



Snow Day Shenanigans

Our youngest residents were not the only ones enjoying a snow day earlier this month! Resident Jenna Reynolds snapped and shared a photo of an elk playing to the camera.

Love life behind the lens? Consider submitting your photos to *Life at Ken-Caryl* Editor Allison Rager at allisonr@kcranch.org for publishing consideration in an upcoming issue.

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Holiday Happenings at the Ranch House Dec. 7

Join us for a festive holiday celebration on Dec. 7 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Ranch House! Enjoy fun for all ages featuring horse and carriage rides, a hot chocolate bar, Christmas carols with Summit Sound of Voices West, and holiday games and crafts.

Don't miss a chance to capture the magic of photos with Santa. Registration is required and open online via the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Subject to availability.

Thank you to Platinum Sponsor Susan Schell for her generous support of this event!



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South Hogback Task Force Update

By Traci Wieland, District Manager

The District owns 935.71 acres of open space and 3.2 miles of trail known as the South Hogback Open Space, which is located south and west of the junction of Interstate C-470 and Ken Caryl Ave. The South Hogback has significant historical and sensitive resources and is the only public open space owned by the District.

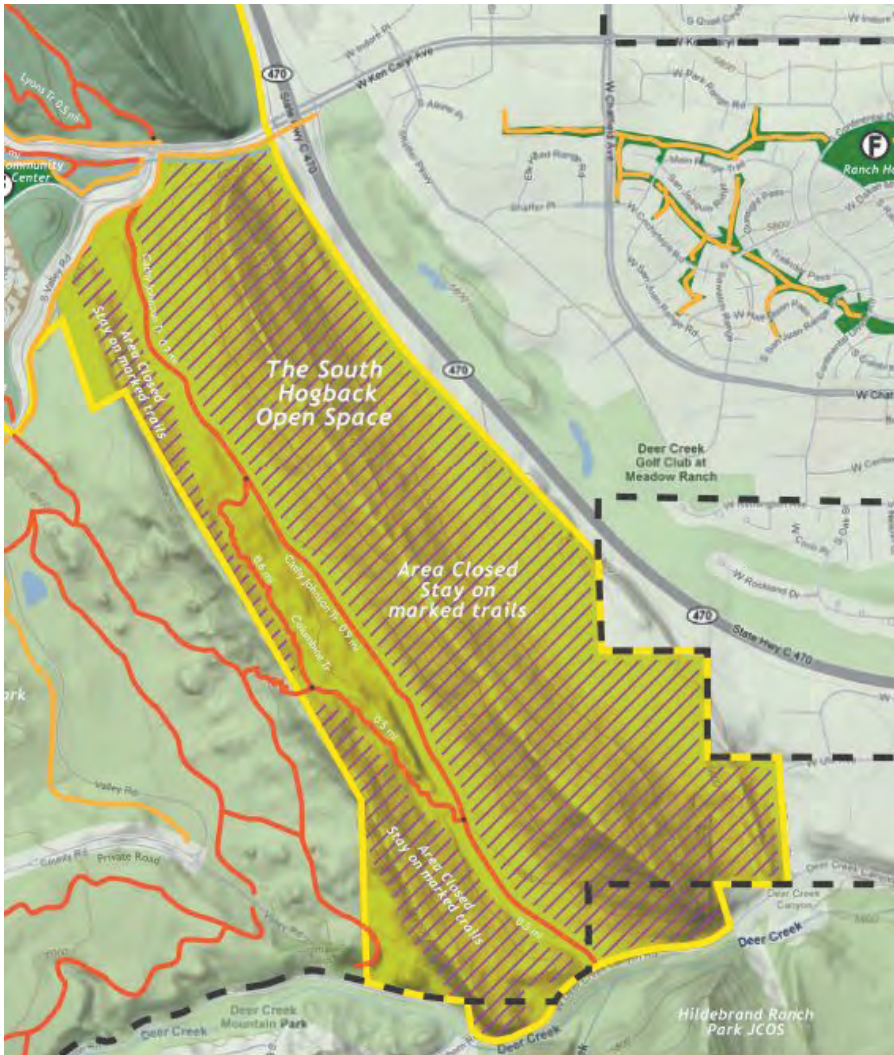


Currently, the South Hogback Open Space Task Force is working on a land management plan that will address resource values, impacts and recommendations for the South Hogback. The task force will seek public comment on the land management plan in 2025.

The community is extremely lucky to have a wealth of expertise amongst the task force members. When applicants were sought, staff and the Board were overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of the applicants. Volunteer members include Jim Antes, Richard Arnold, John Fosholt, Deanna Greco, Bruce Heise, Jonathan Heywood and Bob Toll. These individuals bring diverse viewpoints and expertise in the following areas: property law, natural resources, public land and resource management, wildlife ecology, geology, conservation, parks management and historical knowledge. The resumes of these individuals are truly impressive, and this community should be proud to be represented by these volunteers.

In addition to volunteer task force members, staff and board representation, the District is contracting with ERO for this initiative. ERO has extensive knowledge of the South Hogback and was responsible for the archeological study in 2019.

I encourage you to keep an eye on future communications regarding this initiative and opportunities for public engagement.



The South Hogback, shown here, is the only public open space owned by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District.

November

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
17	18	19 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	20 5:30 p.m. Firewise Committee Meeting	21 7:30 a.m. Equestrian Center Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	22	23 2:30 p.m. Dog Parade & Tree Lighting
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Ranch House/Community Center Closed	29 Ranch House Closed	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 for details.

OUR COMMUNITY

A Letter from Traci Wieland, Metropolitan District Manager

At the heart of our community are the dedicated team members who work diligently to ensure the Ken-Caryl Ranch community thrives. They bring passion, expertise and a genuine desire to help. They use problem solving skills to analyze and address issues in ways that are fair, efficient and in the best interest of the community. Whether they engage directly with the community or work behind the scenes to assist with administration duties, they navigate challenges and persist through difficulties that can only be found in the arena of public service.

While our work may be drastically different than your own, all of us are the same. We are just like you. We are parents. We are single parents. We are step-parents. We are parents taking care of our own aging parents. We are getting married. We are getting divorced. We are experiencing or have experienced tremendous personal loss. We struggle to meet our financial obligations. We are getting close to retirement and wondering if we can make it work. We are finishing college and wondering how we are going to pay off our student loans. We have mental health issues. We have physical health issues. We are helping family or friends with mental or physical issues. We experience the same or similar struggles as you. And while we are all individuals, many of us seek unity, shared values, common interests, and a sense of community that is rooted in support.

Sometimes, it is easy to put frustrations onto the people that serve us. District and Master Association employees, of all positions, are an easy target to question, judge and critique. Please don't take this as only a recent example of the 6F ballot question. Many of you would be shocked to know the level of disdain that employees of all levels, all departments, and all positions actively receive while serving you and your families. Employees who have the best interest of the community at heart, many of whom are your fellow neighbors and friends who have a vested personal and professional interest to make Ken-Caryl Ranch a truly wonderful place to live.

While we welcome feedback and positive discourse, we would much rather engage in constructive dialogue about issues or challenges. This does not include a three-minute public comment period, and it certainly does not include social media posts or comments. The next time you have an issue, actively reach out to a District or Master Association employee. They welcome your conversations because they know that is where problems can actually be solved. I'd also encourage you to thank an employee, and thank them often, for the work they do.

On a final note, this will be my final contribution for the paper. I have made the decision to part from the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District to pursue another career opportunity. I'd like to thank the community members that I had the opportunity to engage and partner with on initiatives, no matter how small or large, that support improvements to the community. It was a pleasure to work together collectively to make a positive impact on our community. Lastly, I want to thank the amazing staff that I have had the privilege to lead for the last five years. You are and continue to be my inspiration for the work that I do.

Sincerely, Traci Wieland, District Manager

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The Mail Must go Through

By Lauri Lehan, Community Administrator

This was the motto of the Pony Express, which, for 19 months between 1860-1861, successfully delivered 34,753 pieces of mail between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California. Though short-lived, the Pony Express was a pioneering effort that helped shape the modern mail system we rely on today.

So, what does this have to do with covenants? In Ken-Caryl, we have a variety of mailboxes, and we've been working on a project to identify and assess the condition of the boxes in our community. Most of Ken-Caryl receives mail through cluster boxes or kiosks that contain several individual mailboxes. These kiosks are owned by the USPS, and they are responsible for repairs and replacements. We've compiled a list of locations that need attention and shared it with our local post office. If you have questions about your mailbox or others, feel free to reach out to us.

For residents who receive mail in an individual private mailbox on their property, we will be auditing these boxes over the next couple of months. During this process, we'll be checking for proper post alignment, good condition and whether they need painting or staining (if applicable). Mailboxes should meet the following guidelines:

Mailbox & Post Guidelines:

- **Architectural Committee approval** is required for any modifications.
- **Mailboxes must have a black finish.**
- Shared posts must match in size, and ideally, the mailboxes should be identical.
- **Wood posts** may be natural cedar, sealed with a transparent finish to preserve the wood's color. Alternatively, wood posts may be painted to match the home they service.
- **Metal posts** may be approved if they have a conservative design that complements the home and neighborhood.
- **Professional numbers** (on the side(s) of the mailbox) are allowed, up to 4" in height, and must not be made of reflective materials.
- **Vinyl or plastic posts** are not permitted. Other materials may be considered by the Architectural Committee.
- **Mailboxes** should not have any moving parts (e.g., duck wings).
- **Oversized mailboxes** (greater than 22" in length, 12" in width, or 10" in height) are not allowed.

Additionally, please make sure your mailbox is easily accessible to our mail carriers. Ensure that tree branches are trimmed high enough for trucks to pass through and that shrubs or bushes are cut back to provide clear access to the mailbox.

We appreciate everyone's efforts in maintaining a smooth and efficient mail delivery system - after all, as the Pony Express reminds us, "the mail must go through!"

If you have any questions or need clarification, don't hesitate to contact me at lauril@kcranch.org.



Holiday Closures and Trash Delays

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Please note that both the Ranch House and the Community Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Ranch House will remain closed on Friday. The Community Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29; however, there will not be any fitness classes on Friday, Nov. 29. The Tennis Facility will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will not be block time. Wishing

all residents a wonderful, happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Holiday Trash Delay

Just a friendly reminder from the Ken-Caryl Ranch trash service provider, Waste Connections, that Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, is an observed holiday. All residents are advised that Thursday's trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day. If your regular trash day is Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, there is no delay.

GIVING BACK

Now Accepting Denver Santa Claus Shop Donations!



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 Mike Aden and Greg Milano of Colorado Home Realty are coordinating a toy drive with Ken-Caryl Ranch, now through Dec. 15. The concept is to provide free, new and gently used toys to children ages newborn to 11 years old who might not otherwise have gifts to open at Christmas.

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 15, during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Community Center - Monday - Thursday from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sunday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Ranch House - Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please note that the Ranch House is closed on Fridays.

Pick-up - You can call Greg Milano at 303-888-9228 or Mike Aden at 303-525-4896 and as good neighbors, they will come pick up your toy to donate.

In addition, those interested in donating a new toy to a child can do so by visiting the following Denver Santa Claus Shop's direct link.

Items purchased from this list will be shipped directly to the organization for special delivery to children in need. To donate money, or toys via Amazon or Walmart please visit denversantaclausshop.org/donate

"We are honored to help our wonderful community provide toys to less fortunate families," said Greg and Mike.

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Hazing Wildlife

By Nick DeCarolis, Park Ranger and Natural Resource Specialist

Being a part of Ken-Caryl means living amongst resident wildlife. While most enjoy the sight of deer and other critters in their yards, wildlife can sometimes become an unwanted nuisance or pose as a threat for a variety of reasons. Whatever the reason, there are ways to safely deter wildlife from your property for yourself and the animal. The priority is keeping yourself safe in any interaction with wildlife. Never turn your back on an animal, and do not approach a potentially dangerous animal.

Hazing wildlife is considered a means of scaring or deterring an animal from your property without causing harm to that animal. See below for tips and tricks for deterring wildlife from your property.

- Remember, if approached by a coyote, deer, or bear, do not run, or turn your back on it.
- Be as big and loud as possible.
- Wave arms and yell in an authoritative voice, or open jacket and wave in the air.
- Turn on sprinklers or spray them with a garden hose.
- Throw rocks, sticks, tennis balls or anything else you can find. Do not break skin and avoid aiming for the animal's head.
- Bang a pot and pan together for noise.
- Sling a rock using a slingshot, at rear of animal and avoid the face.
- Turn on flood lights at night.
- Shake or throw a shaker can, which is a soda can filled with pennies or pebbles and sealed with duct tape.
- Make noise with an air horn, whistle, or other noise makers, or blow your car horn if available.
- Spray pepper spray if the animal gets too close to you.
- Use a paintball gun to scare them off. The intent is to scare them, not injure them.
- Provide an escape route for the animal. Don't stand in the path you believe they will take to get away.

These methods are for hazing wildlife from your property.

Harassment of wildlife on private property and open space is against the law. The above tools for hazing wildlife are only allowed in open space if you feel the animal

is approaching too close or feel threatened. The main goal is to make animals that are a nuisance to humans uncomfortable and to instill a fear of humans and leave the area.

- **Do not** use fireworks as a deterrent. These are prohibited in Jefferson County.
- **Do not** harass or injure the animals using a BB, pellet, blow dart, or airsoft guns as this will make the situation worse and can lead to death of the animal.
- **Fines** may be levied by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. KCR Park Rangers can enforce *Rule #7, Unauthorized collecting, taking, gathering, possessing, destroying, mutilating, defacing, damaging, or disturbing any wildlife, natural feature, archeological item, vegetation, or any other object is prohibited.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Ken-Caryl Ranch Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.



Seen and Herd

Elk have been spotted roaming around the Ranch. Photo courtesy of resident Heidi Werth.

◆ ELECTION NEWS



KCRMD Ballot Issue 6F Defeated

The election results for Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Ballot Issue 6F are as follows:

- 34% For
- 66% Against

Ballot Issue 6F asked voters whether or not they wanted to retain 2/3 of the expiring bond repayment mill levy for a period of 10 years for the purpose of funding future capital infrastructure and maintenance of capital infrastructure.



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New Open Space Bracelets for 2025-2027 Available Dec. 9

It's that time again! Every three years Ken-Caryl Ranch updates the Open Space bracelets, and the new color is...drumroll please...pink!

If you have a yellow open space ID bracelet it is no longer valid past Dec. 31, 2024. To obtain a new pink ID bracelet, which will be good through 2027, please visit the Ranch House or the Community Center beginning Dec. 9.

We have simplified the registration process and it will take just a minute to grab your bracelets and be on your way. All open space bracelet registration will be in-person. We appreciate you stopping by either of the convenient locations listed above. If you are the homeowner, you will just need a photo ID. If you rent your home, are a brand new resident and haven't updated your license, or are not the owner, you can provide any one of the following as address verification:

1. A valid Colorado Driver's License or Colorado ID with current KCR address.
2. A valid property tax statement with the applicant's name for the current

KCR address.

3. A valid warranty deed with the applicant's name for the current KCR address.
4. A valid lease/rental agreement with the applicant's name for the current KCR address.
5. A recent utility bill (gas, water, electric, cable) with the applicant's name and current KCR address.

Most of our trails are on Ken-Caryl Ranch Private Open Space and are accessible only to residents and their guests. Open space bracelets help rangers and volunteer patrollers quickly identify residents. It is not mandatory to have an ID bracelet when using Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space, but if you don't have an ID bracelet, please be prepared to stop and answer questions from a KCRMA Park Ranger or Volunteer Patroller.

There is no cost for open space bracelets. Bracelets are issued only two per household and can be temporarily transferred to house guests ONLY while they are staying in your home. Other guests must be accompanied by a Ken-Caryl resident.

Thank you for your support of our trails! Open space bracelet information and updated open space rules regarding trail bracelets will also be available at www.ken-carylranh.org under the *Open Space* menu in the *Open Space Bracelet* tab.

◆ OUR COMMUNITY

Last Call to Apply for a Committee!

Committees are a vital part of managing affairs of the community. Ken-Caryl Ranch is currently accepting applications for new committee members for 2025 for the following committees:

- Architectural Committee
 - Community Planning Committee
 - Election Committee
 - Firewise Committee
 - Historical Society
 - 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 under the *About Us* tab. Residents who wish to apply for membership to multiple committees, must submit a separate form for each committee. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 22.

If you have any questions about committees, contact KCRMA General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org.

Oh, Christmas Tree – Sale on Dec. 7!

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. 7 from 9-11 a.m. on a first come, first-served basis. 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.

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, Open Space Director, at 303-979-1876, ext. 170 or email matto@kcranch.org.



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District Budget Process

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District utilizes a strategic budget planning process to ensure a complete financial roadmap for all District operations. The budget philosophy is to tie the District's operations to the Strategic Plan while continuing to improve levels of service. The annual budget process is the culmination of months of forecasting, preparing, evaluating and compiling.

Some key highlights of the 2025 Draft Budget include:

- Aesthetic improvements for public spaces
- Increased weed and contract services budget for South Hogback
- Mandated replacement of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment with battery-powered
- Phased migration to new parks and recreation software
- Ongoing creation of new recreation

programming

- Completing approximately \$1 million in capital projects
- Competitive total rewards for staff

The 2025 Draft Budget is posted on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website at www.ken-carylranh.org under *About Us*, then *Financials*. Residents are encouraged to read through this comprehensive document. It's not just a spreadsheet of numbers; there's a comprehensive narrative that discusses philosophy and elements of the budget. Staff members at all levels of the organization are involved in the preparation, analysis and implementation of the budget. Please know that the staff takes great pride in the care of resident tax dollars.

The Board will vote on the 2025 Draft Budget at its Dec. 10 meeting at 6 p.m. at the Ranch House. Residents are encouraged to attend either in person or online. Feedback can also be emailed directly to the District Board at mdboard@kcranch.org.

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Resident Stephanie Wilson's daughter Mikayla Wilson took this picture from behind their house while she was sledding with her friends.



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Life at Ken-Caryl is shining the spotlight on local businesses just in time for the holidays! Looking for that perfect gift? Check out our listing of resident-owned businesses for wonderful and creative gift ideas to help make the holidays merry and bright for all!

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Business Name

3Js Pure Botanicals

Business Website

3jspure.com

Business Contact Email

LiveNaturally@3JsPure.com

What services and/or products does your business provide?

Aromatherapy (both aromatic and therapeutic: synergy blends and roller bottle applicators) and herbal medicine products (teas, tinctures, herbal oils and digestive bitters), salves and balms and plant-based organic skin care.



Business Contact Name

Vanessa Czech

Business Name

Honey Haus Beauty Lounge

Business Website

myhoneyhaus.com

Business Contact Email

v@myhoneyhaus.com

What services and/or products does your business provide?

We have a donation drive going for the month of November for youth at risk! Vanessa is the creative force behind Honey Haus Salon, where she has been creating beautiful hair for over 10 years. Her expertise lies in color and extensions, and her mission is to bring out the beauty in each and every client.



Business Contact Name

Alicia Pucci

Business Name

Sew-it-All Studio

Business Website

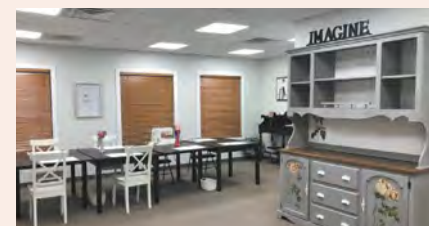
sew-it-all.com

Business Contact Email

info@sew-it-all.com

What services and/or products does your business provide?

The Sew-it-All Studio is a cozy little studio located in Littleton. Sew-it-All is a place to sew or learn how to sew. Classes available for teens, tweens adults and everyone in between. Summer Camps, Saturday Classes & After School programs.



Business Contact Name

Tara Lynn

Business Name

Indie Martial Arts

Business Website

indiemartialartslittleton.com

Business Contact Email

mstaraindiemartialarts@gmail.com

What services and/or products does your business provide?

At Indie Martial Arts, we offer self-defense, fitness & fun for the whole family! Call for free trial in martial arts, teen & adult fitness kickboxing, parents' night out fun, self-defense seminars and birthday parties!



Business Contact Name
Julieta Dominguez-Trebb
Business Name
El Tallerito
Business Website
eltallerito.square.site
Business Contact Email
ElTallerito@outlook.com



What services and/or products does your business provide?
At El Tallerito - The Little Studio- I handcraft jewelry and crochet accessories such as beanies, sweater shrugs, scarves & ponchos.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElTalleritoLittletonCO>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eltalleritolittleto>

Business Contact Name
Sandra Elvenholl
Business Name
Zen Doggie, LLC
Business Website
zendoggiellc.com
Business Contact Email
zendoggiellc@gmail.com



What services and/or products does your business provide?
Private and group class dog training. All behavioral issues for all breeds, any age.

Business Contact Name
Lauren & Brad Plain
Business Name
Chick-fil-A C470 & Kipling and Chik-fil-A Aspen Grove
Business Website
cfalittleton.com/catering
Business Contact Email
cfalittleton@gmail.com



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Waste Connections is the trash and recycling service provider for Ken-Caryl Ranch. Service is included as part of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association monthly residential dues. Waste Connections can be reached at 303-288-2100 or www.wcdenver.com.

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

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

WasteConnect Mobile App: Never miss your collection day again with the WasteConnect™ Mobile App. Get the app on Google play or download it from the Apple App Store.



Sign Up for the e-News!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch e-News is a weekly newsletter distributed every Monday via email to all residents who subscribe. To sign up for the e-News, go to www.kencarylranh.org and fill out the Sign up for Communication form on the home page or send an email to allisonr@kcranch.org.



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Green Scene: Hard-to-Recycle and Eco-Friendly Options Near Ken-Caryl

Recycling can be challenging, especially when it comes to items that don't belong in your regular bin. Here's a guide to some local resources for recycling those tricky items and supporting eco-friendly practices in nearby communities:

SustainAbility

Located at 6340 W. 56th Ave. in Arvada, SustainAbility accepts hard-to-recycle items as well as materials that can be reused. Compost drop-off is also available. Visit their website at sustainability-recycling.com.

AMERECYCLE Appliance and Electronics Recycling

For a fee, AMERECYCLE will pick up appliances and ensure they're recycled responsibly. Prices typically range from \$50 to \$75. Call 720-628-0220 to schedule a pick-up.

Best Buy

Drop off small electronics like printers, iPads and computers for free, up to three items per household per day. Recycling TVs incurs a fee, so contact your local store for details.

Eco-Cycle CHaRM

Eco-Cycle's Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM) in Boulder takes many hard-to-recycle items. Visit them at 6400 Arapahoe Rd. or more details can be found at ecocycle.org.

Ridwell

Ridwell offers residential pick-up of hard-to-recycle items twice a month.



Monthly fees range from \$14 to \$24, with materials including Styrofoam, multilayer plastic, plastic film, batteries, light bulbs and textiles. They also feature a rotating special item for collection. Visit ridwell.com for more information. Ridwell has generously offered a 10% discount for memberships purchased by scanning the QR code attached with this article.

Rooney Road Recycling Center

This facility in Golden specializes in hazardous waste. Recycling is by appointment only. Contact them at rooneyroadrecycling.org.

Western Metal Recycling

Western Metal Recycling in Englewood buys both ferrous and non-ferrous metals like aluminum, copper, brass, iron and steel. Drop off your old metal items at 2100 W. Oxford Ave., or visit wmrecycling.com for more information.

ProShred

Located at 4719 S. Santa Fe Circle, ProShred offers secure shredding for documents, paper and hard drives. Contact them at proshred.com/Denver/.

CoPIRG

For those interested in supporting environmental advocacy in Colorado, CoPIRG works on public interest issues and sustainability initiatives. Visit copirg.org for more information.

Recycling can be an impactful way to protect our environment and reduce waste. Using these local resources can make sustainable practices easier for everyone. A special thank you to resident Mary Best for sharing these resources with our community.



KCRMA Ballot 6F and Social Media Factual Statement

6F and Social Media Rebuttal – KCRMA 2024

As you are surely aware, KCRMD Ballot Issue 6F was defeated earlier this month. We monitored various social media communications closely during the election season, recognizing that a Master Association employee was personally involved in advocating in favor of 6F. However, we decided to wait until the election was over before speaking out and offering clarification. Prior to and during the election, the Master Association did not want to engage in any electioneering or create more confusion amongst the residents; however we felt the need to offer clarification to correct the factual misstatements and errors and to address the unsubstantiated attacks on staff that circulated before and during the election on social media and in the letters to the editor section of the *Life at Ken-Caryl* community newspaper. This statement has been approved by the Master Association Board of Directors.

The Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District and the Ken-Caryl Master Association are Different Entities

The Metropolitan District is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state of Colorado, governed under a distinct set of laws. The Master Association is a non-profit corporation, governed under a different set of laws. The two entities work together for financial stewardship and increased efficiencies for residents. At the end of the day, each entity's board makes its own decisions and manages their own budgets. The Master Association has no say in proposing any ballot issue, including 6F; this was a decision by the Metropolitan District. However, because the Master Association and Metropolitan District share the common goal to improve Ken-Caryl Ranch for its residents through property maintenance and improvement, services, amenities, and to foster a sense of community, additional revenue to the Metropolitan District can mutually benefit Ken-Caryl Ranch residents and the goals of the Master Association.

Master Association employees do not leave their First Amendment rights at the door when accepting employment

Some owners criticized a Master Association employee for their advocacy in favor of ballot issue 6F. The Master Association is a non-profit corporation and could not ask its employees to forego their rights as American citizens to participate in the political process. The employee advocated on her own time and not as a part of her employment with the Master Association. The Master Association did not ask the employee to undertake this advocacy, nor did it compensate her for her time spent on the ballot issue. The Master Association allowed the employee to purchase ad space at market rates – as it would anyone else – but it did not coordinate messaging or limit access sought by opposing positions.

The majority of the Master Association Board members were in favor of 6F

While the Master Association decided to not take a formal vote in support of 6F, the majority of the MA Board members were individually in favor of the ballot issue, as was reflected in their letter to the editor in *Life at Ken-Caryl*. Because the ballot issue would assist the Metropolitan District's funding needs, its passage would benefit Ken-Caryl Ranch's residents and the Master Association's shared goals of improving the community assets and attending to its aging infrastructure. The Master Association respects the will of the community and the results of the election and will continue to focus on maintaining and improving our community through monthly HOA dues funding.

The Master Association contributed to the Metropolitan District, as is permitted by law

The 2021 Community Survey indicated that 78 percent of the community supported "retaining" some or all of the 2014 bond mill to fund maintenance.

The Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act allows the Master Association to make donations that further the community's interests. Over several different election cycles, the Master Association has contributed to the Metropolitan District's ballot initiatives when the Metropolitan District's actions further the community's interests. These contributions are minimal in the context of the Master Association's overall budget, and have never been offered to a candidate.

The Master Association and its lawyers did not engage in any lobbying efforts

"Lobbying" means communicating directly with officials to aid or influence a variety of legislative, executive branch, or state agency activities. The Master Association made a contribution to the ballot initiative 6F through Yes On 6F For Ken-Caryl; it did not take a formal position on 6F, it did not contact any legislators to seek assistance in passing 6F, it did not retain a lobbying firm to advocate for 6F, and it did not request that its law firm (which is not a lobbyist) advocate for 6F. We are aware that, for some reason, a resident filed a lobbying complaint against the managing partner of the Master Association's law firm. That complaint has nothing to do with the Master Association and, from our knowledge, has no basis.

The Master Association takes pride in fostering a sense of belonging, community and open dialogue for all resident, regardless of perspectives, personal viewpoints and political beliefs. Misinformation, derogatory comments and public shaming—whether intentional or not—can damage relationships, erode trust, deflate morale, negatively impact job performance, cause anxiety and fear and create unnecessary conflicts within our community. This misuse of social media platforms like Facebook that serve as a stage to launch negative attacks on a person's personal life and professional career, that include the disclosure of personal information, can have a significantly detrimental impact, potentially damaging their reputation, hindering career advancement, causing emotional distress, and even leading to job loss and negative public perception. The Master Association Board of Directors does not condone personal and unsubstantiated attacks on fellow residents, board members, volunteers and staff and it will not be tolerated.

Additionally, needing to allocate staff resources to address the constant dissemination of misinformation, personal and professional attacks, and the need for legal representation, is an unnecessary and gross misuse of Ken-Caryl Ranch Master's Association time and expenditures. These resources would be better allotted to programs, services and improvements intended to serve the best interests of all Ken-Caryl Ranch residents.

Strive to promote respectful dialogue, present accurate information, assume positive intent, and seek to understand and respect each other. Even with differing opinions, we can prevent the spread of misinformation, shaming, and false narratives, and build a community that is united, informed and resilient.

Together we can do better, Ken-Caryl.

PICTURE THIS!



Rainbow Bright

Resident Scott Decker snapped and shared this stunning photo of a rainbow across The Valley.

● SPECIAL EVENTS

Pumpkin Recycling Event a Success!

The pumpkin recycling event at the Ranch House on Nov. 2 was a hit! According to Open Space Director Matt Öven, approximately 275 pumpkins were collected and delivered to Hog Haven Farm, a non-profit pig rescue and sanctuary located near Denver. Founders Erin Brinkley-Burgardt and Andrew Burgardt were very appreciative with the delivery.

Thanks to Matt Öven, Park Ranger Peter Marozas and residents John and Lisa Losasso, and Madelynn and Todd Orr for their assistance with the pumpkin delivery.

Hog Haven Farm has been giving rescued pigs a safe and loving home for more than 10 years, and your pumpkins made a delicious and nutritious treat for them! Thank you to residents John and Lisa Losasso, and Madelyn Orr for the pumpkin recycling idea!



Park Ranger Peter Marozas worked to load, haul and deliver pumpkins to Hog Haven, a non-profit pig sanctuary, as part of Ken-Caryl's Pumpkin Recycling event earlier this month.



Residents and rangers deliver pumpkins to Hog Haven Farm on Nov. 2. Photo courtesy of John Losasso.



From left, Lisa Losasso, Todd Orr, Hog Haven's Erin Brinkley-Burgardt, Madelynn Orr and John Losasso at Hog Haven Farm following this year's donated pumpkin delivery. Photo courtesy of John Losasso.

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Brutis – 301880

Brutis is a 3-year-old male American Pit Bull Terrier. He can take some time to become comfortable and will appreciate a gentle and patient adopter. Brutis seeks a home where he is cherished and where his kind spirit can shine. He is available to households without kids or with kids aged 10 or older.



Lucy – 191590

Lucy is a 14½-year-old female cat. Sweet and sassy, she is ready to take it easy in her golden years by basking in the sun and asking for attention when the time is right. She is recommended for a calm, adult-only home.

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

Interested in Advertising in Life at Ken-Caryl?

Advertising information is available at www.ken-carylranh.org under the Community & News section.

Display Advertising & Classifieds

April Crockett, aprilc@kcranch.org
303-979-1876, ext. 117

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The Fall Before the Storm

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This Month is all about Gratitude and with the support of this amazing community I just received my 100th FIVE Star Review!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from our Family to Yours

- Samantha, Andy, Bre, & Brooklyn Small



RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Register online at www.ken-carylranh.org today!

FACILITY INFO



Ranch House

7676 S. Continental Divide Road
303-979-1876

Facility Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
or by appointment



Community Center

1 Club Drive
303-979-2233

Facility Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday, 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Interested in renting a room or picnic shelter? Ken-Caryl Ranch offers a variety of rooms and outdoor picnic shelters at the Ranch House, Community Center, Dakota Lodge and at our parks. Questions? Contact our dedicated Guest Services staff at recreation@kcranch.org.



Special Events

Ken-Caryl Ranch is pleased to bring a variety of special events to our community throughout the year that appeal to residents of all ages!

Contact:

Kate McDonald
katem@kcranch.org
303-904-0681

Preschool

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Preschool is a play-based program for children aged 3 – 5.5 years. Programs are offered at the Ranch House and Community Center.

Contact:

Cara Curtis
carac@kcranch.org
303-565-4519



Fitness

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District offers a fabulous fitness facility located at the Community Center. Whether you are looking for cardio, weights, fitness classes, or personal training, we've got you covered!

Contact:

Janet Robbins
janetr@kcranch.org
303-948-6589



Youth Programs

Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District offers a variety of youth programs, including camp, environmental education, teen programs, youth enrichment camps, and more!

Contact:

Lizz Brock
youthprograms@kcranch.org
303-904-7267



Tennis & Pickleball

The community is home to amazing outdoor tennis courts at the Ranch House and Community Center, indoor courts at the Community Center, and lined pickleball and tennis courts at Bradford. There's also a comprehensive lesson program and much more!

Contact:

Robert Campbell
robertc@kcranch.org
303-979-8365



Adult Programs

Check out the wide variety of adult programs, classes and more, offered at Ken-Caryl Ranch! We also proudly offer the monthly Ageless & Unstoppable program geared toward seniors, retirees and adults.

Contact:

Kate McDonald
katem@kcranch.org
303-904-0681

Join us for our second annual

DOG PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

EVENT SCHEDULE

2:30-3:00 p.m. Dog Parade	NOVEMBER 23 2:30 - 5:30 P.M. RANCH HOUSE
2:30-5:30 p.m. Polar Express Train Food Trucks Obstacle Course	
3:00 p.m. Dog costume contest winner announced	
3:00 PM - 5:00 p.m. Ornament Decorating (while supplies last.)	
3:30- 5:00 p.m. Help the Grinch & Max decorate the tree	
5:15 p.m. Tree Lighting	

Thank you to our very generous sponsor:

Toddler Time
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 November 25, 2024
 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Community Center Sunshine Room

Join us for our toddler and adult companion program. Enjoy a story, crafting, and sensory play - all holiday themed! Adult companion is free. Activity geared toward ages 2-3 but registration accepted for ages 2-4.

FEE:
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10:00 A.M.
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Email carac@kcranch.org for questions.



Kids Watch Babysitting Courses

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NOVEMBER 23
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TUESDAYS
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SESSION DATES
DECEMBER 3-17

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Holiday Happenings

December 7
12-5 p.m.
Ranch House

Horse & Carriage Rides
Hot Chocolate Bar
Sing Christmas Carols with Summit Sound of Voices West
Holiday Games & Crafts
*Photos with Santa

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GRADES: K-6th
HOURS: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
DATES: Weekdays Dec. 26 - Jan. 6, no camp Jan. 1
LOCATION: Ranch House
FEE PER DAY: \$65/District Resident
\$85/Non-Resident

Daily Field Trips*

Dec. 26: DMNS	Jan. 2: Boondocks
Dec. 27: Magic Rob	Jan. 3: Apex Indoor Pool
Dec. 30: Denver Zoo	Jan. 6: Lava Island
Dec. 31: Slick City	

*schedule subject to change

REGISTRATION OPENS TO...
B & A Families: Nov. 1
All District Residents: Nov. 9
All Non-Residents: Nov. 13

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Upcoming Sessions
Tuesdays, Jan. 7-28
Tuesdays, Feb. 4-25

PARENT-TOT: 9:30-10:20 A.M.
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SCAN TO ENROLL!



Area Schools Host Prospective Student Open Houses

In addition to decking the halls and preparing for holiday gatherings, it's time to think about school enrollment! In preparation, local schools are getting ready to host their open houses for parents and prospective students for the 2025-2026 school year:

Bradford K-8

Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Bradford North Campus (6th-8th Grades)
2 Woodruff Drive
Littleton CO 80127
Dec. 4, 6 p.m. Bradford K-8 South Open House Night (K-4th Grades)
1 White Oak Drive
Littleton, CO 80127
303-982-3480
<https://jeffcobradford.ss12.sharpschool.com/>

Chatfield High School

Future Charger Night
Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m.
7227 S. Simms St, Littleton, CO 80127
303-982-3670
<https://chatfield.jeffcopublicschools.org/>

Deer Creek Middle School

Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m.
9201 W. Columbine Drive
Littleton, CO 80128
303-982-3820
<https://deercreek.jeffcopublicschools.org/>

Falcon Bluffs Middle School

Future Falcon Night
Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m.
8449 S. Garrison St.
Littleton, CO 80128
303-982-9900
<https://falconbluffs.jeffcopublicschools.org/>

Shaffer Elementary

Shaffer Showcase & Leader in Me Expo
Dec. 2, 5-7 p.m.
7961 S. Sangre de Cristo Road
Littleton, CO 80127
303-982-3901
www.shaffer.jeffcopublicschools.org/

Ute Meadows Elementary

School Tour: Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 5, 6 p.m.
11050 West Meadows Drive
Littleton, CO 80127
303-982-4044
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Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program Permits Available for Purchase!

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 do it 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 third season of the Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program as a nice addition to the annual Christmas Tree harvest/sale in 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 to cut up to three trees and all proceeds will go to offsetting Open Space Department expenses.

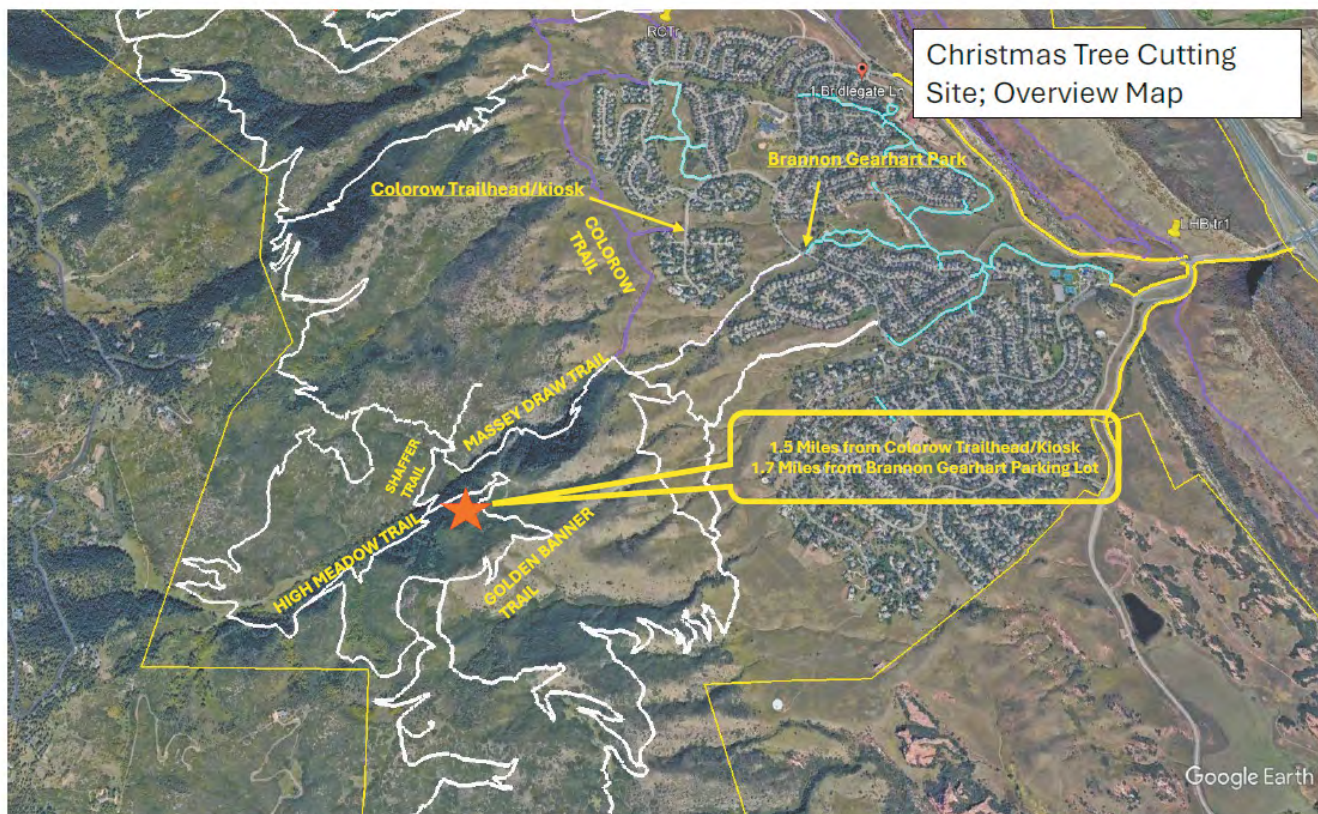
The goal of the program is to take areas that are not as accessible to bulk forest operations and allow residents to

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 the designated area 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 below this article.
- You must stay within the designated cutting area (see map).
- 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 are Nov. 20 – 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-carylrancho.org/download/foreststewardship-plan/>. Permit applications may be purchased via the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylrancho.org. 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 Ken-Caryl Ranch 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. This year's cutting site features difficult and challenging terrain and conditions. Residents should also 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. Please note: this activity may not be suitable for very young children or residents with pre-existing conditions or mobility issues.



Designated cutting site for this year's Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree program.

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Attendees of all ages had a devilishly good time, and kudos to all resident and business host cars for their creativity in decorating their vehicles for a safe trick-or-treating experience!

Many thanks to our Platinum Sponsor Crystal Adams with Equity Real Estate for her generous support of this event!



Platinum Sponsor Crystal Adams with Equity Real Estate hands out treats at this year's Boo Bash.



Kathy Webster helps to educate our young residents about bears with her fun, festive and informative host car at this year's Boo Bash. Photo courtesy of resident Kathy Webster.



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MY HUMANS' NAMES ARE:
Deborah & Dom

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Cockerpoo

MY SECRET TALENT IS:
Sitting at the table like my humans

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT MY:
Cheese!

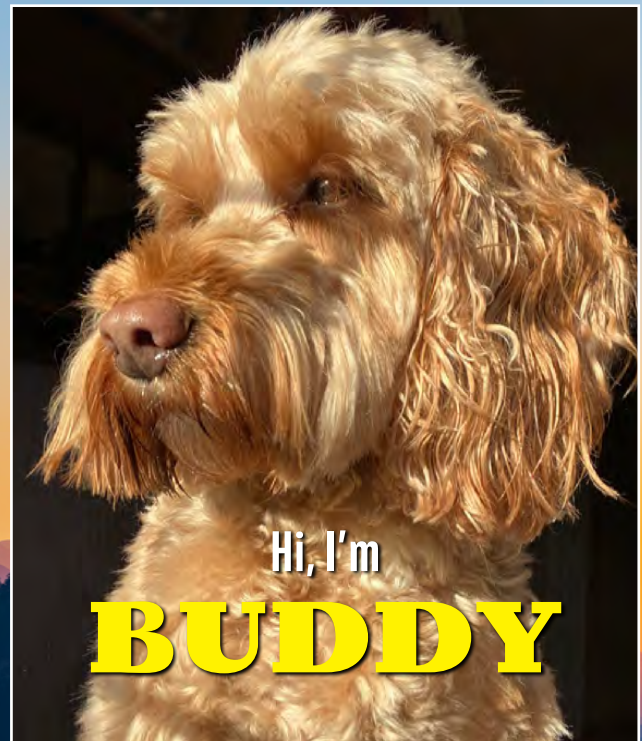
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I'M ALWAYS GETTING IN TROUBLE FOR:
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Ken-Caryl Ranch Preschool Director Cara Curtis and her family at this year's Boo Bash.



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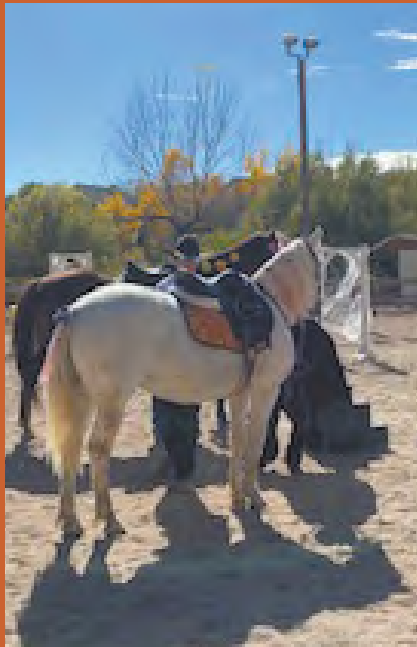
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● SPECIAL EVENTS

Attendees Horse Around at the Hallowhinny

Interim Riding School Manager Rhiannon Tulloss and her family, including sister McKenna, brother Buck and dad Paul, with the help of several amazing volunteers, organized and managed another successful Hallowhinny on Oct. 26!

According to Rhiannon, "Everyone had a "spooktacular" time at the Hallowhinny at the Equestrian Center... this event featured pumpkin carving, riding in costume and bobbing for apples! Fun was had by all, and we invite you to join us next Halloween!"



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Deadline for Dec. 4 paper is Nov. 22 at 9 a.m.

Dear Editor:

Something special is occurring in the South Hogback Open Space (SHOS) of our Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR) community...the initial stage of developing a management plan has begun to protect this remarkable resource.

This is an opportune time to develop this needed plan especially with significant changes that have already begun. East of C-470, earthmoving is front and center as KCR grows and more subtly, the impacts of a drier and warming climate on our open space resources require a detailed approach on how to manage them.

The SHOS (see map) is 935 acres of public open space with 3.2 miles of loop trails connecting with the South Valley Open Space managed by Jefferson County. This stunning landscape contains sensitive and significant natural, geologic and archaeological resources that are a key part of our community identity. No matter where you call home (North Ranch, Valley or Plains), the SHOS

connects us all!

A SHOS Task Force (TF) of residents was appointed by the KCRMD board earlier this year. The TF is charged to act as a sounding board to understand existing resources, identify issues and opportunities and develop/review resource management priorities. Beginning with our first meeting this summer, the TF has made progress in this regard.

The management plan will be a guide for future decision making and provide direction to staff to manage the property for the benefit of all. Essentially, the plan will seek to balance visitor use with resource protection.

Early in 2025, a draft management plan is expected to be released for community review. This will be a critical period for us to hear your voices to ensure the plan meets community needs now and in the future. There will be a number of ways for you to participate and share your views.

So, stay tuned to LKC and the KC website for future updates.


We hope and need you to participate in this process to ensure that KCR stays unique in the metro area... our quality of life depends on it!

Bob Toll, Resident, South Hogback Task Force Co-chair

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I appreciate you entrusting me with many of your real estate goals and needs. You, your children, parents and grandparents.

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Dear Editor:

Some background on the South Hogback acquisition by Ken-Caryl Ranch: 31 years ago, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation, using Ranch residents' donations and funds from the Ken-Caryl Master Association (MA), Metro District (MD), Great Outdoors Colorado (Colorado Lottery money) and several other grant-awarding organizations, acquired the 935 acres of land we call the South Hogback. The intent was to preserve the parcel's resources and unimpaired mountain backdrop from future development, a prescient action in light of the extensive construction currently underway on both sides of the hogback south of Highway 285. Unlike our existing resident-restricted private MA Open Space, the use of public funds in the South Hogback acquisition required it to be accessible to the general public.

In 2003, the Foundation deeded the property to the Metro District whose experience with public facilities was better suited to manage it.

Management policies and procedures were identified in the 1997 and 2017 Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space General Management Plans and implemented by the MA Ranger staff through a cooperative agreement between the two entities. In 2021, the MD Board recognized their property, open to the public and adjacent to the heavily used Jefferson County South Valley Park, contained a variety of unique and sensitive resources that required a management approach beyond that identified in the existing plans.

In 2022, the MD established a small task force of Ranch residents charged with exploring land management options of the South Hogback Open Space. That task force recommended a more detailed management plan (https://ken-carylranh.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/South-Hogback-Final-Report_-2.pdf) and in 2023, the MD appropriated funds for a contractor to develop one. Concurrently, the MD established the larger task force described in Bob Toll's letter to the editor. As co-chairs, we are excited by the early progress and look forward to presenting a preliminary plan to the Ken-Caryl community for review and input.

Bruce Heise, Resident, South Hogback Taskforce Co-chair

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to express my disappointment in the recent vote against the mill levy that would have funded essential improvements to our district's parks, pools, playgrounds and community buildings. These spaces are the heartbeat of our neighborhood, used by families, children and seniors alike. Yet, the opportunity to invest in their future was turned down.

By rejecting this measure, voters have not only declined to enhance our amenities but also put our existing resources at risk. Without adequate funding, these facilities could fall into disrepair, leaving us with fewer options for recreation and gathering. This outcome reflects a mindset focused only on immediate costs rather than the broader value these shared spaces bring. Nationally, we see this trend of choosing personal savings over community support. Personally, I'm willing to contribute through my tax dollars if it means improving and maintaining resources for my neighbors - even if it costs me a bit more.

If you voted against the mill levy, perhaps you should plan to volunteer every time our parks or community spaces need maintenance. Without funding, these places won't maintain themselves. So, next time repairs or upgrades are needed, I hope those who voted "no" are ready to roll up their sleeves. Home Depot is only ten minutes away—I hope you have some good trucks.

We all benefit from a thriving, well-kept community. I hope next time, we'll vote with a bigger picture in mind.

Wendy Lund, Resident

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Liam Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	13	Deerwood Vista
Shaun Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista
Fiona Freitag	720-456-1556	B	11	Deerwood Vista
Lily Freitas	303-999-1993	B, P	12	Retreat
Eva Gallant	303-517-8864	B, P	16	Deer Creek
Georgia Gilmore	720-210-4177	B	16	Heirloom
Connor Glitzer	303-489-3932	L, S	18	The Village
Aiden Gomez	720-653-1969	L, S	17	Aspen Meadows
Maria Gonzalez	720-224-3612	B, P, S	12	Cimmaron
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B, P	15	Barrington Ridge
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Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	14	Aspen Meadows
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Mac Hardesty	720-672-1225	L, P, S	15	Cimarron
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Natalie Himmel	720-788-3419	B, P	15	Eagles Pointe
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Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	17	Cimarron
Anna Knappe	720-990-1498	B, P	14	Retreat
Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	16	Wynterbrooke
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	19	Deerwood Vista
Olivia Loring	561-414-7678	P	15	Stallion Pointe
Shea McCaughey	720-774-7499	B, P	15	Cimmaron
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	18	Legacy
Rileigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	18	Stallion Pointe
Nathan McAnally	303-358-1993	L, P, S	14	Retreat
Charlotte Miller	303-882-4415	B, P	17	Manor Ridge
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Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	16	North Ranch
Lexi Moscardini	347-803-6421	B, P	14	Manor Ridge
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	16	Retreat
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Paulina Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S	13	Village
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Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-660-2234	L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
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Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	15	Heirloom
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