fact that wolves are sentient beings, have close family structures, suffer in pain, grieve, and play an intricate role in balancing ecosystems." The lethal words "hunting" and "killing"

in this draft plan are unacceptable. The emphasis must be on following the science and educating farmers and ranchers how to be successful at coexistence; thus, attitudes will change and this cycle of maligning the wolf can finally end. The draft plan will perpetuate the "big bad wolf" myth.

Working towards coexistence is a choice. Livestock owners are businessmen, and like all businesses, they incur business expenses. They must take responsibility for ensuring the protection of their merchandise: product or livestock. Livestock owners must be required by law to use deterrence before they can be reimbursed. "Evidence suggests that financial incentives alone do little to change attitudes." Coexistence is the key to the success of a self-sustaining, free-roaming population of wolves, which was what voters voted for, not some artificial limit, and not treating wolves as game animals for recreational trophy hunting. Only education, respect and tolerance for all life, and willingness to restore the delicate intricacy and biodiversity of nature, will change attitudes and make a successful wolf reintroduction that will sustain itself generations. This reintroduction plan needs to give Coloradans a reason to be proud that wolves are an important part of our state's heritage.

Key issues need to be fixed in the draft to assure ecological restoration and resilience over time. Proposition 114 calls for wolves to be a non-game animal. CPW is taking public comment until February 22. Please oppose Phase 4 of the draft on recreational trophy hunting. Support compassionate conservation and coexistence. Go to engagecpw.org and speak/howl out now.

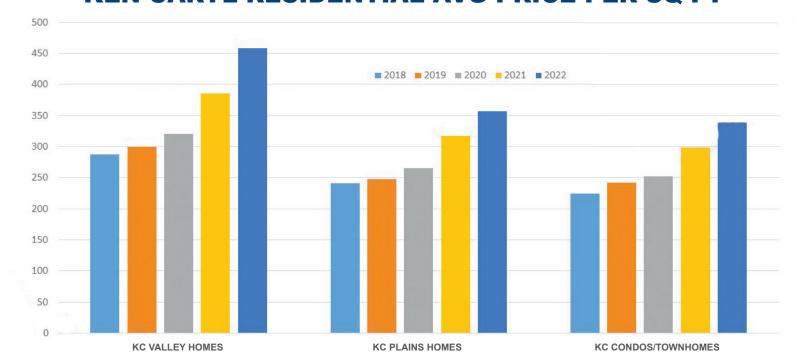
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#### Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Fodor's letter to the editor in the Jan. 18 paper, I'd like to remind our community that there have been multiple letters written in offering to collaborate with Mr. Fodor and the Ken-Caryl Conservation Club to develop solutions that support conservation and responsible trail development. As I've noted in previous letters - it is not one or the other, both happen simultaneously in communities across the country, but Mr. Fodor ignores this. Next, Mr. Fodor asks why parents affiliated with Avout provide "criticism". What criticism has been provided by an Avout parent? Avout parents are writing in because we are deeply concerned about how Mr. Fodor's agenda will negatively impact our kids, our community, our trails and our nationally awarded cycling team - Avout. I've submitted letters about collaborating with Mr. Fodor, offering to ride with him (a multi-generational mountain biker), and seeking common ground to support the entire community, and he describes it as criticism? Mr. Fodor, the mountain bike community of Ken-Caryl is more than ready to cooperate with you and discuss solutions that support the entire community, but are you ready to cooperate? Your letters to the editor show quite the opposite. I hope as you run again for the MA Board, that you look to bring our community together, stop sewing divisiveness amongst our community, work with all to develop solutions to the challenges our neighborhood faces and support kids on bikes. As we all know, there are far greater challenges facing our community than kids on mountain bikes on our trails - wildfires, increased crime, drought, traffic, etc. As the community goes to vote for the MA Board election, please vote for candidates who see the big picture, support the youth of Ken-Caryl, and are ready to take on all the challenges our neighborhood faces. We need leadership that will lead on the Board, not people who are afraid to hear and work with others that have a different perspective.

Thanks,

Ryan Waldron, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

Diversity is a crucial aspect of any community, and it is important that boards and committees reflect the diversity of the community they serve. Without diversity, decisions are made in a vacuum, and the perspectives and needs of non-represented groups can be ignored.

The MA Board has been dominated by male members for the past 20 years, with females making up only approximately 20% of the Board over this period. This lack of representation needs to change.

It is time for the community to elect more women like Rilla Reinsma to the MA Board. Rilla's knowledge and experience are extensive as she has been a member of the community for 31 years, and over the past 6 years she has attended 90% of the MA, MD, OSC and CPC meetings. Her vast knowledge of the workings of various boards and committees is a critical asset that the community cannot afford to overlook.

Furthermore, Rilla's dedication to the community is well known, and her commitment to serve is evident in her long-standing involvement and her eagerness to take on leadership roles. In short, the community needs more women like Rilla on the MA Board. Her knowledge, experience and dedication make her the ideal candidate for one of the two open positions, and her presence on the Board will ensure that the community's diversity is reflected and that decisions are made in the best interest of all residents. The community can no longer afford to ignore the need for diversity and representation; it is time to act and elect more women like Rilla to the MA Board.

Please get out and vote, your vote is important. Voting opens on Feb. 15 and closes on March 7 at 5 p.m.

Best.

Deb Beckmann, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

I would simply like to say how grateful we are to live in Ken-Caryl Valley. What an incredible place to call home! We moved here specifically for the unique access to private open space and to raise our kids to appreciate the outdoors. And yes, we love mountain biking! I would encourage us all to be considerate of one another and enjoy the unique gift we have. It's discouraging to see the constant negativity projected by a loud and vocal few, who in my opinion seem to have a vendetta against mountain biking. Let's not aim to rid one another of what makes this neighborhood so great. Be kind, be courteous and let's enjoy the precious gift we have!

Chris McKinney, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

First, women bring a different perspective and approach to problem-solving and decision-making, leading to a more well-rounded and comprehensive approach to addressing issues and acting on the collective needs of the community. This will result in better community outcomes and more innovative solutions.

Additionally, having women like Rilla and Debbie on the MA Board would be more representative of the community populace. Also, they would serve as role models and as an inspiration for young girls and other women. Seeing women in leadership positions who are qualified and capable can help to break down gender stereotypes. This could encourage more girls/women to pursue careers in leadership and politics, leading to greater representation and diversity in the future.

It is also important to note that both Rilla and Debbie will bring their own unique experiences and skills to the table. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences can only enrich the MA Board and lead to better community decision making.

This is our opportunity to make history and vote two women onto one of our key residential decision-making bodies, so please do not forget to cast your vote for Rilla and Debbie. Your vote is your voice.

Kathy Webster, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

Recently, I have noticed the submissions of particular residents showing in every edition of the newspaper. This common occurrence is only because other residents are not sharing their thoughts. I encourage everyone to start writing in. The result of having a single individual create a narrative for a community is not wise. While they may feel trail use is negative to the community, there are people - such as my family - that moved here specifically for the use of trails.

I understand the negative connotation associated with Mountain Biking, but the diatribe needs to end. The reality is we all pay HOA dues and property taxes for said use of the community. The master plan for the community allows the use and individuals who disagree are allowed their opinion. This last year, while completing trail work on section 12 that I manage, we encountered angry residents for us improving the trails "unnecessarily". Having a good trail system requires volunteers who donate their time and energy to ensure a great and sustainable trail system experience.

In our short years here, we have seen all types of wildlife. The animals are out there and riding a bike isn't hurting the migration paths or calving grounds as insinuated by recent letters to this paper. What I do see is energetic humans with smiles on their faces enjoying our trails. And that is what matters. We are a community and the constant obstruction of joy for our residents isn't needed.

I call upon everyone to write on your experience of joy from living in this community. Let's fill up the inbox with positive appreciation for our beloved community and refuse the few who feel it their place to dictate the conversation of the mass. We are all, collectively, better than this.

Aaron Ninness, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

Jim Fodor, Candidate for the MA Board. Something isn't right. In four consecutive years there was a failure of the golden eagle nest, and nothing has been done. Doing nothing for a fifth year and expecting a positive result makes no sense. Spending to support one minority activity or sport over the entire open space is not equitable. The Trail Master Plan has and continues to cost us because of the excessive length of 'Stacked Loop Trails' preferred by mountain biking; the wide, sweeping switchbacks that accompany them; and the maintenance costs that follow.

- \* Docmann data was collected in 291 days over two years. Mountain bike traffic was 89% & hikers was 10%. (The hiking average was only 1.2 visits per day.)
- \* The Docmann Trail cost over \$80,000. (It invades raptor territory and should never have been constructed.)
- \* Cougar cost over \$70,000. (The switchbacks meander as a circuitous scaring of the landscape inefficient for hikers.)
- \* Another \$60,000 for the proposed Wildcat Trail in the distant South Docmann Area would only benefit a small number of residents.
- I would rather see a Conservation Area, "safe zone", for hikers and equestrians that would help revive the Docmann Gulch wildlife habitat and serve all residents as their most valued amenity.
- \* The area south of Massey Draw is being compromised.
- \* Two Biological Surveys mention this as the Potential Conservation Area.
- \* It is only about one-third of our Foothills Open Space.
- \* Hikers and equestrians would use all trails here, but not mountain bikers for safety purposes.
- \* Result: Peace and tranquility for hikers and wildlife.

Please note: Fast Mountain biking has been observed 0.6 mile from the golden eagle nesting area.

Cause and Effect perhaps? Four years of fast mountain biking = 4 years of golden eagle nest abandonment. A Conservation Area could be our new feature all residents would enjoy, including mountain biking families, and especially if the elk herd returns and there is a successful eagle fledging. There are different philosophies emerging that will impact our open space, so please vote for conservation.

Jim Fodor, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

I saw that Chris Schroeder is running again for an MA Board spot. I would like to endorse him and his constant handle of the pertinent issues to our community. He has done a superb job since his election in 2020.

Patrick Pfeifer, Resident

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#### Dear Editor:

Conservation. We have seen this word lately on these pages, discussions at board meetings and in the most recent survey ("Q27: To what extent do you support or oppose designating some of Ken-Caryl Ranch's Open Space as a conservation and habitat area that would be closed to all people? This would not involve closing any existing trails."). By our own definition in this question, whatever a 'conservation area' ends up being, it will not involve closing existing trails.

Let's turn to some experts for their take. From the recently released Colorado Parks & Wildlife guide, which was a result of "20 local, state and federal land managers [whose] charge was to develop an updated version of Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind", they offer some key tenets: "Properly managed and maintained trails can provide safe and appropriate use levels and can help provide additional capacity for recreation. While we recognize that the future of recreation and conservation...may at times be unclear, we are confident the work of supporting people and wildlife will be most effective when we recognize that these goals support each other." They go on to say: "Wildlife and trails are critical to the enjoyment of the outdoors and Colorado's way of life, protecting both is not only possible, but necessary. Well planned trails help manage human beings on the landscape and minimize impact on wildlife."

Wait a minute. Isn't this what KCR is already doing with its open space? Properly managed (countless studies,

public feedback, avoidance of certain areas)? Check. Properly maintained (1,000+ volunteer maintenance hours, \$20-25k in contractor single track maintenance, annually)? Check. Well planned trails (trails master plan, integration with biological/archeological/cultural studies, use of commonly accepted building and maintenance standards)? Check.

As for 'conservation areas' – how about the space in between Lost Canyon and Massey Draw? That area is bigger than the proposed Wildcat trail. There are at least 10 other such areas throughout our open space. KCR open space conservation has already happened organically through great trail design. Perhaps all we need to do is formalize those designated areas on the map.

Mark Celusniak, Resident



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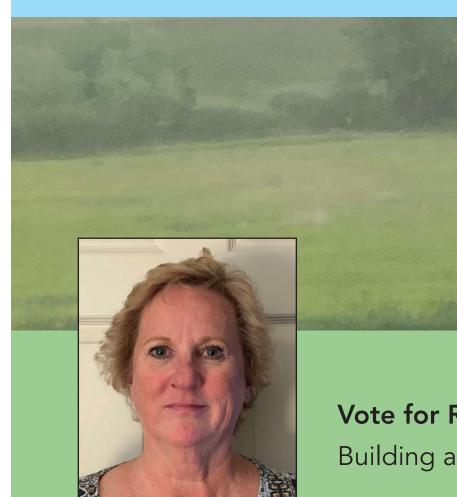
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# Rilla Reinsma

Long-term resident with in-depth knowledge of community needs
Experience on CPC and with MA, MD, and Open Space Committee
Prioritizes balancing community and wildlife needs
Considers community survey results for decision making
Strong community and family values
Skilled in responsible budget allocation



Vote for Rilla Reinsma for MA Board
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