

Backyard Beauty

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SLASH Drop-Off Event

Ken-Caryl Ranch is proud to offer a SLASH drop-off event as part of our ongoing efforts to promote wildfire mitigation efforts on April 22 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Equestrian Center/Dakota Lodge. SLASH is debris from nature, such as tree limbs and prunings that can serve as fuel for wildfire. No reservations necessary, residents may drop off SLASH at any time during the event. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department will be on hand with the chipper.



Election Time!

By Traci Wieland, Metropolitan District Manager

The Metropolitan District Board election has begun! Elections can be confusing in Ken-Caryl Ranch since there are two distinct entities that have their own elections. In order to help, I have put together a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the election.

When can I vote?

Ballots were mailed April 10, so District residents should receive them by April 17. The election closes May 2 at 7 p.m.

How do I vote?

You will receive a ballot in the mail no later than April 17. You may return your ballot by mail, with adequate postage, or you may drop off your ballot using the secure mailbox located INSIDE the Ranch House during normal business hours. Please pay very close attention to the information listed on the secrecy envelope included with your ballot. This includes the locations you can mail or drop off your ballot. If dropping off at the Ranch House, ballots are only accepted inside the Ranch House during normal business hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Special hours will be available on Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is up to the elector to ensure their ballot is received by 7 p.m. on Election Day, May 2. Postmark dates will not be accepted.

How many candidates are there?

We are fortunate to have five residents running for the three open seats on the Metropolitan District Board. Get to know this year’s candidates by reading their profiles on page 6 of this issue or on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Who gets to vote?

Ballots will be mailed to each eligible elector of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District. An eligible elector is:

- 1. Current resident of the District.
- 2. The owner (or the spouse or the civil union partner of owner) of taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the District.
- 3. A person who is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District.

Please note that residents of the Bell Ken-Caryl Apartments and Mountain Gate I, II and III communities live in the Plains Metropolitan District and not the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District. Therefore, those residents will not vote in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District election.

Who do I contact if I didn’t receive a ballot or if I need a replacement ballot?
Designated Election Official at elections@crsofcolorado.com.

We already had a board election this year. Why is there another one?

The Master Association election was held in March. The Master Association and Metropolitan District are two distinct entities with their own boards. The Master Association is the HOA that oversees covenant and architectural control, Master Association-owned open space, trash and recycling services, the Equestrian Center and community communications. The Metropolitan District is a governmental entity that provides maintenance in the parks, greenbelts and facilities. The District also provides recreational activities for the enjoyment of the Ranch community. The District’s election rules are set by the Colorado Secretary of State, and the District contracts with a Designated Election Official, Community Resource Services of Colorado, to manage the election.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

For questions regarding the upcoming election, please contact the Designated Election Official at elections@crsofcolorado.com. For general Metropolitan District Board inquiries, contact Metropolitan District Manager Traci Wieland at traciw@kcranch.org or at 303-979-1876, ext. 136.



April

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
9	10	11 6 p.m. Open Space Committee Meeting *Dakota Lodge	12	13 7:30 a.m. Architctural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	14	15
16	17	18 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	19 4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee Meeting	20 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	21	22 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. SLASH Drop-Off Event Dakota Lodge/ Equestrian Center
23	24	25 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	26	27 7:30 a.m. Architctural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	28	29
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Information regarding audio and video conferencing options for public meetings will be communicated as it becomes available. See website at www.ken-carylranh.org for details.

GIVING BACK

Blood Drive,
May 16

Give back, give blood. Mark your calendars for the next Blood Drive on May 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge. Appointments can be made by calling Vitalant directly 877-258-4825 or online at www.donors.vitalant.org and use the search fields to enter May 16, 2023, and 80127 in the search fields. Need help with scheduling? Contact Jen Gonyea at 925-457-2911.



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A Great Smile Starts with a Spring Cleaning

Happy Spring Ken-Caryl!

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

It's that time of year when we get blown away! Many of you likely get weather updates via your phone, computer, or the good ole' news. I have noticed lately that they are making notice of these windy days for fire danger, one of the many reasons that we are excited to have our new team member, Ranger/Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan. Please keep an eye out to sign up for a complimentary property evaluation with Keith via our website to ensure the safety of your home against wildfire danger. Coming soon!

In the meantime, here are some great tips to get your yard summer ready!

Your Spring Clean-up Guide

If you're feeling ready to shake off the winter chill, chances are your landscape is too. Help it emerge from the frigid temperatures in glorious form with a proper spring clean-up. In this guide, we'll break down everything you need to know to help your landscape look as good as the warmer weather will feel. Come late February through early April, it's game time.

Get Rid of Dead Weight

Herbaceous plants (those without woody stems) such as ornamental grasses and perennials should be cut back to a few inches above the soil line. You don't have to worry about getting the timing just right; as long as significant new growth hasn't yet emerged from the ground, you're fine to cut back.

For shrubs that bloom on new growth, winter is the right time to prune a little or a lot depending on the plant and the effect you want. Be sure to prune these plants before new growth emerges in the spring.

Plants that bloom on new growth include:

- Roses
- Abelia
- Crape Myrtle
- Butterfly Bush
- Blue Mist Shrub
- Vitex or Chaste Tree
- PG and Annabelle Hydrangea
- St. John's Wort or Hypericum
- Rose-of-Sharon
- Beautyberry

Evergreen shrubs don't normally need a lot of attention, but winter is a great time to shape and reduce their height if necessary. Give attention to boxwood, hollies, euonymus, privet, juniper and photinia.

Be a Little Edgy

Before you place new mulch, take a look at your bed edges. If your beds look like they could use a cleaner edge, now is the time to add definition. Doing it now before laying down new mulch will ensure the mulch stays in its intended location and grass and groundcover don't wander.

To make a new edge, use a straight shovel and cut straight down 3 to 4 inches. Remove the grass clumps and place them in low areas in the lawn or divots from snowplows. Don't throw the grass clump/soil away. Take the grass/soil clump and place upside down in the beds and cover with mulch.

Yank Those Weeds

It might seem obvious, but it bears repeating; remove weeds as soon as they appear. They will only get bigger. Some are winter weeds that germinated last fall and will spring into action as soon as the weather warms. Throwing mulch on top won't make them go away. Proper removal requires a trowel or small weeding device to remove them, roots and all.

A pre-emergent herbicide can be applied to the surface of the soil after all the weeds have been removed but before laying down mulch. When a pre-emergent herbicide is applied to beds, tree rings and pavement cracks and curbs, it will stop weed seeds from germinating.

Create Fertile Ground

Not all plants require additional nutrients, but for those that do, spring is the time to do it. Most perennials, groundcovers, shrubs and ornamental flowering plants like roses, abelia, spirea, azalea, hydrangea, forsythia and viburnum benefit from a slow-release fertilizer placed under the mulch following site clean-up. Don't worry about fertilizing ornamental grasses and larger trees in turf areas, which will receive all the nutrients they need from your turf fertilizer.

Find a fertilizer low in nitrogen (the first number) (5-10-5, 6-10-4) with at least 50% slow-release nitrogen. Heavy feeders, such as roses, may need an additional application in a couple of months.

And Finally, Mulch

Last, but not least, it's time to mulch. Mulch is the super multi-tasker of your landscape. Mulch suppresses weed growth, reduces soil temperatures, retains moisture in the soil, reduces soil erosion, and enhances the curb appeal of your property.

Shredded hardwood is used in most areas, while many in the south use pine straw. These are excellent in shrub beds and around trees. For perennial beds, you should use a leaf mold, pine fines, compost or cocoa hulls. Whatever mulch you choose, make sure to apply it at the correct depth. The general rule of thumb is approximately 1-2 inches, though this can vary from plant to plant. For instance, 2 inches is a good estimate for many larger shrubs and trees, but may be too much for certain perennials or smaller, shallow-rooted shrubs. The key is to avoid piling mulch around the base of your trees, shrubs or plants as it can cause roots to suffocate and invite in other problems like pests and stem cankers.

One final note—you don't need to apply 2 inches of mulch each spring; you simply need to maintain the correct depth for your plants. This means augmenting your old mulch with new.

Make sure to get your submittal for any exterior projects as soon as possible to avoid and delays. If you have any questions or concerns, as always I am here to help!

Be kind to one another,
Darci



MA Board Summary

On March 21, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular meeting and discussed the following items:

- Financial Report
- Monthly Manager's Report
- Ranch House Parking Lot

The Board welcomed Debbie Seagraves as a new member and Chris Schroeder as a continuing member following the 2023 election.

The Board passed the following motions:

- Accept M&B Pond and Lagoon, Inc. for the Dredging of Brannon Gearhart Pond with a cap of \$22,000
- Approve the Amended and Restated Organization Agreement between the KCRMA and KCRMD
- Appoint Board officers, representative and liaisons for 2023 as follows:

Officers:

1. President: Gerry Bauer
2. Vice President: Chris Schroeder
3. Treasurer: Philip Varley
4. Secretary: Debbie Seagraves
5. Director-at-Large: Scotty Martin
6. Vice President: Brian Yowell
7. Assistant Secretary: Sam Marko

Liaisons:

1. Architectural Committee: Chris Schroeder
2. Community Planning Committee: Scotty Martin
3. Election: Scotty Martin
4. Firewise: Gerry Bauer, Chris Schroeder backup
5. Historical Society: Scotty Martin
6. Open Space Committee: Debbie Seagraves
7. Metropolitan District Board: Philip Varley
8. Covenant Committee: Chris Schroeder
9. Office Park Association: Debbie Seagraves
10. Water District Board: Philip Varley

BULLETIN BOARD



District Board Exploring Mill Levy Continuance

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District is facing a potential revenue shortfall in the future and is exploring options to address the issue while maintaining high-quality park and recreation services without raising taxes. A potential option includes the continuation of an existing mill levy, or a portion of that mill levy. The Board would like input from the community regarding this option. The District's Board could place a ballot initiative on the November 2023 ballot asking voters to approve continuing the full amount or a portion of the amount of the bond repayment mill levy (currently 3.984) as a general operating mill levy. The District wants to hear from you! What are your thoughts on the possible mill levy continuance? Also, do you have a small group that would be interested in engaging in a conversation about this issue? Please reach out to District Manager Traci Wieland at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org.

We're Hiring!

Here's a snapshot of a few positions we are looking to hire! Interested? Check out the Employment Opportunities page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

The Parks Department is Hiring for Seasonal Positions!

Do you enjoy working outdoors? Want to be a part of keeping Ken-Caryl beautiful? Consider applying for a Seasonal Maintenance position with our Parks Department! Our Seasonal Parks Maintenance staff are responsible for assisting with all different types of maintenance activities within the parks system, including tree care, horticulture, irrigation, turf and maintenance.

We're Hiring for a Special Events Assistant!

Have experience making events special? Consider applying to be a Special Events Assistant for the Metropolitan District! This position is responsible for both administrative and day of event duties. The Special Events Assistant serves to support the Aquatics and Community Supervisor in the completion of duties encompassing the full spectrum of the event process, including sponsorship and vendor management, patron services and as an event representative.

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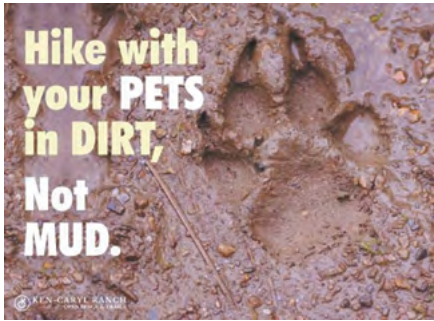
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Promoting Compliance with Educational Signs

By Michael Ryan, KCRMA Park Ranger

The Ranger staff are always creating and installing educational signs to be posted throughout the community. These signs can be viewed at trailheads, intersections and inside the kiosk display cases. These signs are intended to help inform residents, protect open space and educate users on trail use guidelines.

Rules and guidelines can be viewed at www.ken-carylranh.org under the *Open Space* tab for anyone looking for more information. Ranger staff constantly rotate and post signage throughout the year to provide updates on issues that are relevant or important. If you have any questions, you can contact the KCRMA Park Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.



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A few examples of the signs you can expect to see posted around the community by the KCRMA Rangers.

2023 Recycling & Clean-Up Event, May 6

Mark your calendars for this year's Recycling & Clean-up Event on May 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Ranch House. This event is for all residents who want to get rid of unwanted items for FREE with the exception of a fee for TVs, monitors and floor printers! Recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics, small appliances, furniture and trash! For more information, including a list of acceptable items and items we cannot take, please visit the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Please note that there will not be paint or stain recycling available this year. Alternative paint recycling options will be published to the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.



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The Metro District’s Maintenance Crew is Magnificent!

Highlighting the unsung heroes responsible for keeping Ken-Caryl beautiful and in tip-top shape! Kudos to the Metropolitan District’s crew members Trevor Staley and Ryan Demmel, who are responsible for playground repairs, fence repairs, sign repairs, greenbelt lights, emptying the whopping 105 trash cans located throughout Ken-Caryl twice a week, ballfield maintenance, sidewalk and trail repair as well as snow removal.

According to Parks Director Richard Plack, Trevor and Ryan are a dynamic duo who not only work well together, but also have an incredible work ethic and passion for our parks and common areas.

“The Maintenance crew is a dream team, they have the widest responsibility of any crew, and they must be well rounded in many skills with all the different responsibilities,” said Richard Plack, Parks Director. “Trevor and Ryan have developed a very tight working relationship in Ryan’s short time at Ken-Caryl, which makes for a very efficient crew. We couldn’t hand pick a better duo to fill these positions; they both have outstanding work ethic, are very hard workers and are willing to take on any task. Trevor is one of our leaders in the Parks Department. In his 14 years with the Parks Department, he has developed the skills and leadership to do any job that needs to be done. We rely on Trevor to be in a lead role for multiple projects around the Ranch and he rises to the occasion every time.”



From left, Trevor Staley and Ryan Demmel are part of our Parks Department Maintenance team. Trevor has 14 years under his belt with the Metro District; Ryan has been a team member for the past two years.

Reminder! Bradford Students Host Earth Day Spring Clean-Up, April 20

Please join parents and friends on April 20 for an Earth Day Celebration at our Bradford Schools. In collaboration with the school administration, the Jefferson County School District, the Bradford PTA and residents and parents, the school has assembled a program that includes special guest speaker Maggie Gaddis from the Colorado Native Plant Society. Gaddis has done extensive work with many different schools in Colorado, has created many collaborative projects with the Denver Botanic Gardens and is a nationally known expert on Colorado ecology. Organizers have also reached out to the Audubon Society and are collaborating with them to revitalize the garden at Bradford Primary School.

Currently, preliminary approval has been given for a Habitat Hero garden at the Bradford Intermediate School. We invite parents, friends and community members that want to participate to contact Bradford Elementary for details and to come out to Bradford Intermediate at 4 p.m. on April 20. Part of the Earth Day celebration will focus on wildfire safety, which is directly related to the environmental conditions we see in our neighborhood and Colorado today. Our neighborhood is at a high fire risk and has a unique geography that adds additional challenges. In an effort to promote communication and participation with first responders and local officials, event organizers have invited the Jefferson County Sheriff and West Metro Fire District to participate that day. Please

bring gloves, sunscreen and a rake or broom as we invite the community to help take part in giving the school property some extra TLC in celebration of Earth Day!

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The Metropolitan District Board Election Kicks Off!

The Metro District Board election has begun! Five residents are running for the 2023 election to fill three, four-year term seats on the Metropolitan District Board. Ballots have been mailed out to residents and should be received by all residents by April 17. Voting will take place via mail-in ballots. Here is what you need to know:

- Election Day is May 2.
- Please pay very close attention to the information listed on the secrecy envelope you will receive with your ballot. This includes the locations you can mail or drop off your ballot.
- If dropping off at the Ranch House, ballots are only accepted inside the Ranch House during normal business hours. Special hours will be available on Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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• MD BOARD ELECTION

Introducing Your 2023 MD Board Candidates!

**The MD Election will be done via paper ballot only. Election information on page 11.*



Timothy Berg

Email: join@kcvolunteers.org

Phone: (303) 618-8707

Community Area: Valley

Resident Since: 2012

Occupation: Business owner and ecologist

Community and/or Civic Organizations:

- KC Volunteers Founder
- Denver Botanic Gardens
- Audubon Society
- Rotary Club
- Colorado Native Plant Society education lead
- National Fire Protection Association
- Bradford PTA accountability committee participant
- Rotary Wildfire Ready

• MD BOARD ELECTION

- Computing Technology Industry Association
- International Information System Security Certification Consortium
- Hobbies:**
- Chess
- Habitat gardening
- Conservation and reforestation
- Habitat restoration
- Home remodeling
- Volunteer work
- Fire mitigation and preparation with several different organizations and groups
- Community building with other neighborhoods including West Ranch, Willow Springs, Conifer, Evergreen, Morrison and Golden into a coordinated communication network where we share conservation practices with wildfire mitigation, ecological restoration, and emergency management
- Audubon Habitat Hero advocate

Why have you declared your candidacy for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board?

I want to use my knowledge of ecology and finances to get things done efficiently. Public safety is critical. Dan Hatlestad understands this and after the fires in our neighborhood in December 2021 and showing a picture of the Waldo Canyon neighborhood burned to the ground turned to the entire neighborhood including the MA, MD and said, "this is your future if you don't act immediately." A few days later his prophecy was realized awfully close to home when a fire storm engulfed the neighborhoods south of Boulder and generated the largest toxic emissions plume ever in Colorado. The Marshall Fire burned 1,300 homes, killed 2 people including a noted conservationist, killed over 1,100 pets including cats and dogs and caused over \$2 billion in damages.

Traci Wieland also understands the risks with not doing active maintenance because I have talked to her extensively, and she is doing a great job on renewal of the urban forest, parks and playgrounds.

Only 5% Firewise compliance. Insurance is going up or being canceled on a regular basis.

We need emergency evacuation drills; there are some evacuation plans but most of the neighborhood is not informed and the plans are not tested, verified or accredited.

We need neighborhood-wide active ecological restoration projects such as turf removal, water reduction and habitat biomass enhancement. We need programs that educate residents on native plants, flowers and trees. We need more community work events like building playgrounds.

We need urgent action on Massey Draw and Dutch Creek; they are drying up, the pond at Brannon Gearhart Park has been neglected so long is now considered "toxic waste." I have discussed all of these with Chris Schroeder and Joe Levy, and working together we can get them resolved quickly and efficiently.

What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the Board?

Entrepreneur and Business owner.
Member National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

NFPA Certified Wildland Fire Mitigation Specialist (CWMS).

Audubon Society Gold Habitat Hero.

Communications with several county and state officials including Lesley Dahlkemper, Deb Churchill, Andy Kerr, Tracy Tharp, Mark Baisley, Lisa Cutter, Brianna Titone and Tammy

Story. They know about our perils with fire, insurance and water supply. The citizens groups I am involved with are working directly with these officials. We are leading the way for taxpayers and demonstrating by the people for the people government in action. Detailed understanding of NFPA requirements necessary to become 100% Firewise compliant as a neighborhood. I have an action plan to bring that to fruition.

30+ years of experience with property maintenance and restoration.

Colorado Native Plant Society education committee.

VP on an HOA Board for 8 years.

KC Volunteers Founder.

Detailed understanding of high steppe plains ecosystems.

Thousands of hours on conservation projects in the neighborhood.

Volunteer for Denver Botanic Gardens.

30 years of experience in property management.

Awards from the Mayor and City Council.

30+ years of Consulting experience on Contracts, Business Continuity, Disaster Recovery, Operations, Architecture, Compliance, Information Assurance, Security, Regulations, Laws, Policies, Procedures and Processes.

Detailed understanding of irrigation systems.

Colorado forest stewardship award winner.

Rotary Wildfire Ready Education Committee.

Knowledge of public finance and how Special Districts work using mill levies and bonds.

Extensive knowledge of the issues we have as a neighborhood and the right

relationships with officials and experts to get them solved inexpensively and in a timely manner.

The Master Association and Metropolitan District work hand in hand to manage Ken-Caryl Ranch. What relationship do you hope to maintain and/or build between the two entities and their respective Boards?

We have two fantastic leaders, Brian on the MA, and Traci on the MD. I know them both and they are kind, caring, genuine and professional. I know Brian and Traci share my thoughts on the conservation topics of drought, fire hazards, invasive species, habitat and water conservation because I have discussed these things with both. Our most pressing conservation issues are water conservation, fire mitigation and species conservation. We have great board members like Joe Levy, Mike Miro and Chris Schroeder that I have discussed the issues with, that know we need updated and more efficient processes.

The Boards have been torn with differences over trails and how we manage open space, parks and greenbelts. The KCCC feels cheated on some issues such as the prairie dog extirpation that did not go well. We wasted a lot of money and time and tragic loss of keystone species by mistakes. I have discussed with the KCTC ways we can agree on a conservation area that meets National Conservation Standards. I will bring closure to the conservation areas and get them implemented to mutual agreement. We will get the conservation areas completed this year.

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MD with the state and local officials I am working with. We have many resources that we are utilizing well. I did a nationwide newscast with Lisa Cutter, a Colorado State Senator, and the West Metro FD Wildland Team. Our neighborhood received national recognition. Lisa also participated with our Girl Scouts and showed true leadership to our young women. I have been working with officials on several public safety initiatives, and they are more than interested in helping our community find ways to improve our infrastructure that do not involve more dues, fees and taxes.

The Metropolitan District Board is currently discussing the 2024 expiration of the voter-approved 2014 bond mill levy. What is your philosophy on this issue, and how would you like to see the conversation proceed?

It is the fiduciary duty of any board member to serve taxpayers. With that duty comes a responsibility to exercise good faith, due diligence and a duty of care. I have done a great deal of research and investigation in my solutions. Asking for tax revenue should not be taken lightly. Our school districts, fire districts and water districts are funded by property taxes, and in discussions with school and fire districts they are facing large cuts, massive impacts from inflation and shifts in demographics.

Working with officials I know the challenges we face. They are more than interested in helping with conservation projects and especially fire risk reduction. The USDA has announced, "The 2024 budget request for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service's wildland fire and hazardous fuels management totals \$2.97 billion, which is \$647 million, or 28% above the comparable 2023 enacted level." There are many ways for local governments to access this funding that we are not leveraging. Rather than more taxes, costs and fees, I will help you on our most pressing and most impactful issues for free. Reducing water consumption using the Audubon Habitat Hero program along with turf reduction would reduce costs and save money. Based on another project in Cherry Creek, my estimated savings is \$1.5 million a year.

Kathy Webster wrote an excellent article in the Denver Post that closely mirrors my observations regarding the enormous costs associated with poor ecological practices; she said "Light pollution is costly and wasteful. IDA estimates that at least 30 percent of outdoor lighting in the U.S. is wasted."

More dues, fees and taxes are not the answer. Education, participation and cooperation are the answers. Reducing water consumption, saving electricity, reducing light pollution, creating volunteer programs and working together. There are enormous savings to be had.

What do you see as the major issues facing the Metropolitan District over the next three years, and how would you approach those issues as a Board member?

Outdated information and deferred maintenance; I hear people say they want things to be like they were 30 years ago. Since then, Colorado's population has doubled; 22 years of drought, 20 years of invasive pine beetle species, the snowpack is declining and water supply is now severely threatened, the Colorado River crisis, six massive neighborhood fires have engulfed homes with the Marshall Fire being the most recent. We need immediate action and my knowledge of plants, ecosystems and conservation to directly address these quickly and save money and improve the environment.

Lack of partnerships and cooperation with state and county government. The Metro District gets its funding from the County, and we should be showing leadership so they will be interested in investing and assisting us. Taxpayers should see the value driven by the Metro District in educating and providing leadership with risk reduction, fuels management, forest renewal, ecological restoration and all the other things that make a big impact.

Cooperation and participation from residents are the key. JJ Hamilton and the residents on Mountain Laurel put in close to 200 hours of volunteer work in one day and set the standard for cooperation and participation. The KC Weed Warriors participated in hand weed removal preventing thousands of weeds growing, led by Dawn Hendry, Erlinda Stafford, Mark Celusniak, and others reduced the weeds in open space by 70% in a couple years.

Education on conservation topics. "A commitment to education is at the heart of the Audubon tradition. By inspiring more people in more places to value and protect the natural world, we are laying the foundation for future conservation." Allocate funds to more community education, volunteer programs, events and actions and see big returns. We have 4,400 homes, 10,000 acres, over 12,000 residents – imagine the impact.



Joe Levy
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Resident Since: 2005
Occupation: Executive Director & Director of Scientific Affairs of a national organization

Community and/or Civic Organizations: Incumbent KCRMD Board Member, 2020-2023; KCRMD Board President, 2022-23.

Hobbies: Running (ran the New York City Marathon in November 2022), golfing, spending time with my wife and son.

Why have you declared your candidacy for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board?

I'm proud of my three years' service to this community as an incumbent member of the Board. We've fixed the District's finances by working with our excellent staff and focusing board time on finding solutions for our community's largest priorities and working cooperatively with the Master Association.

Just look at the budgets approved for 2023 by both Ken-Caryl Ranch governing bodies. Your Master Association (funded mainly by HOA dues) listened to the community and is investing in fire mitigation and perimeter fence improvements. And your Metropolitan District (the Parks and recreation board, funded by property taxes and program user fees) is investing about \$1.1 million in much-needed parks and facilities capital improvement projects in our community.

I'm especially proud of this achievement. It's the second consecutive year the MD has been able to make that kind of capital investment as part of the District's operating budget.

Responsible budgeting since 2019 – as insisted by the MD Board and executed with skill and precision by District staff – is the reason we are in the position to be able to

invest in about 20 significant capital improvement projects all across Ken-Caryl Ranch from North Ranch Park to the Community Center to Community Park in 2023 alone.

It's also the reason the MD Board, after much discussion, was in the position to eliminate swimming pool pass fees for Ken-Caryl Ranch residents in 2023.

You might recall just four years ago, the Metro District had such cash flow problems that it had to borrow money from the Master Association just to cover its own expenses. But under new management and with focused board leadership, the District today boasts a balanced operations budget, has an appropriate fund balance and is now focused on addressing long-term deferred capital and maintenance projects that benefit us all.

What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the Board?

I'm a problem-solver. With all due respect to those who passionately advocate for single agendas – and not to minimize their often-important passions – I am not a single-issue candidate for this board, which is why I hope to earn your vote and continue to be a good addition to the Board. There's a big difference between any one strong individual belief and the clear mandate that our 10,000+ residents all share: Protect our community's unique assets and do so with fiscal responsibility.

In addition to my service this past year as MD Board president, my professional and volunteer history has always centered on objective, respectful problem-solving and rational understanding of core issues.

Prior to moving to Ken-Caryl with my family in 2005, I served as board president of the Michigan Theatre of Jackson – a 501(c)(3) non-profit charged with restoring and operating a 90-year-old majestic community auditorium at a time when the organization faced fierce emotional, internal division between those who sought to make the building operational and those who would not compromise from full, expensive historic restoration of the building. My involvement in that organization centered on focusing both camps on realistic goals and sustainability – a path the organization has continued to build on. I was a problem-solver.

My involvement in my homeowners' association in Florida followed that same path: encouraging civil conversation to problem-solve zoning and covenant issues.

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My service to Ken-Caryl has also centered on respectful problem solving. The comprehensive, independent 2021 Ken-Caryl Ranch Community Residents Survey reveals that most Ken-Caryl residents value the same core principle: protect our services and amenities – they are why we chose to live here – and do so while being responsible stewards of our tax and fee dollars (Metropolitan District) and HOA dues (Master Association).

The Master Association and Metropolitan District work hand in hand to manage Ken-Caryl Ranch. What relationship do you hope to maintain and/or build between the two entities and their respective Boards?

The MD and the MA Boards work side-by-side to provide policy guidance on our parallel missions on behalf of the community to the professional staff for both organizations. Fostering a fully productive, functional and cooperative relationship between our HOA (the Master Association) and our Parks & Recreation District (the MD) has been a priority of mine in the past three years. And I think we've succeeded.

The MD was formed in 1988 when MA members voted to authorize the creation of a public entity in Ken-Caryl primarily to manage much of our community upkeep and provide our parks and recreation programming. It's an arrangement that has benefited us all in many ways.

The best way for our boards to protect all of our investments as Ken-Caryl residents is to ensure that the culture of our leadership boards is fully functional, that our leadership is aware

of its charge and that it is capable of steady guidance.

That's why – in addition to asking humbly to earn your vote – I'd also ask you to consider candidates Mike Miro and John Ostrom for two of the three open Board positions. Mike and John have both served on this Board and are committed to keeping the Board focused on solutions for the community's biggest issues.

The Metropolitan District Board is currently discussing the 2024 expiration of the voter-approved 2014 bond mill levy. What is your philosophy on this issue, and how would you like to see the conversation proceed?

The District righted its financial ship in the past four years and has begun re-investing in deferred maintenance and capital projects – now organized into a 10-year capital plan. Finding options to fund this work for the rest of the decade without raising taxes is a priority.

One such option – asking the community to vote to retain the existing four-mill levy from the 2014 bond (which expires in 2024) as an operations mill to fund capital projects – is already being vetted by the Board as a way to accomplish this without any effective tax increase. The 2021 Community Survey showed 68 percent of the community would be in favor of this concept.

The current board consensus is that before we ask voters to consider any option we want to have accurate projections to forecast District tax revenue – which is based on ever-changing formulas. And we're getting that done. If you've been following

our meetings, you know that staff has already begun collecting that information.

Bottom line: As one board member, I'm committed to finding a way to invest in our infrastructure and complete our deferred maintenance without asking Ken-Caryl Ranch residents for any effective tax increase.

But I'd ask you to consider this: Isn't it wonderful that today, the MD is in a position to accurately forecast our challenges and face issues before they happen, as opposed to being in a mode of triage with only hard decisions and no options? Credit for this goes to our amazing staff for being able to adapt, and to the Board's focus on major priorities.

What do you see as the major issues facing the Metropolitan District over the next three years, and how would you approach those issues as a Board member?

It all starts with fiscal responsibility. Maintaining our services in the face of a growing community and working with the Master Association to be Firewise are only possible if we continue to be good stewards of the District's finances.

The common element of any community that has ever successfully navigated fiscal challenges is a responsive, responsible, problem-solving board that can work effectively to guide our qualified professional staff while best-representing community input to find solutions.

As new growth continues to be built in and around Ken-Caryl, our unique parks, open spaces and amenities need to continue to be strong, accessible assets for our

community. The best way to protect that – to protect all of our investments into Ken-Caryl – is to ensure that the culture of our leadership boards is fully functional, that our leadership is aware of its charge and that it is capable of steady guidance as we prepare for what our community will look like, and what demands will be placed upon it, in 2030 and beyond.

I'm a big believer that, oftentimes, how you do things is just as important as what you do. The community's mandate for what the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board should do is fairly well spelled out. I'm dedicated to doing my part to ensure that the future of our community is shaped by steady, even-keeled leadership.

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Mike Miro
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Community Area: Valley
Resident Since: 2012
Occupation: Director at a structural and civil engineering firm, Dad
Community and/or Civic Organizations: Current Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR) MD Board Treasurer, KCR Community Planning Committee (2013 – Present), KCR Parks Advisory Committee, KCR Volunteer Open Space Patroller (2020 – Present), National Flag Football Head Coach
Hobbies: Fly Fishing, hiking, traveling, reading, coaching, volunteering
Why have you declared your candidacy for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board?
I've been on the MD Board for almost a year now and am running for re-election because I feel passionately that the next few years present exciting opportunities for the future

of KCR, and I want to be an integral part of making these opportunities a reality. I am a fifth-generation Colorado native, have lived in our community for over a decade, and have been volunteering in KCR in some capacity since I moved here. I've noticed more divisiveness over the past few years and would strive to bring additional harmony to the community. Members of the MD Board are elected to serve the residents. I am not a single-issue candidate and intend to continue to base my decisions on the pulse of my fellow residents. I'm pleased with the Board's collective accomplishments since I joined, but also understand that there is a lot more work to be done.

The stakes are high in this year's election because of the limited candidate choices, which is why I'm endorsing my fellow colleagues Joe Levy and John Ostrom. Both bring proven leadership and a commonsense approach to decision making.

What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the Board?
Over a decade of volunteer experience on KCR committees and projects. I've served (and actively participated) on the Community Planning Committee since 2013 and was involved in the creation/analysis of the 2021, 2017 and 2012 community surveys. Through those processes, I've come to understand the improvements and initiatives supported by most residents. I have a pulse on the community and intend to make decisions based upon that perspective.

My family and I moved to KCR in 2012 and I got involved immediately. I've also been a part of:

- Parks Advisory Committee – I led the effort for new signs and upgrades

at Heirloom, Dakota Lodge and Saddlewood Parks.

- 2014 Bond Initiative – I created the PAC and was active on the campaign committee.
- Architect Selection Committee – I was invited by staff and board members.
- Project Manager Selection Committee – I was the only non-staff or board member.
- Volunteer Open Space Patroller – I am an avid hiker and enjoy meeting neighbors on the trail.

My two school-aged children and I are active users of the recreational activities and amenities managed by the MD. We swim in the pools, are enrolled in nature camps, and participate in activities and events specific to families with children. The MD Board focuses on recreational programming that my family and I actively use.

Decades of professional experience in the engineering design industry. I hope to continue to utilize the skills I've learned in my day job to benefit the community, especially as it relates to future capital improvement projects. I understand procurement, design, construction and maintenance of assets and enjoy putting those qualifications to use in my decision making.

The Master Association and Metropolitan District work hand in hand to manage Ken-Caryl Ranch. What relationship do you hope to maintain and/or build between the two entities and their respective Boards?
As the current Treasurer of the Metro District Board, I have forged valuable relationships with my peers on both boards and with staff. I look forward to continuing to work in a constructive manner with all our stakeholders and getting past the noise and divisiveness in the community. At the end of the day, I'm confident that the majority of us are rowing in the same direction. I look forward to leveraging my personal relationships and 11+ years of Ken-Caryl volunteering experience and institutional knowledge to benefit the community.

The Metropolitan District Board is currently discussing the 2024 expiration of the voter-approved 2014 bond mill levy. What is your philosophy on this issue, and how would you like to see the conversation proceed?
The community has an opportunity to fund capital projects, deferred maintenance, and additional parks and recreation offerings without raising taxes, and I am fully supportive of the rollover of the bond mill into an operational mill levy approach. The 2021 Community Survey indicated 68% support for continuing the mill levy at the current rate. That constitutes overwhelming support for the issue, which is why I am supportive of putting the question on the ballot in November. Based upon the survey data, I'm confident in my fellow taxpayers agreeing.

We have a great community, but cannot continue to address our appearance and amenities with a band-aid approach. This is a prime opportunity to fund the Metro District's ongoing shortfall in revenue WITHOUT raising taxes or dues. Let's continue to invest in making Ken-Caryl Ranch a premier front range community.

What do you see as the major

issues facing the Metropolitan District over the next three years, and how would you approach those issues as a Board member?
Aging assets, amenities and infrastructure. The aesthetic view of our neighborhood is in decline. I'm supportive of the Metro District's proposed 10-year capital improvement plan and look forward to vetting which projects or initiatives should take priority. While I support the continuation of the bond mill levy, I also respect resident's money and would only desire to spend it on projects or initiatives that are essential or desirable.

Protecting our neighborhood against wildfire. The Marshall Fire highlighted the need to assess our current situation and prepare for the future. I fully support the Firewise Committee and feel they have the experience and expertise to help create a practical mitigation plan. I do not support a half-hazard approach that includes chopping down all our trees in the open space.

Misaligned and single-issue board candidates. Unfortunately, we have a lack of resident participation running for seats in recent MA and MD board of directors' elections. This potentially creates a pathway for representation that does not accurately reflect the community at large. The stakes are especially high for this Metro District election cycle, and I would urge my fellow neighbors to join me in voting for John Ostrom and Joe Levy.



John Ostrom
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Community Area: Valley
Resident Since: 1997
Occupation: I am recently retired, but have been employed in the following occupations:

- U.S. Marine Corps Officer and Fighter Pilot (21 years)
- United Airlines Pilot and Flight Instructor (10 years)
- United Airlines Operations Management (15 years)
- After 9/11 and while still a United Pilot I also served as a Federal Flight Deck Officer (6 years)

Community and/or Civic Organizations:

- Previous Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board member and Board Secretary
- U.S. Military Academy Congressional Nomination Interviewer for both Colorado U.S. Senators (7 years serving Senators Bennet, Udall, Gardner and Hickenlooper)
- Mentor to high school age young men and women interested in pursuing nomination and appointment to attend U.S. Military Academies (currently and for 7 years)
- Troop 989 Scoutmaster (8 years), Asst Scoutmaster (3 years),

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- Committee member (10 years)
- Venture Crew Advisor (similar to Scoutmaster) for an all-female Scouting Venture Crew (3 years)
 - BSA Peaceful Valley summer camp leader (12 years)
 - Denver Area Council (BSA) Timberline District Unit Commissioner (3 years)

Hobbies: Hiking/walking, cycling, traveling

Why have you declared your candidacy for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board?

As residents of our amazing Ken-Caryl community, my wife Sharon and I have made this our “forever home,” and over the nearly 27 years that we have lived here, we have remained committed to contributing to our community in positive and supportive ways. Some time ago I was fortunate enough to be selected for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board of Directors and that experience was so challenging yet fulfilling, that I became committed to running in this KCRMD Board election. To be honest, I do not have an agenda or personal project I hope to further by being on the Board, but rather if elected, it is my intention to serve our community and be guided by what our community wants and needs as communicated through our resident surveys and listening to residents at every opportunity to do so. As an MD Board member, I am committed to keeping our community as wonderful as it always has been even as our community grows, ages and changes.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote in this upcoming election, and I

promise I will work to earn that vote throughout my term. Because of the challenges that lie ahead, I would also like to strongly recommend your re-election of current Board members Joe Levy and Mike Miro, both whose experience, commitment and leadership continue to be enormous assets we need.

What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the Board?

In addition to my previous experience as a KCRMD Board member, I was also an MD liaison and attended Master Association meetings and Open Space Committee meetings. This taught me a great deal about how everything works, and how we all work together for our community. During my military career, I was transferred (moved) 13 times. Each transfer included a new job with new responsibilities and working with new people. This taught me patience and humility (I don’t know everything...but I can learn, and I believe you learn more by listening than speaking). Both in the military and at United, where I ultimately held eight different management positions, I learned you get a lot more done working with others as a team, collaboratively, and by gaining consensus. I won’t ask others to do something I wouldn’t do myself.

The Master Association and Metropolitan District work hand in hand to manage Ken-Caryl Ranch. What relationship do you hope to maintain and/or build between the two entities and their respective Boards?

It is essential that the MD Board

work closely with the MD District Manager and her staff. While serving on that board, I learned that it is just as essential that the MD and the District Staff work closely with the MA Board and the Association’s General Manager and Staff. While we have different areas of responsibilities and some organization procedural differences, we all work together towards the common goal of serving our Ken-Caryl residents. In addition to each organization having its own monthly meetings, the MA and MD have a joint meeting together every other month. In the effort to serve our community we enjoy a relationship with each other that is based on mutual respect and admiration in the pursuit of common goals. Not surprising really, given that we all actually are friends and neighbors.

BTW congratulations to Chris on his re-election and Debbie on her election to the Master Association Board!

The Metropolitan District Board is currently discussing the 2024 expiration of the voter-approved 2014 bond mill levy. What is your philosophy on this issue, and how would you like to see the conversation proceed?

Deciding whether to continue the mill levy and its burden on our resident taxpayers is a tough choice. We wisely chose to ask the residents about it in the 2021 Resident Survey conducted by Corona Insights. That survey resident response showed that 68% wanted to continue the mill levy at its current rate. I want to have this discussion on continuing the mill levy because of what I see and hear around this community I love so much, and is perhaps the same things that the 68% sees and hears.

We have an aging infrastructure, examples of which include: an enormous irrigation system that is in need of replacing and modernization, a very large population of Narrow Leaf Cottonwood trees that are reaching the end of their natural life (and ironically these Cottonwoods have aggressive root systems that often damage the irrigation system), pine trees planted decades ago so close to each other on road medians that they are actually killing each other, ADA requirements in our facilities that must be met by law, and community fencing that is falling apart and looks horrible. For these and other costly issues we face, there is rarely an option to do nothing, but rather we must decide how to address

these challenges in a prioritized, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner.

What do you see as the major issues facing the Metropolitan District over the next three years, and how would you approach those issues as a Board member?

Infrastructure - As you may have gathered from my answer in the previous question, in my opinion the aging infrastructure is certainly a major issue that must be continually addressed in a logical, proactive and fiscally sound approach. Our community’s aesthetic appearance needs work, and we need to address this while continuing to improve and maintain our amenities. The MD maintains a 10-year capital improvement plan, which lays out a strategy, cost and prioritization of what needs to be done, however the Board must constantly listen to residents and re-evaluate as things inevitably change.

NADG Development and new resident integration – The residents of the new neighborhoods will of course be members of both the Master Association and Metropolitan District. The MA and MD have been working together to ensure that we are prepared to serve them as they join our community, so this will be a proactive and ongoing effort.

Firewise – The MD, but more the MA, and specifically the Firewise Committee have done a great job educating our homeowners on the threat of wildfire and fire mitigation. The wildfire threat remains...perhaps easy to forget over a winter of snow, but the threat remains. Each spring we must continue to educate both our existing and new homeowners.



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Occupation: Retired
Community and/or Civic Organizations: I have attended almost all MD, MA, OSC and CPC meetings since 2016. I have been a member of the Community Planning Committee since 2017. I have been tutoring different elementary school students one-on-one in reading and light math with Whiz Kids Tutoring network for six years. I also volunteer one evening a week during the year with a Christian based non-profit company Love, Inc./Impact doing childcare for six years.

Hobbies: Reading, genealogy, U.S. History, gardening, walking/hiking
Why have you declared your candidacy for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board?

I feel honored to have been a resident of this vibrant community for 30 years with all its wildlife, natural beauty and civic-minded residents. Having attended MD, MA, OSC and CPC meetings for over six years, I have an extensive background in the issues facing our community. Most of the issues today do not have easy solutions, but there is a great deal of “tribal knowledge” which can be tapped to provide more comprehensive and better solutions at less cost than the prevalent view of lavish spending on brand new facilities. In addition, it must not be forgotten that the MD is a taxing authority. Facilities built with KCR tax dollars are open to anyone, regardless of where they live. But, most importantly, the maintenance costs of these facilities will be borne exclusively by KCR taxpayers. As a representative of the KCR community, I will always consider YOUR interests first.

What skills or qualifications do you bring as assets to the Board?

I am very detailed oriented and have a reference library of most KCR documents, going back to the original development plans. I try and solve problems by always seeking as much knowledge as is available. Having attended almost every meeting for the last six years, I understand the intertwined responsibilities within the District. I also enjoy researching as much as possible, bringing to light as much additional information as possible to aid in the best decisions.

The Master Association and Metropolitan District work hand in hand to manage Ken-Caryl Ranch. What relationship do you hope to maintain and/or build between the two entities and their respective Boards?

I think that the two boards have a good working relationship that I will work to maintain. There is always room for improvement, while much effort has, in the last year, gone into clarifying to the residents which board is responsible for all the different areas and which are a joint responsibility, perhaps a “Residents’ Guide” could be produced as a reference document. In addition, where objectives and responsibilities overlap, for example, the greenbelts in the entrances to our communities are MA property, but maintained by the MD, I would strive to create through the Joint Study Session meetings, or even a separate planning day, a statement of agreed upon objectives. This is one area that is being overlooked as an important part of the aesthetics of KCR as the MD and MA have different priorities.

The Metropolitan District Board is currently discussing the 2024 expiration of the voter-approved 2014 bond mill levy. What is your philosophy on this issue, and how would you like to see the conversation proceed?

There is much discussion in the Colorado State Legislature at present concerning the potential for a 20% to 30% tax increase on homes next year, if nothing is done to reduce assessment percentages. Governor Polis has also taken an interest in this. Even if the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) is cut, it is likely that taxes will go up significantly, and so I cannot in good faith justify either extending the mill levy that is scheduled to sunset at the end of 2024, or a new mill levy. We do not need to continue to build new facilities and completely replace infrastructure, when quality repairs and maintenance can in many items accomplish the same objectives at

a fraction of the cost. It should also be noted that the expiring mill levy is used only to retire bonds, so no services will be cut as a result of its sunset. I will use my position on the Board to ensure that the MD budget is prepared in accordance with the funds available, which, if valuations are allowed to increase to anywhere near the new assessments, will by themselves provide quite a significant increase in operational funding to the MD. I will always seek to use the taxpayer’s funds in a fiscally responsible way.

What do you see as the major issues facing the Metropolitan District over the next three years, and how would you approach those issues as a Board member?

Implementing what can be implemented from the 2021 Community Survey. Top of the list that is currently being worked on are the improvements to Community Park. The plans have to consider and

understand that the acreage was donated to KCR by the developer as it was unsuitable for building due to all the bentonite soils there. Before any redevelopment plans are approved, extensive soil surveys should be commissioned to ensure that plans would not require massive amounts of soil in and out to stabilize it. Not only would these costs be excessive over the long haul, such solutions may only prove to be temporary. Secondly, while some of the NADG developments have been put on hold because of the shifting economy, as they were conceived about 50 years ago, they will at some point in time come to fruition. This pause may give time to reevaluate numbers and see if it will benefit the Metropolitan District enough to justify being in the MD, when comparing it against possible expenses.



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Every adorable, adoptable resident of Foothills Animal Shelter lacks only one thing: a happy home. Please consider adopting one of this week's featured pets:



Louie (#271264)

Louie is an 11-year-old boxer mix. He's a nice fella with a sunny disposition, easy to be around and an excellent walking partner! Louie is likely to be a good fit for many, so don't miss out! Our volunteers tell us he's a total treat hound and adores human companionship. Not to mention, that smile! For his comfort, as he's not skilled at sharing his things with other dogs, Louie is available for adoption only as a single-dog.



Mama (#274675)

Mama is an adorable 13-year-old female cat with the squeaky meow of a tiny kitten. She enjoys getting cheek scratches and cuddling with her cat buddy, Son (#274674). Son and Mama may go home for a shared \$25 adoption fee if you're in the market for two precious senior kitties. Mama is likely to benefit from a gentle approach, and she is suspected to be deaf. For her comfort, we recommend she go to a home with older or no children.

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

PICTURE THIS! - As Seen and Herd

Resident photo contributor Greg Bettinger recently snapped and shared this photo of a herd of grazing deer enjoying a "feeding frenzy" on Valley Parkway.



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Join With the Earth and Each Other

By Kathy Webster, Resident

Let's join with the earth and with each other to honor Earth Day on April 22 by reciting this beautiful Ojibway Native American prayer that expresses how connected we are to nature, that we are part of nature and not other than nature.

We join with the earth and with each other

To bring new life to the land
To restore the waters
To refresh the air

We join with the earth and with each other

To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures

We join with the earth and each other

To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars

We join with the earth and each other

To recreate the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children

We join with the earth and with each other

We join together as many and diverse expressions

Of one loving mystery: for the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all life.

This is “Newsworthy”... The History Behind Ken-Caryl’s Former TV Station

By Mary Antes, Resident, Historical Society Member

How did early Ken-Caryl Ranch owners in the 1980s and 90s get their local news? In 1984, Ken-Caryl Ranch was the only homeowners’ association in the United States with its own TV station!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical



Society has produced a new video telling the story of the origin of KCTV

Channel 33. This new 10-minute video includes original programming from a 1985 videotape as well as a description of the early production procedures and equipment. Stay tuned throughout the credits to hear the Ken-Caryl Ranch theme song!

To view the video, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org, then click on the *Community & News* tab, then History of Ken-Caryl Ranch. You can also view the video on our Facebook page!

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Resident Feedback Survey for Memorials in Ken-Caryl’s Open Space

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board, in conjunction with the Open Space Committee, is seeking resident input on a proposed memorial concept and site location in Ken-Caryl’s open space to honor loved ones via a resident feedback survey. Currently, the “Memorial Bench” program is coming to a close in order to prevent over-benching in the open space. The proposed vision is to create a natural setting with flat stones embedded in the ground that can be engraved with the names of loved ones. The proposed site is located near the kiosk on Manor House.

A survey was drafted to seek and gather resident input on the continuation of the memorial program that would provide the opportunity for quiet reflection and memorialization of loved ones for years to come. To participate in this survey, please visit the Open Space page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org or scan the QR code printed with this article. The survey closes on April 21 at 5 p.m.



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- Saturday: 8 a.m. level 3.5+

Be sure to mark your calendars! Online registration opens 48 hours in advance at ken-carylranh.org.



Youth Programs

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SLASH Drop-Off Event

Ken-Caryl Ranch is proud to offer an additional SLASH drop-off event as part of ongoing efforts to promote wildfire mitigation on April 22 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge/Equestrian Center. No reservations necessary, residents may drop off slash any time during the event. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department will be on hand with the chipper.

Swim Lesson Registration is Open for Residents!
Swim lesson registration is now open online! Subject to availability. To view classes and to register, please visit www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

Register Online for Your FREE 2023 Pool Passes
Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District residents will not be charged a pool fee for the 2023 season; however, you must register for a pool pass through your ActiveNet account prior to visiting the pools. In-District residents will be subject to pay the out-of-District rate of \$10/ person if they do not register for a pool pass. Only members living permanently in the District will be considered residents. Looking for more information and to learn more about how to register for a FREE pool pass? Please visit the Aquatics page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.



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Fitness Classes and Personal Training
Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information on classes, hours and fitness sessions at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Summer Enrichment Camp Registration is Open!
Youth Programs is excited to offer a variety of learning and explorative opportunities for your school-age kids and pre-teens this summer with our upcoming Enrichment Camps. From science, to Legos, to art and online content creation, we have camps to appeal to your child's individual passions and interests. Full and half days available. For program offerings, details and to register, please visit www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

Wonders of Nature – Topic-Based Sessions
This spring, we look forward to offering several topic-based preschool nature enrichment sessions! Students will get to explore nature with experiments, hikes and opportunities to view wildlife in the Ken-Caryl community! Each session will have fun and engaging nature-based lessons focused on the session's topic specifically related to Colorado or the Ken-Caryl area! Registration is for specific topic-based 3 to 4 week-long sessions. For session topics and to register, visit www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the *Programs* tab, then Preschool.



2023 Recycling & Clean-up Event, May 6

Mark your calendars for this year's Recycling & Clean-up Event on May 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Ranch House. This event is FREE for all residents except for a fee for TVs, monitors and floor printers! Recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics, small appliances, furniture and trash! For more information, including a list of acceptable items and items we cannot take, please visit the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Please note that there will not be paint or stain recycling available this year. Alternative paint recycling options will be published to our website later this spring.



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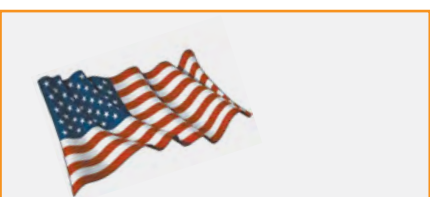
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Memorial Day Event, May 29

Join us as we honor our servicemen and women with a ceremony at the Veterans Monument, on May 29 from 10-11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument, located in Community Park, across from Shaffer Elementary School in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Plains. Stay tuned! More details to come.

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Storytime at the Ranch House

Please join us this winter from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Bradford Room at the Ranch House for Storytime and enjoy fun with our youngest residents! *Please note the location change to the current Storytime schedule, beginning in June. To accommodate Ken-Caryl's Summer Camp program, Storytime will move to the Colorow Room at the Ranch House on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. beginning June 1 through July 27. The program will return to the Bradford Room on Aug. 3.*

2023 Summer Teen/Pre-Teen Camps

Looking for a fun way to engage your teen or pre-teen this summer? Then check out our Teen Camps! Each of our teen campers will have the opportunity to enjoy an offsite adventure each week! Please visit the Camps page of our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org to view current camp offerings.



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New! Balance Class for Seniors beginning in April!

Bob Kannaka, DPT, is now providing services for our community! Join us for a 2-class balance training program for seniors that will challenge your balance and decrease your risk for falls. Before and after assessments will be taken to show progress! For more information, please visit www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

Babytime at the Ranch House

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! *Please note that Babytime will take a brief hiatus this summer to accommodate Ken-Caryl's Summer Camp programs beginning in June. The last session of the current schedule will be May 25. Babytime will resume on Aug. 3 at 9:30 a.m., followed by Storytime.*



Teen Programs

Babysitting Course

Date night is calling, so sign your tween/teen up for our latest Babysitting Class on April 1 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Ranch House! This course is designed to help prepare participants for those first babysitting opportunities. Basic childcare such as routine childcare duties (feeding, bathing and diapering) will be covered. Participants will also learn basic child development and be able to provide activities for various developmental stages. Home and fire safety along with the prevention and treatment of common injuries will also be covered. This course is offered in person for kids ages 11-14. To enroll, please visit www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

Ageless & Unstoppable

Ageless & Unstoppable is back for another exciting season! Join us for fun, entertaining adult programming from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on select Tuesdays in the Shaffer Room at the Ranch beginning in June. These sessions are FREE, and registration is not required. To view dates and program topics, please visit the Adults & Seniors page of our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org.

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Ken-Caryl Ranch is excited to offer adult nature enrichment programming this spring! Looking for a fun evening activity to do with your child? Each week bring your child(ren) to come explore a new topic or create a guided hands-on project. Father-daughter, mother-son, grandparent-grandkid, this is a great chance to bond and spend time together while experiencing something new. Experienced instructors will guide you through each evening's endeavors. This is limited to pairs only, one adult and one child. Children must be 5 years or older. To view program offerings and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

Knitting for Everyone

Imagine yourself in a trendy bulky knit hat this winter or carrying a fashionable knit bag. Now imagine it's you who made these beautiful items. Whether you're new to knitting or it's been a while, Knitting for Everyone is a knitting class for all skill levels where you'll learn all the basic skills if you are new to knitting or more advanced skills based on your experience. Give yourself the gift of knitting, a hobby for all ages! Registration is now open for our March 29 - May 17 course from 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Ranch House. For more information, course details and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-caryl ranch.org and click on the Register icon located in the top right corner of your screen.

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By Allison Hefner, Editor

Hobart College junior forward Wilson (Wil) Crane was a member of the Hobart College Statesmen hockey team that captured the 2023 NCAA Division III Men’s Ice Hockey Championship with a 3-2 overtime victory against third-ranked Adrian College in the title game on March 26. According to Hobart’s website, Wil’s game-winning goal came off a rebound late in the first overtime. The 22-year-old forward, who grew up in the Valley, picked up a rebound and buried the shot into the back of the net. The win secured the college’s first national title in program history for the school’s hockey team, earning the 22-year-old a spot on the NCAA All-Tournament Team.

According to proud father and resident David Crane, Wil attended Bradford Elementary, Deer Creek Middle School and Chatfield Senior High School, and developed a love of the game at an early age.

“[Wil] first became interested in hockey about the age of 3 when I would take him with me to his older brother’s roller hockey practices and he put on roller blades and spent the time whirling around in the practice area,” said David.

According to David, Wil began

playing hockey for Foothills at age 6 through the District’s learn-to-play program at the Edge Ice Arena in Littleton. Wil then went on to play for the formerly-known Foothills Flyers youth hockey team at age 13 before joining the Colorado Thunderbirds travel hockey team at age 14 through age 18. As many dedicated hockey players often do, Wil spent two years playing junior hockey after graduating high school to hone his skills on the ice before attending Hobart College, where he is currently majoring in Economics. He hopes to pursue a career in finance or business management.

“One of the fondest memories is of the tournament he played in Quebec City, Quebec as a 12-year-old,” said David. “This is an international tournament with over 100 teams from all over the world. Joe Sakic’s son Chase was on Wil’s team at the time and Joe was a huge favorite in Quebec. Wil’s team played their first game in front of a packed house at Le Colisee in Quebec City and Wil scored the first goal resulting in rousing cheers from the [more than] 11,000 partisan fans. Quite an experience for a 12-year-old!”

Wil is not only a rockstar on the ice, but has a promising future outside the rink as well. He will begin an internship in Manhattan, NY at the prestigious, international professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers this summer.

David couldn’t be prouder of his son’s accomplishments, his dedication and his bright future.

“The championship title and his role have been incredible for the whole family,” said David. “All those years of sitting in frigid hockey rinks watching

him practice and play was well worth it. It is so fortunate that his games are all streamed on the Internet so that all of his family can watch from wherever we are.”

According to the school’s website, Hobart finished the year with

a program record 29 wins. The Statesmen were 19-0-0 at home this season, the first undefeated season on its home ice. Wil played in 22 games this season, producing five goals and five assists.



Former resident Wil Crane’s (#10) game-winning, national championship goal with the puck just over Adrian goalie Nic Tallarico’s head. Photo courtesy of KEVIN COLTON/Hobart and William Smith.



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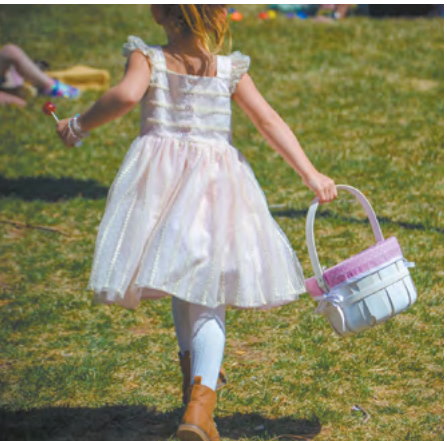
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Easter basket raffle winner Evie Clements, left, with Platinum Sponsor Susan Schell.



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Email to allisonh@kcranch.org.

Deadline for April 26 paper is April 17 at 9 a.m.

Dear Editor:

Joe Levy for the MD!

As a former MD Board member myself, I'm endorsing Joe Levy for another term. While on the Board, he has made several capital investments in the community, including new playgrounds, a new Ranch House pool and all the infrastructure that most of the public doesn't understand or see. Joe has a knack with budgets and has been able to help the MD budget for future projects. These improvements are much-needed to keep up with other nearby neighborhoods, as if the community gets run down, then so will our property values. With the new development starting, we need Joe's continued representation in the process to ensure Ken-Caryl is not only represented, but financially compensated for the additional maintenance the MD is obligated to cover. Joe will do what's best for the majority of the community and Metro District to make it a better place for all of us. Vote for Joe!

Greg Milano, Resident

Dear Editor:

I wish to acknowledge our outgoing MA Board member Tom Bratschun.

We have been neighbors for over a decade and Susan and Tom Bratschun have proven themselves to be a cornerstone of our community. Susan has been a long-standing advocate for kids, I am aware of dozens of things she has done to help others and especially children. The Bratschuns were incredibly welcoming to my mom when she moved here and even helped my kids find our family dog.

Tom has been a leading advocate

for protecting, sustaining open space, and ensuring it is carefully respected and that the highest environmental standards are followed. He has helped guide the KCTC since its inception and created an organization that has contributed over 30,000 hours of service. The projects include extensive ecological research, planning and careful designs that protect sensitive resources. There have been numerous erosion repairs, thousands of noxious weeds removed, trash clean-up from parks, common areas and open space, improving watersheds, fire mitigation, protecting wetlands, removing barbed wire and other hazards, and generally repairing damage left from the KC ranching days. He is a proponent of maintenance and upkeep on parks, playgrounds, pools, historic sites, community buildings and infrastructure. He has also responded to my requests to take fire hazards, insurance liability, drought impacts and make conservation a priority for things like native plants and ecosystems. I have worked on several projects with him, and I know he prefers to get outside and make a difference just like I do.

In honor of Tom's legacy, I propose that the two most influential groups the KCCC and the KCTC come together with a Conservation Management Plan (CMP). Our state population, climate, water supply and environmental conditions have changed dramatically in the last 20 years and serious challenges lie ahead. I have assembled detailed documentation from Audubon, Jeffco, International Dark-Sky Association, The Nature Conservancy, Colorado Forest Service and West Metro FD and believe the answers we need for a comprehensive CMP are evident in those.

We need a comprehensive CMP and must act on it urgently.

Thank you,

Tim Berg, Resident and MD Board Candidate

Dear Editor:

The upcoming MD Board election is a big one and I'm personally supporting Mike Miro's re-election.

I've had the chance to get to know and interact directly with Mike and am struck with his passion and dedication. He has been actively volunteering in Ken-Caryl for over a decade, including as a Volunteer Open Space Patroller where you'll likely run into him hiking.

Mike is a big proponent of a community tree replacement plan that would be supportive of both the Plains and the Valley. He helped steer additional resources in the 2023 budget towards improving our community appearance and by suggesting we hire 3rd-party tree companies to assist with the overwhelming amount of work.

He also helped steer funding towards more community events, as the recent survey results were supportive of additional events and wider variety of events that appeal to broader neighborhood demographics. Mike also campaigned on getting pool fees eliminated and was able to follow through on that. The community spoke on this issue and Mike was able to effect change on these fees.

Mike brings proven leadership and a wealth of KCR institutional knowledge to the position. Please join me in voting for Mike Miro and his colleagues, Joe Levy and John Ostrom, in the upcoming Metro District election.

Dr. Barry Schoelch, Resident

Dear Editor:

Fellow Ken-Caryl residents - Please join me in supporting Joe Levy for reelection to the Ken-Caryl Metro District Board of Directors.

My family has known Joe since we moved to Ken-Caryl in 2012. Not only has he been a great neighbor, but he has also been a ceaseless advocate for our community.

There are many issues that are important to our Ken-Caryl residents, and we need leaders who will consider them all and not be focused on single topics alone. National and local politics have gotten more divisive, and we need leaders who can keep calm and problem solve. I have known Joe to be an objective and pragmatic problem solver who works to understand the issues and facilitate the best possible outcome. While I may not always agree with decisions made, I am always confident that they were made in a thoughtful manner leveraging as many facts as possible.

It's this style of leadership that I feel has led the Board to working us out of the financial issues they inherited three years ago and will keep us financially strong in the years to come. In my opinion, we need more of this style of leadership, not less.

If you are looking for a representative that will be objective, understand the facts and do what is right for the community, then please join me in casting your vote to re-elect Joe.

Sincerely,

Heath Port, Resident

Dear Editor:

If you live in the KCR valley, you're not just an electricity customer of CORE (formerly IREA), you are an owner. Your paying of electric bills is how the company keeps its great credit rating. As such, you have a role to play in the leadership. Current



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District 1; please vote if you haven't already, thanks in advance.

Joe McCabe, Resident

Dear Editor:

Fellow Ken-Caryl residents - Please join me in supporting Joe Levy for re-election to the Ken-Caryl Metro District Board of Directors.

In the decade I have known Joe I have always recognized him to be a calm, rational and reasoned voice amongst our community. He has brought that same even-temperament and wise decision making to the MD Board and it has led our community in a successful new direction. I am especially appreciative of the community improvements to existing infrastructure, which reinforces Ken-Caryl's sterling reputation among other metro-area communities. Under Joe's leadership of the Board, this has been accomplished, all while keeping a balanced budget.

As someone who grew up in Ken-Caryl in the nineties and has now chosen to raise my own family here, there are several things that made this place a perfect fit: the connection to the outdoors, our respect for history and the quality of the amenities. Joe recognizes these same elements, and his work has focused on not just maintaining, but improving each of them. As the metro area grows and demand for our little slice of paradise increases, I am looking for board members who know how to make reasoned and reasonable decisions regarding the management

of our funds and the upkeep of our surroundings. That is why Joe Levy has my support for his continued position on the Metro District Board.

Sincerely,

Zach Kiebler, Resident

Dear Editor:

Fellow Ken-Caryl residents - Please join me in supporting Joe Levy for re-election to the Ken-Caryl Metro District Board of Directors.

Joe has always made time for me when I have questions and shows great concern on issues that affect every KC resident and not just the special interest groups. I believe Joe is committed to solutions to our community's main issues and his first three years show a good track record and speak volumes.

Jimmy Land, Resident

Dear Editor:

"The public has a right to know..." KCRMD President Joseph Levy exclaimed as he launched an attack on Director Kirkpatrick during a meeting. As I watched the dysfunctional autocracy, I worried about the future of KC governance. Since 2019, democracy on KCR has been dying in the darkness. In a pattern of disregard, taxpayers are dissuaded from speaking by making them wait nearly until meetings end, suppressing dissent.

But here's what the public should know... about Mr. Levy's references to perimeter fence improvements: KCR homeowners backing to wind-destroyed or deteriorated HOA perimeter fencing will get letters from the Ranch House, unjustly bullying them into paying to repair and replace those fences...contrarily, last year, Mr. Levy's home received free perimeter fence replacement, along with his neighbors. Your HOA dues paid \$78,000 for 1,600' of privacy fencing along Continental Divide Road. Inconsistent, unproven explanations abound. But the legal status of the Continental Divide perimeter fencing appears no different from that along Chatfield Avenue and Valley Parkway.

False narratives referencing the 2021 survey dominate: 68% of residents want property taxes increased. In actuality, the pertinent question, in the context asked, misled confused respondents into thinking that they were supporting the current maintenance levels for ALL KCR amenities (backcountry trails were not excluded). Because trails are so highly valued, the response was overwhelmingly positive. The KCRMD does not maintain backcountry trails.

The KCRMD is projecting a "revenue shortfall", though property tax revenues increased about \$400,000 since 2019. So, was it responsible to eliminate pool fees to buy votes in this election; then cut the aquatics budget by eliminating gatekeeping staff along with other reductions; then shift costs by increasing prices of youth tennis lessons, etc.?

Increasing property taxes is not the right thing to do to mitigate bad decision-making; false narratives are not the right way to correct the problems; and building new amenities for NADG and non-residents is not the right reason to increase taxes.

I support no candidate in the current MD election, but I will be content if KCR selects representatives of integrity and good character.

Jerry Sullivan, Resident

Editor's Note: Fencing repair and replacement not included in the Master Association Reserve Plan is and continues to fall under homeowner responsibility. As part of the Reserve Plan, the majority of fencing located along Continental Divide Road has been the responsibility of the Master Association and has/will be scheduled for replacement as necessary. The fence referenced in this letter was included in the MA Reserve Plan, and as such, this fence was replaced along with other fencing deemed part of the Reserve Plan. As part of Ken-Caryl's Covenant Rules, any fence not deemed part of the Reserve Plan that is considered damaged or unsightly is subject to a violation letter as a part of our policies, procedures and guidelines.

Dear Editor:

I support Joe Levy's re-election to the KCRMD Board of Directors. After previously working at the Ranch House for over 12 years, I've worked with many board members. I can honestly say that Joe is one of the very best.

Joe is a thoughtful listener. Even before he was on the Board, he was recruited as a volunteer facilitator for KC community meetings because he is able to ask questions, listen carefully and build consensus. He seeks to understand.

Joe is a problem-solver. During his three years on the Board, he worked with staff, board members and residents to develop long-term fiscal plans. He is a constant source of ideas and develops creative solutions to challenges facing the District.

Joe is even-keeled, patient and steady. He maintains the perfect balance - he is flexible and easy-going, but is also willing to make tough decisions and take a stand when necessary. He's willing to stand up for what is best for the community as a whole.

You'll see Joe everywhere - volunteering at special events, running through the neighborhood and spending time at the pool. He is deeply invested in Ken-Caryl and committed to our community.

I'm extremely grateful that kind, thoughtful, hard-working people like Joe Levy are willing to give their time and skills to make our community great. Please join me in voting for Joe Levy for re-election to the MD Board.

Kristen Peterka, Resident

Dear Editor:

To my fellow Ken-Caryl residents: Please consider joining me in supporting Joe Levy for re-election to the Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District Board of Directors. Joe is an incumbent candidate having served on the MD Board for the past three years and as MD Board President for the last year.

I have known Joe for 15 years. His background in municipal process and community service is excellent, focused on community-measured value and interest rather than single-issue motivations. He is a master at driving complete solutions and implementations based on diverse community input.

As a 30-year KCR resident, I appreciate Joe's structured problem-solving and rational understanding of core issues and the specific mechanisms of our MA and MD governing bodies. He works to center the MD agenda on core community

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business, minimizing special-interest sidetracking that can dominate the agenda, overwhelming both the board members and the community at large. Joe understands how to respectfully address and hold accountable special-interest activists.

In his three years as an MD Board member, Joe has helped lead the district and community “over the hump.” Thanks to the MD Board’s focus with Joe’s leadership coupled with staff dedication, the MD is now out of debt, has healthy financial reserves and a balanced operating budget. This allows our community to more clearly address long-term solutions, including new growth on the Ranch, with thoughtful vetting rather than reactive response. Joe’s desire to retain current MD management staff is paramount to this focus.

Joe is open and available, and has always been responsive to my questions and concerns when I’ve needed clarity and depth on community issues. Please join me and vote for Joe Levy for the Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District Board of Directors!

Greg Baxes, Resident

Dear Editor:

Friends and neighbors: with your ballots arriving in the mail this week, I’d like to ask once again for the privilege of earning your vote to continue to represent you as one of five seats on the Ken-Caryl Metro District Board of Directors.

It is beyond humbling to have received endorsement letters from so many members of our community in the past two issues of *Life at Ken-Caryl*. Helping our community navigate solutions to our policy challenges without prejudice or agenda has been my focus in the past three years as a board member. I’d like to believe receiving support from such a diverse cross-section of our entire community is indicative that so many of us in Ken-Caryl simply want respectful solutions and believe in an optimistic culture for our community’s future.

Thank you once again for your consideration when you receive your ballot in the mail this week.

Joe Levy Resident, Incumbent Candidate, Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District Board of Directors

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Maria Gonzalez	720-224-3612	B, P, S	12	Cimmaron
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B, P	15	Barrington Ridge
Cameron Guider	303-868-7198	B,P	14	Aspen Meadows
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	14	Aspen Meadows
Kara Hammond	720-979-4069	B, P	13	Carriage Hill
Aubrienne Hansen	720-822-5512	P	13	Stallion Pointe.
Keegan Hardesty	720-484-9557	B, L, P, S	15	Cimarron
Mac Hardesty	720-672-1225	L, P, S	13	Cimarron
Gailyn Harrigan	720-390-2770	B, L, P, S	13	Colony
Michael Hefner	303-359-9052	P, L	12	The Spread
Reed Hershey	720-828-3245	B, L, P	12	North Ranch
JJ Heupel	720-372-9476	B, L, P, S	16	Enclave /Traditions
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
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Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	15	Cimarron
Sierra King	720-582-3334	L	14	Heirloom
Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	12	Wynterbrooke
Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista
Shea McCaughey	720-774-7499	B, P	13	Cimarron
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy
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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
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	13	Retreat
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	17	Legacy
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions
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Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge
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Jake Ruszkowski	720-607-2809	B, L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-766-9843	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe
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Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	13	Heirloom
Aly Secondo	720-625-9910	B, P	12	Cimarron
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	15	Cimarron
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Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows
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Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	18	Legacy
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Catie Watkins	720-705-1656	B, P	14	Manor Ridge
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Wyatt Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,P,S	13	The Spread
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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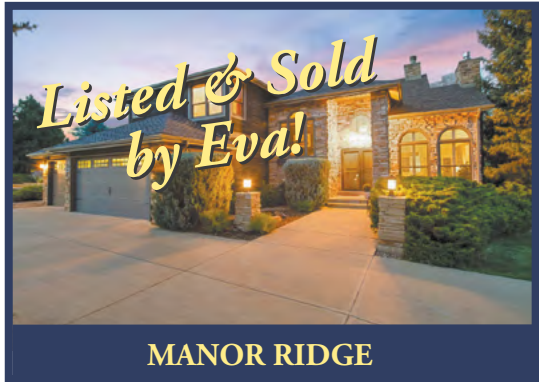
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