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**Save the Date: 2022 Recycling & Clean-up Event, May 7**

Mark your calendars for this year’s Recycling & Clean-up Event on May 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Ranch House. This event is FREE for all residents except for a fee for TVs, monitors and floor printers. Recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics, small appliances, furniture and trash! For more information, including a list of acceptable items and items we cannot take, please visit our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org), under Special Events. Please note that there will not be paint or stain recycling available this year. Alternative paint recycling options are published on our website. Turn to page 12 for additional event details!



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# Community Recycling and Clean-Up Event

By Victoria DeSair, KCRMA Executive Director

It’s almost time for my favorite event of the year: the Community Recycling and Clean-Up Event! This year’s event is Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Ranch House parking lot. The event is funded and planned by the Master Association, along with the generous support of sponsors Eva Stadelmaier, Gravina’s Window Center of Littleton and Fusion Financial Group.



The Community Recycling and Clean-Up Event is for Ken-Caryl residents only, and the best part: it’s FREE except a fee for TVs, monitors and floor printers! So, clean up your house, garage and yard and get rid of waste. It’s also the perfect time to harden your home to prepare for wildfire and create defensible space around your property. For information on preparing your home for wildfire, see the Firewise Resources page on our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) under *Resident Resources*.

We take a wide variety of items at the event, including small appliances, TVs and monitors (fee applies), electronics, furniture, paper for shredding, scrap metal, tires, trash (including bulk items), printers (fee for floor models) and tree branches for the chipper.

This year, we will not have on-site paint recycling at the event, but the company that does the paint recycling, Green Sheen, will be offering curbside pickup at residents’ homes. We don’t have the details yet on curbside paint recycling, but we will soon post details on our website and include in an upcoming paper. You can also recycle paint at Rooney Road Recycling Center. See details at [www.rooneyroadrecycling.org](http://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org).

Please note that we CANNOT take the following items: batteries, chemicals, lightbulbs, large appliances, paint, stain, spray paint, paint thinner, or prescription drugs. For information on where to take items we do not accept, see [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) under the Programs tab, then Special Events.

We are so happy to offer this event again to the residents of Ken-Caryl. It is always very popular, and I hope it provides a great service for the residents. While I know the line for the event is long first thing in the morning, I encourage you to come a little later (after 10 a.m.) when the line is typically much shorter. And don’t forget, we close promptly at 2 p.m.!

Please reach out to me at [victoriad@kcranch.org](mailto:victoriad@kcranch.org) or 303-979-1876, ext. 122, if you have any questions or concerns.

## JEFFCO CONNECT

# Jeffco Seeking Input on Proposed Bike Draft Plan

Jefferson County is seeking input on the Draft Bicycle Plan. The Jefferson County Bicycle Plan builds upon decades of investment in the County’s on-street bikeway and shared-use path system. This Plan evaluates the local and regional bicycling needs and envisions a future Jefferson County that supports bicycling not only as form of recreation but a viable and well-utilized form of transportation. This Plan specifically includes recommendations for making bicycling safe, comfortable, and connected on streets and roads in unincorporated Jefferson County. You can review the plan and provide feedback to the County at <https://www.jeffco.us/2867/Bicycle-Plan-Update>.



# April

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
10	11	12 6 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	13	14 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 10:15 a.m. Storytime	15	16
17	18	19 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	20 4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee	21 10:15 a.m. Storytime	22	23
24	25	26 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	27	28 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 10:15 a.m. Storytime	29	30

Information regarding audio and video conferencing options for public meetings will be communicated as it becomes available. See website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) for details.

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Spring Has Sprung!

By Brian Yowell, Community Administrator

As I drive around Ken-Caryl, I’ve noticed the grass starting to wake up from its slumber, flowers beginning to peek out of the ground and trees starting to bud.

With all this new life sprouting up around us, we also need to be cognizant of the havoc caused by winter by having a plan for yard clean-up, tree trimming, removal of dead and dying bushes and trees, and the inevitable maintenance that our fences, yards and home exteriors need.

This spring, KCRMA will be focusing on community-wide fence maintenance and repair and will be paying particular attention to landscaping and maintenance issues that may be a fire hazard. If you have plans to address any maintenance issues, I encourage you to submit for review and approval sooner rather than later. Approval can take up to two weeks, but is generally reviewed and approved within a few days!

Please submit online at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org), under the *Resident Resources* tab, and be sure to include a photo of area in which the improvement is to take place, specifications on the colors and materials that are to be used, and plot plans showing measurements, dimensions and setbacks, where applicable.

No approval is required for maintenance and/or clean-up. If you have any questions on your project or what needs to be submitted, please don’t hesitate to reach out and I’ll be happy to guide you through the process.

Thank you for keeping Ken-Caryl Ranch beautiful.



At your service,  
Brian Yowell

◆ GIVING BACK

Resident Organizes Benefit Concert to Support Ukrainian Aid

By Michael Kelley, Resident

A Ken-Caryl resident Michael Kelley, with his wife Cheryl lerna and their daughter, moved from Boston to enjoy Colorado’s mountains, skiing, hiking and all the nature Colorado has to offer in 1993. They took up residence in Ken-Caryl and haven’t looked back. Having rallied for causes in the past, Michael has turned his energy and passion into supporting the efforts in Ukraine.



The Vinyls will perform a benefit concert to generate funding for medical supplies to aid victims in Ukraine.

Since Russia launched a full-scale military invasion into Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, Ukraine is in a human rights and humanitarian crisis. About 6.48 million people are estimated to be displaced within the borders of Ukraine, and more than 3.3 million people have fled Ukraine, becoming refugees.

As a graduate of Boston’s Berklee College of Music, with a degree in Performance, Michael is using his considerable talent to organize a benefit for Ukraine working with Ukrainians of Colorado and Project C.U.R.E, a humanitarian relief aid organization, and sponsored by Behind the Scenes Taphouse, located at 10488 W. Centennial Road in Littleton.

On April 22 at 6 p.m., Michael will present an hour of jazz with his quartet, the Hot Blue Q. The band specializes in jazz, Latin, Brazilian and funky instrumental music. Michael plays tenor and alto saxophones, as well as a Yamaha wind synthesizer. He will be joined by Adam Revell on piano, Jason Malmberg on bass and Ryan Elwood on drums.

At 7:30 p.m., Michael’s other interest, Ken-Caryl’s own The Vinyls, a contemporary cover band, will rock the house. The band features Michael on sax, with his Ken-Caryl neighbors, Brian and Susan Boyle, guitar, vocals and keyboard, Larry McMahon on lead guitar, Greg Horner on drums and Peter Hovland on bass. Cover charge is free with a suggested donation of \$10. Michael’s goal is to send medical supplies and humanitarian aid to the region.



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Rules Concerning Homes Bordering Open Space

Gary Norton, KCRMA Park Ranger  
 Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers routinely monitor the 17.5-mile interface, adjacent to the 850 homes that border open space, to look for encroachments and landscape violations. To minimize the impacts to open space, the KCRMA Board of Directors incorporated the Open Space & Parks Rules and Enforcement Policy regarding open space violations next to homes. The following are examples of open space violations and their potential impacts:  
**Dumping**  
 Grass clippings, branches, other yard waste, dog feces and construction debris. Yard waste may can contain non-native seeds that can germinate and crowd out native and other desirable plants in the open space. Dump piles can smother and kill existing native vegetation.  
**Driving in Open Space**  
 Contractors using open space to access an owner’s property, transportation of materials, ATVs or any other unauthorized vehicles in open space. Harm to the open space

includes weed invasions, unsightly scars, erosion and a potential ignition source for wildfires.  
**Excessive Mowing**  
 Mowing beyond the allowed ten-foot-wide swath where private property meets open space. Excessive mowing prevents seed development of native plants, not allowing them to reseed. Some native plants can be killed by excessive mowing, and variations in excessive mowing create an unsightly mosaic of the private property/open space boundaries.  
**Structures**  
 Retaining walls, pathways or trails, extension of private landscaping, birdfeeders, play equipment (swing sets, trampolines, etc.), invisible dog fences or other fences, or any other structures are prohibited. The open space in not intended to be used as an extension of the homeowner’s property.  
**Planting in Open Space**  
 This includes trees, shrubs, non-native vegetation, or any other non-approved plantings. Planting non-native species can compete with native species.  
**Landscape Rules Violation Procedure**  
 If a KCR Rules Violation is found adjacent to your property, you will be issued a KCR Contact Notice requiring

you to stop and/or clean-up the area by a deadline. Failure to meet the mitigation deadline may result in a second contact notice. Any two or more violations or contact notices for the same violation within a 36-month period may result in a Notice of Hearing to appear before the KCRMA Board of Directors and penalties can be imposed.

Note: Residents are responsible for the actions of their contractors. When a contractor is driving on open space, dumping material, installing a fence in open space, etc., the resident will be cited and expected to mitigate the violation.  
 If you would like to know more information about rules violations or noxious weed management, contact the KCRMA Park Ranger staff at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

HORSIN’ AROUND

Volunteers Needed and Pony Rides Return to the Equestrian Center!

**Call for Camp Volunteers**  
 Do you love horses? Want to meet new friends who love them too? Come hang out with us this summer by helping at summer camp! The Ken-Caryl Equestrian Center is looking for volunteers aged 13 and up with horse experience to assist with summer camps. We have two opportunities available for volunteers, Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., daily, to assist with campers ages 8-12 years. The second opportunity is for our

Picnic with Ponies camp, Tuesday – Thursday, from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., daily, for campers ages 6-8 years old.  
 All volunteers must be able to groom and tack up on their own. If interested, please contact Jennifer for more information at eqschool@kcranch.org, or 303-972-8456.  
**Pony Rides at the Equestrian Center**  
 Do you have a horse-crazy preschooler? The Ken-Caryl Riding School will be offering pony rides during select school days this spring! Rides are 10 minutes in duration and hand-led for \$25. To check availability, please use the sign-up link on our website, under the *Parks & Facilities* tab, then click on Equestrian Center.

OUR COMMUNITY

Love ‘em, Leash ‘em! Jeffco Leash Laws Apply in Ken-Caryl

Regardless of their training or temperament, unleashed dogs may be a danger to other dogs, people and wildlife. Off-leash dogs are also a danger to themselves by running into nearby streets, being hit by cars, being bitten by wildlife, or getting lost. Please be considerate of your neighbors and their four-legged friends by leashing your dog. Residents are reminded that Jeffco leash laws apply to all parts of Ken-Caryl Ranch, including Jeffco School District fields. Rangers who observe leash law violators will be issued a contact notice. Jeffco can also issue citations and fines up to \$1,000 for unleashed dogs. Unleashed dogs may also be impounded, and owners will be responsible for all applicable impoundment and boarding fees. For more information on Jeffco’s Leash Law, please visit [www.jeffco.us](http://www.jeffco.us).

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# Meet Your 2022 MD Board Candidates

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Excerpts from each candidate's profile will be printed in the March 30 and April 13 newspapers. Please visit [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org), under *About Us*, then click on Board of Directors, then Metropolitan District Board Election to see the full profiles.

## Candidates Running for a Three-Year Term

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)



**Tim Berg**  
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**Occupation:** Entrepreneur

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

To try and bring balance and advocate for kids, seniors and those that don't get heard. We need more diversity, more voices, more inclusion, more appreciation. We need more people at meetings, we need more resident participation, we need to provide answers at meetings and appreciate the residents and those that serve our community. We need term limits and balance, we need to encourage participation, support volunteers, more volunteer work and more people out working together. Let's come out of our houses, out from behind screens, out from our desks. I think we would have a much happier, more peaceful neighborhood if we took the time to get to know each other, one-on-one, outside. I have read letters to the editor talking about how bad somebody is only to meet them and find out they are really nice. Control taxes, dues and fees. Provide answers at meetings instead of just more questions. Every meeting should start with a list of answers for the attendees and publish the answers for everybody to see.

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

Accountability! Stop increased taxes

and budget cuts, stop unfortunate divisions in our neighborhood. I would bring all parties to the table and work together. We have unfortunately had people target my kids and me for advocating for children, parks and playgrounds. I will never stop advocating for my kids, other kids and seniors in the neighborhood. It's very difficult to be heard at neighborhood meetings and you only have three mins to talk, then you are cut off with no answers. I have handed out thousands of flyers on fire safety, gotten Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to help me and talked to hundreds of people in the neighborhood. Many people have told me that I am the first person that has ever come and asked them how the neighborhood could be better for them. Our seniors are our elders, we must listen to them. We have single moms, single dads, seniors on a fixed income. Reduce electricity, and water usage and expenses. We must protect our beautiful old growth trees, our native plants, native animals and adopt conservation practices. Reduce our water usage because we are in a 1,200-year drought, replace thirsty grass with beautiful flowers and landscaping. Reduce light pollution.



**Jim Conzelman**  
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**Phone:** Candidate Chose Not to Publish  
**Occupation:** Retired Naval Officer and Global Nonprofit Co-Founder

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

As a fellow Ken-Caryl homeowner, nature and trail lover, swimmer, tennis player and youth coach, I have a vested, personal interest in making our community even more awesome.

As your recently appointed Treasurer for our Ken-Caryl Metropolitan Ranch District Board, I am passionate about leveraging the working relationships I've established to faithfully steward our incredible resources. These include healthier reserves than previous years, newly elected board members with a fresh perspective, amazing staff and a breathtaking place to live. This calls for creative vision, further development of our 10-year strategic plan and hard work, to which I am FULLY committed.

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

I am most passionate about helping our community refine and execute our ten-year strategic plan that optimizes KCRMD amenities and improves quality of life for all our residents at the most responsible cost. These amenities include our pools, tennis and upcoming pickleball courts, parks, South Hogback open space and buildings like our Community Center and Ranch House.



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

I take Fiduciary Duties very seriously. Duty of care and loyalty to our current resident taxpayers is very important to me and I would like to ensure the Metropolitan District Board is looking out for taxpayers first. Honestly, I imagined myself as a one-term Board member and that four years would be plenty. But as time passed, and my term is winding down, I think I have more work to do.

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

There are many:

- Impact of the new properties will have the biggest influence on the MD, since its inception. The

KCRMD Board must advocate for current taxpayers and protect interests—quality of life, amenities, traffic, safety and more. No viable locations for expansion of facilities and amenities exist in KCR. Adding 2,000+ residents must be considered carefully.

- Fire safety and mitigation must be a top priority.
- We've got to do better with resident taxpayer and Board engagement; it's essential. The public we serve now deserve to be involved in the major decisions the MD makes concerning the new development. The best interests of current District taxpayers are paramount.




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

Moving to this community 2 ½ years ago was the best decision my family could have ever made. We had no idea the instant network and lifelong friends we were entering into. It was honestly just luck being able to afford a house in an ever-increasing, hard market to buy into. Now that we are here, we do not plan to go anywhere and want this neighborhood to be here for our son and his family to enjoy one day. This is why I started to get involved by attending meetings to see how I could be a part and help. After many discussions with current MA and MD Board members, along with community residents, I feel with my problem-solving attitude and youthful vision, I can be an instant asset to the MD Board. As this community is ever increasingly moving in younger families, I believe I can provide that vision and voice that represents them

along with every other long-time resident of Ken-Caryl.

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

We need to focus on fire mitigation and keeping our properties safe. I think one of the first steps in this would be to upgrade our perimeter fencing from wood to concrete as well as looking at protecting our open space by responsibly maintaining our trails. Also, with the new NADG additions, we should focus on making sure they are providing a fair share of amenities for everyone to enjoy and not just overcrowding what is currently here.



**Shawn Murphy**  
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**Occupation:** Commercial Real Estate

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

My intent for candidacy for the Board of Directors is simple. To act on behalf of our community ensuring our tax dollars are spent responsibly, ensuring short and long-term infrastructure needs are meeting the needs today and many decades to come. This will come from a personal and career foundation built on strong ethics, morals, and integrity and upheld by my board and fiduciary experience.

**What do you see as the major issues facing the KCR community over the next five years, and how**

**would you deal with those issues as a Board member?**

Our community is evolving, whether you, or I, are involved. The cultures within Ken-Caryl are on a continuum, and our community is going to want to see evolution and change. This change will come from diversity, equity and inclusion, increased household incomes and younger families wanting to raise families just like we have.

The issues I see most prevalent in the coming years are:

- \* Finance - 10-year capital planning, cost recovery initiatives and upcoming bond issues we need to focus on.
- \* Land Use - conservation while looking at our land use in a meaningful way that will preserve access and the nature that we all have come to admire.
- \* Staff - Ensuring we have the right people doing the right jobs on our behalf, ensuring they are executing the vision set by the MD.
- \* Longevity of our community - collaborating with the staff to create greater value and a deeper sense of community in the place we call home.



**Rilla Reinsma**  
**Email:** Candidate Chose Not to Publish  
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**Occupation:** Retired

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

I feel honored to be in this vibrant community for 30 years with all its wildlife, natural beauty and civic-

minded residents. Having attended MD meetings for the last 5 years, I feel that I am knowledgeable regarding major issues in our community. Listening to the concerns of the majority of residents, I find that there are several topics of concern at the forefronts of their minds, and mine as well: being fiscally conservative with our revenue, upcoming residential developments and the aesthetics of KCR, to name a couple examples.

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

A big issue now is the NADG developments and how that will be affecting our community. This includes the blending of these parcels into the rest of the community, what the aesthetics will look like, what recreational opportunities will be available, and safety on roadways with additional traffic. Another is the MD reserve plan and how the 10-year capital project plans will be funded. What is the best way to fund projects? Is there a way to fund without increasing our mill levy? I have no desire to increase our property taxes. This will take some serious discussion on how to achieve these plans. We also need to protect our South Hogback Open Space by making it a conservation area. This is one of the last remaining areas in Colorado that has rare fauna/flora in it. A conservation area will ensure that these items, among others, are not lost forever to Colorado.

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(Listed in Alphabetical Order):



**Jeff Esbenshade**  
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**Occupation:** Retired

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

The MD Board has spent a great deal of time on the NADG Development inclusion. Not 100% of our residents are in favor of this deal. We must work out our differences without starting a law case. Whatever dwellings will be constructed, the new residents will use our amenities. The MD needs to collect the property taxes from the new residential sub-metropolitan district.

We need one committee, or one organization, to be in charge of fire mitigation. Whatever the plan is, we need to practice controlled back burns, mow fire lanes and practice evacuations. Good training saves lives.

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

The MD had to sell a 10-year bond to do improvements to our amenities because the Board could not keep up with the expenses of the aging facilities. The MD Board has outlined a 10-year capital improvement plan. We need to start the implementation of the plan. If we can upgrade the facilities on a pay as you go basis, we won't have to borrow any capital.



**Lauri Lehan-Milano**  
**Email:** laurilehan@comcast.net  
**Phone:** Candidate Chose Not to Publish  
**Occupation:** Home Building

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

I've served two terms on the KCRMD Board of Directors, 2012-2020, before reaching the term limit guidelines. I am now eligible to run again for a one-year seat and would like to bring my experience and knowledge back to assist our newer Board members and provide some tenure to the number of open seats this election cycle. The KCRMD is a unique governmental entity in that we must follow state statute and special district requirements, while also partnering closely with the Master Association. It does take approximately a year of meetings; committee work and budget cycles to understand the whole process and governmental procedure. I feel I would be a good asset to fill a seat as I've passed the learning curve. There is still work to be done with the NADG agreement that I would like to be a part of, as this is going to change Ken-Caryl, and we need to ensure this is mutually beneficial to all the stakeholders, not only now, but for the future generations of staff and residents who will be managing our community. We also have a bond that is nearing its expiration; this is going to open up options for the District and residents, and it needs to be studied and presented.

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

KCR is an older community that needs ongoing maintenance, the bond allowed us to take a big swipe at deferred maintenance and improvements, but we need to

develop a better long-term plan that residents can understand and stand behind. We are going to experience construction fatigue over the next several years of the build out along with the additional pressures all of our surrounding services will experience. We can be addressing some of these issues and concerns now to mitigate the changes coming by partnering with the appropriate resources. If the current employment environment doesn't change, we will need to figure out how to hire and retain staff. It takes a lot of people to make KCR work, and we want employees to be happy, productive and fulfilled to stay. No one wants to lose programs or amenities because we can't maintain the level of staffing required to operate these services.



**Mike Miro**  
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**Occupation:** Director at a structural and civil engineering firm

headquartered in the DTC

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

I am a fifth generation Colorado native that is passionate about being actively involved in our wonderful community. I've been volunteering on the Community Planning Committee (CPC) since 2013 and feel that this election cycle was the appropriate time to put my name in the mix for a Board seat. I've noticed more divisiveness over the past few years and would strive to bring additional harmony to the community. Members of the MD Board are elected to serve the residents. I am not a single-issue candidate and will base my decisions on the pulse of my fellow residents. I intend to be a fresh face on the Board that can hit the ground running immediately, because of my relevant experience.

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facing the KCR community over the  
next five years, and how would you  
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- Protecting our neighborhood against fire. The wildfires in Boulder County are top of mind for most residents. I fully support the Firewise Committee, and feel they have the experience, expertise and mandate to help create a practical mitigation plan.
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for receiving funds from NADG are some of the outstanding items that need to be resolved. I support pushing the envelope wherever possible to secure the best deal for current and future homeowners.

- Aging assets and infrastructure. The aesthetic view of our neighborhood is in decline. I'm supportive of taking a hard look at the 10-year capital improvement plan and vetting which projects or initiatives should take priority. Before deciding how to approach the expiring mill levy in 2024, it's prudent to have the potential projects and improvements priced before going back to the community with a financial ask. I also respect resident's money and would only spend on projects or initiatives that are essential, or desirable.



**John Ostrom**  
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**Occupation:** US Marine Corps Officer (ret.), UAL Pilot/Instructor, Flight Ops Manager (Training/ Compliance/Safety)

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

I am honored to currently serve as a Director and Secretary on the MD Board. We moved here 24 years ago and fell in love with Ken-Caryl! The natural beauty, and the care and detail in how it was developed and maintained is amazing. The wonderful people that live here care deeply about our community! Being part of the solution is exactly what I've been looking for. While I have served in many community organizations and activities for years, joining the MD has given me a greater perspective that there are always things that need to be done to improve and maintain our community. As a Board member, I learned that many of the issues are challenging and complex. We work through it together, not just as a Board, but also by listening to the advice of our very professional, knowledgeable and experienced MD staff. Most importantly our direction comes from the residents themselves through your feedback on the surveys and your VERY welcome participation at meetings! I'm proud of the relationship the MD and MA enjoy in our partnership on behalf of the residents. For my own small part in this, I feel like I'm making a difference, and that's why I have declared my candidacy for this election!

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

NADG DEVELOPMENT - We are all concerned about adding 750 new homes to our community. While neither the MD nor MA have the ability to prevent this, we do have the responsibility to make sound decisions

to protect current residents. Thus far, we have negotiated; (1) A tax-equity agreement so that new residents will pay the same taxes you do to support our community; (2) The developer agreeing to pay to improve the dangerous Chatfield-Ken Caryl Ave. intersection; (3) The developer paying for new parks built to our standards and offering to deed \$1 million-plus in land to the MD for the community's future benefit. The MD is eager to work with the community to manage all the challenges our parks system will face. CONSERVATION AREA - The 2021 survey indicates desire for conservation areas without closing existing trails. I'm proud that the MD in February passed a resolution paving the way for the South Hogback Open Space to be managed as a conservation area highlighting its historical, archeological and botanical uniqueness. We want to conserve this area in a manner that preserves it while allowing access, so that people can visit to see and appreciate its unique aspects and beauty.

2022 City Nature Challenge Hike

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For more information on the 2022 City Nature Challenge and to sign up, please visit our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org), then click on the *Open Space* menu, then All Open Space.





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Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information on classes, hours and fitness sessions at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).



## Tennis & Pickleball

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## Youth Programs

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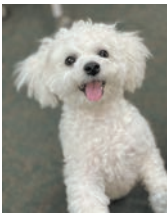
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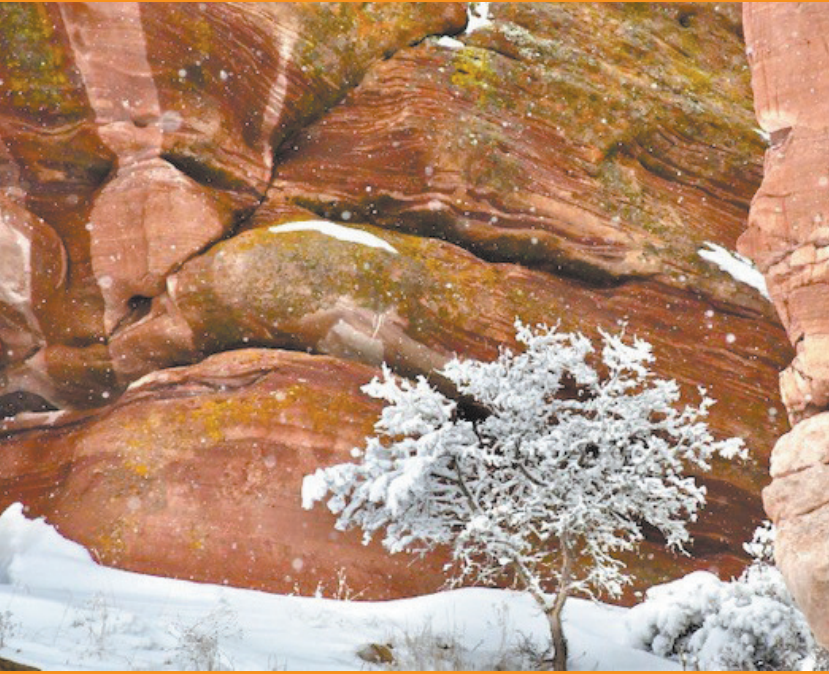
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**The Warmth and Cool of the Valley**  
A tree, blanketed in a fresh coat of white, frosty powder, stands all amongst the warmth of the red rocks in the Valley, as seen and snapped by resident Dean Insalaco.

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

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Deadline for April 27 issue: April 18 at 9 a.m.

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PICTURE THIS!



**A Last Blast of Wintery White**  
This ethereal photo taken by resident Adriana Wiersma shows the winter beauty of the Valley.



**A Quiet Place**  
Resident Stacey May caught these two darling deer strolling down White Pine Drive in the Valley.

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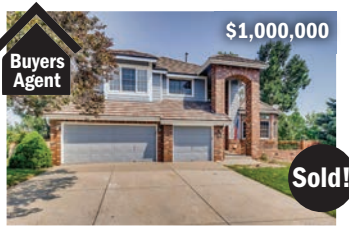
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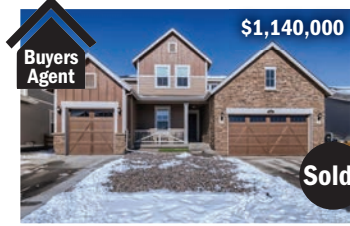
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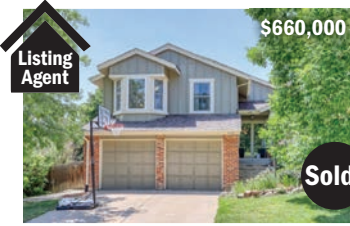
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Dear Editor:

Closed from dusk to dawn. This is a rule indicating that Colorado parks and trails are always closed from sunset to sunrise. In order to protect wildlife during sensitive times in their life cycle, there are additional seasonal trail closures, usually from February to June.

The 2021 Community Survey showed that residents want our trails closed at night. This question had 27% of the residents wanting nighttime closures compared to 11% that did not. This statistical data was presented to both the MA and MD Boards in the fall, but as of yet, no action has been taken. Why? I have no idea! Over the winter would have been a great time to implement this rule, due to the fact it gets dark earlier, there is an accumulation of snowfall and extremely cold temperatures. Now we are about two months into the JeffCo seasonal trail closures for (hopefully) successful breeding of wildlife and still no mention by either Board about nighttime closures. The only requirement to implement this policy is some signage stating such, and notices in the paper/E-News/ website/social media. Let's all help our wildlife to have a better chance at their prosperity by giving them a reprieve from human contact in their habitats from dusk to dawn.

Please respectfully write to our MA and MD Board members, asking them to implement this immediately, according to the wishes of the residents in last year's survey. This item is one of the easiest items to implement. Protect the wildlife we all love.

*Rilla Reinsma, Resident and 2022 MD Board Candidate*

Dear Editor:

In an article in the last edition of Life at Ken-Caryl, an excellent summary was made of the important requirements for a KCRMD Board member: "A good board member must be level-headed, have good business acumen, and know how to listen to all of the community and work constructively with other board members and community groups to do more than simply ask questions or make good speeches. Good board members know how to turn questions into solutions."

Jeff Esbenshade is running for one of the open one-year term seats on the KCRMD Board. I have known Jeff for the 35 years he has lived in the Ken-Caryl Valley, as a neighbor, and many years before that. Jeff meets the above requirements. He is fiscally conservative, is interested in getting things done in a manner that best serves our community, and, as a veteran of several boards in serving the interests of Ken-Caryl residents, looks for ways to solve problems without expensive legal intervention. Please review Jeff's qualifications and consider him as an excellent candidate for this Board. Thank you.

*Tom Assmus, Resident*

Dear Editor:

Friends at KCR. I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to Mike Miro, who is running for the KCRMD Board. I've known Mike for many years and have had the pleasure of working with him on a variety of issues that have greatly benefited our community. Mike served on the various work groups that helped develop the

surveys that we created in 2013, 2017 and 2021. He also was instrumental in helping drill into the data from the surveys and creating the synopsis of the results that were then reported to both the MA and MD Boards. He was also extensively involved in helping with the Community Planning Committee since its inception, as well as working to develop the plans that benefited KCR with the proceeds from the 2014 bond initiative. In particular, Mike Miro helped extensively with the Parks Advisory Committee and the implementation of our neighborhood monument signs, improvements at our playgrounds and parks, and helping reduce water usage throughout KCR. I know Mike has been involved in many other activities in KCR as well. Mike is also a principle at a local engineering firm, and with his experience and expertise, has clearly earned a position on the MD Board of Directors with his business and engineering background. Please join me in supporting Mike Miro for the MD Board of Directors.

Thanks.

*Chris Figge, Resident*

Dear Editor:

The very important KCR Metropolitan District election is here. Two candidates had attended KCRMA and MD meetings for years prior to serving as either a board or committee member. This demonstrates the dedication these two individuals have for Ken-Caryl. There was no obligation, they just did it voluntarily. These two special candidates are Rilla Reinsma and Kayla Kirkpatrick. Rilla had addressed the KCR Boards and Committees on various subjects involving fiscal responsibility, safety matters, enhancing property values, preservation and maintenance, including the value of open space conservation measures. What is most impressive is her preparation prior to speaking and her knowledge of KCR in general, and she is a very respectful, caring and good person. There are ten candidates with impressive credentials running for four seats and I know some of them personally. Give Rilla Reinsma a chance to join three others with your vote and you will value that decision. Another candidate who attended meetings regularly, prior to serving on the MD Board, is Kayla Kirkpatrick. You, as a resident, should be treated with respect when presenting a view before the Board, especially if it is an opposing view. This has been an important issue for Kayla. Transparency is another priority for Kayla and had been a personal issue for her. This lady has courage. I feel Kayla Kirkpatrick and Rilla Reinsma will best represent the community as a whole and not just special interests. Once the MD Board had faced difficult roadblocks to revenue enhancement. There is more revenue now and much of it comes from non-resident use of our facilities, but higher taxes, non-resident use and "empire building" are major concerns for many residents:

KCR is a relatively small community compared with communities like Lakewood or Highlands Ranch with deep pockets. It is a benefit if some people on the Board are more in-tune with the average tax paying resident. KCR competes by having greater open space per capita with well-maintained infrastructure and personal residences. Rilla Reinsma and Kayla Kirkpatrick are candidates who will keep the spending under control and preserve our most valuable resources.

*Jim Fodor, Resident*

Dear Editor:

Part One

Trail closures are an important part of being good stewards of open space. Trail closures are necessary to protect wildlife and their habitat and for responsible trail maintenance.

Have you visited a National or State Park? If so, you are aware that those parks are closed on a regular basis from dusk to dawn. The main reason for the sunset to sunrise timeline is to give wildlife a respite from human interference and to respect the needs of nocturnal and crepuscular animals and birds. Nighttime closures also offer safety, reduce the chance of wildfires and prevent crime.

Seventy percent of animals are active at night, or nocturnal. Bats, owls, lynx, bob cats and mice fall into this category. Crepuscular animals are active at dusk and dawn. Mule deer, snakes, mountain lions and rabbits are examples of crepuscular animals who have adapted to seeing better in low light and are more comfortable with the moderate temperatures between the day and night extremes. Bears are nocturnal in the summer and crepuscular in the spring and fall and hibernate in the winter.

In addition to daily dusk to dawn closures, additional seasonal closures are necessary. Posted on Jefferson County's Open Space web site is this quote, "Seasonal wildlife closures are necessary to protect wildlife at sensitive times in their lifecycles." The reasons given for these closures include nesting birds of prey, nesting brooding waterfowl, ground nesting bird habitat, eagle raptor nesting, elk and deer calving season.

Welcome to mud season! Do your feet feel like 3-pound weights? Then you should not be hiking on the trail. Hiking, biking or riding on muddy trails causes damage to trails through erosion." There are two ways to damage the trail," explained Mary Ann Bonnell, Natural Resource Director for Jeffco Open Space. "The primary one is that people try to avoid the mud, go around it, and trample the plant material that's actually there to keep the trail from eroding...if you lose the plants, you can start having the trail crumble..." Over time this process causes the singletrack trail to become wider and wider.

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*Kathy Webster, Resident*

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**Display Advertising & Classifieds**

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303-979-1876, ext. 109

This listing includes Ken-Caryl teens who babysit, mow lawns, house or pet sit, or shovel snow. To be included on the list, teens should email their name, number, age, neighborhood and list of services offered to Allison Hefner at AllisonH@kcranch.org or call 303-979-1876, ext. 108.					
Services: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling					
Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood	
Olivia Anderson	303-902-5026	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows	
Jade Atkinson	720-616-0063	P	15	Aspen Meadows	
Hutch Barber	303-249-0468	P	14	Legacy	
Colette Bennett	720-415-0311	P	16	North Ranch	
Piper Blarr	720-255-6877	B, P	16	Colony	
Aliza Bochner	720-880-8336	B, P	17	North Ranch	
Eva Bochner	720-899-0033	B, P	16	North Ranch	
Mariel Bochner	319-338-4414	B, P	12	North Ranch	
Adam Brandland	720-376-1987	L, S	14	Settlement	
Abby Burton	720-616-1333	B, P	16	Aspen Meadows	
Bridget Cassidy	720-244-1359	B, P	17	Stratford Farms	
Hope Cuttitta	303-517-8864	B, P	17	Deer Creek	
Ella Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	16	Legacy	
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	15	Legacy	
Razi Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	12	Legacy	
Presley Davis	720-487-8778	B, P	13	Sunset Ridge	
Megan Ellis	720-290-2033	B, P, S	14	Heirloom	
Logan Fairbanks	432-260-5071	B, P, L, S	12	Deer Creek	
Jack Famariss	720-434-7033	B, P	14	North Ranch	
Ryan Flint	303-517-3749	L,P,S	14	Retreat	
Caleb Flint	303-517-3749	L,P,S	11	Retreat	
Grant Foster	720-345-3120	L, S	17	Aspen Meadows	
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate	
Lauren Fox	720-273-4077	B	12	North Ranch	
Abbie Gallant	303-517-8864	B,P	17	Deer Creek	
Connor Glitzer	303-489-3932	L, S	16	The Village	
Maria Gonzalez	720-224-3612	B, P, S	12	Cimmaron	
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B,P	15	Barrington Ridge	
Cameron Guider	303-868-7198	B,P	14	Aspen Meadows	
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	14	Aspen Meadows	
Kara Hammond	720-979-4069	B, P	13	Carriage Hill	
Keegan Hardesty	720-484-9557	B, L, P, S	15	Cimarron	
Mac Hardesty	720-672-1225	L, P, S	13	Cimarron	
Michael Hefner	303-359-9052	P, L	12	The Spread	
Reed Hershey	720-828-3245	B, L, P	12	North Ranch	
JJ Heupel	720-372-9476	B, L, P, S	16	Enclave /Traditions	
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Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood	
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood	
Reece Hodges	303-667-2606	L, P, S	12	Saddlewood	
Gunnar Holmes	720-505-6764	L, S	15	Carriage Hill	
Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch	
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows	
Afton Jones	720-705-9797	B	16	Manor Ridge	
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Harrison Kauffman	303-520-4819	L, P, S	17	Wynterbrooke	
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Ethan Lehrke	720-295-2156	L, S	17	Cimarron	
Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village	
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista	
Mitch McGatlin	703-850-0642	B, L, P, S,	16	Legacy	
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy	
Rleigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe	
Janey Millstone	720-668-1029	B, P	15	North Ranch	
Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	15	North Ranch	
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe	
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	13	Retreat	
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Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	14	Heirloom	
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions	
Lillian Pool	720-985-1667	B, P	16	Bradford Place	
Alec Prinzi	303-810-3221	B, L, P, S	12	Shaffer Hill	
Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge	
Joshua Reisinger	303-587-0927	L, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe	
Alessandra Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S,	13	Village	
Paulina Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S	12	Village	
Jake Ruszkowski	720-607-2809	B, L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe	
Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-766-9843	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe	
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	17	Heirloom	
Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	12	Heirloom	
Aly Secondo	720-625-9910	B, P	12	Cimarron	
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	15	Cimarron	
Maria Seybert	303-668-5987	B, P	18	Saddlewood	
Austin Skeffington	720-308-8704	L	17	Wynterbrooke	
Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows	
Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows	
Seumas Stevens	720-210-6065	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place	
Abby Szabo	720-745-1339	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows	
Ben Szabo	720-413-3072	L, P, S	17	Aspen Meadows	
Maddy Szabo	720-768-5452	B, P	15	Aspen Meadows	
Cole Torgerson	720-291-9022	B, L, P	19	Legacy	
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	16	Legacy	
Zane Tweedie	720-688-9440	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista	
Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15	Cimarron	
Catie Watkins	720-705-1656	B, P	14	Manor Ridge	
Judah Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,P,S	14	The Spread	
Wyatt Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,P,S	12	The Spread	
Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	15	Carriage Hill	

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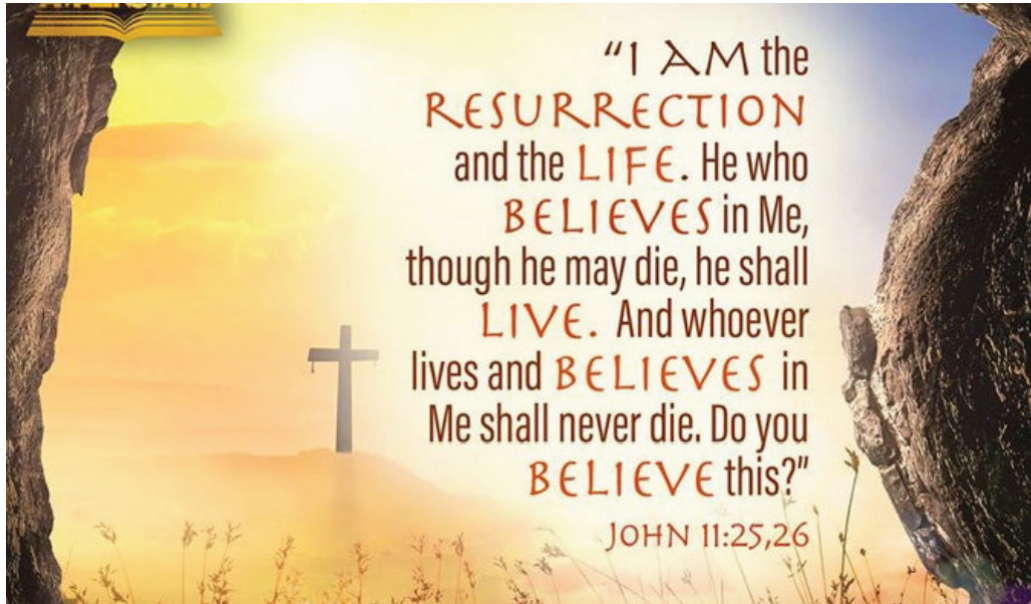
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