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Veterans Day Breakfast on Nov. 11

Veterans, please join us at Dakota Lodge for a free breakfast on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m., honoring you! A variety of breakfast items will be available, including eggs, pancakes and coffee. A slideshow of community veterans will be played during breakfast. This event is FREE; however, pre-registration is required. *Please see notes once you reserve your spot online on how to contribute photos for the slideshow.* Space is limited. Veterans and immediate family welcome. Please select the number of participants when registering. No need to register each person individually. To secure your spot, visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org, then click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.



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Budget Feedback

By Traci Wieland, District Manager

Over the last few years, the Metropolitan District has embarked on a robust budget planning process that provides a complete financial plan for all District activities. The preparation and development of the District budget is driven by the 2021 Community Survey results and the newly-developed District Strategic Plan. It has also become a mode of operation throughout the year as staff actively reviews revenues, expenditures and cost recoveries with the Finance team to stay engaged at all points. This creates an environment where the District is proactive in responding to issues, giving the staff and the Board the ability to react quickly, if necessary.



Staff at all levels of the organization continue to be involved in the preparation, analysis and implementation of the budget. The fiduciary duties that go along with the care of resident tax dollars are taken extremely seriously, down to the dollar. Leading this charge is Finance Director Lauren Feeney. Her continuous improvement to the processes, the systems, the forecasting and her empowerment of staff at all levels to engage with the budget as a guiding document is worthy of significant praise. Thank you, Lauren!

I am proud to be a part of this process, and I look forward to continuously improving what we do each year to assist the Board in planning for the future.

The first draft of the District’s 2024 budget is now posted online. This draft was discussed extensively at the Oct. 17 District Board meeting. If you would like to hear the comprehensive discussion about the budget, I encourage you to watch the meeting recording, which is posted on our YouTube channel and linked from our website, www.ken-carylranh.org. This budget draft is subject to change and is contingent on the Nov. 7 election results for Proposition HH.

The Board and I would love to get feedback from residents. You don’t have to wait until the next meeting, which is Dec. 5, to submit your comments. You can email us at mdboard@kcranch.org. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to engaging with you on this important process.

GIVING BACK

Annual Toy Drive Helps Kids in Need

The holidays are right around the corner, and it is full steam ahead for the organizers of the Denver Santa Claus Shop (DSCS), as they plan on keeping with tradition and their mission of “A Toy for Every Girl & Boy”, with a toy drive this holiday season! In support of this mission, Ken-Caryl residents and realtors Brian Lee, Greg Milano, Amy Bassett and Tara Byrnes of Colorado Home Realty are coordinating a toy drive with Ken-Caryl Ranch, Nov. 9 – Dec. 7. The concept is to provide free, NEW toys to children ages newborn to 11 years old who might not otherwise have gifts to open at Christmas.

Donations will be accepted between Nov. 9 – Dec. 7, during normal business hours at the Community Center, Monday – Thursday from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Donations may also be dropped off at the Ranch House, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please note that the Ranch House is closed on Fridays.


amzn.to/3GvnXJ9 or Walmart Wish List at <https://bit.ly/45w6L16>. Items purchased from these lists will be shipped directly to the organization for special delivery to children in need.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you may Venmo DSCS directly at @DSCS-1932. The Denver Santa Claus Shop’s Elves will then purchase new toys on your behalf. The majority of toys are \$25 or less. Monetary donations are extremely impactful, as our elves can purchase toys in bulk.


“We are honored to help our wonderful community provide toys to less fortunate families,” said Brian, Greg, Amy and Tara.

The Denver Santa Claus Shop provides toys to nearly 13,000 children each year. That’s a lot of happy smiles! For more information on this program, please visit the Santa Claus Shop’s website at denversantaclausshop.org.





Brian Lee



Greg Milano



Amy Bassett



Tara Byrnes

This year, donations will also be accepted at Brian Lee’s home at 2 Golden Aster; Greg Milano’s home at 2 Coyote Lane in the North Ranch; Amy Bassett’s home at 10 Golden Aster; and Tara Byrnes home at 7 Mountain High Court.

In addition, those interested in donating a new toy to a child can do so by purchasing items directly from the Denver Santa Claus Shop’s Amazon Wish List at <https://>

October

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
22	23	24 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Firewise Committee Meeting Community Center	25	26 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	27	28
29	30	31				

November

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 5:30 p.m. Firewise Committee Meeting	2 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	3	4
5	6	7 11 a.m. Ageless & Unstoppable 6 p.m. Joint Study Session	8	9 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime 7-9 p.m. Top 10 Ken-Caryl Ranch Archaeological Dig Sites Presentation	10	11 9 a.m. Veterans Day Celebration Dakota Lodge
12	13 3 p.m. Historical Society Meeting	14 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	15 4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee Meeting	16 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	17	18 4 p.m. Holiday Dog Parade & Tree Lighting
19	20	21	22	23 Ranch House & Community Center Closed for Thanksgiving	24 Ranch House Closed for Thanksgiving Community Center Hours 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	25

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

BULLETIN BOARD

Schedule Update for MD Board Meetings and Budget Discussions

The Metropolitan District spends the bulk of the fall months developing the budget for the following year. The draft budget was presented to the Board and community at the Board meeting on Oct. 17. This draft budget included recommendations for expenditures, staffing and capital projects. The District typically has preliminary figures from Jefferson County for how much it will collect in property tax revenues, which helps to balance any increases in the expense items previously mentioned; however, in November of 2023, residents of the state of Colorado will be considering Proposition HH, which will impact the District’s revenue stream, pass or fail. The passage or failure of this effort will also impact the budget approval schedule by the Board, which could be delayed into January if the measure passes. Below is the revised meeting schedule for the remainder of this year.

- The Monday, Nov. 13 MD Board meeting is cancelled.
- The Tuesday, Dec. 5 MD Board meeting will occur as scheduled. This will be a Public Hearing for the Budget.
- *If Proposition HH fails*, a Board meeting may be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12 if the Board determines it is necessary to have further discussion on one or more budget topics before approving the 2024 Budget.
- *If Proposition HH passes*, a Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024. This will be a Public Hearing.

If you’d like more information on the budget process, feel free to reach out to District Manager Traci Wieland at traciw@kcranch.org or feel free to reach out to the MD Board of Directors at mdboard@kcranch.org.

Ready or Not, Here it Comes! Winter That Is...

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Hello Ken-Caryl! I hope you are all well. This is a favorite time of year for many folks, and Ken-Caryl Ranch looks wonderful as I drive through the neighborhoods. The grass has “greened up” quite nicely with relief from the extreme heat of this past summer. Certainly, there is still time to get outdoor projects completed that didn’t get finished during the summer like we thought they would. There are still homes being painted, decks being built, driveways and roofs being replaced and trees being planted. It’s a great time of the year for planting.

As you are enjoying the wonderfully cool temperatures, take a look around your property to see if anything needs to be stored that you may have forgotten was out there. I’m sure your neighbors would appreciate it. It is a violation of the covenants of Ken-Caryl Ranch to leave items such as garden equipment, playthings and building supplies strewn about. These things need to be stored when not in use. The little things do add up to make a difference in our community as a whole.

Please keep in mind that rules and regulations are in place for a reason. When 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-carylranh.org, so try to make certain 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 concerns. I am here to help!

As always be kind to one another and Happy Halloween!

Darci



Want to Get Involved? Consider Applying for a Committee!

Committee Application Deadline is Nov. 20 at 5 p.m.

Committees are a vital part of managing affairs of the community. Ken-Caryl Ranch is now accepting applications for new committee members for 2024 for the following committees:

- Architectural Committee
- Covenant Committee
- Firewise Committee
- Historical Society
- Community Planning Committee
- Open Space Committee

All committees are Master Association committees with the exception of the Community Planning Committee, which is a joint committee of the Master Association and Metropolitan District. All prospective committee members must apply for committee membership using the Committee Application. The application and additional information about each committee is available on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Click on the *About Us* tab and then click Committees & Task Forces. If you wish to apply for membership to multiple committees, please submit a separate form for each committee. If you have any questions about committees, contact KCRMA General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org.

◆ TREE SALE

Oh, Christmas Tree – Sale on Dec. 2!

The weather is crisp, the temps are dropping and before you know it, we will be getting ready for the holidays! In preparation, Ken-Caryl Ranch is hosting our annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Dakota Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.! This year, we will return to a first come, first-served event format. The type of trees provided will be Douglas Firs, which are cut down from the foothills open space and are more “natural” and will vary in size and shape. Rangers, with the help of volunteers, will display the trees next to the Dakota Lodge and barn as was done in the past. Additional trees will continue to be brought out throughout the sale. Refreshments will be provided by residents and realtors Brian Lee and Greg Milano with Colorado Home Realty (CHR)!

Donations (cash, check or credit card) are being accepted in exchange for the trees to offset expenses in the open space program. Limit one tree per family to ensure many families can enjoy this great tradition. For the annual tree sale, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Rangers harvest small diameter trees in the open space to improve wildlife habitat and overall forest health. The removal of the small trees reduces overcrowding and eliminates ladder fuels that can carry into a forest canopy.

If you have any questions about the Christmas tree sale, contact Matt Öven, Park Ranger Supervisor at 303-979-1876, ext. 170, or email matto@kcranch.org. Many thanks to Brian Lee and Greg Milano with CHR for generously sponsoring this event by providing hot drinks and donuts for attendees!







The Christmas Tree Sale is a hit with residents each year!




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Deer In Distress

By Nick DeCarolis, Ranger & Natural Resource Specialist

Here in the Ken-Caryl Valley, we find ourselves as part of the local ecosystem. We see no shortage of wildlife. It has been a real treat to watch young fawns grow from newborn to more recently losing their spots. But unfortunately, the deer do not always cooperate with our local infrastructure. KCR Rangers have received reports of deer with garden fencing and holiday decorations caught in their antlers, including caught on wire in split rail fences. Instances such as these are nothing new. But as members of our local ecosystem, we have a responsibility to protect our local wildlife.



If deer or wildlife are found caught in wire fencing, or tangled in foreign objects there are a few easy steps to get them help. From a safe distance and without disturbing the animal further, try to observe the situation, take pictures and report accordingly to the Ken-Caryl Park Rangers. Attempting to dislodge animals from fences and removal of foreign objects presents a large risk to the animal and to yourself. Minimizing the human-wildlife interactions to an animal in distress is important. If a deer caught in a fence frantically tries to escape when approached, the animal may injure itself further or expend precious energy needed to survive.

Oftentimes, trapped wildlife will injure themselves further when approached and threatened. In some cases, deer have broken their legs trying to escape, and unfortunately many of these instances result in euthanization. Observations to report in instances such as these include the animal’s ability to move, if it is visibly injured with broken bones, open wounds in their hide, or injuries to the face and head. After viewing the animal in distress, immediately report to the KCR Rangers. KCR Rangers work together with Colorado Parks & Wildlife to determine what actions to be taken in assisting wildlife in distress.

The KCR Rangers have reported two instances of deer caught in property fencing in the last month. The two reports unfortunately ended with the deer suffering as they were caught in wire fencing that was loose/missing u-nails against the split rail fence. Those particular deer had to be euthanized by the Rangers. If you are a property owner with approved temporary wire fencing on your property, or approved wire surrounding your garden, you must routinely inspect fences and fasteners on these fences to be sure they are secure and are safe for wildlife. Ensure fencing does not have loose fasteners and no gaps in the fence exist where wildlife may try to enter and exit. If you have any questions about fencing and wildlife, please call the KCR Park Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.



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Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program Returns This Holiday Season!

Cutting a Christmas tree in a national forest is a tradition for many families in our community. By cutting your own tree, you take an active part in managing your national forests! Once again, you can cut your own tree in our community's open space. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Open Space Department, Open Space Committee and Board of Directors, in accordance with the Ken-Caryl Ranch Forest Stewardship Plan, is supporting our second season of the Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program as a nice addition to the annual Christmas Tree harvest/sale at Ken-Caryl Ranch.

The program will provide the community with an option to register for a permit, limited to 75 permits, one per family, to hike in the open space and cut a Christmas tree. The cost of the permit is \$10, and all proceeds will go to offsetting Open Space Department expenses. The goal of the program is to take areas that are not as accessible to bulk forest operations and allow volunteers to cut their own trees in a designated area where regeneration of Douglas Fir trees is reaching such a height that it begins to act as a ladder fuel for wildfire, generally, over 6 feet tall, and affects forest health due to the density of the amount of trees.

Other trees may be found at the sites, including Aspen and Ponderosa Pines; however, these trees are not part of the project for removal by residents. Douglas Fir trees are soft and small needled trees. Guidelines for the program include the following:

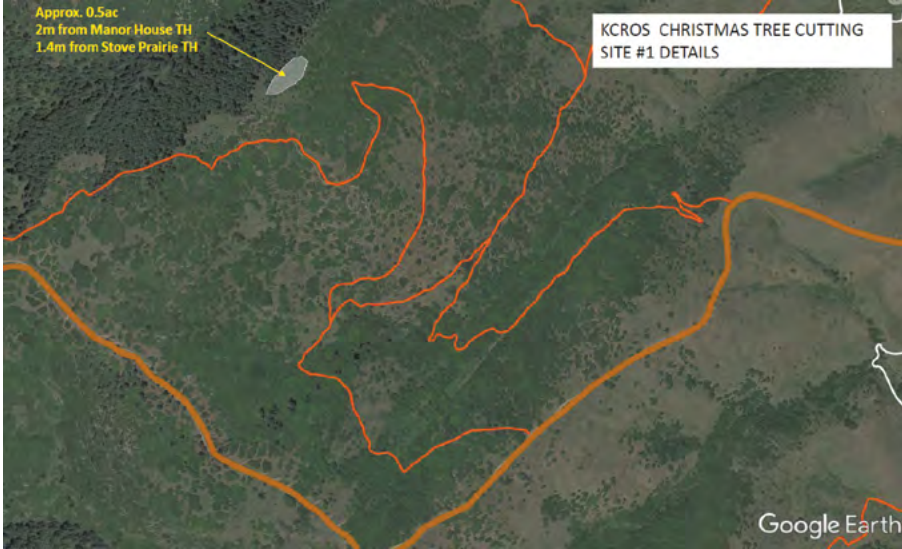
- You must have a valid permit to cut and/or remove Douglas Fir trees in designated areas from Ken-Caryl Ranch open space. Boundaries of the Christmas tree cutting sites will be marked with flagging, "Timber Harvest Boundary" and several trees may have "Do Not Cut" flagging attached. Please refer to the site map that is printed alongside this article.
- You must stay within the designated cutting areas (see maps).
- No topping of Douglas Fir trees - cut to size once the full tree has been felled.
- Cut below lowest live limb - leave stumps no higher than six inches.
- Hand saw only; no gas or electric saws allowed.
- Avoid damage to other trees.
- No vehicles, bikes, or horses are permitted. This program is for hikers only.
- Tree harvest dates; Nov. 19 – Dec. 15

What a great way to support your Open Space Department and receive a beautiful tree for the holidays! For more information on the Ken-Caryl Forest Stewardship Plan, you can visit our website at <https://ken-caryl.org/download/foreststewardship-plan/>. Permit applications may be purchased via the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-caryl.org in early November. You can also view a harvest area map and pictures of trees on the



Special Events page of the website. Questions may be directed to the KCRMA Park Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

NOTE - While cutting and transporting your own Christmas tree from open space is a rewarding and great way to spend time with family, please be aware that it requires intense physical exertion including, walking long distances, hiking off trail, and standing on uneven ground and steep slopes. Be prepared for snowy and icy conditions and cold temperatures. For safety, residents are encouraged to dress in layers and to take plenty of breaks, as needed.



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Photo of Douglas Fir trees.



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Unearthing Ken-Caryl’s History: The Top 10 Ken-Caryl Ranch Archaeological Dig Sites Presentation

Resident and Historical Society Archaeology Lead Jack Warner to Host Presentation on Ken-Caryl’s Top 10 Historical Dig Sites in November

Long before the written history of the area we call Ken-Caryl Ranch started in the early 1800s, people lived and worked here for thousands of years. Did you know the following facts?

- People were making stone tools and hunting here at least 9,300 years ago—well before the pyramids of Egypt, Stonehenge, the ancient Greeks, ancient Rome and the ancient Maya.
- People hunted, made stone tools, gathered wild plants for food, made clothing, made large camps and utilized our picturesque red rocks in their homes repeatedly for thousands of years.

- The most popular foods here were: bison (buffalo), mule deer, rabbits and elk.
- Climate change here is not new. People lived here through times when average temperature was 10 degrees Fahrenheit colder and periods of warmer, wetter and dryer than now.
- Archaeologists have uncovered here one of the greatest concentration of sites used by ancient people found anywhere in the U.S.
- And just 6 miles southeast of Ken-Caryl, evidence of people hunting now extinct Columbian mammoths, camels, ground sloths and American horses—some of the oldest human hunting evidence ever found, has been dated at 15,500 years ago. These animals and people surely roamed here in Ken-Caryl.
- There are three Ken-Caryl areas recognized by listing on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places for their archaeological importance. Prior to the modern development of Ken-Caryl Ranch, which started in the 1970s, the landowners had the Denver Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) do an

archaeological survey of the land. Archaeology is the science that uncovers the physical objects called artifacts left behind by past peoples and researches their meaning. As a result of these archaeological surveys and artifact finds from 1973–2020, 10 major archaeological sites have been excavated on Ken-Caryl Ranch land. Join resident and Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society Lead Jack C. Warner for a presentation on these Top 10 Archaeological Dig Sites in Ken-Caryl Ranch on Nov. 9 from 7–9 p.m. at the Ranch House.



Artist rendering of early Ken-Caryl Ranch inhabitants making tools from stone.

PICTURE THIS! - Got 6 Bucks?

Bet you 6 bucks that you can’t count 6 bucks resting in the yard! As seen, snapped and captioned by resident Kathy Webster.



History in the making: Archaeological Dig in Progress in Ken-Caryl Ranch, 1976–1979.

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The Ken-Caryl Art Guild will be hosting their annual juried art show on Nov. 11, exclusively for Littleton residents. The 2023 KCAG Juried Art Show will be held at the Dakota Lodge, located at 14422 W. Ken Caryl Ave., Littleton (in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Valley) from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. This event is open to the public to attend. Light refreshments will be available during the show.

Date: Nov. 11
Time: 5-8 p.m.
Location: Dakota Lodge
Admission: Free to the public
For more information, contact Guild President, Cindy Marshall at rmarshco@aol.com.



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Dec. 5th

White Elephant Gift Exchange & Cookies

Join us for our "Ageless and Unstoppable" holiday celebration, featuring a White Elephant gift exchange! In this fun party game, we exchange humorous and quirky gifts, aiming to entertain rather than acquire valuable items. Let's come together as a community, exchange gifts, savor refreshments, and enjoy each other's company. Please bring gifts valued under \$20.

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Kudos to Ken-Caryl Valley

By Kathy Webster, Resident, CPW Volunteer

The summer of 2023 brought more black bears than usual to the Ken-Caryl Valley. There was the mom and three cubs, the huge male black bear, the chestnut-colored bear and the unusual honey-coated bear. Black bears can come in many colors and sizes.

This summer, I was notified by Colorado Parks & Wildlife District Director Jerrie McKee that she was getting too many calls regarding bears getting into trouble at the hands of people. Residents were leaving garage doors open, candy in cars, garbage outside and unsecured, and bird and hummingbird feeders hanging. These human tendencies do not bode well for the bears.

As a Colorado Parks & Wildlife Bear Aware volunteer, I set up a Bear Aware Stand to educate and inform the residents about the ABC'S of successful co-existence with bears. Residents were taught the importance of never leaving out attractants and how to properly haze bears by being large and loud. (See complete article in *Life at Ken-Caryl*, Aug. 30, page 7.) Residents that helped me with the education process by writing articles, displaying CPW Bear Aware yard signs and talking with neighbors were Cathy Packard,

Rilla Reinsma, Mary Best, Sara Odinetz and Dawn Hendry.

My husband Gary and I, with the help of resident Mary Best, set up another Bear Aware Stand on Saturday, Oct. 7. This time, there was a different message to the community. It was a message of "good job and keep up the good work until Thanksgiving." I recently spoke with District Manager McKee and she praised our community saying, "The Valley has been really quiet." She has not received any bear calls from our area in a month!

Jerrie wants us all to be vigilant. Due to the warming climate, natural food sources are available later into the year; thus, hibernation will occur later as well. The native berries and acorns, a favorite food for bears, are still plentiful, but as that food source diminishes and hibernation time draws closer, the bears may want to reenter the residential areas, especially if there are attractants. District Manager McKee stated, "If folks can continue to secure trash and keep birdfeeders away until Thanksgiving, that would be very helpful."

So, the message to the community is thank you from CPW and from the bears. Keep up the good work until Thanksgiving. You will have one more thing to be thankful for on Thanksgiving - you have saved the lives of bears and you have proved that co-existence is possible.

Safe and Sound Advice: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

The Sheriff's Office crime prevention deputies are well-versed in the concept of crime prevention through environmental design, or CPTED. CPTED tactics can help residents make their homes less attractive to burglars. Some elements of CPTED include lighting, landscaping and locks.

Most criminals prefer to take the easy path to stealing. Given a choice of homes in a neighborhood, they will choose to break into the homes that are darkest and/or most secluded. If your house is not among the easiest to burglarize, criminals will likely pass it by.

Lighting

Sufficient lighting around a home can be a deterrent to criminals, who do not want to be seen when committing their crimes. Use porch lights, landscape lighting and lighting around the doors to your home. Consider motion-activated lighting on the exterior of your home. The light doesn't have to be excessive – just enough so that neighbors or passersby could see someone around the outside of your home.

Lighting inside a home can also deter criminals, who may believe someone is home when the lights are on. Light timers are inexpensive and can be purchased at stores like Target and The Home Depot.

Landscaping

Remove objects that prevent you from seeing unwanted guests on your

property. Trim low tree branches and keep shrubbery trimmed so that it does not provide a hiding place for criminals. Remove trees or bushes that block the view of windows or doors.

Landscaping along the perimeter of your property with shrubs or rock can visually distinguish your property from public areas and discourage casual criminals from accessing your yard. If you have fencing on your property, keep it in good condition so that it creates an effective barrier between your yard and the space around it.

Doors

To significantly reduce the chance of being burglarized, lock your doors. Keep all doors closed and locked, whether you're home or not. Be sure that all doors, including inside garage doors, have deadbolt locks.

Garage Doors

Finally, make an effort to keep the garage door closed at all times, whether or not you are home. One of the most common means for criminals in Jefferson County to burglarize homes is to prey on those with open garage doors, even in the middle of the day. They may take valuables from the garage or use the open garage to access the house itself.

Source: www.jeffco.us/680/Crime-Prevention-Safety



Resident and Colorado Parks & Wildlife volunteer Kathy Webster provides education on bear activity and how residents can successfully co-exist with bears in Ken-Caryl.

PICTURE THIS! - Haunting Halloween

Resident Luke Johnson's impressive and spook-tacular Halloween lawn display.



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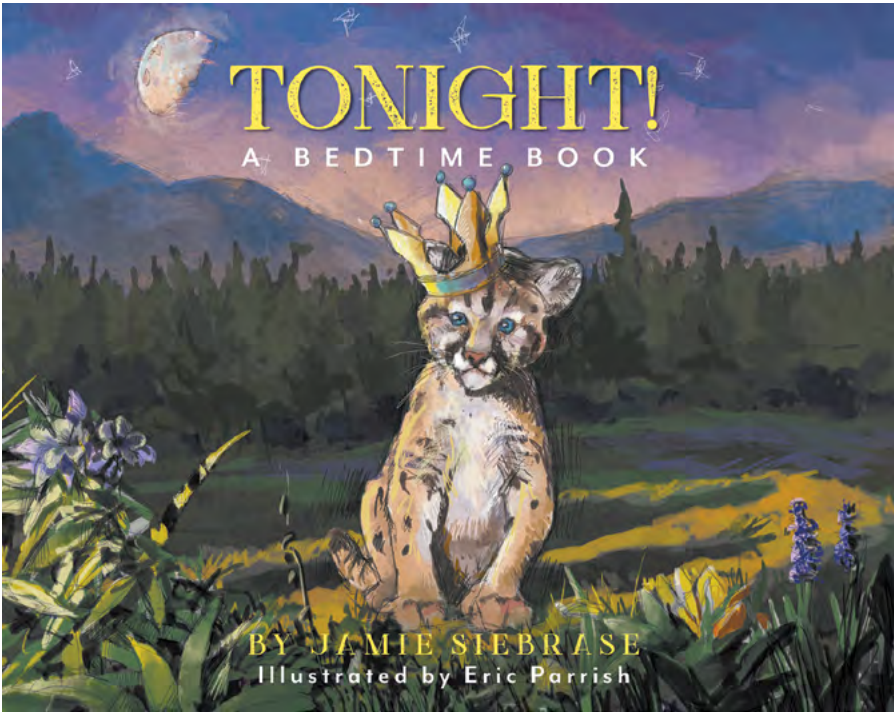
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PICTURE THIS! - Rock-in' Yoga

Talk about getting off to a rocky start in the morning! Resident Kathy Smith snapped and shared a photo of a resident enjoying a little yoga on the rocks in September!



OUR COMMUNITY



Resident and author Jamie Siebrase's first children's book, *Tonight! A Bedtime Book*.

Resident Author
Jamie Siebrase
Releases Her
First Children's
Book, *Tonight! A
Bedtime Book*

Ken-Caryl resident Jamie Siebrase is celebrating the release of her first children's book this month. Ten years ago—when her sons were little and Jamie's Google search history was

clogged with questions like, "Can you die of sleep deprivation?"—Jamie wrote the manuscript for *Tonight! A Bedtime Book*. The story weaves facts about Rocky Mountain animals and their habitats into a fictional narrative about a parent's tireless love, offering readers an educational twist on the classic "goodnight" book. Like every night, a boy imagines he's a different animal. "I'm a baby lark," he says. His mom explains that baby birds are called hatchlings, and it's time for this hatchling to go to sleep. "But hatchlings don't sleep in beds, they sleep in nests," the boy says. Tomorrow he might be a mountain lion, a bighorn sheep, or a chipmunk. As the list goes on, the mom wonders if her son will ever fall asleep.

After years and years of near-constant rejection, Jamie finally found an editor at Muddy Boots who wanted to take on the project. Two more years passed, and—tada!—the book is magically available at bookstores, including Barnes & Noble and wonderful independent shops such as Tattered Cover, Second Star to the Right and The Bookies. You can also order through Amazon and Books-A-Million. *Tonight!* is illustrated by Colorado artist Eric Parrish.

Jamie is a longtime Denver journalist, author and trained community naturalist. Her three nonfiction books are *Hiking with Kids Colorado: 52 Great Hikes for Families*, *Mythbusting the Great Outdoors: What's True and What's Not?*, and *Exploring Colorado with Kids: 71 Field Trips for Families*. She and her family moved to Ken-Caryl during the pandemic, and she plans to die here someday (not of sleep deprivation, thankfully).



Resident, author and naturalist Jamie Siebrase in her element.



Dog Parade & Tree Lighting

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Dog Parade

2:30-5:30 PM
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3:00 PM
Dog Costume contest winner announced

3:00 PM-5:30 PM
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Moomoo is a 2.5-year-old female American Pitt Bull Terrier/Bull Terrier mix. Her former owner says she is a “total princess” who loves waterways, walks, hugs and kisses. Moomoo is a strong, active girl who enjoyed playing at the dog park. However, she prefers to be the only resident canine, so is available to homes without other dogs.



Jensen (284538) –

Jensen is a 10-year-old male cat. He has an independent streak but enjoyed petting and brushing in his former home. His foster parent reports that he seeks attention with head butts, makes air biscuits, and purrs, purrs, purrs. Cat toys and cardboard boxes are his playtime favorites. Jensen is in foster care, so email foster@fas4pets.com if you are interested in meeting him.

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

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HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST

Wildfires don't have to destroy everything in their path. Science and research have proven that using Firewise principles in your landscaping can minimize damage and prevent losses. The work you do today can make a difference. Follow these simple action steps now and throughout the year to prepare and help reduce the risk of your home and property becoming fuel for a wildfire:

- » Clear needles, leaves and other debris from the roof, gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This reduces the chances of embers igniting your home.
- » To reduce ember penetration, replace or repair loose or missing roof shingles or tiles, and caulk any gaps or openings on roof edges.
- » Cover exterior attic vents, and enclose under-eave and soffit vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent embers from entering the home.
- » Remove items stored under decks or porches; replace vegetation in these areas with rock or gravel.
- » Replace mulch with hardscaping, including rock, gravel or stone. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- » Remove flammable items within 30 feet of all structures including firewood piles, portable propane tanks and dry and dead vegetation.
- » Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire so keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, trim it to reduce fire intensity, and don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- » Fire can spread to tree tops. If you have tall trees on your property, prune low hanging branches 6 to 10 feet from the ground and for smaller trees, prune low hanging branches no more than a third of the tree's height. Remove tall grasses, vines and shrubs from under trees.
- » Talk to your neighbors and create a plan for how to address your wildfire safety challenges together.

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Horse Around at the 3rd Annual Halloween with the Horses

Save the date for our 3rd Annual Halloween with the Horses on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1-4 p.m. at the Equestrian Center. This event is generously sponsored by resident and eXp Realtor Brean Small! Once again, Halloween with the Horses will feature a Horse and Rider Costume Contest from 1-1:30 p.m. where horse owners and their trusty steeds will be decked out and ready for show! This event will also feature a spook-tacular kids' costume contest from 1:30-2 p.m. Be sure to arrive early to sign-up your kiddo – and get the most out of this year's kids' Halloween costumes!

So, plan on getting Halloween festive with your neighhhh-bors and enjoy great prizes for contest winners, good eats and candy treats! All are welcome, including parents, kids, equestrians, spectators and even specters <wink>. Event organizers had a blast last year, and this year will be even bigger and better! We can't wait to see you there!





Halloween with the Horses participants from last year's event.

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Special Events

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Ageless & Unstoppable Returns This Fall!

Due to its immense popularity, Ageless & Unstoppable, Programming for Seniors, Retirees and Adults, will continue throughout the year! Join us for fun, educational and entertaining adult-oriented programming from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Shaffer Room at the Ranch House on the first Tuesday of each month through the end of the year! No registration required. For additional program dates and topics, please visit the Adults & Seniors page of our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org.

Veterans Day Breakfast

Veterans, please join us at Dakota Lodge for a free breakfast on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m., honoring you! A variety of breakfast items will be available, including eggs, pancakes and coffee. A slideshow of community veterans will be played during breakfast. This event is FREE; however, pre-registration is required. Please see notes once you reserve your spot online on how to contribute photos for the slideshow. Space is limited. Veterans and immediate family welcome. Please select number of participants when registering. No need to register each person individually. To secure your spot, visit our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org, then click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

Holiday Bazaar

Just in time for the holidays! Mark your calendars for the Annual Holiday Bazaar and shop 'til you drop at this unique event featuring local artisans on Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Ranch House. *Vendor registration to come.

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Special Events

NEW! Holiday Tree Lighting and Dog Parade

Kick off the holiday season with our first-ever Holiday Tree Lighting and Dog Parade on Nov. 18 at the Ranch House from 2:30-5:30 p.m.! Come mingle and be merry with the community and enjoy food trucks, hot cocoa, Christmas carols, a kids train and a giant inflatable dual lane slide! We will also host a most festively dressed dog competition, have ornament making available on-site, and of course, the tree lighting to celebrate the holiday season! Visit the Special Events page for event details and parade information!

Christmas Tree Sale

Why spend hundreds on a Christmas tree this year when you can take part in Ken-Caryl's annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Dakota Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9-11 a.m.? This year, the event will be on a first come, first served basis. KCRMA Rangers will have fresh trees for residents to choose from. Unlike the trees found in Christmas tree sale lots, these trees are more "natural" in shape, but they will still fill your home with traditional Christmas spirit – and the delightful scent of forest! The rangers are requesting donations (cash, check or credit card) in exchange for the trees to offset expenses in the Open Space program. Limit one tree per family to ensure many families can enjoy this great tradition. Hot drinks, treats, merriment and music will be part of this event!

Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program Returns!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Open Space Department, Open Space Committee and Board of Directors, in accordance with the Ken-Caryl Ranch Forest Stewardship Plan, has approved a Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program again this year as a nice addition to the annual Christmas Tree harvest/sale at Ken-Caryl Ranch. The program will provide the community with an option to register for a permit, limited to 75 permits, one per family, to hike in the open space and cut a Christmas tree. The cost of the permit is \$10, and all proceeds will go to offsetting Open Space Department expenses. Permits will be available for purchase online via our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org on Nov. 1. Stay tuned!



Special Events

Holiday Happenings

Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, horse-drawn carriage rides, food, music, and of course, pictures with Santa, at our annual Holiday Happenings event on Dec. 3 from 1-6 p.m. at the Ranch House! This event is FREE for residents. More details to come!



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Sports & Athletics



Youth Programs



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Soccer Shots Fall Programming!

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Family Nature Enrichment Programs

Looking for a fun evening activity to do with your child? Family Nature Club is back! Each week bring your child(ren) to come explore a new topic or create a guided hands-on project. The class is on Wednesdays, Nov. 29 – Dec. 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Dakota Lodge. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register button located at the top right corner of your screen.

Babysitting Course

Sign your tween/teen up for our latest Babysitting Class on Oct. 28. 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Sunshine Room at the Community Center! This course is designed to help prepare participants for those first babysitting opportunities. Basic childcare such as routine childcare duties (feeding, bathing and diapering) will be covered. Participants will also learn basic child development and be able to provide activities for various developmental stages. Home and fire safety along with the prevention and treatment of common injuries will also be covered. This course is offered in person for kids ages 11-14. To enroll, please visit www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

Knitting for Everyone

Knit hats, scarves, totes, blankets and so much more with our Knitting for Everyone class that runs Oct. 25 – Dec. 6 at the Ranch House! Morning and afternoon sessions are available at 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. or 12-3 p.m. Whether you're new to knitting or you want to learn new techniques, Knitting for Everyone is a knitting class for all skill levels. From casting on to weaving in ends, you'll learn how to make several beautiful projects.

The instructor has dozens of projects for you to choose from that will help you learn how to knit or go beyond the basics. This is a fun class where you set your own pace. To register, please visit www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.



Youth Programs

Register for Before & After School Care

Register your child for our B&A Care program this fall at the Ranch House for Shaffer families and the Dakota Lodge or the Community Center for Bradford families! The Ranch House-Shaffer program still has openings, so sign up now! Both Bradford programs are full, but you are welcome to join the waitlist, which can be done online via our website. A survey will be sent soon to all registered participants and waitlisted families to help determine if there is the option to open any more spots. 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-caryl ranch.org, under the Programs tab, then Youth Programs and School-Age Care.

Storytime at the Ranch House

Please join us from 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the Ranch House for Storytime, in partnership with the Jeffco Library, and have fun with our youngest residents!

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Cheers to Giving:
Local Guys Who
Give Chapter
Makes a Difference
in Our Community

Guys can gather, gulp and give at the next Guys Who Give event at Blue Spruce Brewery on Nov. 8.

It’s always a good time for giving, and when there is community connection, camaraderie – and beer – that are all part of supporting local non-profits and charities, it’s a win-win-win-win! Founded in Colorado, Guys Who Give is a group of men with a desire to inspire and who are committed to making a difference in their local communities.

According to the Guys Who Give website, the group’s mission is to reach out and help local charities with the funds they need to do the amazing work they are doing in their communities. Collectively, the group can make a powerful impact to the



The local Guys Who Give chapter meets each quarter at Blue Spruce Brewery in Ken-Caryl.

charitable community and donate over \$10,000 per quarter and \$40,000 annually, per market. Their mission is accomplished by finding 100+ men to

each contribute \$100 at the quarterly events to benefit a chosen local charity that changes each quarter. All charities and organizations up for consideration

must serve the county of the local chapter; the idea is to keep it local and have an impact that they can see.

Resident Jayson Langerman became involved with Guys Who Give in May of 2021; founding the Jeffco chapter to help support charities and non-profits in our immediate community. Jayson, who serves as the Jeffco Chapter Founder and President, believes that our close-knit community’s history of giving is a perfect fit for Guys Who Give. According to Jayson, Guys Who Give provides a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who have a passion for giving and simply wish to make a difference in our community. And if members also like beer, well, that’s just an added bonus, as the group also supports local businesses by meeting at the same brewery each quarter.

“Guys Who Give is fun and rewarding, and all the events are held close to home at Blue Spruce Brewery,” said Jayson. “It’s a great way to meet like-minded guys and have an immediate, positive impact on our community.”

Guys Who Give is a great way to give back to local communities for men who have a lot of heart, but maybe not a lot of free time, as was the case with Jayson.

“Giving back to our community has always been important to me, but as my career and family life took off, I needed to find something that was less time consuming, more efficient and more impactful,” said Jayson. “When I was first introduced to Guys Who Give, I realized it was the perfect fit! The main reason I started the Jeffco Chapter was to bring the location of the events closer to home, so I could get more guys to attend. I also wanted our donations to benefit Jeffco charities directly.”

Jayson’s personal goal for the Jeffco chapter is to reach 100+ members. If each guy donates \$100 per quarter and his goal of reaching 100 members is achieved, that equates to \$10,000 to be donated to a local charity every quarter!

Each quarter, the group meets, and each individual has the opportunity to submit a charity or non-profit to be considered, which must be a 501(c)(3). Three are selected and those members provide a 2–4-minute pitch about their intended charity and why it should be supported. The group then votes and 100% of the proceeds go to benefit that charity or non-profit directly! According to Jayson, the group is committed to ensuring that each



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Last quarter, the Jeffco Chapter of Guys Who Give, founded by resident Jayson Langerman, (second in from the right), raised \$6,700 to support PorchLight Family Justice Center.

quarter a new charity receives the proceeds to spread the love! So far, the group has made a difference on many local charities and organizations in the community.

“Last quarter, we raised \$6,700 for PorchLight Family Justice Center... [that] provides comprehensive legal, emotional and critical supportive services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, abuse of at-risk individuals, elder abuse and human trafficking,” said Jayson.

According to Jayson, Guys Who Give is an open group and all are welcome! In fact, to get involved, all you have to do is show up. The more guys, the bigger the impact. If you’re interested in getting involved, the Jeffco chapter will next convene on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 6-7 p.m. at Blue Spruce Brewery, located at 10577 W. Centennial Road, Unit A in Ken-Caryl. If that local business sounds familiar, Blue Spruce

has been the brewery affiliated with Ken-Caryl’s Barn BrewHa over the last few years.

For those short on time, all meetings are held once a quarter on the second Wednesday of the month, are kept to one hour and are held at the same time and at the same location each quarter. Each guy donates \$100 per quarter and donations are all completed online, so it’s quick and easy.

“When we come together as a group, we make a real, positive and immediate impact in our community,” said Jayson, who is proud of all the good the group has done since its formation.

For more information on Guys Who Give, meetings, updates or to get involved, please email Jayson at jeffco@guyswhogive.org. You can also check the group out on Facebook (search GuysWhoGive – Jefferson County) or the group’s website at www.guyswhogive.org.

PICTURE THIS! - “Fall-ing” in Love With Ken-Caryl



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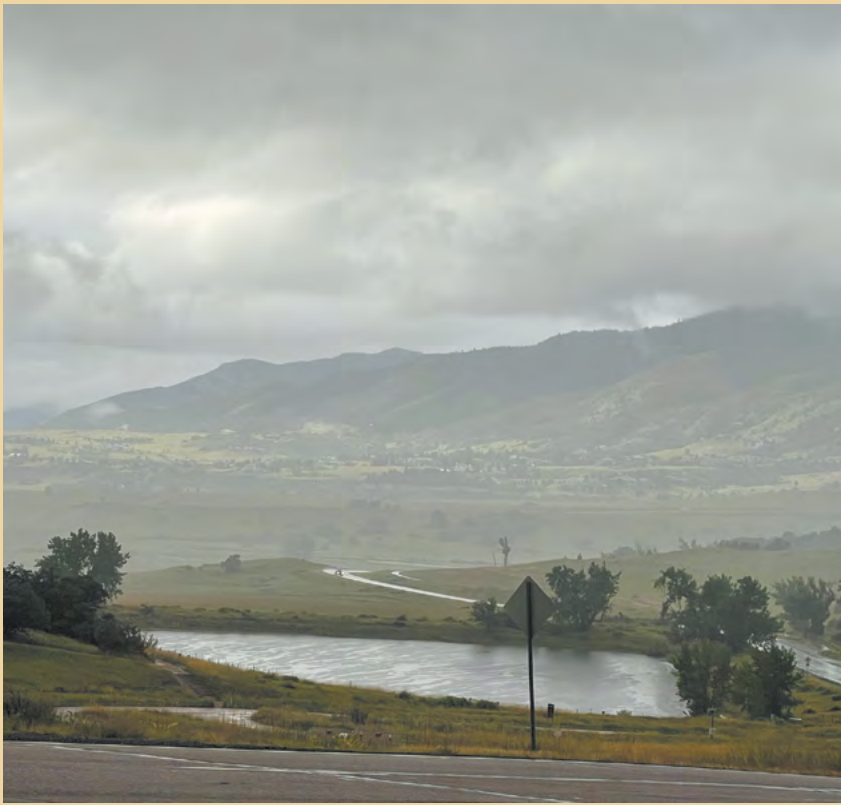
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Dear Editor

After observing Golden’s salute of Colorado’s most notable “illegal alien”, Adolf Herman Joseph Coors and his company’s 150th anniversary, I caught up on my mail, including our *Life at Ken Caryl*. The Sept. 27, 2023, edition included a dehumanizing, fear-mongering Letter to the Editor that must be publicly condemned and rejected.

To begin a letter searching for politically like-minded neighbors, Mr. Esbenshade starts by casting about regarding “illegal aliens.” As a 6th generation Chavez family member to call Colorado home, I must caution him as to whom he labels as “illegal aliens”. (We have baptismal records going back to the early 1800s.) Every Ken-Caryl Ranch family arrived here from somewhere else. We all have family lore, maybe even as colorful as the Coors legacy of its draft-dodging, steam ship stowaway.

Why begin a neighborhood letter with “illegal aliens”? Does Mr. Esbenshade only want to see global faces as Ken-Caryl’s roofers, landscapers, construction workers, housekeepers, childcare workers, delivery truck drivers—as service workers, not residents?

Why link “illegal aliens” and its current demonizing meanings to Medicare price negotiations?

Perhaps it is the same lack of compassion for another’s suffering. Perhaps it is the loss of empathy for another’s economic struggles to simply afford the medication needed to live.

Mr. Esbenshade does not point out that most of the first-round of price negotiations involve diabetes drugs,

which will save American taxpayers millions of dollars in Medicare spending and will save American lives. My life in Ken-Caryl is a world of compassionate, empathetic neighbors. That is the Ken-Caryl spirit in which I believe. What is truly “alien” are the words of Mr. Esbenshade. These have no place in our neighborhood publication. Pam Paricio, Resident

Dear Editor

With the November MA Board meeting fast approaching (when the 2024 budget is finalized and approved), it’s important that residents take a look at it and send comments to them or MA General Manager Brian Yowell.

Among the proposed items are significant increases in new spending on neighborhood signs, fences and bathrooms at Bradford pool. Yet for our #1 or #2 amenity - trails - the only proposed spending I see is the normal maintenance line items and a vague insertion of a “conservation plan.” Do we really need more plans and studies to tell us what we already know? Our open space is by definition “conserved.” So, what is this debate really about? One thing and one thing only - whether we build a new trail in the South of the system (Wildcat).

With regard to new trails in general, it’s important to take a look at the founding documents of Ken-Caryl. From the supplement to the master declaration of covenants:

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These documents make it clear that KC open space was zoned Jeffco Open Space, which allows a multitude of uses, including dog kennels and shooting ranges.

Could you imagine a shooting range in KC?! Yet we are constantly told by a handful of vocal minority to be worried about well-planned out and budgeted dirt trails? It makes no sense.

Between now and the election next spring, express your support for trails. Write letters. Show up at meetings. Encourage your friends and acquaintances to do the same.

Mark Celusniak, Resident continued on page 18

PICTURE THIS! - Heeyyyyyyyy

Resident photo contributor Tom Ryan gets up close and personal with one of our equine residents.



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Dear Editor

Vote no Amendment HH!
 In 1992, Colorado voters passed The Taxpayers Bill of Rights, TABOR, sponsored by Mr. Doug Bruce. Two main components are every proposed tax increase must be approved by Colorado voters. All jurisdictions of Colorado government can only collect additional revenue by how much the population grew and what the inflation rate was. Any revenue collected over the equation each year must be refunded to the taxpayers. Local government, like Jeffco schools and the Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District, have voted to “de-Bruce,” which means they can keep any revenue over the TABOR equation. Jefferson County and the state of Colorado have not “de-Bruced.”

Every two years, Colorado’s 64 county assessors revalue residential real estate. In 2024, The Independent Institute in Golden estimates the average home property tax will rise 40%. Amendment HH will be on the November ballot. The amendment asks voters to allow the state of Colorado to retain 1% annually of your TABOR refund. There is not expiration date, the 1% compounds every year. If HH would pass, there would be a small decrease in your property tax. This is a back door deal to eliminate TABOR refunds.

The 2024 property tax increase is so large, you will receive a Jefferson County and state of Colorado TABOR refund in 2024. Do not be fooled, vote no on Amendment HH and keep our TABOR refunds far into the future.

Jeff Esbenshade, Resident

Editor’s Note: Mr. Esbenshade’s letter has met the policy standards and guidelines for printing in Life at Ken-Caryl. He has provided his consent to print his email and phone numbers for residents interested in connecting with him regarding the content of his letter. You may direct questions or comments regarding this letter to Mr. Esbenshade via email at esbenshad@aol.com or at 303-972-3968.

To the Editor of Life at Ken-Caryl Ranch,

In view of the current events in Israel, please see the three (3) leading charities in Israel which are recommended by the local Synagogue. The thought would be to have these charity-links published as a way for all Ranch Residents to direct their donations to a worthy cause. It is my understanding that several adult children of the local congregation

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