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Residents enjoy festive festivities at Ken-Caryl’s Inaugural Holiday Dog Parade and Tree Lighting Event on Nov. 18. Additional photos on pages 14-16!

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The Master Association Board Adopts \$4 Dues Increase in 2024

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board adopted the 2024 Budget at its Nov. 14 meeting. There will be a \$4 per month dues increase in 2024, effective Jan. 1, 2024. This will bring the total monthly dues amount to \$68 for all Ken-Caryl residences. The increase is needed to account for increased operational expenses, continued fire mitigation efforts, and a continued focus on perimeter fence improvements and asset maintenance. The final budget is posted at www.ken-carylranh.org under the *About Us* tab, then Financials.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brian Yowell, Master Association General Manager, at briany@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

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December: 2024 KCRMA Budget

By Your Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board of Directors

Hello Ken-Caryl Ranch!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board of Directors adopted the 2024 Budget at its Nov. 14 meeting.

We are all experiencing the costs of goods and services continue to increase. The rise in non-discretionary costs impacts the overall budget. Inflation rates fluctuate between 4 and 6% depending on your sources and the economy on a given day. Additionally, employee benefit costs have increased 16% and insurance rates have increased 12% for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association. While everything is getting more expensive, the goal of the MA and Board of Directors is to continue servicing residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch and to keep up on maintenance and updates to our amenities, buildings and assets.

The MA Board is committed to addressing the many years of neglect to our community fencing, and is dedicated to maintaining and improving our facilities and assets throughout Ken-Caryl Ranch. Our focus on wildfire mitigation efforts, which include perimeter mowing, ladder-fuel removal/reduction, SLASH events, forest stewardship as well as tree maintenance and replacement all continue to be a priority to enhance the safety of our community. Additionally, continued attention to aesthetic improvements to the community like perimeter fence replacement and staining, community sign maintenance and median/landscaping improvements that all serve to enhance the beauty of our community and increase property values continue to be priorities going into 2024.

While faced with some difficult decisions, staff and the MA Board of Directors continue to be diligent with vendor negotiations, unnecessary expenditures and “outside the box” thinking when it comes to expenses to the Master Association while balancing the desires of our community and the needs of the business.

House Bill 1137, which passed at the end of 2022, has proven to be the time and process monster we were fearing. The increased legislative requirements placed on HOAs throughout Colorado have forced the Master Association to add additional staffing to meet the very time-consuming and detailed requirements of the bill in terms of Covenant Enforcement and all debt collections processes.

Regardless of your position on the new housing developments in Ken-Caryl Ranch, single-family homes are expected to increase by approximately 390 homes. Additionally, there will be 199 new townhomes and 275 apartments. The initial review of plot, parking, landscaping, fencing, parks, building plans and home elevations has been, and will continue to be, time consuming for staff and our Architectural Committee. The management and creation of new neighborhoods, streets, and addresses in the Master Association accounting software is extremely time consuming. Coordination with the developer, construction teams, the county, title companies and builders will be paramount in 2024 as we prepare for our new neighbors. After construction, the Master Association will have these new neighborhoods to add to Covenant Enforcement and Architectural review and approval.

Additionally in 2023, the Master Association resumed responsibility over the Office Park, located in The Plains, for Covenant Enforcement and Architectural Review. While necessary to improve the condition of our community, this adds additional strain to our staff resources.

The *Life at Ken-Caryl* newspaper, the Ken-Caryl Riding School and the Equestrian Center are cost neutral subsets of the Master Association budget. What this means is that advertising revenue pays for the production and distribution of the newspaper. Riding School lessons, horse leases and events pay for the operation of the Riding School, and boarder fees pay for the daily operations of the Equestrian Center.

Although our desire isn’t to raise fees and dues, it has become necessary considering everything mentioned above. HOA dues will be increasing \$4 in 2024, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Advertising rates and Equestrian fees will also be increasing in the new year and will be communicated accordingly.

You can review the 2024 MA Budget via our website at www.ken-carylranh.org under the *About Us* tab, then click on Financials.

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December

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3	4	5 11 a.m. Ageless & Unstoppable 6 p.m. Open Space Committee Meeting Dakota Lodge	6	7 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	8	9
10	11	12 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	13	14 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	15	16
17	18	19 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	20	21 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	22	23
24 Community Center Closed Christmas Eve	25 Ranch House & Community Center Closed Christmas Day	26 Ranch House & Community Center Closed Christmas Eve (Observed)	27	28 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	29	30

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

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.

LEDGER LINES

Navigating Your Dues Payments in 2024

Hi neighbors,

For those of you who read my monthly emails, this is usually the point where I highlight unusual holidays for a specific day.

So, with that in mind, happy National Microwave Oven day on Dec. 6! Make sure to warm up some leftovers or a Hungry Man Dinner in celebration.

Now, back to the topic at hand. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board adopted an HOA dues increase in 2024 at their Nov. 14 meeting. There will be a \$4 per month dues increase for all Ken-Caryl residents effective Jan. 1, 2024. This will bring your monthly Master Association dues to \$68 for residential, \$56 for apartments and \$52 per acre for commercial properties. Please make sure to update your bank auto-payments to the new dues amount to avoid receiving an outstanding balance letter from me at the end of January. If you pay your dues through our free ACH program, you will not have to add another thing to your to-do list. I will update your payment to the new amount automatically and pull January’s dues on the 5th.

If you live in a sub-association, any potential dues increases will be communicated by your sub-association directly.

There will also be fees increases for Equestrian Center boarders, as well as increased advertising costs for the *Life at Ken-Caryl* Newspaper.

The Board’s decision to increase dues is to help offset increased operational expenses for the MA and continue our focus on fire mitigation efforts, perimeter fence improvements and maintenance of our assets. The Equestrian Center is working hard to update facility amenities and will pursue more improvements in 2024.

The 2024 budget is posted at www.kencarylranh.org under the *About Us* tab, then Financials.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to General Manager Brian Yowell at Briany@kcranch.org.

You can also reach out to me if you have any questions at Markk@kcranch.org.

I hope you and your family have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

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Updated Meeting Schedule for Metro District

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- The deadline for the Assessor to provide final certifications of values is extended from Dec. 15, 2023, to Jan. 3, 2024;
- The deadline for the District to certify its mill levies is extended from Dec. 15, 2023, to Jan. 10, 2024; and
- The deadline to adopt the budget is extended from Dec. 31, 2023, to Jan. 10, 2024.

Therefore, the District has revised its calendar to revise the current draft 2024 Budget and meet the new deadlines for submittal to the following:

- The Dec. 5 Board meeting is rescheduled to Dec. 12.
- A special Board meeting has been added on Monday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. to approve the budget and certify the mill levy.

We will have updated information regarding the 2024 Budget at the Dec. 12 meeting and online. We appreciate your ongoing patience with this process and hope to see you at the Dec. 12 or Jan. 8 meeting! If you have questions, please contact District Manager, Traci Wieland, traciw@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 136.



MA Board Summary

On Oct. 24, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held its regular meeting discussed the following items:

- Volunteer Patroller Presentation
- 2024 Open Space Committee Budget Requests
- 2024 Budget DRAFT

The Board passed the following motions:

- a. Motion A: A motion to approve reciprocal benefits between the

- Metropolitan District and the Master Association.
- b. Motion B: A motion to approve Master Association Benefit Table for 2024 employee benefits.
- c. Motion C: A motion to approve Waste Connections to provide trash and recycling services for Ken-Caryl Ranch with weekly trash service and bi-weekly recycling in Waste Connections provided containers.
- d. Motion D: A motion to refer delinquent account 33260 to Master Association attorney for collections.

PICTURE THIS! - On the Move

Resident Shane Kendrick snapped this stunning magazine-worthy photo of a herd of deer in Ken-Caryl Ranch's open space.



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Need help with scheduling? Contact Jen Gonyea at 925-457-2911, or Vitalant at 877-25-VITAL.

By Peter Marozas, Park Ranger

A portrait of a man with dark hair and a light beard, smiling. He is wearing a light-colored military uniform with a high collar and epaulettes. The background is a wooden wall.

*Information used in this article was from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, including Colorado Department of Transportation.



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The Past Lives On

By Kathy Webster, Resident

To quote Dolores Ebner, a dear friend and wise woman who died this year and who was honored in the Ken-Caryl Historical Society Hall of Fame for her dedication and service to the Ken-Caryl community, "Don't let the past become history." It takes a short pause to fully digest the meaning. However, going forward we realize how important it is that we take time to revisit the past and reflect on the events.

Thirty years ago this month, this community was absorbed and unified in its efforts to preserve the South Hogback, a 14-Acre Meadow in the Ken-Caryl Valley that lies at the base of the Dakota and Lyons Hogback and along the northern entrance into South Valley. This meadow is a keystone piece of land that connects the South Hogback and what is today South Valley Park. Various contractors threatened to develop this connecting parcel.

The residents of Ken-Caryl Valley had gathered signatures on petitions and conducted fundraisers and were now ready to take their plea to the Jefferson County Commissioners. As a leader of the 14-Acre Task Force and as the Communications Director, I was selected to give the speech to the County Commissioners. The following is the speech written by all members of the task force and was presented to the Jefferson County Commissioners and the Jefferson County Open Space Advisory Committee on a cold snowy night, Dec. 14, 1995:

"We, the residents of Ken-Caryl, would like to start by saying that our interest in Jefferson County's Open Space Program has always been high. We wish to applaud you on your assertive position in purchasing and preserving many pieces of gorgeous lands for Jefferson County, such as Bear Creek, Clear Creek Canyon, Noble Meadow, and the Joint Mountain Backdrop Project to name just a few. Please know that we continue to support your assertive position in preserving land, our most valuable limited resource."

We believe our community has also shown a strong commitment to preserving land by purchasing 876 acres of South Dakota Hogback to be maintained as a natural open space. The 14 Acre Meadow, for which we speak tonight, is not a stand-alone piece of land, but an integral part of this Dakota Hogback property. It is a keystone piece connecting the South Hogback and the South Valley.

Some years ago, if this Meadow had not been zoned commercial, it would not be necessary to be here tonight. The Meadow would already be part of the 890-acre Hogback property and purchased by our community. Unfortunately, this Meadow was rezoned by Manville Corporation from "open space" to "commercial," politically separating the 14-Acre Meadow from the Dakota Hogback and Lyons Hogback. Manville intended to put a golf club house on this property and when the golf course in South Valley did not materialize, the Meadow was never zoned back to its original designation of "Open Space." This was a serious oversight that has brought our group before you tonight.

I would like to give you some background on the 14 Acres and on our group, the 14-Acre Task Force, which currently comprises fifteen very active members and many other supporters who are here tonight. (100 residents in attendance stand up)

In 1992, Ken-Caryl Ranch conducted a Land Use Survey. There were eight properties that were to be ranked by importance to the residents in terms of preservation and use. The Hogback and the 14 Acre Meadow came in first and second, respectively, as the properties of the most overwhelming concern to the residents regarding natural open space.

In 1993, the 876-acre South Hogback property was purchased through the Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation. The Master Association then formed the 14-Acre Task Force to explore possible methods of preserving the 14-Acre Meadow. The Meadow would have been purchased along with the Hogback if it had not been zoned commercial and priced at \$900,000, which was more than the cost of the entire 876-acre Hogback purchase. This was such an outrageous price that even the developers expressed little interest. Over time, the price has fallen to one-third of its original price and is within reach.

The decrease in price has caused an increase in developer interest which continues to threaten the 14-Acre Meadow. In the last two years, there have been five contracts to purchase the Meadow for development. The 14-Acre Task Force has held meetings, formed committees, written articles, letters, and proposals in an effort to maintain this Meadow as natural open space. Due to strong opposition from residents, developers have allowed their contracts to expire. It was decided by way of public meetings of the Task Force and interested residents that we must gain control of this Meadow by purchasing it ourselves through private contributions by residents and donations by environmental organizations. To date, we have raised \$25,000. The Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District has matched these funds with an additional \$25,000. We desperately need outside assistance for the balance of the purchase price.

We realize there are many worthy projects and much competition for funds. We can appreciate the difficult decisions that you must make. If our community had already completed its purchase of the South Hogback property (we still owe \$300,000), we would not be here asking for your assistance. However, in three years when that purchase is completed, the 14-Acre Meadow will most certainly be lost to development. Any development on this Meadow would be unnecessary and senseless, compromising the integrity of the South Hogback and the South Valley.

Due to keen developer interest, there is a sense of urgency to purchase NOW. We beseech you to please consider helping our community by purchasing outright the remaining 14 Acres of the Dakota and Lyons Hogback. This Meadow belongs to the South Hogback property and should not be penalized because it had the misfortune to be

zoned commercial. Environmentally, geologically, historically, and visually it is part of the Hogback and serves as the connecting wildlife corridor to South Valley.

We are genuinely hoping that you can help us achieve our mission of reintegrating the 14-Acre Meadow with the Dakota and Lyons Hogback as permanent and natural open space. We also understand that Jefferson County is looking with favor on the acquisition of the South Valley. If this should come to pass, then together with the Hogback purchase and the purchase of the 14-Acre Meadow, we as partners will have succeeded in preserving one of the greatest historical and environmental sanctuaries in the state of Colorado, a real "crown jewel." The successful purchase of these three properties will preserve 2,000 acres of contiguous wildlife habitat.

This is a legacy we all could be proud of. The quote, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" is certainly applicable in this situation. Saving the whole 2,000 acres as natural open space would be the ultimate contribution of land "as a living resource for the present and future generations."

We recently had the honor of having John Fielder, renowned nature photographer, author, and environmentalist make a presentation in our community. He emphasized the importance of preserving the Hogback and its ecosystems all along the Front Range. I'd like to close with a quote from his book. "The defining factors of what is truly Colorado are our vision, our wisdom, and our will to keep pristine lands to excite and inspire generations to follow."

Good-night and thank you again for your continued devotion to preserving land."

Kathy Webster, Communications

14-Acre Task Force

The purchase of the South Valley, including the 14-Acre Meadow by Jefferson County Open Space, was completed in 1997. At the dedication of South Valley Park in 2002, The Jefferson County Commissioners stated the purchase was made, "for the preservation of scenic, wildlife habitat and archaeological values... the geology, golden eagle nesting area, elk and deer winter range, and evidence of human occupation for thousands of years...makes this purchase a public treasure." The finalized purchase of the South Hogback would come in 2003. Time cannot diminish the importance of these accomplishments for us and our wildlife neighbors.

To quote Shakespeare, "The past is prologue." It is my hope that by remembering (or learning about) the past commitment members of this Ken-Caryl community had to the preservation of land, it will inspire you to continue this commitment and not just relegate it to history. The open space lands that make up Ken-Caryl were delivered on the shoulders of those that came before you. Won't you continue the commitment to preservation for those generations to come? Don't let the past become history!

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Marilyn Norris Honored for 23 Years of Historical Society Membership

By Stephanie Berg, Resident and Historical Society Member

Marilyn Norris was recently honored by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society for her 23 years as an active member. She has faithfully supported all the activities and programs of the Historical Society during all the years she served on the Historical Society Committee.

One of the special projects that she particularly enjoyed was the creation of a collection of oral histories by interviewing people who had had connections to Ken-Caryl Ranch. These first-hand accounts can be found on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website at www.ken-carylranh.org under the History of the Ranch page as well as in the Jefferson County Public Library.

Marilyn was presented with a book of photographs showing the history of the Ranch as well as some of the special events that have been celebrated. It is a personalized momento of her service to the community. Her dedication to the Historical Society is greatly appreciated as she steps down from active membership. Marilyn, a heartfelt thank you for your support and encouragement. We will miss you as you retire.



Marilyn Norris was honored for her 23 years of membership and service to the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society Committee.

Participate in Our Special Events Survey!

Our goal is to make all of our Special Events special for our residents! We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to take part in our Special Events Community Survey so that we can continue to provide great experiences for our community! To participate, please visit the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Residents may take the survey more than once to provide feedback on any or all of the events attended over the past year.

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Resident Archaeologist Jack Warner Presented the Top 10 KCR Dig Sites

By Stephanie Berg, Resident and Historical Society Member

On Nov. 9, an enthusiastic crowd of 85 Ken-Caryl residents filled the Shaffer Room at the Ranch House to hear a presentation by Jack Warner, our resident archaeologist. Jack led us through prehistoric times, about 9,000 years ago, when people first dwelt in our neighborhood. He described the lifestyle of the hunter-gatherers and suggested reasons why the Ken-Caryl Valley was an attractive area for them.

Jack then led us to 10 sites on Ken-Caryl Ranch that have been excavated by Colorado Archaeological Society. This area is unique in having so many sites in close proximity. Thank you, Jack, for sharing your love of archaeology and your extensive knowledge to enhance our appreciation of the rich history of our neighborhood.



Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society Chair Valerie Walling introduces Archaeologist Jack Warner prior to his presentation on The Top 10 KCR Dig Sites last month.



Jack Warner presented to 85 attendees, including residents, Historical Society members and staff. Also in attendance was MA Board Director and Historical Society Committee liaison Scotty Martin.

PICTURE THIS! - Strike a Pose!

This impressive buck was seen and snapped by resident photo contributor Greg Bettinger.



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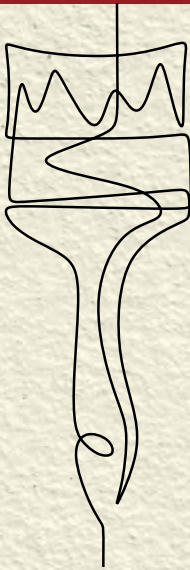
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PICTURE THIS! - How Mystic-al

Resident photo contributor Kathy K. snapped this stunning photo of the morning mist blanketing the foothills in Ken-Caryl.



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Scout Food Drive Spreads Holiday Cheer

By Deanna Miller, Resident

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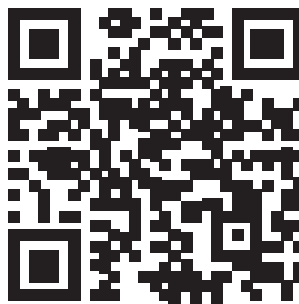
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Register your child for our B&A Care program at the Ranch House for Shaffer families and the Dakota Lodge or the Community Center for Bradford families! The Ranch House-Shaffer program still has openings, so sign up now! Both Bradford programs are 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-carylranh.org, under the Programs tab, then Youth Programs and School-Age Care.

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Residents of all ages had the opportunity to indulge in delicious treats from food trucks, revel in the sounds of Christmas carols, and get creative with ornament decorating. Many of our young residents enjoyed the unique experience and the thrill of a ride on the Polar Express train and our giant inflatable slide! To conclude the evening, residents got to witness the magical moment when the Grinch and Max illuminated one of our tallest trees outside the Ranch House.

Many thanks to our residents and staff, especially Chad Stuvell and DG Hinckley, for such a wonderful event and a big howl-out to Platinum Sponsor Eva Stadelmaier and Gold Sponsor Ken Caryl Dental!



The Grinch places ornaments made by residents on the big tree at the Ranch House at this year's Inaugural Holiday Dog Parade and Tree Lighting Event in November.



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Different Types of Food Assistance Programs

It’s helpful to know the differences between various types of food assistance programs. Here’s the 411:

Food pantry: A food pantry is an individual site that provides food to those in need in a designated area. Food is acquired in a few different ways, including through individual donations and from food banks.

Food bank: A food bank is sort of the organizational arm of ensuring food assistance programs like food pantries can fill their shelves. They collect unsold product from grocery stores, food drives, overstocked manufacturer inventories, and more, and then store and redistribute that food to organizations like food pantries and meal centers.

Meal centers: A meal center is a site where individuals can go to receive a free or reduced-price meal. Also called soup kitchens or food kitchens, meal centers are often operated by individual communities and provide one meal at a time instead of providing groceries.

Local Food Banks/Pantries

Want to give back, but don’t know where to start? Below you can find a listing of local area food banks and pantries serving the Littleton area and surrounding communities.

Open Arms Food Bank

Open Arms Food bank is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation originally founded in 2002. The food bank began in a small 300-square foot room and



has expanded their operations to its current size of over 7,200-square feet. Open Arms, a partner of Food Bank of the Rockies, is a full-service food bank, conveniently located in Littleton. The organization currently serves as many as 250 families a week, some of whom come from over 50 miles every Tuesday afternoon in order to receive food assistance. Volunteers make sure that any overages get funneled into other charities so that nothing ever goes to waste. Food distribution is available every Tuesday from 12-3 p.m. on a first-come, first-serve basis. To donate or volunteer, please visit their website at <https://www.openarmsfoodbank.org/>.

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Emergency food is available to any individual or family who is in need. Families can come twice a month for groceries, which include fresh fruit,

vegetables, dairy, canned and boxed food, that are generally available. The Food Bank operates each week on Tuesdays from 12-6 p.m. For more information about donations and volunteer opportunities, please visit their website at <https://www.lifecenterlittleton.org/event/food-bank/all/>.

Food Bank of the Rockies

According to their website, Food Bank of the Rockies provides food and necessities to people in need through signature programs and by teaming up with hundreds of Hunger Relief Partners to serve communities across Colorado and Wyoming, the largest food bank coverage area in the contiguous United States. Their belief

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The above listed food banks are just a few in our community. Additional food bank information on those listed along with additional resources, can be found at <https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/co-littleton>.

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Services: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling					
Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood	
Olivia Anderson	303-902-5026	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows	
Jade Atkinson	720-616-0063	B	17	Aspen Meadows	
Giana Baiotto	720-335-9786	P, H	10	Traditions	
William Baiotto	720-335-9786	P, H	13	Traditions	
Hutch Barber	303-249-0468	P	14	Legacy	
William Barrs	720-788-3109	L, P, H, S	13	Retreat	
Piper Blarr	720-255-6877	B, P	16	Colony	
Aliza Bochner	720-880-8336	B, P	19	North Ranch	
Eva Bochner	720-899-0033	B, P	17	North Ranch	
Mariel Bochner	319-338-4414	B, P	14	North Ranch	
Mia Briceno	573-801-4342	B, P, H	12	Deer Creek	
Abby Burton	720-616-1333	B, P	16	Aspen Meadows	
Caprice Camilli	720-347-3411	B, P	13	Wynterbrooke	
Elena Carpenter	303-999-9764	B, P	12	Traditions	
Alice Cuttitta-Gallant	303-517-8864	B	14	Deer Creek	
Hope Cuttitta	720-404-0282	B, P	18	Deer Creek	
Ella Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	16	Legacy	
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	15	Legacy	
Razi Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	12	Legacy	
Presley Davis	720-487-8778	B, P	13	Sunset Ridge	
Rosemary Detterick	720-628-2638	B, P	13	Saddlewood	
Megan Ellis	720-290-2033	B, P, S	14	Heirloom	
Jack Famariss	720-434-7033	B, P	14	North Ranch	
Ryan Flint	303-517-3749	L,P,S	15	Retreat	
Caleb Flint	303-517-3749	L,P,S	12	Retreat	
Grant Foster	720-345-3120	L, S	17	Aspen Meadows	
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate	
Brayden Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista	
Lauren Fox	720-273-4077	B	12	North Ranch	
Liam Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	11	Deerwood Vista	
Shaun Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista	
Lily Freitas	303-999-1993	B, P	12	Retreat	
Eva Gallant	303-517-8864	B, P	15	Deer Creek	
Georgia Gilmore	720-210-4177	B	16	Heirloom	
Connor Glitzer	303-489-3932	L, S	18	The Village	
Maria Gonzalez	720-224-3612	B, P, S	12	Cimmaron	
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B, P	15	Barrington Ridge	
Cameron Guider	303-868-7198	B,P	14	Aspen Meadows	
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	14	Aspen Meadows	
Aubrienne Hansen	720-822-5512	P	13	Stallion Pointe.	
Keegan Hardesty	720-484-9557	L, P, S	17	Cimarron	
Mac Hardesty	720-672-1225	L, P, S	15	Cimarron	
Gailyn Harrigan	720-390-2770	B, L, P, S	13	Colony	
Reed Hershey	720-828-3245	B, L, P	12	North Ranch	
Natalie Himmel	720-788-3419	B, P	15	Eagles Pointe	
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood	
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood	
Reece Hodges	303-667-2606	L, P, S	12	Saddlewood	
Gunnar Holmes	720-505-6764	L, S	15	Carriage Hill	
Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch	
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows	
Lukas Jamtgaard	303-763-0250	P	18	Mountain Gate	
Afton Jones	720-705-9797	B	16	Manor Ridge	
Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	B	13	Territory	
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	15	Cimarron	
Sierra King	720-582-3334	L	14	Heirloom	
Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	12	Wynterbrooke	
Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village	
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista	
Shea McCaughey	720-774-7499	B, P	13	Cimmaron	
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy	
Rileigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe	
Nathan McAnally	303-358-1993	L, P, S	12	Retreat	
Charlotte Miller	303-882-4415	B, P	16	Manor Ridge	
Janey Millstone	720-668-1029	B, P	15	North Ranch	
Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	15	North Ranch	
Lexi Moscardini	347-803-6421	B, P 1	3	Manor Ridge	
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe	
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	13	Retreat	
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions	
Lillian Pool	720-985-1667	B, P	16	Bradford Place	
Alec Prinzi	303-810-3221	B, L, P, S	12	Shaffer Hill	
Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge	
Joshua Reisinger	303-587-0927	L, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe	
Alessandra Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S,	15	Village	
Paulina Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S	13	Village	
Griffin Ruszkowski	303-960-9883	L, P, S	13	Stallion Pointe	
Jake Ruszkowski	720-607-2809	B, L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe	
Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-766-9843	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe	
Libby Sauer	303-506-9752	B, P	14	North Ranch	
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	18	Heirloom	
Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	13	Heirloom	
Aly Secondo	720-625-9910	B, P	14	Cimarron	
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	18	Cimarron	
Jon Siebrase	314-960-1524	L	13	Stallion Pointe	
Brian Siebrase	314-960-1524	L	11	Stallion Pointe	
Anna Smith	567-217-1248	B	16	North Ranch	
Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows	
Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows	
Lachlan Stevens	720-742-0086	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place	
Seumas Stevens	720-210-6065	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place	
Ryann Stewart	303-817-4120	B	12	Heirloom	
Maddy Szabo	720-768-5452	B	16	Aspen Meadows	
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	18	Legacy	
Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15	Cimarron	
Charlotte Watkins	720-649-0813	B, P	12	Manor Ridge	
Judah Webster	703-655-4428	B, L, P, S	15	The Spread	
Wyatt Webster	703-655-4428	B, L, P, S	13	The Spread	
Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	15	Carriage Hill	
Cole Yaley	970-946-7649	B, P, S	13	Carriage Hill	
Connor Young	720-883-3616	B, L, P, S	13	North Ranch	
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