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## **Annual Easter Egg Event!**

Mark your calendars and join us for our Annual Easter Egg Event at the Ranch House on April 1 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.! Kids of all ages can hop on over to participate in a hunt for 7,000 eggs! The event will also feature raffle prizes and a visit with the Easter Bunny. For more information, please turn to page 12.



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## Our Commitment to Being a Firewise Community

By Chris Schroeder, MA Board Vice President

During the 2021/2022 winter season, Ken-Caryl Ranch experienced two fires in our open space. The first being the West Ranch Fire, which was reported on Dec. 5, 2021. The West Ranch Fire burned approximately 12 acres of Gambel/Scrub oak above the High Meadows Trail in the Ken-Caryl open space. Both West Metro and Inter-Canyon Fire Rescue initially

responded to the call and once the fire was contained, an additional three agencies responded to strengthen the fire line and address unburned fuels inside the identified perimeter of the fire line.

The second fire was the Oak Fire along C-470. The Oak Fire was reported on Dec. 27, 2021, just three weeks after the West Ranch Fire and consumed approximately 153 acres along the eastern side of the south hogback. This fire originated near the Westerly Apartments and headed north below the ridge. As reported by West Metro Fire Captain Howard Schieferecke, "Had the wind conditions been different, the fire could have taken off and crossed C-470, burning multiple homes on the Plains side of Ken-Caryl Ranch."

These two fires occurred during the low-fire risk season, but these two fires, combined with the Marshall fire, have demonstrated "fire season" is now year-round. With these fires fresh in our minds, the Ken-Caryl staff and multiple KCRMA committees realized fire awareness and safety was the most crucial issue facing Ken-Caryl Ranch in 2022.

As a result, you may have noticed the extensive fire mitigation work performed by the staff in our open space last year. This work amounted to nearly 1,000 work and volunteer hours logged and more than 23 acres of mowed open space to create a 10-foot-wide buffer. The recommendation to create this buffer was a result of communication with the KCR Firewise Committee, KCR staff and members of South Metro Fire. As reported by South Metro during a Firewise Committee meeting, the 10-foot buffer behind residents' homes is the most extensive mitigation work of any community performed in this area.

You may have also noticed the mitigation work performed in the North Ranch along Golden Eagle Lane at the egress connecting the North Ranch to Willow Springs. This critical evacuation route was burdened with heavy fuel loads choking the road. Thanks to the work of volunteers and staff, the access road was cleared, allowing for a safe egress during an emergency wildfire evacuation.

In addition to mowing and removing fuel loads, members of our staff attended a specialized wildfire mitigation training with a goal to provide consulting and guidance to other staff members, residents and eventually our neighboring communities.

Heading into 2023, it is important to know that Colorado ranks in the top three in the U.S. with total homes at high or extreme risk. Armed with this knowledge, residents in the Plains and in the Valley must embrace individual responsibility to protect their own homes. To do this, please visit our website at www.kencarylranch.org and click on the *Resident Resources* tab, then Firewise Resources to start with the two simple steps below to assist in Community Wildfire Preparedness:

- Register with LookoutAlert (formerly CodeRed) to receive notifications of emergencies, including wildfire evacuation notices.
- Review the Home Ignition Zone Checklist for a step-by-step checklist. Choose one item at a time and check it off the list!

KCRMA is committed to continuing our partnership with Firewise, neighboring fire-fighting agencies, and our community to create a more educated and prepared Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Chris Schroeder, KCRMA Board of Directors

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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12	3 p.m. Historical Society Meeting	6 p.m. Open Space Committee Meeting Dakota Lodge	4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee Meeting	9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	17	18
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	24	25
26	27	6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	29	9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime		

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.

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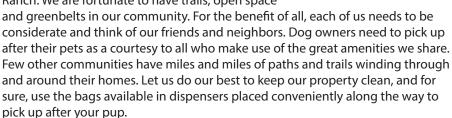
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## **Your Concerns** Addressed!

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Throughout this year, I would like to keep discussing courtesy, kindness, thoughtfulness and being good neighbors in this column. I have been asked to address the issue of picking up after your dogs. We have many wonderful places to walk, play, ride horses, jog, chat with neighbors and in other ways enjoy life outdoors here in Ken-Caryl Ranch. We are fortunate to have trails, open space



In addition, another resident asked that I remind homeowners to refrain from shoveling snow back into the street after the snowplows have cleared the way. Please keep in mind that rules and regulations are dynamic in nature... new issues surface, new regulations are added, outdated ones are deleted and others simply are amended or updated. Ken-Caryl Ranch documents are available on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org, so try to make certain that you, too, are up to date. Also, don't hesitate to call me at 303-979-1876, ext. 109, or email me at darcic@kcranch.org should you have any covenant or architectural questions or comments. I am here to help!

### CORRECTION

## **Local Band to Play Fundraiser: Date Correction**

An article that appeared in the Feb. 15 issue of Life at Ken-Caryl, submitted on behalf of local band The Vinyls, incorrectly listed the date of the band's fundraiser to benefit the local Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's campaign. Please note that the benefit concert will take place on March 4 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 via a QR code available for scanning at the event.

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

## Calling all High **School Seniors!** Ken-Caryl Ranch **Foundation Offers** Two Scholarships

By Dennie McGarry, Resident, Ken-Caryl Ranch

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

### **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 is now available online, and the meeting 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

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



### RANGER FIELD NOTES

## **Living with Coyotes**

By Gary Norton, KCRMA Park Ranger

It is that time of year when coyote activity increases in the open space, along greenbelts and in neighborhoods. They are more visible during their breeding season, which occurs from February through March, and they are also establishing territories and den sites. Along with increased activity, concerns start to rise over the feeding of wildlife. If feeding takes place, coyotes will associate humans with food and chances increase that a coyote/human conflict will occur.

## What do coyotes look like?

- Brownish-gray with a light gray to reddish, cream- colored belly
- Slender muzzle
- Bushy tail
- Typically weigh between 20 to 50 pounds
- They often appear heavier due to a thick, double coat of fur

## How to avoid conflicts with coyotes:

The following list illustrates some of the attractants that draw coyotes close to people. Remove these attractants to discourage coyotes from visiting your property:

- Outdoor pet food or water
- Birdseed or food sources that attract small mammals
- Accessible garbage or compost
- Fallen fruit or berries from trees or shrubs
- Shrubs, woodpiles, decks or any other structure that can provide cover or be used as a den

## Your pets and coyotes:

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- Like domestic dogs, coyotes will defend their territory and their young
- Keep your dog on a short leash while recreating —avoid retractable leashes
- Always supervise your pet outside,

- especially at dawn and dusk
- Pick up small dogs if confronted by a coyote
- Do what you can to discourage a coyote's approach —yell, stomp your feet, throw small sticks and rocks at it.

For more wildlife information or to report the feeding of coyotes, or their aggressive behavior towards humans, please contact Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 303-291-7227. After hours, call Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4501. Information is also available at https://cpw.state.co.us



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## Ken Caryl Concerts Presents "Celebrating Women in Music"

Residents are invited to attend a free community concert, featuring Classical and Contemporary pieces by female composers performed by Mario Barbosa, Kristen Celusniak, Jordan Gratonic, Jennifer Hayghe, and students Josh Keltner, Matthew Wiest and the St. Philip Ringing Brass on March 12 at 3 p.m. at St. Philip Lutheran Church, located at 7531 S. Kendall Blvd, in Littleton.

Light refreshments will be provided following the concert. Freewill offering will support the Iranian Women's Movement and our concert series. stphilip-co.org/concerts

### To my fellow Ken Caryl Residents:

I wanted to take the time to give you a little more information about myself, in hopes that you will consider voting for me in the Ken Caryl Master Association Board of Directors election. Although I am being endorsed by both the Ken Caryl Conservation Club and the Ken Caryl Trails Club, I am not a member of either of these organizations. However, I do appreciate their endorsement. I believe the Plains and the Valley are one community, and I am committed to solving problems and addressing issues regardless of their location. I want to dig in and understand all viewpoints and work to gather the details necessary to determine what is best for the community as a whole and not that of one organization or that of a few loud-speaking individuals.

With many years of professional experience managing budgets for both capital projects and operations expenses, I know that I have the skills to be fiscally responsible to this community and perform the proper due diligence when it comes to allocating the budget and approving the expenditures.

One of the community's most significant issues is the new development that will bring 750 new families to our community. We must take the time to understand the impact to our amenities, and to plan ahead in order to make the necessary changes so that we don't overburden those amenities. It is equally important to be sure that the NADG understands all our governing documents, so that the new neighborhoods are developed following the requirements in these documents. In addition, we need to educate NADG on the challenges we have today with fencing, greenbelts, water and irrigation costs, and other areas of concern, so that we don't have the same maintenance problems in the future.

Ongoing fire mitigation is another critical area of concern. We need to continue to reduce our risks in our common areas and open space. We need to review our plans on an annual or biannual basis to be sure that we are addressing the highest areas of risk. Continuing to educate homeowners on what they can do to reduce the risk on their property is critical and will benefit the entire community. I would propose we have town hall meetings with the community on an annual or biannual basis, specifically on this subject.

Conservation was one of the four top priorities in the last community survey. Conservation needs to be addressed. There needs to be a concerted effort to really understand what the community wants when it comes to conservation. I proposed in the candidate forum that we hire an expert to work with a task force to gather professional input and feedback from community surveys, much like the MD is doing for the community park. It will take a lot of cooperation, compromise, and hard work, but I do believe it is feasible. I ask that you please vote, as it is the only way to express your views on how we want to move our beautiful and amazing community forward. I would appreciate your consideration when voting and I promise to represent this community and work hard to have your voices heard.

Debbie Seagraves

Master Association Board of Directors Candidate.

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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 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 above 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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## Make a Splash with the Ken-Caryl Lightning Swim Club!

The Ken-Caryl Lightning Swim Club is one of the most successful (and fun!) competitive recreational summer swim teams in the Denver area. We strive to promote the love of swimming in Ken-Caryl youth, and have been a part of this community for over 30 years.

The Ken-Caryl Lightning Swim Club is open to both Ken-Caryl residents and non-residents, ages 5 to 18. Please note that this is not a learn-to-swim

program. New swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters (one length of the pool) successfully and will be assessed for team readiness by our coaching staff at swim clinics held in March, April and May at the Lilly Gulch swimming pool. Team membership is limited to ensure safety, full participation, and FUN! Ken-Caryl Lightning is a volunteer-run swim team, and parent participation is a requirement.

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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 Leader

  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 major roadways look impeccable with well-kept trees and shrubs.



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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

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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 their best.

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.





### **Chris Schroeder**

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## **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 golf.

## 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.

### 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

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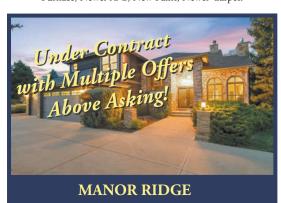
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If you or your company is interested in being a guest speaker for this program, please reach out to Kate McDonald at katem@kcranch.org. Stay tuned for more information on program topics!



## **Community Park Master Plan Next Steps**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the community feedback process for the Community Park Master Plan. We held two successful community meetings and received several hundred responses to surveys. Three concept designs were presented at the 2nd community meeting. After gathering feedback from the community and key stakeholders, the consultant, Brightview Design Group, is developing an updated design concept to present to the community in late March (date TBD). If you have any questions, please contact District Manager Traci Wieland at traciw@ kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 136.

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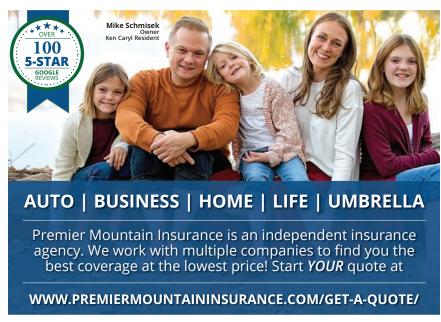




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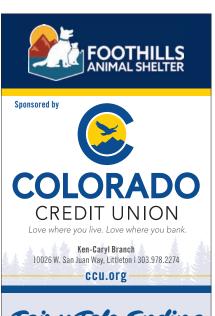
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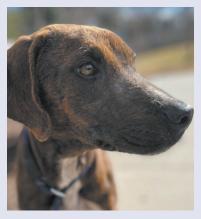
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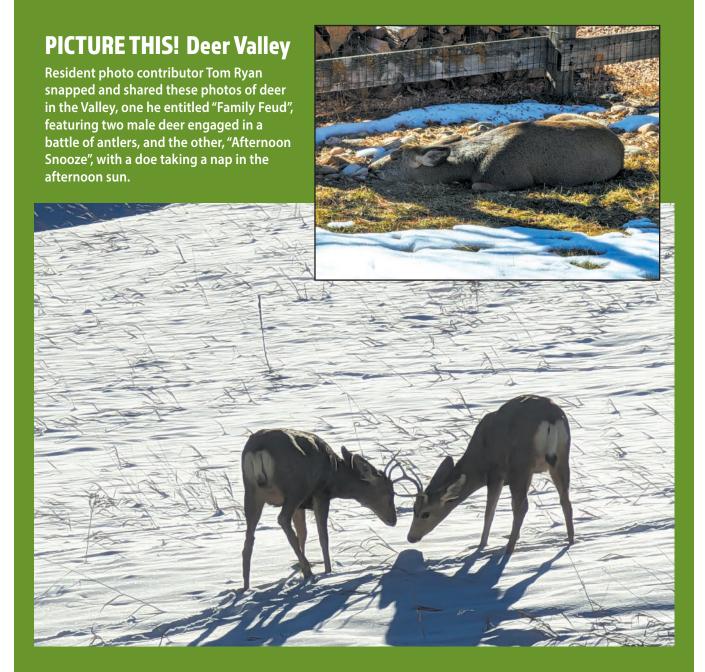
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**Robert Campbell Tennis Program Supervisor** robert@kcranch.org 303-979-2233, ext. 202

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## **Adult Tennis Lessons**

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Get into the game with Cardio Tennis! Here's the game plan:

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- Wednesday 7 p.m., 3.0 and below
- Friday 8 a.m.: level 3.5+
- Friday 9 a.m.: level 3.0 & below
- Saturday: 8 a.m. level 3.5+ Be sure to mark your calendars! Online registration opens 48 hours in advance at www.ken-carylranch.org.

## **Summer Camp Registration**

It's almost time for summer camp registration! Traditional day camp options are located at the Ranch House and Dakota Lodge for school-age campers and at the Community Center for preschool age campers. Registration will open in phases. The first day of each window will open at 9 a.m. that day. The last day of each window will close at 5 p.m. that day. Date windows are:

March 6-10: 2022-2023 B&A and Preschool families that qualify as priority.

March 13-24: Public - Ken-Caryl **In-District Residents** 

March 27-31: Public - Non-

then Youth Programs.

See camp details at www.kencarylranch.org under Programs

## Wonders of Nature - Topic-**Based Sessions**

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

### **Register for Before & After School Care**

Register your child for our B&A Care program this fall at either our Ranch House or Dakota Lodge to coveniently serve Bradford and Shaffer families! KCRMD Before & **After School Recreation Programs** provide a caring, safe and fun learning environment. Students explore a wide variety of activities that develop learning, encourage imagination and promote positive social skills. Join us for exciting science experiments, cooking, art projects, sports, games, reading, homework help and more! We offer year-round care and provide full-day care on most early release days, school holidays and vacations. Register and pay only for the days you need each month! Register on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org, under the Programs tab, then Youth Programs and School-Age Care.

### **Skyhawks Sports**

Skyhawks provides a noncompetitive environment to teach sports to kids ages 4 to 14. Their goal is to give each child a positive introduction into sports. For more information, program offerings and to register, please visit, skyhawks.fun/kcr.

## **Babytime at the Ranch House**

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### **Spring Nature Adult Enrichment**

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

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- **⊘** Impact to amenities
- ✓ Educate the NADG on the current maintenance challenges we have today with fencing, greenbelts, water and irrigation costs as well as other concerts, so that we don't have the same maintenance problems in the future.

## Fire Mitigation:

- **♂** Risk Management

## Conservation



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If you are 65 or older and are ready to get back in the gym or want to join a fitness class, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District has an amazing opportunity for you do to it for FREE! The District accepts the following nationwide insurance-based exercise programs:

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\*Silver&Fit® / Active&Fit® https://www.silverandfit.com/

Each entity provides a program designed exclusively for older adults. These memberships offer the following amenities:

- \* Free access to the gym and cardio equipment at the Community Center
- \* Free access to indoor fitness classes at the Community Center
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For more information on each program, and to check eligibility, please click on the program links above. Eligible health plan members can stop by the Community Center and provide their insurance member ID number or card to establish a membership to the options provided by the Metropolitan District.

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For the latest information on current fire restrictions and bans in Jefferson County, please visit Jeffco's website at https://www. jeffco.us/511/Fire-Restrictions-Bans. Residents may also call Jeffco's Fire Information Hotline for information regarding Jefferson County remote SLASH collection, burn permits and fireworks, and current Jefferson County fire restrictions and bans at 303-271-8200.

## PICTURE THIS! Matters of the Heart

Seeing the world through "heart"-shaped glasses! Happy Valentine's Day from our Art Ventures students who enjoyed making this lovebug craft together. Photo courtesy of Anna Peterson.





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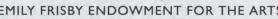
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## **Trash and Recycling Totes**

Residents have the option of using their own trash and recycling containers/bags or using 96-gallon totes provided at no charge by Waste Connections. To order totes, send an email to WASTE CONNECTIONS INC. kencarylco@wasteconnections.com, say that you want to sign up for totes, and provide your name, address, email address, and phone number. You can request both trash and recycling totes, just a trash tote, or just a recycling tote.

## **Holiday Trash Delays**

Waste Connections observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, unless they fall on a weekend. If your normal pickup day falls on or after a holiday, your collection schedule will run one day late that week.





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## Resident Releases New Novel, Hosts Book Signing at the Dakota Lodge

If you're looking for a book that captures the thrills, adrenaline of skiing the steeps in the backcountry, you're sure to like "The Procedure" by Ken-Caryl author Elea Plotkin. This riveting, plot-driven story takes place in the alpine

wonderlands of the Mountain West, Canada, Alaska. Loaded with extreme skiing and dramatic suspense, it will take you on an epic adventure filled with near misses and athletic triumphs, delivered with a passion for all these mountains give and all they take away. Available online at Amazon, Target, Barnes and Noble, Walmart, Elea will be signing copies for purchase on Saturday, April 1, from 1-4 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge, located at 14422 W. Ken Caryl Ave. Cash/ checks accepted. (Sorry, no credit

**About the Novel:** Professional extreme skier, single mother of a disabled child with a seizure disorder, Whitney Olson from Crested Butte, Colorado, is being sponsored by a powerful



Author and Resident Elea Plotkin.

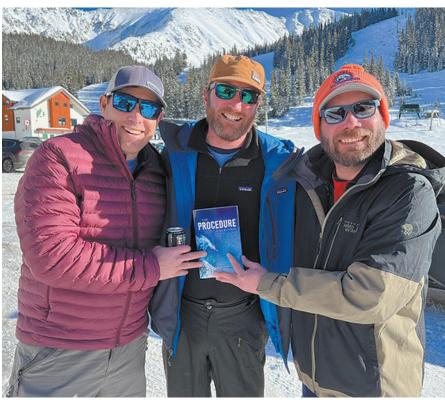
multinational company to travel, train and film promotional videos with an elite corps of competitive skiers as they prepare for the World Extreme Ski Championship in La Grave, France. Heli-skiing and mountain climbing in some of the most beautiful, but dangerous peaks in the world, Whitney must survive avalanches, crevasses, deadly steeps, and a duplicitous team member who is out to destroy her as they vie for over a million dollars in prize money and other lucrative commercial opportunities.

The company and its ruthless coach will stop at nothing to groom their two young female proteges to win and promote products, sending them to Belgrade to undergo a clandestine neuro-surgical procedure that eliminates their perception of fear. Shaping them into superhuman athletes with amazing physical prowess and unstoppable courage, the two women develop disturbing personality changes, destructive impulses that threaten the stability of the team and their lives. The team's traveling publicist suspects something sinister is going on, and begins to investigate further, secretly writing an expose with the potential to undo Whitney, and all she has achieved.

A contemporary adventure/thriller, "The Procedure" immerses the reader into the adrenaline-filled world of extreme skiing and ski mountaineering in the spectacular alpine terrain of Portillo, Chile; Valdez, Alaska; and the Haute-Alps. As a reader, you will feel the blowing icy snow against your body and experience skiing off a forty-foot cliff, as you imagine yourself heli-skiing atop a remote, hanging glacier.

As Whitney navigates the risks of competitive free-skiing, the struggle of single parenthood, she also confronts the challenges that female athletes have historically endured in order to succeed. Suspenseful, entertaining, full of subplots and compelling characters, "The Procedure" is part Hunger Games, Warren Miller ski film, Lance Armstrong story and pure page-turning escapism. Recently, the novel was optioned by Laughing Tiger Films for adaptation to screenplay.

**About the author:** Elea Plotkin is a Ken-Caryl resident. She has spent a lifetime downhill skiing, hiking and climbing in the North Cascades and Rocky Mountains. An acclaimed jazz singer-songwriter, recording artist and classical pianist, Elea loves writing stories that bring readers into the great outdoors.



Elea Plotkin's new novel, "The Procedure", is available for purchase.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *Life at Ken-Caryl* Policy: Letter to the Editor

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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 handdelivered 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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Association accepts any responsibility for the content of these letters. Writers accept full responsibility for their written word. Letters should comply with acceptable standards for courtesy and respect.

Email to allisonh@kcranch.org. Deadline for March 15 paper is March 6 at 9 a.m.

## Dear Editor:

I've seen letters and have heard the Board is being asked to consider shutting down all trails in the south area, including Wildcat. Why would the Board even consider such a preposterous idea? As per survey data, the majority of residents want trails as this is the #1 desired amenity. Also, I've met multiple prospective buyers coming into the Ken-Caryl Valley and they are excited about having trail access. The trails serve so many residents for many activities: walking dogs, hiking, jogging, mountain biking, star gazing, etc... I'm pleading to the MA Board to not consider such proposals from a vocal minority and keep our prized shared community asset open to all residents.

Thank you, Paul Madsen, Resident

## Dear Editor:

The ideas floated by the supposed 'conservationist' agenda are well intentioned, but flawed. They hurt property values, reduce quality for life for residents, increase wildfire risks and don't actually provide conservation.

We have a definition problem. What exactly is conservation? By default, open space is already preserved and conserved – no development. Mr. Fodor, by contrast, has repeatedly called for closing all trails south of



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Massey Draw (20+ miles). He wants this to be 'wilderness', creating "a safe space" for hikers. He's publicly stated that if one more of his fellow conservationists are elected, they will make sure trail closures happen. In contrast, Colorado Parks and Wildlife states "in addition to the benefits trails provide to recreationists, they can also act as tools to support wildlife needs and conservation goals". So, which is it? The professionals recognize trails are part of conservation. Why would we listen to the demands of a handful of the same people who only have one true motivation? They want to shut down mountain biking at all costs - including spreading lies ("out of control injuries!", "vast amounts of trespassing!", "damaging sensitive habitat!", "racing!") and perpetuating the notion that conservation means closed.

What are the implications of these potential closures? Loss of access to better boundary management (ensuring non-resident access is minimized – one of the things these same people often worry about!), loss of potential fire breaks (such as High Meadow Trail, which served a role in preventing the spread of a recent fire in our open space), loss of controlling open space use in those areas (trails direct use to terrain that biological studies show least impact) and loss of a big piece of the #1 amenity that residents value (KC survey results) at a time when we are on track to add 2,000 new residents (NAGD development). Mr. Fodor, Ms. Reinsma and company, here are a few more quotes for you to ponder from that CPW study:

"Trails remain an invaluable tool to meet both recreation and conservation needs."

"People don't need trails. The land needs trails."

"The most important thing is getting rid of the myth that increasing visitors and protecting resources are incompatible."

Colin Crotty, Resident

## Dear Editor:

Conservation does not have to mean shutting down access to trails. If you appreciate the amazing trail system we are blessed to enjoy in Ken-Caryl, and are against closing of existing trails, please vote for Chris Schroeder and Deb Seagraves in the upcoming MA election. The other candidates are singularly focused on closing trails while Chris & Deb have a balanced view on all the important issues facing our community.

Dave Whittaker, Resident

## **Dear Editor:**

I advocate a wonderful ecological restoration program run by the Audubon Society called Habitat Hero that I received a Gold award for. Please see this quote from the Audubon on the importance: "One of the biggest bird conservation threats is habitat loss. To address this, our Habitat Hero program provides people, businesses, and cities with the resources to create bird habitat in their own communities. By planting bird-friendly gardens with native plants, not only are we creating more beautiful and water-efficient communities; we're connecting people to nature. Learn how you can conserve birds through native gardening."

Ecological restoration is a top priority for me, and I invite others to join me to make a big impact on protecting, preserving our bees, butterflies, moths, bats, hawks, oven birds, owls, eagles, hummingbirds and all the other wonderful creatures we are so lucky to see firsthand. Our neighborhood can benefit greatly, and this is a perfect complement to helping the MA and MD in the management and beautification of the neighborhood. It improves aesthetics, has enormous environmental benefits, it can save money on water bills and help wildlife - all at the same time. Traci and the KCRMD horticulture team are already doing amazing things like this in our parks and shared spaces - the results are stunning! I am sure Brian and the KCRMA would love to see beautiful landscaping with native plants and beneficial flowers at our homes. This is an excellent world class conservation program, and is endorsed, supported and advocated by the Audubon Society.

If you love hummingbirds like I do, this is the best thing for them, you are guaranteed visits from speedy little daredevils, they might even invite their friends over and build a nest in your garden. I am working to bring this program and more conservation projects to our neighborhood. I am more than happy to share my knowledge and help anyone interested. More information available at https://rockies.audubon.org/ habitat-hero.

Thank you, Tim Berg, Resident and Habitat Hero

## Dear Editor:

I want to encourage Ken-Caryl voters to elect Rilla Reinsma for the 2023 Master Association Board. Rilla has a long record of participation with important committees, including the Open Space Committee and the Community Planning Committee, where she has served since 2017, attending 95% of those meetings.

As a 30-year Ken-Caryl resident, Rilla has been an active user of the open space and has been involved in the community not only through her leadership roles, but with other volunteer activities.

Rilla is fiscally conservative and understands budgets and expenditures. She wants the entire community heard when it comes to spending our funds and she feels a more detailed review of the last two Ken-Caryl surveys will allow for a better representation of resident wishes for Ken-Caryl's overall esthetic. Her concerns include fencing and ongoing maintenance efforts, and a balance between open space use and development, and preservation of our wildlife and our beautiful open space that we have the privilege to steward.

Rilla will help to bring a fresh voice to what has traditionally been a maledominated board. She will provide a needed feminine perspective and her election will create a better balance in our leadership.

Rilla embraces the older Ken-Caryl slogan of "True Colorado Living". Her pride in our community leads Rilla to request your vote that will give her the ability to honor the wishes of all Ken-Caryl residents without bias to any special interest group.

Please proudly support Rilla when you vote and when you talk to your neighbors.

Lori Kaes, Resident

## Dear Editor:

For several reasons, it is important to have women like Debbie Seagraves and Rilla Reinsma represent Ken-Caryl residents on the Master Association Board.

First, women bring a different perspective and approach to problemsolving 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

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:

I do not participate in any social media, never have, and never will. However, I was informed of a KC Neighbors Facebook post on Tuesday evening Feb. 14, by an individual(s) that was a total smear against me. I have been a member of this community for over 30 years, and for over 6 years I have been attending almost all MA, MD and Open Space committee meetings. My comments as a resident can be found in the minutes of these meetings. This post and all of its lies thrown towards me, is a cowardly attempt to control. I believe

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**&** Life at Ken-Caryl March 1, 2023 this person(s) knows that I do not participate in social media, and so can "hide" behind the keyboard and spew forth all kinds of hogwash.

Is this a subverted attempt to skew votes in the current MA Board election against me because this person disagrees with me? One of the questions from the webinar on Feb. 13 for the candidates was about the polarization in the community and what would I do about it if elected to the Board. I said that there have been misunderstandings and misperceptions presented. This gives a bad image to both sides, tainting each. Spew lies when you don't agree with someone. This post is a classic example of the polarization and the individual(s)' post does nothing but perpetuate it. This individual(s) is/are being a part of the problem instead a part of the solution.

If you would like to hear from me directly, I will give you honest answers. Please email me at outdoorenth@gmail.com

Rilla Reinsma, Resident and MA Board Candidate

### Dear Editor:

The Ken-Caryl Conservation Club (KCCC) is supporting and endorsing Rilla Reinsma and Deb Seagraves for the Ken-Caryl Master Association Board of Directors.

Rilla and Deb believe in fiscal responsibility and will perform proper due diligence in allocating the budget and approving expenditures. Creating a "conservation area" was one of the four top priorities in the last community survey. They both agree that conservation in our open space needs to be addressed. Both women are dedicated and committed to serving the KC community and will strive to make thoughtful decisions that represent the needs of all residents. Their long-term residency in Ken-Caryl provides them with perspective and insight to serve as skilled MA Board Directors.

For the past six years, Rilla has been actively involved in attending MA, MD and Open Space Committee meetings, as well as serving on the Community Planning Committee. Rilla is very knowledgeable about everything in KC.

Rilla believes in compromise on open space issues and is intent on finding solutions that balance the needs of all residents and wildlife. Diversity and compromise are crucial for the well-being and sustainability of KC. Her important issues include not only conservation, but perimeter fencing, equestrian center improvements and trail safety. She will represent this community and work hard to have your voices heard.

Deb is one of the most sincere persons that I have met. She truly has no personal agenda or self-interests. She intends to represent the residents and their needs and what they want in their community whether they live in the Plains or the Valley. She will be a true representative of the people.

Deb proposed a very reasonable solution to the conservation issue. She suggests hiring an unbiased professional expert to work with a KC task force to gather feedback to really understand what the community wants concerning conservation. The experts can also recommend best possible conservation area locations. Deb will also focus on the new NADG development and make certain governing documents are followed.

Please join KCCC and vote for these highly qualified candidates, so we

can move our beautiful and amazing community forward.

Linda Metzger, Resident

## Dear Editor:

In response to a recent Letter to the Editor (Feb. 15) from Ryan Waldron, he made some incorrect statements concerning the Ken-Caryl Conservation Club (KCCC). Mr. Waldron claims in his letter to have reached out to request some collaboration from KCCC to develop solutions that support conservation. However, no emails were received from him at the KCCC email address (kencarylconservationclub@yahoo. com). KCCC's Mission Statement and contact email are listed on the Ken-Caryl website under Community Groups. KCCC is easy to reach if you wish to do so.

The Ken-Caryl Conservation Club is a diverse group of residents who support and promote awareness of issues and activities aimed at preserving, protecting, and experiencing Ken-Caryl's most valuable assets, which are our Open Space, wildlife, flora, and their habitat.

KCCC believes that there currently exists a wonderful, very extensive, (> 45 miles) network of backcountry trails in Ken-Caryl's open space. The continued effort to construct more and more trails farther and further up into the remaining far reaches of open space is likely to compromise and adversely impact wildlife and their habitat. KCCC also supports the creation of a "conservation area" where wildlife can thrive.

While KCCC respects Dr. Fodor and may share some of his views, KCCC does not advocate the closure of any trails, as proposed by him, nor is he a member of KCCC. His position is too extreme for most KC residents. Since Dr. Fodor does not represent the views of KCCC, it is not accurate to refer to KCCC as synonymous with Dr. Fodor.

If you have any questions about KCCC, please email kencarylconservationclub@yahoo. com. Thank you, Mr. Waldron, for giving me the opportunity to promote the well-respected Ken-Caryl Conservation Club.

Linda Metzger, Resident

## Dear Editor:

A decade ago, a community conflict began and needs a solution. Doing the same thing and expecting a different result isn't working. A change in Board rotation with new faces and fresh ideas is healthy.

- \* I hope everyone votes for Rilla Reinsma for MA Board Member.
- \* She is objective, well informed, and would be a tremendous addition to the MA Board.

I am Jim Fodor, also a candidate; independent and not affiliated with any group or club. Each household can vote for two persons. My goal is the fair distribution of MA revenue. My passion is the future of Ken-Caryl and preservation of the open space which has fascinated me ever since moving here in 1983.

More voters fear the open space is deteriorating and my vote count increased from 493 at first, then 752, and to 964 in the last election. We need just a few hundred more votes. If you feel this safe zone or Conservation Area will help solve a major community issue, please consider a vote for Jim. After all, the Docmann Trail statistics show in 291 individual days during 2019 and 2020, there were only 359 hikers or 1.23 hikers per day.

- \* Coincidentally, since Docmann opened we lost eagles, encroachment of raptor foraging areas, and elk from the South Docmann elk corridor.
- \* Fewer than 2 hikers per day will not spook the wildlife.
- \* Mountain bikers with other trail users would still have the vast majority of Foothills and Hogback open space combined. Be fair, it's for the overall safety and good of the community.
- Is this Fair Treatment?

  \* Bell Property Apartments and residents pay KCR dues.
- \* Bell Property management can take the survey. Why can't residents take the survey?
- \* Some KCR subdivisions have signage paid for by their own sub-associations. Others do not.
- \* Three pay for their own irrigation water.
- \* Why does one subdivision pay for rock retaining wall repair?

\* Do some subdivisions feel left out? These seem like very legitimate concerns. I feel respect, communication and transparency are the key to resolving conflicts.

Jim Fodor, Resident and MA Board Candidate

## Dear Editor:

I want to voice my support for our trail system in KCR and thank the MA Board for its service over the years to approve the building of this marvelous trail network for use by hikers, mountain bikers, and horses. Our trails are a precious gem we have here in KCR and are widely utilized by many members of our community. I hope we continue to have an MA Board that supports our beloved trails for use by all in the way they love to ascend or descend. There is rhetoric about the legitimacy of trails south of Massey Draw for use by mountain bikers by some who are running for the MA Board, their ambition to close them or close to mountain biking. I will be voting for MA Board candidates who have voiced their forward-thinking interests and preservation of our valued trail network. Please join me in voting for support of Chris Schroeder and Deb Seagraves.

Sean Lupien, Resident

## Dear Editor:

I would like to invite all KC residents to please take a look at KCRMA Board candidate Michael Phipps. Michael is a fresh face in KC politics, and a relatively new resident of the Village neighborhood in KC Plains, by the Ranch House. His reasonable and objective perspective will be a breath of fresh air, free of all the anti-trails vs. pro-trails rancor that has dominated Ranch House politics over the past decade. In fact, Michael is the only choice that is not an anti-trails versus pro-trails endorsed vote.

Michael is keenly interested in issues like amenities for KC families and perimeter fencing...and will be a force in directing our HOA dues wisely to projects that enhance our lifestyle and preserve our property values, like replacing the perimeter fencing. As of Feb. 17, as I write this

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letter, the Fence Task Force chair and the KCRMA manager have stated their position that perimeter fencing will not be replaced. There exists quite some public confusion, misperception, and even misrepresentation on that subject.

I encourage you to watch the MA candidate forum and see for yourself what Michael has to offer. He is a quick study and understands KCR very well. The candidate forum video recording can be found under the Board of Directors menu on the KCR website.

Michael will be able to pierce through all the fog, get things done, and provide solid and sensible leadership to KCR. Please join me in voting for Michael Phipps in the KCRMA Board election going on right now.

Thanks, neighbors! *Jerry Sullivan, Resident* 

Editor's Note: As with all exterior home improvements and repairs, residents are responsible for the repair and replacement of fencing on their individual properties. The Fence Task Force's responsibility is to address fencing inconsistencies and appearance on Ken-Caryl Ranch and to develop recommendations for improvements to community perimeter fencing that borders major roads, greenbelts, open space and other areas, as needed. Fencing located on Jeffco-owned land will be maintained and/or replaced by Jefferson County. The MA is only responsible for the repair and replacement of fencing located on MAowned property.

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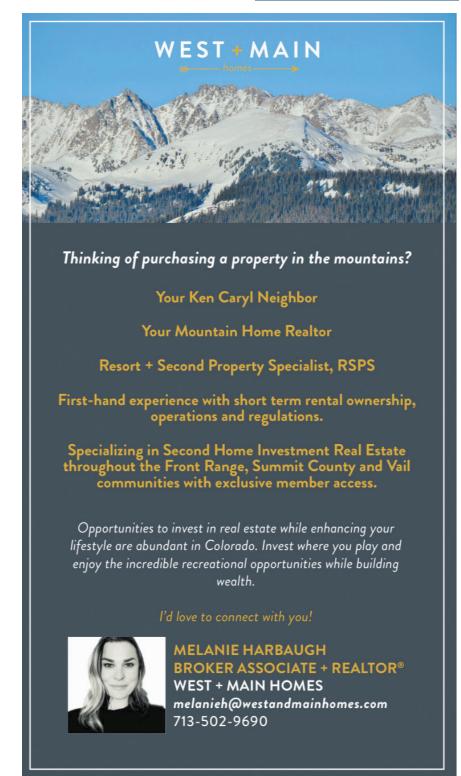
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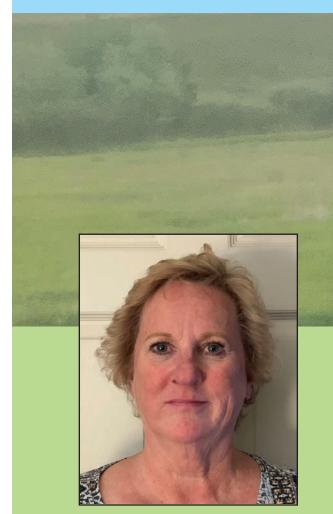
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