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Resident Shane Kendrick beautifully captures a buck strolling through Ken-Caryl’s open space.

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The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board adopted the 2024 Master Association Budget with a \$4 per month dues increase. **This will bring the total monthly dues amount to \$68 for residential, \$56 for apartments and \$52 per acre for commercial properties, effective Jan. 1, 2024.** If you set up your own automatic bill payments through your bank or SmartStreet, you must update the payment amount. If you have ACH automatic payments through our system, your dues payment will automatically update. For payment options, or to set up ACH dues payments, please visit our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) and click on the *Residents Resources* tab, then Pay My Dues.

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

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# A Year in Review

By Traci Wieland, District Manager

It’s been an exciting and busy year for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District, and I wanted to take a few moments to highlight several accomplishments from 2023 and thank some key people who make everything happen.

The District has made tremendous progress on multiple projects throughout the community, including implementing several of the Community Planning Committee’s recommendations from the 2021 Community Survey. Key accomplishments from 2023 include:

- New playground and park improvements at North Ranch Park
  - New special events
  - Increased programming, particularly for active adults
  - Creation of the Community Park Master Plan
  - New fitness equipment and classes at the Community Center
  - Sunday hours at the Community Center
  - Shade structures at the Community Center
  - Substantial progress on urban forest improvements by removing dead, dying, or problem trees
  - Strategic planting of new trees in areas where we can maximize their growth
  - Seal and recoat of the indoor tennis building roof
  - Replacement of vehicles that have reached their end of life
  - Renovation of the Community Center Sunshine Room to provide community meeting and event space
  - New deck chairs at the Community Center Pool
- And these are just some of the District’s accomplishments! Huge

thanks to the staff for leading these efforts.

I would also like to recognize the amazing commitment of some of our long-term District staff members who are celebrating upcoming service anniversaries:

- Leslie Davis, 40 years
- Richard Plack, 25 years
- Lorraine Holt, 15 years
- Trevor Staley, 15 years
- Greg Akin, 10 years
- Janna Albers, 10 years
- Lizz Brock, 10 years
- Timothy Erwin, 10 years
- Kathryn Jensen-Mines, 10 years
- Devin Van Treeck, 10 years
- Cynthia Briggs, 5 years
- Barb McGuire, 5 years
- Anna Petterson, 5 years

I am so proud of all the staff, board members and community volunteers who contributed throughout the year. Many things happen behind the scenes, and we wouldn’t be successful as a community without the hard work of everyone involved. Excellent job, everyone, and I look forward to a great year in 2024.



# December

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	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
31 Community Center Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.						

# January

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Ranch House & Community Center Closed New Year's Day	2	3	4 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	5	6

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

# TRASH TALK

## Holiday Trash Delays and 2024 Recycling Update

**Holiday Trash Delays**

Just a friendly reminder from the Ken-Caryl Ranch trash service provider, Waste Connections, that both Christmas and New Year’s Day are observed holidays. All trash and recycling service the weeks of Christmas and New Year’s will be delayed one day.



**2024 Recycling Update**

Waste Connections will continue to provide trash and recycling collection services to Ken-Caryl residents in 2024. At its Oct. 24 meeting, the MA Board approved a motion for Waste Connections to continue to provide weekly trash service collection but to change from the current weekly recycling service to bi-weekly recycling starting on May 1, 2024.

Beginning May 1, 2024, Waste Connections services will include weekly collection of up to 6 cans or bags of household trash AND up to 6 bags or bundles of household yard debris. Recycling will transition to a bi-weekly schedule and must be placed in a Waste Connections provided receptacle. Additional recycling receptacles will be available to residents who require more than one receptacle for a \$6/month per additional receptacle service fee.

The Master Association is also looking into alternative recycling tote and receptacle sizes to accommodate resident garage room and sizing.

Stay tuned for additional information on the changes in upcoming communications from the Master Association!

Residents can expect weekly trash and recycling services pick-ups to continue on their regularly scheduled pick-up days until May 1, 2024, when bi-weekly recycling will officially begin. If you have any questions, please contact MA General Manager Brian Yowell at [briany@kcranch.org](mailto:briany@kcranch.org).

# HEARD AT THE STALL

## Equestrian Center Community Survey Results

Heeeeyyy neighbors! Thank you to all residents who participated in our Equestrian Center Community Survey to collect feedback on the direction of the facility. The survey ran from Oct. 30 - Nov. 17. The goal was to better understand how important this neighborhood amenity is to our community in terms of aesthetics, cost and identity, and how our rich and diverse community can enjoy more engagement and connection to the Equestrian Center. To view survey results and analysis, please visit the Equestrian Center page of our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).

Questions? Please contact Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell at [briany@kcranch.org](mailto:briany@kcranch.org).

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‘Tis the Season to Be a Good Neighbor

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Hello Ken-Caryl Ranch!

It’s that time of year again; the holidays are approaching. There will be time off from school for students, perhaps time off from work, it’s a time to travel for some and staycations for others. The holidays are a time to spend with family and friends to celebrate.

But for some, the holidays can be hard. Loss of a family member, loss of a job, an illness or just a neighbor who doesn’t have family nearby. As busy as this season is, I urge you to take time to check in with a neighbor that may be struggling. I believe your kindness could make a huge difference in someone’s life.

Here are a few ways to adopt a Good Neighbor Mindset:

- 1. Connection. Introduce yourself and connect with others in your neighborhood. It simply starts by saying “hello.”
- 2. Invitation. Invite neighbors to join you for a meal or something fun. Gather around a table because the Latin word “communitas” means the spirit of community and it’s measured by the number of meals shared together.
- 3. Celebration. When it comes to birthdays, anniversaries, or milestone moments in the lives of others, cheer them on and don’t miss out on congratulating them.
- 4. Awareness. Keep your eyes and ears open. Stay attentive to the safety and security of the people and homes nearby. We are safer and stronger together.
- 5. Availability. Being available is the highest benefit of good neighbors who truly care and look out for one another. When needed, show up to help and support others living around you.

I hope this season is all you were hoping for, and as always, be kind to one another.

Darci



Calling all Candidates! 2024 Master Association Board Election

As we look toward the new year, the 2024 MA Board election will be right around the corner! The next MA Board election will take place in March 2024. The expectations of a board member are attendance at monthly MA Board meetings, the monthly Joint Study Session and liaison meetings as assigned. Board members are also expected to communicate regularly and proficiently via email. Additional time or meetings may be necessary to fulfill the responsibilities as a board member.

Pending any special circumstances, board members typically serve three-year staggered terms with a portion of the Board elected each year. Stay tuned – more information and candidate application to come in the new year.

Get to know us and experience how the MA Board works by joining us for the next MA Board Meeting on Jan. 16, 2024. Questions? Please contact Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell at brian@kcranch.org, or at 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

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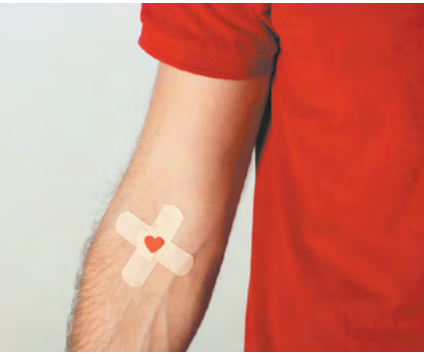
On Nov. 24, 2023, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular meeting and discussed the following items:

- No discussion items.

The Board passed the following motions:

- a. Motion A: A motion to approve 2024 KCRMA budget with \$4 dues increase.
- b. Motion B: A motion to refer delinquent account 37763 to Master Association attorney for collections.

OUR COMMUNITY



Blood Drive Helps to Save Lives! Next Community Blood Drive, Jan. 23, 2024

Looking to make a positive (+) community contribution? Then consider donating blood at Vitalant’s Blood Drive on Jan. 23, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge. To register, visit Vitalant’s website at https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa, then click on the Use My Location button, and select Jan. 23, 2024 from the date drop down menu.

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



LEDGER LINES

Be Sure to Update Your 2024 Dues Payments

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 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. Your payment to the new amount will update automatically and January’s dues will be pulled on Jan. 5.

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.

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 brian@kcranch.org.

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Safely Hazing Wildlife

By Michael Ryan, Park Ranger

Rangers receive phone calls from residents throughout the year on what they can do to deter wildlife from visiting their property, or what to do if they encounter an animal on their property or in the open space. Here are a few helpful tips:

- 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 with a garden hose.
- Throw rocks, sticks, tennis balls or anything else you can find.
- Bang a pot and pan together for noise.
- Sling a rock using a slingshot at the rear of the 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. 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, but avoid making contact with the animal. Remember, the intent is to scare, not injure them!

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. Fireworks are prohibited in Jefferson County and cannot be used as a deterrent. Do not harass or injure the animals using BB, pellet, or airsoft guns as this will make the situation worse and can lead to death of the animal and potential fines. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call the ranger staff at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.



Residents Enjoy the Tradition of Cutting Their Own Christmas Trees in Ken-Caryl’s Open Space

Cut-Your-Own-Christmas-Tree Program enjoys a second successful season

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, approved a second season of the Cut-Your-Own-Christmas Tree Program as a nice addition to Ken-Caryl’s annual Christmas Tree Sale.

The program provides 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 up to three Christmas trees per permit. The cost of the permits was \$10, and all proceeds went to

offsetting Open Space Department expenses.  
We are pleased to announce that once again, all available permits were purchased, raising \$750!  
The goal of the program was to take areas that are not as accessible to bulk forest operations and allow volunteers to cut their own trees in designated areas where regeneration of Douglas Fir trees were reaching such a height that it begins to act as a ladder fuel for wildfire.  
Thank you to all of our residents for participating in this year’s program and contributing to its success!



Resident and Open Space Committee member Anna Camp Martinez, top, and her family enjoyed harvesting their own fresh Christmas tree in Ken-Caryl’ open space as part of this year’s Cut-Your-Own Christmas Tree Program. Photos courtesy of Anna Camp Martinez.

PICTURE THIS! - Orange Glow

Resident John Fontana snapped and shared this photo of a spectacular sunrise in Ken-Caryl.



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Fuel for the Fire

By John Fosholt, Resident and Firewise Committee Member

The first time I visited Ken-Caryl Ranch was in September 1978, when the west wall of the Valley was burning.

The smoke and flames of the Murphy Gulch Fire were plainly visible in downtown Denver, and my employers at 9News dispatched me to film the story. It was a couple of days after the fire had been ignited by children playing with fire or fireworks in a gulch west of the Ranch.

When I arrived in the Valley, fire fighters were climbing a slope north of Massey Draw to extinguish spot fires. I was young and foolish, so I picked up my 16mm film camera and tagged along. Then, of course, the wind shifted, and we all scrambled back down the hill. The breeze at our backs sent sparks and embers over our heads and down to the Valley floor.

At the time, the Valley was still a working cattle ranch with no suburban homes, much as you see in the photo below, from the KCR Historical Committee. The grass had been grazed down to bare dirt at the end of the season. There was no vegetation or structure to catch the burning embers, and I saw no fires below. On the hill behind us, though, the fire burned brush and timber on more than 3,300 acres of what is now our Foothills Open Space.

The Ranch has changed since 1978. The Valley floor today, pictured in this article in color by photographer John Rodell, from a vantage point matching the historic photo. In the community below, there are myriad clusters of pines, spruce trees, and ever-flammable junipers, ready to catch a burning ember. There are broad decks made of wood or of equally

combustible composite decking. And, of course, there are houses, hundreds of them. Many, like mine, still bear the original wood siding.

Developers began building these houses several years after the Murphy Gulch Fire. I was tracking the construction because I thought the Valley might be a nice place to live if it wasn't burning. So, in 1985, my wife and I bought a house west of the barns, and I began landscaping our yard.

One would think that I would have been fire-conscious, given my history with the KCR Valley. Instead, I wanted to conserve water, so I planted a dozen dryland pines and even more junipers. I also installed a big redwood deck and a wooden swing set for the kids. And I thought our original cedar-shake roof was just great.

Later, I awoke to the fact that we were living in "the Red Zone" for wildfire hazard. Firefighters now call it the "WUI," the Wildland Urban Interface.

So, I removed the junipers and all but four of the pine trees, replaced the cedar-shake roof with steel shingles, and improved the deck to Class A fire-resistant planking. Next, I probably should replace the wood siding with fiber-cement.

I have joined the Firewise Committee, and we routinely distribute information advising homeowners to modify their homes. I have heard the naysayers argue that there is no efficient mitigation technique. IF a wildfire comes to your neighborhood, they say, you might as well just bend over and kiss your house goodbye.

But I have visited homes, even entire communities, which conducted fuel mitigation programs that helped them survive wildfire. Even during the ultra-destructive Marshall Fire in southern

Boulder County, I saw a mitigated home on the west side of Superior go untouched, while an unmitigated home a hundred yards away burned to the ground. The owners of the surviving home had removed

evergreens and replaced wooden fencing, siding, and roof. Their home is a survivor.

I would like my home to be a survivor.  
WHEN the wildfire comes.



"Murphy Gulch Fire" documentary by Jim and Mary Antes contains excerpts from the 9News coverage of the fire. It's among the Historical Videos that are available on our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).



Photo of the Ken-Caryl Valley, during its early development.



Photo of the Ken-Caryl Valley today, courtesy of resident John Rodell.

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Resident Shannon Shine’s Debut Book Reaches Amazon Bestselling Status in One Day!

By Allison Rager, Editor

The Ken-Caryl Valley resident’s book, *Oneness The North Star for Our Journey*, clearly “shines” as a literary standout on the online retailer’s website

It took Ken-Caryl resident Shannon Shine’s debut book, *Oneness The North Star for Our Journey*, only 24 hours to hit bestselling status on Amazon! Shannon, who has been a Ken-Caryl resident since July 2007, recently released her book on Nov. 15, which takes readers on a thought-provoking journey of the spirit to delve into the deep questions of our time and posits that every decision becomes simple when we remember oneness.

Shannon’s book tackles such questions as: What if we could change things in our personal world and our whole world? What if that change began to happen when we remembered just one easy rule? What if we remembered that all of creation from the insects to the animals, to the plants, to people, to oceans and mountains and planets were all connected?

“The premise of my book is since all of creation has been created by God, who I call the Divine Creator, that means therefore, that all of creation is connected,” explains Shannon. “When we remember that implicit connection with all of creation, every decision becomes so easy. And those are decisions regarding other people, animals, plants, nature, oceans, the sky, everything.”

Written in a deeply loving and at times humorous style, *Oneness* illuminates the path to deepening personal growth and giving the tiny piece of the Divine inside of you the most beautiful experience of you.

Shannon was inspired to write the book by the little voice inside of her that pushed her to pen her recent tome.

“I kept hearing little whisperings in my head saying, “write the book,”” said Shannon. “I ignored them for a while, but clearly listened and started to write. I feel the message of the book is one that is ripe for our world today. And if my book could be even a part of what starts conversations about oneness, my goal has been reached.”

In fact, based on feedback, she is already achieving her goal of igniting conversation about oneness that is catching fire and resonating with readers.

“I witnessed conversations [about oneness] happening already,” said Shannon. “I was listening to two of my family members who have very different views on spirituality discuss the book in my presence. And it was so wonderful to hear them delve deep into the writings in some of the chapters. It made me very excited to hear their discussion. Since then, I’ve had texts, emails and conversations with other readers. Some have already put some of what is in my book into practice in their lives. Some share how they have been having these discussions with others in their lives and have purchased copies to gift to those others. It’s so very exciting to hear about these impacts.”

In addition to being an author, Shannon enjoys all the roles that she plays—mom, wife, friend, daughter and resident. The author and her family love being surrounded by the natural beauty of the Ken-Caryl Valley.

“We love the nature that surrounds us - from the hogbacks and foothills to all of the wildlife - the deer, the coyotes, the bobcats, the birds of prey, even the bears,” said Shannon. “It’s so much fun to look out the window or be outside and see all of the wildlife. We definitely do not take them for granted. We love the trails; we love the open space. Being surrounded by nature gives such a feeling of

peace and joy. I cannot imagine living anywhere else.”

Professionally, Shannon formerly played the role of attorney. Currently, she shares health and wellness through her business, is a certified health coach, life coach and energy healer. Helping people live their best lives is her passion. She is in the process of writing two children’s books and is currently focusing on writing a workshop booklet to coincide with the release of her new book. Shannon also has aspirations of offering a workshop or book club to complement her book.

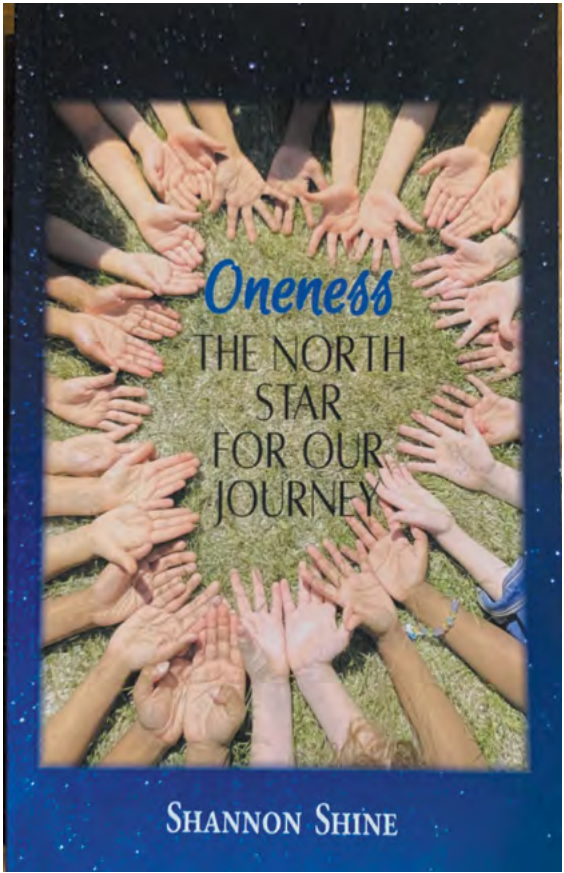
“Two of my beta readers had suggested to me to offer a workshop or a sort of a book club to go with my book, and they made the suggestion within 24 hours of each other,” said Shannon. “So, I knew it was something that had to be done. Right now, I’m working on a workshop booklet to go along with my book. I

envision that it will be something that people can do on their own with their own community of friends or family, or they could even join in an online community if they don’t have people to join them. It’s scheduled to start in January 2024, so I’ve got some busy December days still ahead of me!”

Looking for a great last-minute holiday gift? In addition to being available for purchase on Amazon’s website, you can also purchase *Oneness The North Star for Our Journey*, and get details on Shannon’s workshop via her website at [www.bloomgrowshine.com](http://www.bloomgrowshine.com). You can also connect with Shannon on Facebook at The Love Movement.



Ken-Caryl resident and author Shannon Shine.



Shannon Shine recently released her debut book, “Oneness, The North Star for Our Journey,” available for purchase on Amazon.

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Remembering Julie Kearful

By Victoria DeSair, Administrative Analyst

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of long-time Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association resident and employee Julie Kearful on Nov. 28 at the age of 83. Julie was a vibrant fixture at the Ranch House for more than 30 years, and she will be missed by everyone who knew her.

She started with Ken-Caryl Ranch as a hostess at the Ranch House front desk in 1981. She spent more than 10 years in that role, cheerily greeting residents as they arrived. In 1992, Julie went to work for Ernst & Young in Downtown Denver, but she couldn't resist the lure of the Ranch House and came back to work for the Master Association in 1997. She was hired by long-time Executive Director Chris

Pacetti as the Community Standards Administrator, enforcing covenants and managing the architectural review process.

She continued in that position full-time until January 2014 when she transitioned to a part-time role as the Architectural Administrator before fully retiring in January 2017. She was truly passionate about Ken-Caryl Ranch and even had a screen saver that said, "I love Ken-Caryl Ranch."

If you ask people to describe Julie, all of the following phrases are regularly

mentioned: colorful, vibrant, full of life, talented, kind, giving, funny and caring. And those are just a few ways to describe her. Rest in peace, Julie. You will be truly missed.

PICTURE THIS! - One of the Pack?

This buck is just desperate to get into the holiday spirit! As seen and snapped by resident Dawn Hendry.



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A Grinchy and Grand Piano Recital!

By Janet Newman Ali, Resident

On Dec. 9, the Red Rocks Piano Studio held their annual Holiday Recital at St. Philip Lutheran Church. It was a perfect day, with a bed of freshly fallen snow! And while the children were all clothed in Grinch-themed attire, holiday spirit was certainly at its best!

Children and parents performed a variety of holiday music, as well as piano duos, soon to be performed in the United States International Duo Competition winners’ concerts at the end of January. Winners of the piano duo competition include Caydence Erb and Maggie Schmisek, Hannah and Amber Brinks, Alaina Collier and Mia Sisneros, Hunter Elvenholl and Matthew Rowe, Joshua Lorenz and Ellie Schmisek, Claire and Shannon McKaskill, Graycin and Reese VerSchave, Ian and Dawn Lems, Kirk and Vance Mitchell, Kirk and Debbie Mitchell, Lisa and Vance Mitchell, and Lisa Mitchell and Delia Crofts.

Congratulations to all students who played in this recital and special acclamation to the duo winners!



All decked out in their best Grinch-themed attire, students of Red Rocks Piano Studio performed holiday music as well as piano duos at St. Phillip Lutheran Church earlier this month.



From left, Graycin and Reese VerSchave “Grinch” into the holiday spirit!



Lindsey Wang was one of the performers at St. Phillip’s holiday recital in early December.



From left, Hannah and Amber Brinks performing a duo.



From left, Maggie, Ellie and Kate Schmisek.

PICTURE THIS! - Table for One

This feathered friend is getting his just “desserts” with a table for one. Photo and caption courtesy of resident photo contributor TJ Jaroszewski.







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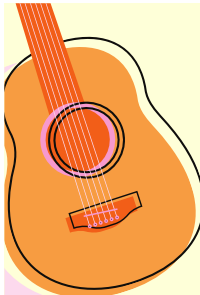



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By Alicia Hovland, Resident

Are you a lifelong learner? If so, please join us for College For A Day on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024. We will celebrate our 50th year of bringing professors from top liberal arts colleges to the greater Denver community for a day of stimulating lectures with lunch included. No quizzes or tests, just interesting discourse and the opportunity to interact with other inquisitive people.

College For A Day is an educational non-profit that was founded in the early 1970s by friends who were alumnae of historically women’s liberal arts colleges. Today the consortium consists of representatives from Bryn Mawr, Connecticut, Mills (now part of Northeastern), Mount Holyoke, Skidmore, Smith, Sweet Briar, Vassar and Wellesley Colleges. Each year, faculty members from three of the institutions present their latest research on a wide variety of topics. This year we are proud to present the following speakers from Mount Holyoke, Skidmore, and Vassar Colleges:

**Michael Dunn, Ph.D.**  
Skidmore College  
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“The Algorithm Made Me Do It... Grubhub, Uber and More!”

**Suparna Roychoudhury, Ph.D.**  
Mount Holyoke College  
Associate Professor of English  
“Early Modern Science and the Renaissance Imagination.”

**Josh de Leeuw, Ph.D.**  
Vassar College  
Associate Professor of Cognitive Science  
“A Viral Illusion, Electroencephalography, and Our Scientific Future”

**Where:** First Plymouth Church  
3501 South Colorado Blvd.  
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

**When:** Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Check in begins 8:15 a.m., Seating begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**How:** Register by Jan. 4, 2024. *Registration fee is not refundable.*  
\$60 for three lectures and lunch.  
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College For A Day is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. Donations are tax deductible as per law.

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## Special Events



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## Youth Programs

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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](http://www.ken-carylranh.org), under the Programs tab, then Youth Programs and School-Age Care.

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## Youth Programs

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### Storytime at the Ranch House

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

### Babytime

Please join us with your little one for Babytime at the Ranch House from 9:30-10 a.m. in the Bradford Room at the Ranch House, followed by Storytime at 10:15 a.m. This program is designed to help the littlest minds develop and grow. Bounce, sing, rhyme and read with your baby!

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A special thank you to our entire ranger staff, including Sean Warren, Matt Öven, Gary Norton, Michael Ryan, Peter Marozas, Keith McMillan and Nick DeCarolis, and to the following registered volunteers who donated their time at the Christmas Tree Sale, including Bill Lipsteuer, Joe McCabe, Mike Danaher, Dennie McGarry, Paul Camp, Chris Weege, Chad Webster and Joel Pankow and to all friends and residents who also lent a hand to help out at the event! They're definitely on Santa's nice list!



Our team of awesome volunteers!



Residents enjoy picking out the perfect Christmas tree at the annual Christmas Tree Sale at Dakota Lodge.



Attendees were treated to hot refreshments and treats, courtesy of residents and realtors Brian Lee, left, and Greg Milano with Colorado Home Realty.

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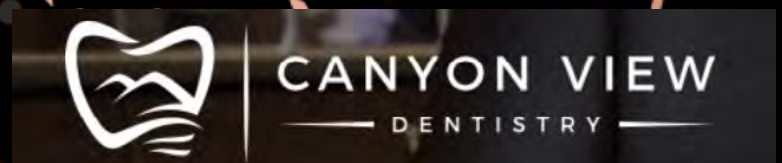
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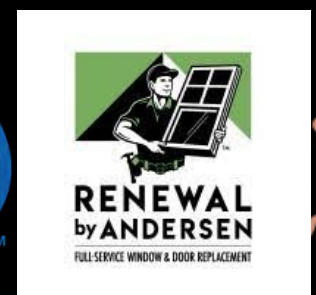
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# Ho-Ho-Holiday Happenings Delights Attendees

Santa Claus came to town early with a stop at the Ranch House for Ken-Caryl's Holiday Happenings on Dec. 3! This beloved annual event featured photos with Jolly Old St. Nick, carriage rides, crafts and the Big Guy's favorite – hot cocoa and cookies!

Many thanks to our generous event sponsors, Platinum Sponsor Susan Schell, Gold Sponsors Canyon View Dental, Blue Sage Dental and Gravina's Window Center of Littleton.



From left, Anna McMillan, Deena Baca and Platinum Event Sponsor Susan Schell take a pic with Jolly Old St. Nick! Photo courtesy of Anne Frisz.



Susan Kutis with Blue Sage Dental, center, was a Gold Sponsor at this year's event.



Wes Morris, left, with Gravina's Window Center of Littleton was a Gold Sponsor at this year's Holiday Happenings and also provided little ones with crafting supplies to write Santa letters.



Blake Ashley with Gold Sponsor Canyon View Dental was on hand to greet guests with a smile.

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**I'M ALWAYS GETTING  
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**I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:**

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**I'M KNOWN FOR:**

My fluffy tail

**I LOVE IT WHEN:**

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To get anything I want when I tilt  
my head back and forth

**MY PERFECT DAY:**

A long hike in the snowy  
mountains, a pup cup from  
Starbucks and cuddles as a  
reward afterwards

**LIFE IS RUFF WHEN:**

I don't get to chase the rabbits



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Deadline for January 3, 2024 paper is Dec. 21 at 9 a.m.

## Dear Editor

In 167 BC, the Seleucids took control of Jerusalem. They were Greeks and told the Jewish people they would say prayers to Zeus in the Temple. The Maccabeans revolted for 7 years and defeated the Seleucids. The Maccabeans lit the menorah with oil thinking it would last one day to purify the Temple. The oil lasted 8 days.

Rabbis said all Jews would light menorahs to tell the world of the miracle.

Many years prior, Joshua took leadership of the Israelis at the death of Moses. Joshua led the 12 tribes of Israel into the promise land. God parted the Jordan River for the 12 tribes to enter the promised land. Each of the 12 tribes were instructed to take a stone from the dry Jordan riverbed and form a column to tell the world this will be the land of Israel. God also said each tribe would have to defeat Canaanites, Hitties and Amorites who were living in the land.

God divided the land among the 12 tribes. The land was divided between the Jordan River to the sea.

There is no biblical land called the west bank. The land is Judea and Sameria. Root word for Jew comes from Judea.

May 14, 1948, Harry Truman recognized the modern state of Israel 14 minutes after the Jewish state declared their independence. America has help defend Israel since 1948. Israel is 263 miles north to south long, and 71 miles east to west wide. Israel has the right to defend itself. We should all pray for the safe return of the hostages held by Hamas.

Happy Hanukkah,  
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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	15	Deer Creek	
Hope Cuttitta	720-404-0282	B, P	19	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	16	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	Cimarron	
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	
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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	Cimarron	
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy	
Raleigh 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	
Maggie Schmisek	720-960-7707	B, P	14	Traditions	
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	
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Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows	
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Charlotte Watkins	720-649-0813	B, P	12	Manor Ridge	
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