

## Perfectly Imperfect Plum

A solitary wizened and weathered plum tree stands in Brannon Gearhart Park. With its trunk split from top to bottom, each spring it still produces a bouquet of fragrant white blossoms. Photo courtesy of resident and former chair of the Brannon Gearhart Task Force John Rodell. For the full story, turn to page 7.

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### Register for Your FREE Pool Pass

We're prepping our pools and our staff for opening day on May 25! We've taken a peek under the cover and our lifeguards are undergoing training to make this summer's aquatics season the best yet! Are you ready? Spend more time at the pools and less time online by registering for your FREE pool pass ahead of time via our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) and click on the teal Register icon on the top of your screen. Free pool passes are for Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District residents only.



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# MA Board's Commitment to Transparency and Community Engagement

By Chris Schroeder, MA Board President

As the president of the Ken-Caryl Master Association Board, I am excited to announce our renewed commitment to transparency and community engagement. Our Board recognizes the importance of open communication and values your input in shaping the future of our community.



In our efforts to promote transparency, we are implementing focused board meetings that prioritize interactive community engagement. These meetings will provide opportunities for you to actively participate, share your thoughts and express your concerns. Your feedback is invaluable as we work together to enhance the quality of life in Ken-Caryl.

At the start of each board meeting, we will acknowledge that we carefully consider the comments and input provided by residents. While we may not always respond in the manner you wish, please understand that our decisions are guided by a comprehensive analysis of various factors. Factors such as cost considerations, maintenance requirements, community impact assessments, survey results and staff engagement are pivotal in our decision-making process.

Your collaboration and understanding are vital as we strive to make informed decisions that benefit the entire Ken-Caryl community. We are committed to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability and inclusivity within our association.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in shaping the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch.

## OUR COMMUNITY

### Bi-Weekly Recycling Goes into Effect on May 1

#### Schedule Updates

Ken-Caryl Ranch officially transitions to bi-weekly recycling collection services on May 1. Residents with scheduled recycling pick-ups the week of April 29 through May 2 (collection services run Monday – Thursday for Ken-Caryl Ranch residents), will not be impacted and recycling will be picked up on these days.

Beginning the following week of May 6, recycling collection services for Ken-Caryl Ranch residents will officially adhere to the bi-weekly schedule; there will be no recycling collection services this week. Recycling collection services will then resume the week of May 13 and will continue to alternate.

#### Tote Delivery Update

Our service provider, Waste Connections, will be delivering any new totes to residents who placed online orders for them by or before the March 15 deadline, with estimated delivery dates of April 25-27. Once the new contract goes into effect on May 1, only recycling in approved Waste Connections totes will be collected. **However, residents who ordered new totes by the deadline from Waste Connections can still use their existing totes until their new totes are delivered. There will not be any disruptions to your pick-ups or service.** Small bins no longer accepted may be labeled as "trash" to be picked up by Waste Connections. Residents may leave their old totes out to be swapped out by Waste Connections on April 25-27. Residents may also dispose of bins and large recycling totes free of charge at Ken-Caryl's Annual Recycling & Clean-Up Event on May 4 at the Ranch House from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please note that this event ends promptly at 2 p.m. Those who arrive after 2 p.m. are not guaranteed access to the event, so please plan accordingly.



Questions? Please contact Allison Rager at [allisonr@kcranch.org](mailto:allisonr@kcranch.org).

## April

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
21	22	23 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	24	25 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	26	27 9 a.m. SLASH Event Equestrian Center
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## May

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.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	3 5:30 p.m. Food Truck Friday Dakota Lodge	4 8:30 a.m. Annual Recycling & Clean-Up Event
5	6	7 5 p.m. District Future Funding Online Community Meeting Online Via Zoom 5:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 6 p.m. Joint Study Session	8	9 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	10	11
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SLASH Event April 27

Don't forget our next SLASH Removal Day on April 27 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Equestrian Center. Members of the KCRMD Parks Department will be at the Equestrian Center to collect and chip SLASH, which are considered to be tree debris, loose pine needles, pinecones and tree bark that can easily ignite and fuel wildfires. No need to register - just swing by and drop off your SLASH any time between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This event is FREE!



#### ATTENTION:

#### Clients New to Medicare or Medicaid



My name is Lisa Little. I am in my 7th year helping Medicare and Medicaid clients with their insurance needs. I got my start with Medicare when I had to help my late husband navigate Medicare and Medicaid 16 years ago when he became disabled due to a rare congenital heart condition.

Since then, I have made it my mission to:

- **Assist others** by finding the most cost-effective plan for their needs
- **Sit down with you** to explain all that is available with Medicare or Medicaid - I am local!
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## The Right Time to Let Them Shine!

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Hello Ken-Caryl! Just a friendly reminder for residents regarding rules for permanent holiday lighting installations. It's crucial to adhere to these guidelines to maintain a harmonious environment in the community. Permanent lighting can be a beautiful addition to a home, but it's important that it doesn't disrupt the neighborhood or violate any regulations.



Ensuring that residents understand when they can have their lights on and when they need to be turned off, helps maintain a sense of order and consideration for others. It's also great to clarify what types of lighting are permitted and what the process is for obtaining approval for permanent installations.

Clear communication about these rules can prevent misunderstandings and ensure that everyone can enjoy the holiday spirit without causing any inconvenience or disturbance to others.

Don't forget that the light clips must be removed from your gutters.

I hope you all have a great rest of your month and remember to be kind, Darci

### 2.28 Holiday Lighting rules and regulations.

Architectural Committee approval is required for Permanent Holiday Lighting Installations.

- Permanent holiday lighting installations may be illuminated no earlier than one month in advance of the holiday and must be turned off within one week following the holiday.
- For traditional December holidays, permanent lighting shall not be illuminated before Nov. 1 and shall be turned off by Feb. 1. Submittal shall include:
  - ✓ Site plan and photos showing proposed location for installation
  - ✓ Manufacturer's spec sheet showing what the installation will look like
- Committee approval is not required for the display of temporary holiday decorations or lights if these are installed in accordance with the following (See also Lights and Lighting section 2.32):
  - With the exception of traditional December holidays, temporary decorations and lighting may be put up no earlier than one month in advance of the holiday and must be taken down (not simply unplugged or turned off) within one week following the holiday.
  - For traditional December holidays, decorations and lighting shall not be put up before Nov. 1 and shall be taken down by Feb. 1.
  - Traditional December Holiday lights include, but are not limited to, colored bulbs (multi, single color, and changing color) and clear bulb string lights, colored spotlights, icicle lights, laser/projector lights, net lights and novelty string lights.

The Master Association is hiring! Check out the available positions below and apply today online via the Employment Opportunities page of our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).



### We're Hiring for a Community Administrator III!

Looking for a great gig close to home? Apply to be our Community Administrator III! The Community Administrator II will be responsible for maintaining a harmonious and desirable community by overseeing enforcement of the covenants process, assisting with task forces as assigned, supporting community events and daily business operations as well as in maintaining and managing KCRMA brand standards.

### Join our Equestrian Center Team!

Have a passion for horses? Looking to make a career out of it? We're looking to expand our Equestrian Center team by hiring a Riding School Manager and additional Ranch Hands. The Riding School Manager will perform specific tasks such as scheduling, invoicing and billing for Riding School operations, as well as provide quality horse care for the Riding School horses. Ranch Hand responsibilities include providing quality horse care in a safe, well-maintained facility. Seasonal and full-time positions available. For more information, visit the Employment page of our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).

## Have You Scheduled Your FREE Fuel Hazard Assessment?

Ken-Caryl Ranch Fire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan has worked to develop and implement a voluntary Fuel Hazard Assessment program for all residents. This program offers a no-risk, private educational opportunity where he will discuss the wildfire factors that could affect the community and specifically your home. Working directly with residents, Keith will generate an individual plan that will help you, your family and neighbors be better prepared for wildfire. To request your FREE Fuel Hazard Assessment, please visit the Firewise Resources page of our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).






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## Noxious Weeds 2024

By Nick DeCarolis Park Ranger & Natural Resource Specialist

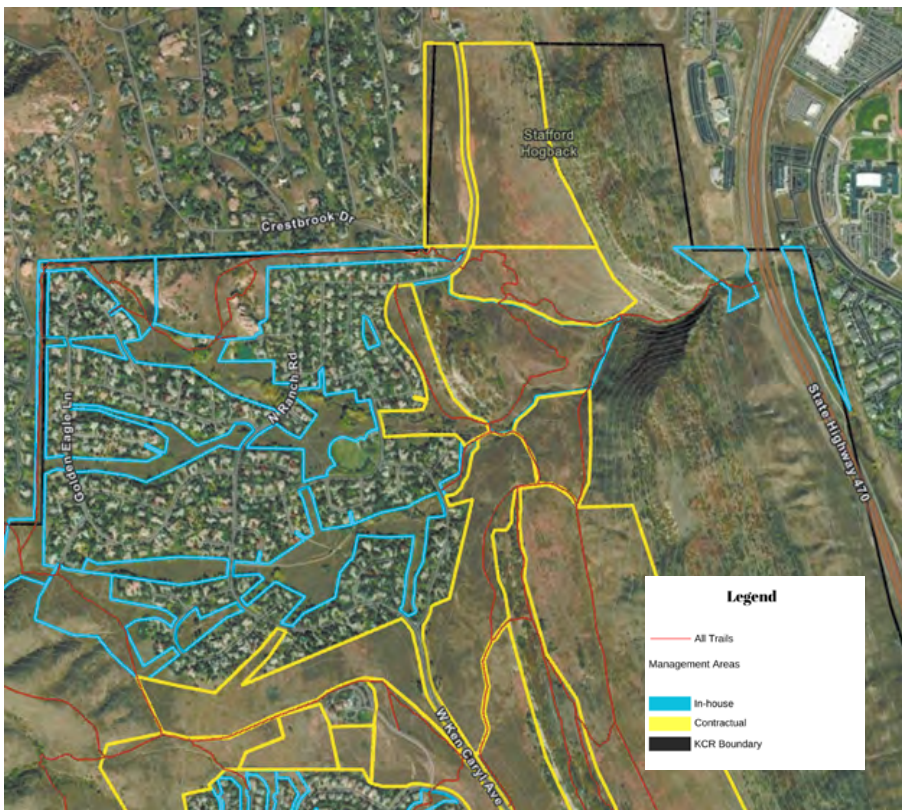
The growing season has officially started here in Colorado. The return of green grasses, our favorite plants and flowers and returning migratory birds are well on their way. The arrival of the growing season also brings the growth of undesirable plants, such as invasives and noxious weeds. Invasive species and noxious weeds pose a serious threat to native wildlife and native plants. Noxious weeds can outcompete desirable species and change our ecological systems for the worse. Under the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, and as land managers, we are obligated to control the spread of these undesirable weed species. The natural resource team has already begun early season management of noxious weeds across Ken-Caryl open space. Over the course of the year, integrated pest management strategies will be implemented to combat the spread of noxious weeds across our open space. With the help of in-house staff, contractors and volunteers, noxious weeds don't stand a chance.

In the state of Colorado alone, there are 80 species listed as noxious weeds by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. Fifty-one of which are found across the 4,000+ acres of open space here at Ken-Caryl Ranch.

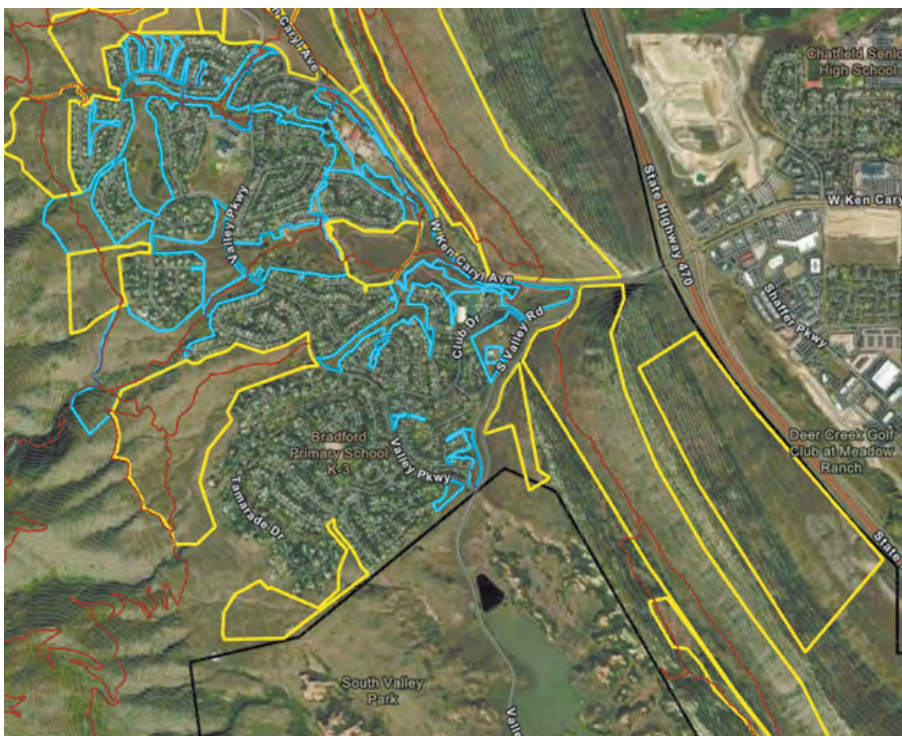
This year, two local volunteer groups, the Trail Club and Weed Warriors, will be assisting in the fight against noxious weeds. To get connected to our volunteer programs and receive training on weed management in the Ken-Caryl Ranch open space, please reach out to me using my contact information at the end of this article.

In addition to the natural resource team, a contract herbicide applicator will also be conducting work in the open space starting at the beginning of May and continuing through to the fall. Please see the attached northern and southern management area maps for more information about where herbicide applications will be taking place in the open space. The contractor has already started spraying bare-ground areas like picnic pads, crusher-fine trails and kiosk pads. These areas are treated with a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent weeds from coming up throughout the growing season.

For more information on our volunteer programs and weed management here at Ken-Caryl Ranch, please feel free to reach out to Park Ranger and Natural Resource Specialist Nick DeCarolis at nicholasd@kcranch.org or call 720-599-3247 ext. 468.



Northern spray area



Southern spray area

## Trail Work Update

Attention trail goers and residents! Please be advised that Outdoor Recreation and Design will be doing two-track maintenance on the south end of Cathy Johnson Trail and then move to the North Hogback and finishing work on the Manor House Trail. Work began on Monday, April 15 and it should take anywhere from 2-4 weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions.



## ◆ SPECIAL EVENTS



## Annual Recycling & Clean-Up Event on May 4

Mark your calendars for this year's Recycling & Clean-up Event on May 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Ranch House. This event is FREE for all residents; however, there are fees for TVs, monitors and floor printers. Recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics, small appliances, furniture and trash!

GreenSheen Paint is also coming to YOU as part of the event by offering FREE, door-to-door paint pick-up to recycle your old and unwanted paint and stain on Sunday, May 12! This service is 100% FREE to Ken-Caryl residents! No need to be present on the day of your scheduled pick-up - just leave your paint cans outside and clearly visible and GreenSheen will do the rest! To schedule your paint pick-up, residents must contact GreenSheen Paint directly at 720-854-8722 or via email at events@greensheepaint.com. Check out their flyer below for details and collection exceptions!

This event provides residents with a great opportunity to get rid of downed branches and SLASH as a result of this year's spring storms! For more information on this year's Annual Recycling & Clean-Up Event, including a list of acceptable items and items that cannot be accepted, please visit the Special Events page of our website at [www.ken-caryl-ranch.org](http://www.ken-caryl-ranch.org).

**KEN-CARYL RANCH**

## RECYCLING AND CLEAN UP EVENT

**SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.**  
**Ranch House Parking Lot • Ken-Caryl Residents Only**

**FREE except a fee for TVs, Monitors & Floor Printers**

<p><b>Items we CAN Take:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appliances (small size only - toasters, microwaves, etc.)</li> <li>Computer Monitors - Fees apply (cash or credit card):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCDs/Flat Screens - \$5 each</li> <li>• CRT Monitors (all sizes) - \$40 each</li> </ul> </li> <li>Electronics (computers, phones, VCRs, hard drives, etc.)</li> <li>Furniture (mattress, box spring, couch, end table, etc.)</li> <li>Paper for Shredding (limit 3 file boxes or 1 trash bag)</li> <li>Printers (home printers free, floor models \$40 each)</li> <li>Scrap Metal</li> <li>Tires</li> <li>Trash (bulk items or in bags, mattresses, etc.)</li> <li>Tree Branches for Chipper (less than 10" diameter)</li> <li>TVs - Fees apply (cash or credit card):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat Screen TV (all sizes) - \$20</li> <li>• CRT TV (all sizes) - \$40 each</li> <li>• Console, projection, or DLP TVs - \$75 each</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>We CANNOT Take:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Batteries</li> <li>Chemicals</li> <li>Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs</li> <li>Large Appliances (AC Units, Freezers, Ovens, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers)</li> <li>Paint/Stain (Free curbside pickup info coming soon)</li> <li>Spray Paint, Paint Thinner</li> <li>Prescription Drugs</li> </ul>
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For information on where to take items we do not accept, see [www.ken-caryl-ranch.org](http://www.ken-caryl-ranch.org).  
 Questions? Contact 303-979-1876 ext. 109 or [darcic@kcranch.org](mailto:darcic@kcranch.org).

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## May is National Wildfire Awareness Month: Are you Prepared?

The month of May is dedicated to the prevention and preparedness of National Wildfire Awareness. While wildfires may not be prevalent in every state, the responsibility to be aware and alert belongs to us all. The causes of wildfires can occur in every state, and as mobile as our lifestyles have become, every one of us needs to be prepared.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than 80% of wildfires are caused by human-related activity, leaving less than 20% that occur in nature. Destruction caused by wildfires in the United States has significantly increased in the last two decades. On average, there are 70,000 wildfires that burn more than seven million acres each year. Preventable wildfires threaten lives, property and precious natural resources.

As the hotter, drier weather of summer approaches, the risk of wildfire increases. There are some steps that can be taken to aid in the prevention of wildfires from starting and spreading. From fire resisting building materials, to following the safety protocols for handling fire when camping, heating your home or storing fuel, we can all take part in reducing wildfires.

Wildfire season is year-round in Colorado. What can you do to help support our firefighters and protect your family from wildland fires? The NFPA recommends these tips to help prevent fires from starting in your home or community:

- Create and maintain five feet of non-combustible space around homes and commercial buildings.
- Reduce the amount of flammable materials and brush that can burn around your home by removing pine needles, dry leaves or other highly flammable materials.
- Protect your roof: trim branches that overhang your home and remove any leaves, needles and sticks from your roof and gutters.
- Move wood piles and small propane tanks away from your (and your neighbor's) home; 30 feet or more is best.
- To keep sparks and flames from getting underneath, screen under your porch and other open areas with wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch.
- Know two ways out of your neighborhood. Ken-Caryl Ranch will be posting evacuation routes for both The Valley and The Plains on our website – so stay tuned!

Be prepared in case you need to evacuate:

- Keep important documents in a fireproof safe, on a USB drive, or store password protected documents online.
- Check your home insurance to make sure your policy protects your current home value and includes wildfires.
- Give yourself time and evacuate early if possible. If you can't leave, designate a room that can be closed off from outside air in case air conditions become hazardous.
- Visit Ready.gov for details on how to make a household emergency plan and go-kit.
- When making plans, don't forget the needs of pets.
- Make sure that you know more than one way out of your neighborhood.
- Sign up to receive emergency alerts and notices for your community.

Wildfires can develop and spread quickly, leaving little time to get somewhere safe. Know what to do to keep yourself, your family, and your pets safe, and take steps now to protect your future.

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## Firewise Community Survey Results

In March 2024, the Master Association hosted a community survey to gather feedback on the direction of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Firewise Committee and wildfire mitigation efforts directed by the MA. The goal was to better understand the value these efforts by staff and the Firewise Committee provide, and how we can better serve the needs of the Ken-Caryl community in terms of fire mitigation efforts, initiatives, education, risk reduction and how to adapt to living with wildfire. To view the survey results and analysis, please visit the Firewise Resources page of our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).



## RUFF LIVING!

**MY HUMANS' NAMES ARE:**

Christopher and Christine

**MY BREED IS:**

Golden Retriever

**I'M ALWAYS GETTING IN TROUBLE FOR:**

Trying to counter surf!

**I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT MY:**

Family

**I'M KNOWN FOR:**

My guard dog capabilities....  
(just kidding!)

**MY SECRET TALENT IS:**

Being able to hear a banana being peeled anywhere in the house

**I LOVE IT WHEN:**

I sleep on mom's pillow

**MY PERFECT DAY:**

Early breakfast, chasing bunnies and squirrels, an afternoon hike, dinner and treats before bedtime

**LIFE IS RUFF WHEN:**

My cat brother scares me!



Submit your dog to be featured in a 2024 edition of *Life at Ken-Caryl's* "Ruff Living" column at <https://ken-carylranh.org/submit-to-ruff-living/>.

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## Community Meeting Regarding Future Funding

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5-5:30 p.m.

Online Via Zoom (Scan the QR code to join Zoom)

Zoom Webinar ID: 848 8434 7431

Zoom Phone Number: (719) 359-4580



## Property Taxes and Funding Future Capital Projects

Did you know that only 17% of your total property tax bill goes to the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District, your local park and recreation provider? The property taxes paid to the District are divided into two portions: general operating mill and bond repayment mill. The bond repayment mill, which only makes up 3% of your total property tax bill, began in 2014 and is set to expire at the end of this year.

The bond repayment mill was established when the District's voters approved incurring debt in the form of General Obligation Bonds. The bond money was used for Ranch House, Community Center, and Dakota Lodge renovations, new community entrance signs, playgrounds, and park improvements. In December 2024, the bond mill will expire, and the debt will be paid off. The District Board is contemplating asking voters to approve converting a portion of the expiring bond mill levy into a general operating mill levy to fund long-term capital needs. This option would not incur debt nor increase the tax rate.

Maintaining high-quality standards for community amenities is crucial for fostering a vibrant and thriving community like Ken-Caryl Ranch. The diligent efforts of the District in maintaining and replacing these amenities play a significant role in ensuring the residents' satisfaction, enhancing their overall quality of life, and preserving property values.

The District has a Capital Plan that includes capital projects for all District owned or leased property and equipment. This Capital Plan includes:

- Critical maintenance items such as: HVAC, flooring, lighting, tennis court resurfacing, roofing, irrigation, parking lot maintenance, pool boiler, painting, etc.
- New and replacement projects such as: playgrounds (Community Center, Community Park, North Ranch Park), Community Center pool features, shade structures, splash pad renovations, fitness equipment, field renovations, vehicles, trailers, etc.

Financial forecasting of the Capital Reserve Fund has revealed that current revenues may not be enough to continue with the full maintenance of the District's capital infrastructure in the long term. In analyzing the financial forecasting, the District will likely be able to maintain daily operational functions funded through the General Fund, including recreation programs, events, facility rentals, park maintenance, etc., through 2034. However, without additional funding sources, the Capital Reserve Fund experiences a revenue shortfall in 2028, resulting in the inability to complete critical infrastructure and capital improvement and maintenance projects like those listed above.

What do you think about continuing a portion of the bond mill? The District wants to hear from you! Please join us for a community meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 5 p.m. via Zoom for a brief presentation about the Capital Plan and possible continuation of a portion of the bond mill levy. The meeting will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel in case you can't make it. Questions? Please reach out to Traci Wieland at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at [traciw@kcranch.org](mailto:traciw@kcranch.org).

## PICTURE THIS! - A Little Birdie Told Me

It's officially spring! Resident Frank Schmidt snapped and shared a photo of a robin enjoying the joys of spring in Ken-Caryl!



The reason we live here...



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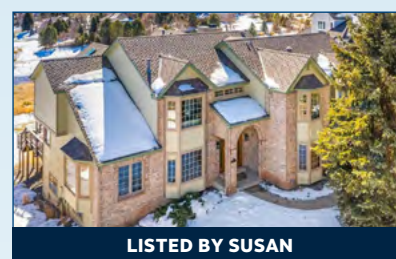
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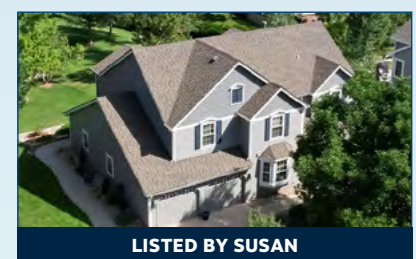
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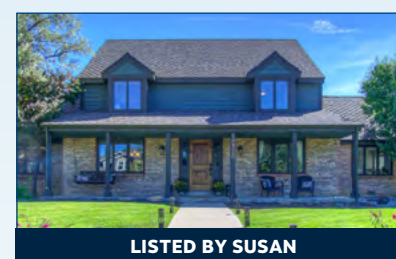
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This year, in addition to Tasty Tuesdays, we are excited to announce that we will also be hosting Food Truck Fridays at the Dakota Lodge from 5:30-8 p.m. this summer! These events will take place on the first Friday of the month May – August, with the exception of August, when we will host the last Friday event of the summer on Aug. 9. Food Truck Fridays will feature more family-friendly events, so stay tuned each month! The May 3 event will feature a bounce house, courtesy of Platinum Sponsor Bre Small!

To view the current truck schedule, including menus, please visit the Special Events page of our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org), or scan the QR code on the specific Truckster event flyer below.

Tasty Tuesdays and Food Truck Fridays are generously supported by Platinum Sponsor Bre Small with eXp Realty!

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## To Save an Old Plum Tree

*By John Fosholt, Resident, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee*

A solitary wizened and weathered plum tree stands beside the equestrian trail on the north side of Brannon Gearhart Park west of the red rocks. Its trunk is split from top to bottom, but somehow each spring it produces a bouquet of fragrant white blossoms, which evolve into sour red plums in August.

The Brannon Gearhart Park Task Force recommended two years ago that the trail be widened to accommodate skittish horses, but the members also asked the trail builders to spare the old native plum. The little fruit tree is reminiscent of a celebrity cherry tree called "Old Stumpy," which persistently blooms in the Tidal Basin preserve of Washington, D.C. Stumpy has suffered similar split and sheared limbs over the years, and this year, the National Park Service will finally remove the tree because of rising water levels along the Potomac River.

The old plum tree in Brannon Gearhart Park also faced a natural challenge this winter, when snow and winds sheared its main surviving limb. The limb hangs dead on the south side of the tree, away from the trail, but the volunteer trail-builders wonder if the tree is dead and should be removed.

A recent inspection of the tree shows that, despite the dead and severed limb, the very top of the tree has a spray of bright green buds.

New life.

Perhaps the little plum tree should be given the chance to bloom and bear fruit again.



*The Imperfect plum, as it stands in Brannon Gearhart Park, has weathered many storms and still produces blossoms. Photo courtesy of John Fosholt, resident, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee.*

### PICTURE THIS! - Snow Be Gone!

Spring storms are unpredictable! Luckily, finding beauty in them isn't! As seen and snapped by resident photo contributor Adriana Wiersma.



## Empathy, Education and Empowerment: Reflecting on National Infertility Awareness Week and the Journey to Fertility Consulting

By Jessica Boone, MPA, PA, Resident and Founder & CEO of Fortitude Fertility Consulting

Every year, National Infertility Awareness Week (NIAW) serves as a reminder of the challenges faced by millions of individuals and couples on their journey to parenthood. From April 21-27, communities come together to shed light on infertility, break the silence surrounding the topic, and offer support to those navigating this often emotional and challenging experience.

Most people have heard the statistic that 1 in 6 couples have difficulty conceiving. It's a hard number to wrap your head around. Chances are a close friend, family member, or coworker is having difficulty and you are likely completely unaware. I remember the first time when 1 in 6 became my reality. It was about 9 years ago; I had only been practicing as an infertility PA for a few years and I got a call from my best friend saying that they had just found out that they would not be able to conceive on their own without the help of IVF. Despite having a career focused on helping individuals and couples conceive, I was not prepared for this news. My friend is a well-

educated woman who took every precaution to optimize her health and chances for pregnancy, and yet her diagnosis was completely out of her control. That was the moment that truly put things into perspective for me. It was the moment that changed the way I approached patient care in infertility. It was the moment that I became my patient's ally on their fertility journey, instead of just their healthcare provider.

### My Journey to Becoming a Fertility Consultant Started in 2012

My path into reproductive medicine and infertility wasn't initially clear. Despite my interest in women's health, infertility was a topic rarely addressed in my education, let alone discussed amongst my family or friends. However, in 2012, after completing my Master of Physician Assistant degree, I found my calling in supporting individuals and couples navigating infertility. Working alongside a leader in the field, I learned the importance of prioritizing the patient experience and well-being.

Yet, after relocating, I realized that personalized care and support were not always the norm with infertility care. It was approximately one year ago when I had another pivotal moment. In just one month, three remarkable women reached out to me, each call opening the door to a new chapter in my life. Despite having access to top-notch fertility centers, they all felt something was missing. They were looking for understanding, empathy and holistic support.

That's where I came in, not just as a professional, but as an ally and mentor. These incredible women were facing more than just the clinical side of fertility treatments; they were dealing with the emotional ups and downs, the physical challenges and the mental health struggles that often go without additional support.

Being there for them, seeing them grow and overcome these hurdles, was nothing short of inspiring. This experience wasn't just a turning point for them; it was a wake-up call for me too. It highlighted what I felt was lacking in my own practice: the opportunity to really dive deep, to educate, support, and focus on the overall wellness of those individuals and couples struggling to conceive.

### I Knew That There Was a Better Way

Suddenly, my path shifted. It became clear that my calling was about more than just consultations. It was about creating a supportive community where knowledge meets empathy, and where optimizing fertility



Jessica Boone, Founder & CEO of Fortitude Fertility Consulting

wellness becomes a shared goal. To create space that not only offers solutions but hope, understanding, empowerment and practical strategies for enhancing fertility wellness. This is what inspired me to start Fortitude Fertility Consulting, a haven where individuals and couples could find not just answers, but also understanding, compassion and a community.

As National Infertility Awareness Week approaches, I've been reflecting on my journey and why I feel so compelled to share my story. Throughout my years of supporting countless women on their unique paths through infertility, two truths have consistently resonated with me: first, no path to parenthood is the same; and second, it takes courage to walk this path - a path that should never be walked alone. Unfortunately, the stigma surrounding infertility often leads many to feel isolated. But it doesn't have to be this way! To shed light on this issue and foster a supportive community, I feel it is important to share some tips with our community on how we can offer meaningful support to those facing the challenges of infertility.

### Tips For Supporting Someone with Infertility

#### 1. Avoid Asking the Dreaded Question

Couples often get asked, "When are you planning to have kids?" For many people, this question seems innocent.

However, for those who are struggling with infertility, it is a reminder of what they were unable to accomplish despite how hard they have been trying. Instead, focus on more neutral topics such as career achievements, travel, or hobbies. If they feel comfortable sharing their family planning goals or struggles, they will bring it up.

#### 2. Unsolicited Advice Can do More Harm Than Good

Almost everyone who is struggling to conceive has been told "If you relax it will happen." Although this is well-meaning, it can be very hurtful to someone who has been working extremely hard to grow their family. Instead, you should feel honored that they shared their struggle with you and simply listen. Often, knowing that someone is willing to listen without judgment can be the best thing you can gift them.

#### 3. Educate Yourself and Others

There are quite a few misconceptions surrounding infertility. Taking the time to grasp the fundamentals can help you be more empathetic and supportive. Remember, infertility can arise from a variety of factors and it's not just a women's issue. It's important to see it as a collective journey. Taking the initiative to educate yourself about infertility conveys to your loved one that you genuinely care and are willing to learn more to better understand and support them on their journey.

#### 4. Show Them That You Care

When someone is struggling to conceive, often what they need the most is to know that they are not alone. A small act of kindness or simply offering to be a shoulder to lean on can make the journey feel less overwhelming and isolating.

National Infertility Awareness Week is a time to come together as a community, break the silence surrounding infertility, and offer support and compassion to those facing this journey. It's a reminder that no one should have to walk the path of infertility alone. Through my work, I've seen firsthand the power of informed support and empathy. I hope that sharing my journey raises awareness and highlights the importance of educating ourselves and others. Together, we can create a community of empathy and understanding, where everyone's unique path to parenthood is met with unwavering support and compassion.



## 2024 Ken-Caryl Pool Updates

### Pool Pass Registration Now Open

Metropolitan District resident pool pass registration is now open for the 2024 season. As a reminder, all District residents looking to access the pool for free MUST register online before visiting the pools. No need to get a new pool key fob if you have yours from last year; just register online and the old fob will work! Please stop by the Ranch House or Community Center during business hours if you would like a fob. Pool staff can't issue fobs.

For entry into the pool you may use the following:

- an activated fob (if you had a fob for your pool pass in 2023, when you register this year it will automatically update)
- a photo of your activated fob barcode
- a photo of the barcode on your receipt when you register for a pool pass

If you don't have any of these but did register, staff can check you in by searching your name. This is less ideal as it takes time when other patrons are waiting to check in.

Our pools will be adopting a cashless payment policy this summer. All non-residents visiting the pools are encouraged to purchase their passes online before arriving at the pools. In-person payment methods accepted are credit or debit card, Apple Pay and Google Pay.

District residents may register for their pool passes via our website at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) and click on the teal Register icon located at the top of your screen.

### Ranch House Pool Climbing Wall

We're thrilled to share the news of an upcoming enhancement to

the Ranch House pool! As part of our 2024 season, we're introducing a climbing wall in the dive well, situated opposite the diving board. Thanks to the generous sponsorship from Gravina's Window Center of Littleton, this exciting addition will be open for guest enjoyment all summer long!

### Pool Rule Updates:

Safety continues to be the first priority at all Ken-Caryl pools. To further improve a positive and safe environment for all users, the District is updating pool rules in 2024, specifically the following:

- Children under the age of 7 and all non-proficient swimmers regardless of age must be within arm's reach of a parent or chaperone (at least 16 years of age) at all times, including when in the water.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or chaperone (at least 16 years of age) at all times.

For more information on 2024 pool rules and regulations, see our website.

### Weather Cancellation Policy and Updates

Pools will close for the day if the high is forecasted to be 60 degrees or less otherwise, they will remain open regardless of attendance.

### SilverSneakers, Silver&Fit, and Renew Active Members

Members of SilverSneakers, Silver&Fit, and Renew Active programs do not have to register for a pool pass. If your membership is active for the fitness center, it also grants access to the pools. To confirm your membership or for any eligibility questions, please visit the Community Center or Ranch House during business hours. Verification of eligibility cannot be done at the pools.



New this year is the addition of a climbing wall in the dive well of the Ranch House pool, courtesy of sponsor Gravina's Window Center of Littleton! The climbing wall will be situated opposite of the diving board in the dive well.

## Spring Cleaning for Wildfires

By John Fosholt, Resident, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

The entrance to North Ranch was looking brushy and flammable when a team of 18 Ken-Caryl Ranch volunteers set to work on April 13. In about three hours, the crew had removed a couple of troubled fir trees, trimmed back a dozen more, and removed some storm-damaged ash trees.

"It's looking good," said Ranger and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan as he surveyed the results. He directed the volunteers and the shredding of the SLASH from the project.

Craig and DJ Johnson did a father-son double team on the SLASH. "I've worked on a lot of open-space projects with my three kids over the years with the Trail Club," said Craig. DJ is 14 and enjoys the outdoor work in his community.

Ranger McMillan, the Open Space Department and the Trail Club are planning several more volunteer mitigation projects in the Ranch this year. For more information on community fire mitigation projects and volunteer opportunities, please contact Keith McMillan at [keithm@kcranch.org](mailto:keithm@kcranch.org).



Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan chips branches as part of our community's latest volunteer mitigation project earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Karyn Abraham, resident, Firewise Committee Chair.



Father-son team DJ Johnson, left, and his dad Craig, tag-teamed community cleanup efforts. Photo courtesy of John Fosholt.



Residents rolled up their sleeves and got to work to reduce ladder fuels in Ken-Caryl Ranch. Photo courtesy of John Fosholt.



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#### Rocky – (291997)

Rocky is a 9-year-old male Mastiff who lived successfully with other dogs and cats and enjoyed the dog park. Sweet and laidback Rocky is easy to walk and plays nicely with other dogs and people. He sits and lays down when asked and loves belly rubs. This gentle giant is a great walking and hiking buddy, but also enjoys curling up on the couch to watch TV.



#### Chance – (292047)

Chance is 1-year-old male cat seeking a job in a farm, stable, or garden center where he can enjoy the freedom of outdoor life with the safety of a familiar place and a committed caretaker. Cats like Chance may work from the shadows or rub against your boot and join you for outdoor chores.

To find out more about Rocky, Chance and other deserving pets in need of good homes, visit [www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org](http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org).



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## Local Girl Scout Troop Hosts Parent's Night Out

Hey parents! Enjoy a date night or time to yourself, courtesy of our local Bradford North Girl Scout Troop!

If you are looking for the evening off, register for the Bradford North 8th Grade Cadette Girl Scouts' May 4 Parent's Night Out Babysitting Night from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge. This event is \$30 per child and is intended for potty-trained children ages 3-9 years. Pizza will be served, and kiddos can enjoy fun, safe and age-appropriate activities like board games, Magna Tiles, arts and crafts and Play-Doh fun!

Register using the corresponding QR code. Proceeds benefit the Girl Scouts.



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Girl Scout Troop members at a previous Parent's Night Out fundraising event.

  
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## Special Events



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## Aquatics

### SLASH Event

Mark your calendars for our next SLASH Removal Day on April 27 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Equestrian Center. Members of the KCRMD Parks Department will be at the Equestrian Center to collect and chip SLASH, which are considered to be tree debris, loose pine needles, pinecones and tree bark that can easily ignite and fuel wildfires. No registration necessary, just drop off your SLASH at any time during the event. \*Please note: All SLASH Curbside Pick-Up slots have been filled.

### Annual Recycling & Clean-up Event

Mark your calendars for this year's Recycling & Clean-up Event on May 4 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Ranch House. This event is FREE for all residents; however, there are fees for TVs, monitors and floor printers. Recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics, small appliances, furniture and trash! Event details and information are available on our website via the corresponding QR code above.

### Memorial Day Event

Join us as we honor our servicemen and women with a ceremony on May 27 from 9-10 a.m. at the Veterans Monument, located in Community Park, across from Shaffer Elementary School in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Plains. The event will feature keynote speaker Tom Coakley, a resident and veteran, and Summit Sound of Voices West will perform the National Anthem. Pastries and refreshments will be served.

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### Season Pool Passes

All Ken-Caryl Ranch pools officially open on May 25! We ready, are you? District residents, spend more time at the pools and less time online by registering for your FREE pool pass ahead of time via our website by clicking on the QR code above.

### Tasty Tuesdays

Be sure to join us for Tasty Tuesdays each Tuesday beginning May 7, and running through July 30, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Ranch House parking lot, where we will host food trucks – from the sweet to the savory – for your eating pleasure! Thank you to Platinum Event Sponsor Bre Small with eXp Realty! To see the current lineup of featured food trucks and event info, scan the Special Events QR code above.

### Food Truck Fridays

NEW for 2024! Join us for Food Truck Fridays on May 3, June 7, July 5 and Aug. 9 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. in the Dakota Lodge parking lot, where we will host food trucks – from the sweet to the savory – for your eating pleasure! Thank you to Platinum Event Sponsor Bre Small with eXp Realty! For event information and to see the current lineup of featured food trucks and event info, the Special Events QR code above.



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## Sports & Athletics

### Challenger Summer Soccer Camps

#Summer"Goals"! We're "kicking" things up! Sign up early for Challenger's Summer Soccer Camps and save money! So, if you're looking for a fun, healthy way to entertain your kiddos, secure your spot today via Challenger's website at <https://challengersports.com/camp-finder/>.

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**Youth Programs**

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**Adult Kickball League**  
Get your kicks this summer by joining us for our first ever KCRMD Adult Kickball League! League will begin on May 5 and end June 30 with a tournament (no games May 26). Games will be played on Sundays, from 1-6 p.m. For more information and to register, please scan the QR code above.

**Adult Tennis Lessons**  
Register today for Adult Tennis Lessons! For more information, and to check availability, including available lessons based on skill, scan the Tennis & Pickleball QR code above.

**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!

**Ageless & Unstoppable**  
Join us for our next Ageless & Unstoppable Program, "New You - Stay at Home Longer," on Tuesday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at the Ranch House, presented by Lindsey Mendenhall from FirstLight Home Care. Mendenhall will be talking about how the services FirstLight Home Care offers can help clients stay home, if that is their goal. They can also assist with housekeeping like a maid service, but also offer additional support services like running errands, meal prep, companionship, transportation, help with showers and more!  
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## Choosing the Right Contractor for Your Parking Lot

By Jo Taylor, Resident, Public Works Journal Owner & Managing Editor

An asphalt parking lot can be a durable one, if it is installed correctly and it is regularly maintained. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association (KCRMA) recently had to repave their Ranch House administration building parking lot and had several challenges to overcome. Our Jo Taylor, who happens to be a local resident, talked to Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell about his experience using CAPA members; Quality Pavement Consultants and CASI for their project.

“This was the original parking lot from when the Ken-Caryl Ranch House was built in 1979, and even though we had had some sealcoat and patching done over the years, we knew it was time to have it repaved.”

One of the major issues in the parking lot Brian told me was drainage, “We have several low spots that cause water to sit, which would result in pooling and ice buildup in the winter months. Another was curbing. Curbs that were designed in 1974 now caused bottle necks and were no longer serving us to maneuver vehicles in and out effectively. We wanted a contractor to be able to address these problems and provide us with a solution.”

Jarrett Welch of Quality Pavement Solutions was hired as a Consultant/Project Manager to the KCRMA to assess their situation and come up with recommendations and a budget to present to the Master Association Board. The scope of work was then put out to bid to three companies. The criteria being that Jarrett had personally worked with the companies before and

could therefore vouch for their work and that they were members of Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association.

Brian said, “Jarrett was well versed with our issues. He knew that we had to keep the facilities open to the public throughout the duration of the project, giving residents access to our sports amenities. He understood how to correct the drainage problem by removing the existing concrete curbs and raising them to the correct elevation. At the same time in doing so, making the lot ADA compliant by introducing ramps at the 2% grade that is now legally required. This gave us the confidence that he was the right person for the job.”

A full depth reclamation overlay like this one required the testing of aggregates at every level. These tests were performed by Advance Testing Services. The asphalt was supplied by CASI directly from their plant.

A parking lot is designed to last for 20 or so years with the continued maintenance. A care plan is put in place for the owner to follow as and when they see cracks appearing. Jarrett anticipates a seal coat will be needed in 3-5 years and a slurry seal in 10 years depending on aging. However, he does emphasize the need for owners to transfer the management of assets when new staff take over. This leads to consistency of maintenance, which in turn leads to a perpetual pavement at minimum costs.

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Ranch House parking lot before



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## When you find work on your doorstep

Resident Jo Taylor, who owns Publishing Company Prime Media LLC; publishing materials for the infrastructure industry, was thrilled to learn that not one but two of her customers had been awarded a project within the Ken-Caryl community.

As announced in *Life at Ken-Caryl* in August 2023, Jo read that the project to repave the Ken-Caryl Ranch House parking lot had been assigned to ATS and CASI, both advertisers in the *Colorado Public Works Journal*, one of the publications produced by Prime Media.

These connections allowed Jo to monitor the project in progress and to showcase the results in the publication, not only giving the Ken-Caryl community some publicity, but offering informative guidance to other homeowners' associations across the state. As she explained, the *Colorado Public Works Journal* is a platform for the infrastructure industry to showcase their work and to educate others. It is a valuable resource to city and county officials on practical ways to help make their jobs easier and more effective.

The article also gave her customers additional exposure for a job well done.

If you would like to read the full article or wish to learn more about *Colorado Public Works Journal* and the audience it serves please go to [coloradopublicworksjournal.com](http://coloradopublicworksjournal.com).

You may also contact Jo directly at [jo@coloradopublicworksjournal.com](mailto:jo@coloradopublicworksjournal.com). Jo Taylor has lived in the Ken-Caryl neighborhood for over 20 years, since moving here with her family from London, England in 2004.



Resident and Prime Media LLC owner, Jo Taylor.

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## Trail Club Semi-Annual Clean-Up on Sunday, April 28

Please join the Trail Club for their Semi-Annual Clean-Up Day. They will be covering their two official Adopt-a-Road segments, South Valley Road from Valley Parkway to Lockheed Martin and Shaffer Parkway between Safeway and the Post Office, as well as a few other meeting locations in Ken-Caryl.

**Who:** All community members are welcome, including families. Small children will need to be with their parents for safety along the roadway.

**What to bring:** Gloves, sunscreen and water

**When:** 9-11 a.m. on Sunday, April 28

**Where:** South Valley segment, Shaffer Parkway segment, and various Ken-Caryl meeting locations

**What is provided:** Orange safety vests and trash bags

Please email the Trail Club at [kctrailclub@gmail.com](mailto:kctrailclub@gmail.com) to receive a link to the event's SignUp Genius to select your volunteer location.



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## Proposed Changes to Commercial Signage Rules & Regulations

The Architectural Committee will be voting on new rules and regulations regarding commercial signage for Ken-Caryl Ranch businesses at its April 25 meeting. To view the proposed rules and regulations changes, please visit the Community Announcements page of our website at [www.ken-caryl.com](http://www.ken-caryl.com).

### PICTURE THIS! - First Signs of Spring

Resident Janina Kozacka shared a photo documenting one of the first signs of spring – mountain crocuses in bloom!



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## What an Egg- travaganza! Residents Enjoy Annual Easter Egg Event

Ken-Caryl residents enjoyed this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Ranch House on March 30, supported by Platinum Event Sponsor, resident and realtor Susan Schell. Kids of all ages joined in the hunt for thousands of Easter eggs and a special visit with the Easter Bunny!



Resident, realtor and Platinum Event Sponsor Susan Schell, left, and Anna McMillan, far right, with the Carrot and the Easter Bunny! All photos courtesy of resident Anne Frisz.







Sweet! Kids of all ages joined in the hunt for Easter eggs at this year's Easter Event at the Ranch House!



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Dear Editor

The insightful article in the last edition by Kathy Webster prompted me to write this letter.

In the timeless words of Joni Mitchell, "you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." These words resonate profoundly, especially in our current reality where the sanctity of our open spaces faces increasing threats from urbanization and development. Simply driving through our local neighborhoods reveals the encroaching changes.

As our neighborhood expands and our community grows, the value of open spaces becomes ever more apparent. Yet, regrettably, we often fail to recognize their true worth until they are irreversibly lost.

Why is it crucial to protect our open spaces for future generations? The answer lies in the legacy we leave behind. Just as our predecessors preserved these spaces for us to enjoy, it is now our duty to ensure that future generations have the same opportunities to connect with nature and reap its benefits.

Open spaces are not mere vacant lots; they serve as the lungs of our community, furnishing clean air and essential habitat for wildlife. They are vital for maintaining ecological equilibrium, combating climate change and preserving biodiversity.

By safeguarding our open spaces, we are not merely conserving land; we are upholding a way of life, lifestyle founded on harmony with nature, appreciation of its splendor and acknowledgment of our interconnectedness with the environment. This legacy is worth defending and advocating for.

As development pressures intensify and our open spaces diminish, it is imperative that we take immediate action to protect what remains. Whether through conservation initiatives, sustainable land management practices, or community activism, each of us has a role in preserving our precious natural heritage.

In conclusion, let us heed Joni Mitchell's wisdom and acknowledge that the true value of open spaces lies not in their absence but in their presence. Let us act with foresight and determination to ensure that these open spaces endure for the benefit of all, both now and in the generations to come.

As a community, let us unite to advocate for the protection of our open spaces, including advocating for no more trails.

Doug Gray, Resident

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Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	13	Heirloom
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Ava Secondo	720-595-7665	B, P	18	Cimarron
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Anna Smith	567-217-1248	B	16	North Ranch
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Charlotte Watkins	720-649-0813	B, P	12	Manor Ridge
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Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	15	Carriage Hill
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Liam Young	720-883-3616	L, S, P	12	North Ranch

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