



Spring has Sprung

Another blue sky day in Ken-Caryl Ranch, as seen and shared by resident photo contributor Tom Ryan.

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Don’t Forget to Vote in the MD Board Election!

How do I vote?
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, 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 no later than May 2 at 7 p.m. Postmark dates will not be accepted.

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Don’t Fence Me In

By Brian Yowell, Master Association General Manager

The Master Association Board of Directors approved the 2023 MA budget to include approximately \$180,000 to go toward community fencing improvements.

A Fence Task Force was created in 2022 to begin the daunting task of reviewing and understanding the condition of fencing throughout Ken-Caryl Ranch, meet with industry leaders and peers, and formulate a recommendation for the Board of Directors as it relates to fencing throughout the community and what steps should be taken to improve the aesthetics, conditions, and quality of fencing in both the Plains and the Valley.

A big component of the larger fencing concern is Covenant Control through our wonderful Community Administrator, Darci Cross. By inspecting fencing throughout the community and issuing violation notices when necessary, residents can take the first step in ensuring a consistent quality of fences exists.

Working with the Master Association and the Architectural Committee, a single stain color has been approved for fencing throughout Ken-Caryl and will be applied to select sections of both privacy and split rail fences as a “test” to the aesthetic quality and ability to provide a consistent look and feel to fencing, regardless of its age.

The Fence Task Force will pay close attention to fences that are deemed “perimeter fences” – or fences that define Ken-Caryl, a neighborhood, or main thoroughfare in our community. These perimeter fences will be the first to receive MA attention as they are the “face” of the community.

Look for future updates from the Fence Task Force, Master Association Staff and the MA Board of Directors as it relates to fencing throughout our wonderful Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have regarding this exciting project!

At your service, Brian Yowell



April

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
23	24	25 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	26	27 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	28	29
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May

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2 6 p.m. Joint Study Session	3	4 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	5	6 8:30-2 p.m. Recycling & Clean-Up Event
7	8 3 p.m. Historical Society Meeting	9 6 p.m. Open Space Committee *Dakota Lodge	10 5:30 p.m. Community Park Master Plan Presentation *Online Only	11 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	12	13
14	15	16 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	17	18 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	19	20

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.

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Protect Yourself from Car Break-Ins

The Sheriff’s Office and open space rangers are encouraging park patrons to leave valuables at home and not store them in their car while hiking. Common items stolen include wallets, purses, backpacks and cellphones.

Please be aware that thieves are smart and may watch people hide valuables in their backseats or their trunk. They’re likely dressed as park-goers blending in with anyone else who might be there to hike or run a trail.

Cameras aren’t always a deterrent, as thieves are careful to avoid them or obscure their faces. Be safe - take valuables with you, lock your car doors, or leave any unnecessary valuables, like purses or wallets at home.



SPECIAL EVENTS

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, however, there are fees for TVs, monitors and floor printers. Recycle or dispose of your unwanted electronics, small appliances, furniture and trash!

This year, GreenSheen Paint is coming to YOU as part of our Annual Recycling and Clean-Up Event by offering FREE door-to-door paint pick up to recycle your old and unwanted paint and stain! Start your spring cleaning and do Mother Nature a solid by getting rid of your old, unwanted paints and stains and help keep your garage – and our landfills – clean!

This service is 100% FREE to Ken-Caryl residents! No need to be present on the day of your scheduled pick-up - just leave your paint cans outside and clearly visible and GreenSheen will do the rest! To schedule your paint pick-up, residents must contact GreenSheen Paint directly at 720-854-8722 or via email at events@greensheensheepaint.com.

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Happy Spring Ken-Caryl!

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Hello Ken-Caryl!

Spring has sprung! I hope you are getting out and taking this opportunity to get out to reconnect with your neighbors. Be the kind of neighbor everyone wishes they had. As I drive around Ken-Caryl, I see all our parks and recreation teams out getting our community ready for the warmer months. The buzz of the warmer weather is so exciting. I've also noticed a lot of residents out cleaning up the mess in their yards left by this crazy winter we just went through. This is a great time to clean up the excess pine needles, loose leaf debris and overall yard debris. I would also encourage getting ahead of weed control. Just a reminder that the Annual Recycling and Clean-Up Event will take place on Saturday May 6 from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check out the e-News, our website and this publication for items that can be recycled.



This spring, KCRMA will be focusing on community-wide fence maintenance and repair and will be paying particular attention to landscaping and maintenance issues that may be a hazard. If you have plans to address any maintenance issues, I encourage you to submit them for review and approval sooner rather than later. Approval can take up to two weeks, but is generally reviewed and approved within a few days!

Please submit online at www.ken-carylranh.org, under the *Resident Resources* tab, and be sure to include a photo of area the improvement is to take place, specifications on the colors and materials that are to be used and plot plans showing measurements, dimensions and setbacks, where applicable. No approval is required for maintenance and/or clean-up. If you have any questions on your project or what needs to be submitted, please don't hesitate to reach out and I'll be happy to guide you through the process. Thank you for keeping Ken-Caryl Ranch beautiful.

Be kind to one another and have a great day!

Darci

MD Election Update

Residents should have received their mail-in ballots for the MD Election in the mail. 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. You may return your ballot by mail, with adequate postage, or you may now drop your ballot safely using the secure mailbox located **INSIDE** the Ranch House during normal business hours. The Ranch House will be open special hours on Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Election Day, May 2, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Ballots must be received by the Designated Election Official by 7 p.m. on Election Day, May 2, in order for your vote(s) to be counted. Residents may contact the Designated Election Official at elections@crsofcolorado.com with questions, or visit the dedicated MD Board Election page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

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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!

Do you enjoy working with kids? Looking for a great summer gig? Apply to be one of our Summer Camp Counselors! Under the direction of the Recreation Supervisor and leadership of the Lead Summer Camp Counselor, our Summer Camp Counselors are responsible for the daily instruction, activity facilitation, supervision, safety and well-being of the campers during our summer camp program. We have several openings available.

Get to Know our Newest Rangers! Introducing Keith McMillan and Nick Decarolis



Keith McMillan

Hello, my Name is Keith McMillan, and I am one of your new rangers. Some of you may know me as my family and I have lived in Ken-Caryl since 2007. My wife and I have one child graduating from Columbine this year and a freshman at D'Evelyn. I have volunteered on the Firewise Committee for six years and recently retired from the fire service after 25 years. I retired as a Battalion Chief from the Red, White and Blue Fire Protection District, where I supervised all day-to-day operations of the District's 4 stations and assigned personnel. Before accepting the position as a chief, I specialized in everything wildfire, from suppressing wildfire to minimizing the destructive force on people and homes. I have been providing Hazardous Wildfire Fuels Assessments to homeowners on a voluntary basis for over 10 years, and I am so excited to bring my knowledge and experience to my neighbors.

My primary responsibility is to develop and implement a voluntary Hazardous Wildfire Fuels Assessment program for all of our residents living in the Valley and the Plains. This will offer a no-risk, private educational opportunity where I will discuss the wildfire factors that could affect the community and specifically your home. Together, we will generate an individual plan that will help you, your family and neighbors be better prepared for wildfire.

I believe in compromise to achieve the goal of lowering the damage potential from wildfires. My philosophy is progress, not perfection. I have been hired as a resource for you! I can promise to make every effort to balance safety with healthy ecosystems and I commit to listening to community concerns. I hope to collaborate with other committees and task forces along the way, making each of our passions more productive and balanced for integration into other community projects.

As a resident for 15 years, my major concern is fire safety becoming an issue between us as a community. I want to assure you that I am not here to clear-cut or pave paradise. My goal is educating and empowering concerned residents to lower the ignition potential of their own properties. All I ask is that you please give me the benefit of the doubt. My office is located at Dakota Lodge, and I look forward to answering your questions. I look forward to working with you! I can be reached at keithm@kcranch.org.



Nick Decarolis

Welcome Nicholas (Nick) Decarolis, Ken-Caryl's Park Ranger-Natural Resource Specialist! Nick is a native of New Hampshire and recently moved to Colorado to pursue his career and take advantage of the outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities in our state. Nick is an active outdoor recreationalist and enjoys skiing, hiking and fishing. He currently resides in Denver with his partner and their two cats, Milo and Peter.

Nick brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position. He attended Pinkerton Academy where he studied environmental science and took vocational classes with a focus on forestry. He then attended Keene State College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Sustainable Product Design and Innovation. He went on to earn his master's degree in Environmental science with a focus on Conservation Biology, Sustainable Outdoor Recreation, Forestry, Data analysis & Spatial Analysis. His experience and training extended outside of the classroom to include project work with a collaboration between the New Hampshire Conservation Center and The Harris Center where he worked on the mapping of vernal pool locations to determine amphibious spawning locations. His work also included partnering with private land-owners to promote proper forestry practices. Additionally, Nick spent five summers performing wildlife management and mitigation work in New Hampshire and worked as a ranger for the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Nick has hit the ground running in his new role as Park Ranger-Natural Resource Specialist for Ken-Caryl Ranch and his experience in environmental compliance, natural resource protection and management, and as a wildlife control specialist will be a great addition to our already amazing team.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the community here at Ken-Caryl," said Nick. "I'm looking forward to working with the volunteer programs and the rest of the Master Association to make a positive impact for the community and natural open space here at Ken-Caryl."

Nick can be reached at nicholasd@kcranch.org.

Ageless & Unstoppable Returns to the Ranch House

Join us for fun, entertaining adult-focused programming from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Shaffer Room at the Ranch House with our series, Ageless and Unstoppable: Programming for Seniors, Retirees, and Adults! The first session will take place on Tuesday, June 21. Topics will include cruise planning, creative workshops and bingo! Light refreshments will be provided. Visit the Adults & Seniors page of our website at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org for more information!



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New Safety Protocols at Ken-Caryl Pools

2023 Summer preparation is in full swing here at the Ken-Caryl Ranch! We have a fully staffed aquatics team that is ready to serve our community and keep our pools safe. Ken-Caryl Ranch has made the transition over to a new aquatics risk management company, StarGuard Elite. SGE has created a new industry standard by

finding creative solutions to improve safety and mitigate risks at our pools. SGE's evidence-based protocols are the most revolutionary and up-to-date of any training agency in the world. Mid-April, all lifeguards will be participating in a 2-day blended (both online and in person, total 24 hours) training covering lifeguard risk management and life-saving skills. Lifeguards are held to high standards, and training at the beginning of the summer is only a fraction of what is expected of them. Lifeguarding staff

are required to attend two, two-hour trainings a month to remain vigilant and up-to-date on their skills. SGE does monthly audits throughout the summer. These audits entail a StarGuard Elite auditor to come out to our facilities and test our lifeguards' skills to ensure they are meeting the industry standard. Facilities must adhere to strict protocols including:

- Guards should be consistently scanning the pool and be able to recognize a patron in need of assistance in 10 seconds and be able to reach that person and render aid within 20 seconds.
- The number of guards we have on stand actively watching the water is dependent on bather load. At any point if a lifeguard feels like they would not be able to make it across their section of the pool in 20 seconds, another guard must go up on stand to help cover their zone (the area in a pool a lifeguard is responsible for).
- Every summer, we validate all of our pools to make sure that lifeguards can see every part of their zone and get to each part of their zone in 20 seconds. This process is done by utilizing a mannequin that is dropped in multiple areas throughout a lifeguard's zone to make sure all areas of the zone can be viewed and accessed by the lifeguard on stand.
- Throughout the summer, you may

see a mannequin dropped into the pool where the lifeguard on stand is required to recognize the mannequin in the pool in 10 seconds and retrieve the mannequin in 20. This required training is to help guards remain vigilant and attentive to the patrons in the water throughout the summer. Please don't be alarmed.

- All lifeguards should actively be enforcing the rules that are always posted at all three pools. Lifeguards may use their whistle to get the attention of a patron who is not adhering to the rules or simply talk to the patron and explain the rules.
- In case of emergencies, we are required to have at least one lifeguard off stand to assist in emergency response should an incident occur. Lifeguards have been trained on how to follow our Emergency Action Protocol. In case of an emergency, we have a backboard, oxygen, AED and other basic life support equipment that is checked daily by our staff.

As many of you know, we have also had safety challenges with children that have no parental supervision at the pools. This year we will be mitigating these challenges by implementing new safety and behavior policies. Look for more information in the next month on our social outlets and in future issues of this publication. We are looking forward to our safest summer yet with SGE!

◆ PARKS & REC

Sprinkler Systems

By Richard Plack, Metropolitan District Parks Director

As summer approaches and the lawn clean-up begins, it's time to start thinking about turning on the sprinkler system. Here in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District's Parks Department, it is a process that takes a couple of months to prepare our system for the start of May. Our team of irrigation professionals (Paul Akin and Greg Moinet) start by testing the backflow preventors to ensure the safety of the potable water system. We fill our lines and run through each zone to ensure there are no broken pipes or heads. We also make sure all sprinkler heads are adjusted properly, which is an important step to prevent excessive water waste.

Once the system has been checked, it's time to turn our attention to the sprinkler controller. The controller is the brains of the operation. We start by making sure the time and date are correct, each zone is set for a proper run time, set the days we wish the sprinklers to run and then we're ready to go. While the Parks Department has irrigation professionals on staff for the community areas, I strongly encourage residents to contact an irrigation professional to get your home sprinklers up and running.

For helpful information on sprinkler watering times, please consider visiting the Denver Water website at www.denverwater.org. Here at Ken-Caryl, we do our best to follow Denver Water's suggested watering run times. Remember, we have a window of time from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. to run our sprinkler systems, and we all need to follow these watering times to conserve this precious resource. For a residential sprinkler system, watering during this timeframe shouldn't be a problem as most residential systems have 4-12 zones.

Ken-Caryl's parks and greenbelts have from 10-120 zones that we must run in that time window, which is a serious challenge. You may notice our system will be using the entire water window to complete our watering cycles. I encourage our residents to keep an eye on our irrigation system and reach out to us if you ever see something that is broken or doesn't look right.

As an ongoing effort to remove bluegrass from non-usable spaces in our parks, greenbelts, and street islands, we encourage our residents to think about replacing a portion of your bluegrass with drought-tolerant plants and shrubs that consume far less water. Reach out to your local nursery for drought-tolerant planting ideas. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Ken-Caryl Ranch Parks Department at 303-979-1876, ext. 399, or contact me at richardp@kcranch.org.



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Fish On, Community Strong! Welcoming Ascent Fly Fishing to Ken-Caryl Ranch

By Allison Hefner, Editor

Many say that fly fishing is an art. The art of casting an intricately tied fly that gracefully dances on the sunlit water, just waiting for a hungry rainbow trout, much to a fisherman’s delight. For Ascent Fly Fishing Founder Peter Stitcher, fly fishing is just as much about science. With his background as an Aquatic Biologist and Restoration Ecologist, he can answer every angler’s burning question, “what are the fish biting on?”

Stitcher recently relocated his home-based fly fishing outfit to his new brick and mortar store at the Ken-Caryl Marketplace, located across Shaffer Elementary School in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Plains. He and his family are delighted to be a part of the community to help share their love, knowledge and passion for their respective crafts with Ken-Caryl residents.

“For the last 9 1/2 years, Ascent Fly Fishing has functioned out of my home at Ken Caryl and Wadsworth as a grassroots, community-focused, science-driven fly shop... where you would find anglers enjoying a free beer and taking advantage of the largest fly selection in the Rockies,” said Stitcher. “Over the years, we’ve seen our business grow to serve an amazing, diverse community, and our vision for how we desire to equip and serve that community has evolved and grown as well. We wanted space to gather, hold classes and share the things that are meaningful to us with our community.”

According to Stitcher, in December of 2022, he started looking at retail spaces, and when he found the shop at 10143 W Chatfield Ave, he just knew he had found his new home away from home.

“The [new] space is bright and open, and both my wife Sarah Margaret and I are artists, so we’ve incorporated a gallery space to feature and sell the works of different artists and to maintain our community-over-commerce focus; we’ve built the shop around comfortable seating, maps to help guide our community to their next adventure and a fridge stocked with free beer!”

Peter is most passionate about outfitting the angler with knowledge from his background as an aquatic biologist, where he has spent his career studying, restoring and managing trophy trout waters across the Western U.S. His unique insider knowledge into entomology, fish feeding behavior and habitat use, and stream dynamics allows him to break down this knowledge for the fly fisher to easily understand and to apply these tools and principles to their fishing.

“Working as a biologist and restoration ecologist has helped me decrease the learning curve for our clients and community,” said Stitcher. “Do you want to know what the fish are biting on? Tell me the water and season and I’ll look at my database of invertebrates and I’ll show you EXACTLY what the fish are eating on that water. Like any science, the sciences of the world of trout are all measurable and predictable. Are you

wondering how all of the spring snow might affect your next trip to the river? Let us flex our brains and we’ll tell you the exact flies, setup and some of our favorite fishing spots to ensure your next trip to the river is your best trip!”

In addition to his background in biology, Stitcher feels that his knowledge of water is also what sets his shop apart from his competitors. According to Stitcher, he sees the river and the sport of fly fishing as a place of abundance where all are welcome. Regardless of if you are using your grandpa’s spinning rod, you’ve been fly fishing for 1 day or 20 years, if you want a fishing spot next to a hot spring, or want to backpack into a secluded lake, he and his team are available to help anglers of all ages and experience levels to engage the water and the outdoors in the ways that make them feel most alive.

“There is no pressure to purchase gear in our shop, and we are happy to drop pins all over Google Maps, help you fill in your fly box with a handful of flies, and send you on the way for your next adventure! Our Mission is threefold: Share the Water, Share Knowledge, & Share Life,” adds Stitcher.

However, if you do wish to make a purchase, anglers should consider his Biologist Packed Fly Selection, where Stitcher creates a customized fly fishing box based on desired fishing location, interest and budget.

“Simply put, whether you need a fly selection to fish a specific water anywhere in the U.S., you can hop on our website, answer a few questions regarding your budget, waters, season, and a few specifics about how you like to fish, and we will match—down to the specific insect hatches and their life stages—those that you will see on that water. All you have to do is keep the flies on the water and out of the trees and you will catch more fish!”

Stitcher and his team also offer introductory fly fishing classes at Behind the Scenes Tap House each month to teach fishermen to read the water and choose the best fly patterns. He plans to host regular casting clinics at the shop’s new location. Stitcher adds that his classes are open to all regardless of age, sex, or experience level – he even has experienced signers, or sign language interpreters, join them on the water for those anglers who are hearing impaired.

“As a culture, and even more so as a community sitting up against the foothills of the Rockies, we have a lot of places where we can spend our resources, the greatest of which is our time and presence,” adds Stitcher. “Similar to when we would invite the community into our actual home over the last 9 1/2 years, we want this new shop to be a space where people feel known, valued and appreciated. We consider it an honor that our neighbors in Ken-Caryl would choose to spend some of their time here and would trust me and the Ascent team to equip them for the water. We want the shop to be a gathering space for those who are looking to learn and meet other anglers, a watering hole in between soccer games at the park, and a jumping off point for adventure!”

Ascent Fly Fishing will be celebrating their grand opening on Friday May 5 and Saturday May 6 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and welcomes all Ken-Caryl Ranch residents to come by and enjoy the family-friendly event with deals on flies and gear, casting, fly tying, and rod building clinics, food

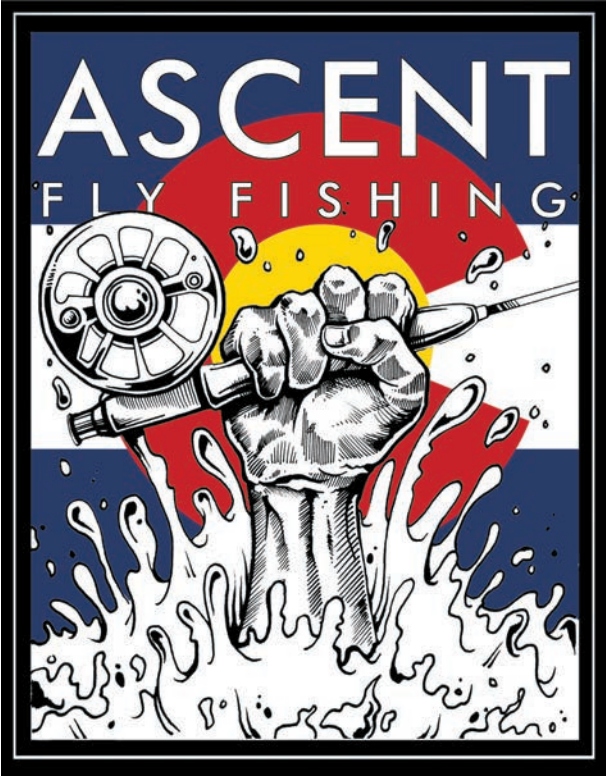
trucks and more! Whether you have fly fished for years or would like to try casting a rod for the first time, this is a welcome space for all!

“Living just 2 miles from the new shop, I feel like Ken-Caryl and the people who live here have been our friends and community since the inception of Ascent Fly Fishing,” said Stitcher. “For years, we have taught our fly fishing classes at the base of Waterton Canyon and at Behind the Scenes Taphouse.

I think one of the things that we’re most excited about having a shop in the Ranch is the opportunity to invest in the community in more tangible ways. My wife is a licensed child and family therapist and board-certified art therapist, and is planning to utilize the space to equip families with children and teens navigating anxiety. For us, the new shop in the Ranch feels like a blank canvas! Fly fishing, paddling, camping, art, and equipping people for the outdoors are our medium, and

we’re open and excited to use the space in different ways to serve the community!”

Following the store’s grand opening, Ascent Fly Fishing will be open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sundays are for fishing, floating and fellowship! For more information on Ascent Fly Fishing, please visit their website at www.ascentflyfishing.com.



Ascent Fly Fishing is Ken-Caryl's newest resident business.



Ascent Fly Fishing Founder Peter Stitcher is an Aquatic Biologist and Restoration Ecologist who offers a fish-eye-view of the hatch and knowledge on how best to fish it.



Ascent Fly Fishing offers residents great gear, expertise, a sense of community, and great fishing advice as part of their new business, located in the Ken-Caryl Marketplace.

Branching Out On Arbor Day

By Kathy Webster, Resident

What do trees mean to you? The first trees appeared on earth 400 million years ago. Over time in various cultures, they have come to symbolize many ideals. Standing tall, they have come to represent life, new beginnings, strength, wisdom, fortitude, courage, balance, reverence, longevity, wonder and awe.

Honoring trees has a long tradition. The first known Arbor Day was in a Spanish village in 1594 where an arbor plantation festival was held, and horse-chestnut trees were planted. The next recorded Arbor Day was in 1805 in a Spanish village and led by a local priest. This man of God believed that trees provided health, hygiene, decoration and natural beauty.

Fast forward to January 7, 1872. Julius Morton and his wife Caroline purchased 160 acres of land in Nebraska and planted a wide variety of trees. Morton spread his knowledge and love of trees, educating his community about their importance. As a member of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture, Morton proposed a day that would encourage all Nebraskans to plant trees in their community. Morton convinced everyone that “tree” day should reflect the appreciation of all trees, and “Arbor Day” was born.

The tradition quickly spread with schools across the country participating. In 1885, Arbor Day became an official state holiday in

Nebraska and on April 15, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt, a supporter of the Conservation Movement, issued an “Arbor Day Proclamation” telling U.S. school children that “Arbor Day is a holiday that celebrates the planting, upkeep, and preservation of trees.” Teachers were encouraged to talk to school children about the benefit of trees and the destruction of American forests. It wasn’t until 1970 that Arbor Day was recognized nationwide as a national holiday, celebrated on the last Friday in April.

Arbor Day 2023 is Friday, April 28, a special day to remember trees and the many benefits that an urban forest provides. Trees reduce energy needs, absorb carbon dioxide from the air, supply oxygen that we breathe, improve water quality resulting in less erosion, provide habitat for many species, combat climate change, increase property values, provide shade and beauty, and enhance the overall quality of life. To quote John Rosenow, past President of the National Arbor Day Foundation, “Trees in our cities and towns bring nature into our daily lives.” Katie Loos, the recent new President of the National Arbor Day Foundation, pledged to continue the legacy to “plant, nurture and celebrate trees.”

Lorax has spoken. The Lorax is a character created by the author and environmentalist we know as Dr. Seuss. The Lorax “speaks for the trees.”

I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees.

I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.



And I am asking you, at the top of my lungs
Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot
Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.

Ken-Caryl Ranch is proud to be part of Tree City USA for more than 30 years! So, branch out, roll up your sleeves and plant a tree this Arbor Day! Just be sure to follow MA guidelines by not planting trees in open space and remember to submit for approval prior to planting! If you can’t plant a tree for yourself, consider planting a tree in honor or in memoriam to someone. You could also take time to spend outdoors nurturing the trees that you have. You might speak for the trees and make a donation to the Arbor Day Foundation demonstrating that you “care a whole awful lot.”

Community Park Master Plan Presentation

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the community feedback process for the Community Park Master Plan. The community spoke, and we listened! We held two successful community meetings and received several hundred responses to surveys. After gathering feedback from the community and key stakeholders, Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District staff and BrightView Design Group are thrilled to present the updated Community Park Master Plan to the residents of Ken-Caryl!

Please join us on Wednesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. online via Zoom for the presentation and question and answer session. The Zoom link is posted on our website on the dedicated Community Park Master Plan website and linked in the e-News. Please use the QR code to access the page directly. The meeting will also be recorded and linked on our website for those who can’t participate during the scheduled time.

Are you unfamiliar with Community Park and the master plan process? Community Park is located across the street from Shaffer Elementary on Sangre de Cristo Road. The community was asked to participate in the master planning process over the last few months to not only look at how we use the park today but how our children and grandchildren will use the park for the next 30 years. Master planning processes help establish a long-range plan to help ensure that community resources are used effectively, and priorities are based on the greatest community benefit.

If you have any questions, please contact District Manager Traci Wieland at traciw@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 136.

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Bradford K8 Walking and Wheeling Week is May 1-5

Bradford K8 is pleased to join schools once again from around the country to celebrate National Bike to School Day on May 3!

To honor this special event, Bradford K8 will focus on health and safety tips for students walking and wheeling to school throughout the entire week of May 1-5.

It takes a village to ensure our youngest residents get to and from school safely so, please be cautious drivers, bike riders and walkers. Put away the distractions and adhere to the rules of the road. Be safe, be seen and have fun during Walking and Wheeling Week 2023!

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Sarge (#272484)

Sarge is a nearly 4-year-old male Mastiff. Given time to get comfortable, Sarge is playful and social. He's a quick learner whose trust can be gained with tasty treats. Sarge is available as the only dog to homes with no kids, or kids 10 and older. Please note that Sarge's adoption fee has been waived under a shelter program called "Sponsoring," which allows caring staff members or patrons to voluntarily sponsor and cover all applicable fees.



Biscuit (#275430)

Biscuit is a 6-year-old female cat. She feels more secure with her best buddy Mona (275431), and the two may be adopted for a shared fee of \$25. Biscuit will do best in a quiet home where she has time to make connections. She is available to dog-free homes with no kids, or kids 10 and older.

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

PICTURE THIS! - Just a Walk in the Park

Resident photo contributor Wayne Broussard snapped and shared this photo of folks recreating in Community Park.



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Troop 686 Member
Megan Butler
Takes Her Eagle
Scout Project to
New Heights with
a Toy Drive for
Children’s Hospital

The 15-year-old hopes to earn the rank of Eagle Scout by collecting toys for young patients

By Allison Hefner, Editor

Megan Butler, a freshman at Chatfield Senior High School, is organizing a toy drive to benefit Children’s Hospital as part of her project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. This rank is one of the most difficult to achieve and requires a scout to solely research, guide and manage and lead fellow Troop 686 scouts to complete a project that positively impacts the community. Megan chose to help children in need of comfort during their

stay at Children’s Hospital with a goal of collecting 300 or more toy donations. “What I enjoy about scouts is all the great leadership experience I gain from helping out,” said Megan, who has been a Scout with the co-ed troop for the past four years. “I chose donations for the Children’s Hospital Colorado because I wanted to do something different from the other Eagle [Scout] projects and I also wanted to make a difference in someone’s life.” Megan’s toy drive will run from May 10-26 and is organized in conjunction with the Children’s Hospital based in Aurora. Residents interested in contributing may drop their donations off in the designated toy bin at the Ranch House. The Children’s Hospital kindly requests that all toys still be in their original packaging, cost under \$20 and are for children ages 12 years and under. They specifically request no toys depicting violence such as Nerf guns or toy army soldiers. To assist in these efforts, Megan has created an Amazon wish list at <https://tinyurl.com/2p8urbxn>.



Megan Butler

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These equine residents are enjoying the warmer weather, as seen and snapped by resident Kathy Smith.





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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, 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.

Memorial Day Event, May 29

Join us as we honor our servicemen and women with a ceremony on May 19 at 10 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.

Community Garage Sale

It's the time to get a jump on your spring cleaning in preparation of our Community Garage Sale, June 3 and 4 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.! Garage Sale signs are available for purchase for \$5 at the Ranch House. Cash or check only. Stay tuned for more information!



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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.



Aquatics

Register Online for Your FREE 2023 Pool Passes

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Youth Programs

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.

Register for Before & After School Care

Register your child for our B&A Care program this fall at either our Ranch House or Dakota Lodge to conveniently serve Bradford and Shaffer families! KCRMD Before & After School Recreation Programs provide a caring, safe and fun learning environment. Students explore a wide variety of activities that develop learning, encourage imagination and promote positive social skills. Join us for exciting science experiments, cooking, art projects, sports, games, reading, homework help and more! We offer year-round care and provide full-day care on most early release days, school holidays and vacations. Register and pay only for the days you need each month! Register on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org, under the Programs tab, then Youth Programs and School-Age Care.

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.*

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Adult Programs

Storytime at the Ranch House

Please join us this spring 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.*

Babysitting Course

Date night is calling, so sign your tween/teen up for our latest Babysitting Class on May 13 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-carylranh.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

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-carylranh.org to view current camp offerings.

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Spring Nature Adult Enrichment

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-carylranh.org and click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

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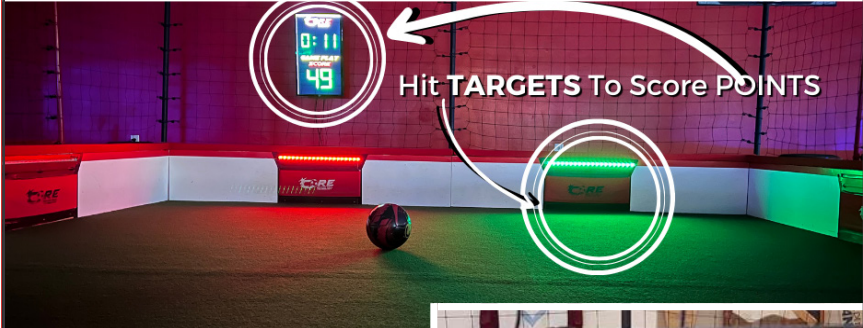
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The Bradford-Perley House apple orchard.

Get to Know Your Ken-Caryl “Roots” at the Historical Society’s Open House!

Did you know that the Bradford House is a historic site dating to the start of the Colorado gold rush in 1860 and was used as a home, farm, rest stop, civil war recruiting post and an entertainment venue? Unearth more fun and interesting facts like this about our community’s rich and vibrant history during the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society’s Open House this summer! The event will take place at the Bradford-Perley House located on Killdeer Drive in the North Ranch on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and on Sunday, June 4 from 1-3 p.m.

Residents of all ages are invited to stop by and enjoy our community’s local history! Members of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society will be wearing gold name badges to point out features of interest and to address questions. Community members are also welcome to come any time during the two-hour open house and to tour other archaeological sites in Ken-Caryl Ranch. The two-day event will feature talks, tours and a Q&A that will include information about three of the sites included on the National Register of Historic Places that cover 5,000 years of people living in what is now Ken-Caryl Ranch! Guests will also have the unique opportunity to test their skills by being guided on how to use an atlatl, or spear-throwing tool, to safely guide a spear towards a target, under the guidance and direction of volunteers.

During your visit, be sure to take time to stop and smell the flowers – literally! Guests are welcome to visit the Bradford-Perley apple orchard and see what’s growing in the garden on display for visitors, which should be bursting with vibrancy and color in June!



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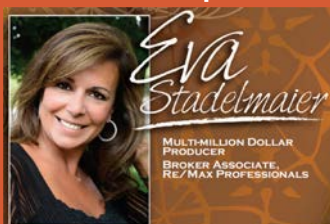
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New Jeffcom911 App Places Non-Emergency Services in Jeffco at Your Fingertips

Jefferson County Communications Center Authority (Jeffcom911) has launched a free phone app that provides residents and visitors in Jefferson County access to non-emergency public safety resources through an on-line reporting tool, as well as additional features and safety information.

“We want to provide citizens the best and most efficient response to requests we receive at Jeffcom 911,” said Jeff Streeter, Jeffcom 911 Executive Director. “This app, as well as our website at Jeffcom911.org, create a new way to gain access to non-emergency public safety service without having to call a traditional phone line and wait to speak to a communications professional, while continuing to receive the same level of service.”

The app is now available through the Apple App and Google Play stores. Use the QR code printed with this article to download from either the Apple App Store or Android App on Google Play.

On-line Reporting via the app

The primary purpose for the Jeffcom911 app is for citizens to request assistance in nonemergent situations, such as reporting code violations, inquiring about welfare and vacation check requests, or to



alert emergency services to a legal campfire or activity associated with a burn permit.

The app form was developed to be as simple as possible to attain key information. Google Maps location services is used to provide the location of the incident, requiring the reporting party simply input their name and contact information, date and time of the incident, and a brief description of the reason for the request to complete the form.

Once this information is submitted the citizen will receive a text message confirming the request was received and will be reviewed. Once the information is reviewed, usually within a few minutes of the citizen submitting the request, the appropriate public safety resources will be assigned and the citizen will

receive a second text message with an incident reference number.

Other notable app features

- Immediate updates through push notifications. As the app is updated with additional resources, the citizen will receive instant access to any changes, such as a 'Fireworks' button once we get closer to Independence Day and the need to report illegal fireworks becomes greater.
- Sign up for LookoutAlert, the Jefferson County emergency notification system. Citizens, once signed up, may create a personal

LookoutAlert profile and choose their preferred communication methods to receive emergency alerts, to include phone calls, text messages, and email.

- Submit records requests to Jeffcom911.
- Find contact information for Jeffcom911's partner agencies in law enforcement, fire, rescue, and EMS.
- Find Jeffcom911 periodic reports that display agency performance and highlights in monthly, quarterly, and annual reports.

OUR COMMUNITY

Weed Training Kickoff, Sunday, May 7

By Dawn Hendry, Resident, Colorado Master Gardener

Who: All community members are welcome to tackle noxious weeds in our open space. We'll be learning techniques from our own Ken-Caryl Ranger and Natural Resource Specialist, Nick Decarolis, on how to target mullein, Canada



thistle, musk thistle and others all summer long. The Ken-Caryl Weed Club and Trail Club will be combining their trainings this year at this single event. Other groups looking for volunteer hours are welcome too!

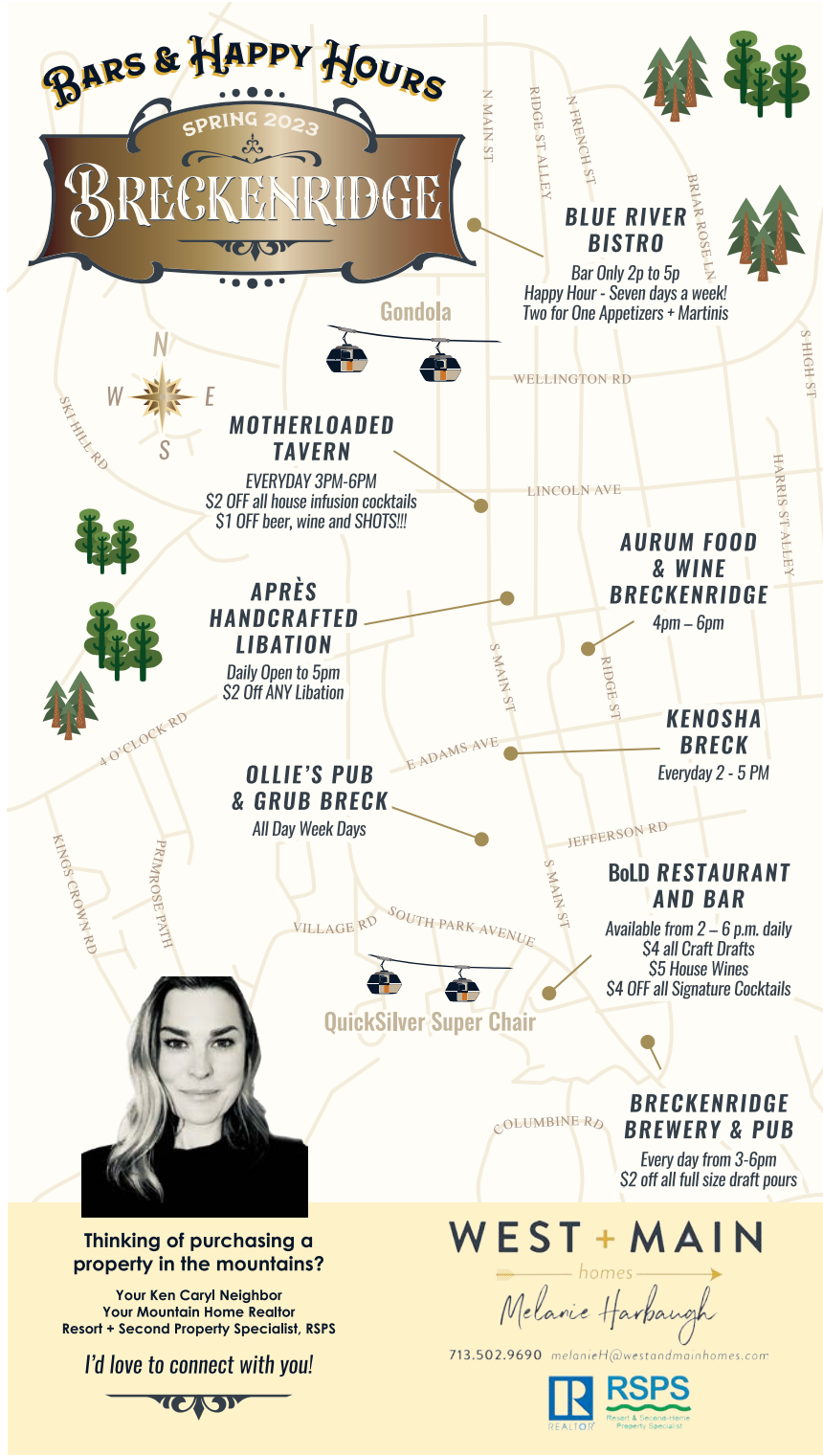
What to bring: Pointed shovel, hat, gloves, high boots, sunscreen and water.

When: Sunday, May 7 at 9 a.m. for the kickoff, but from then on every Monday throughout the summer. Meetings will be at 8:30 a.m. until July when they will begin at 8 a.m. No commitment necessary; just drop in whenever you can and stay for as long as you want.

Where: Meet for the Kickoff at the Bradford Pool parking lot. We'll be talking to the large rock out crops nearby for the training.

Why: Invasive weeds displace native species which are vital to the health of the ecosystems. While herbicides have a place in an integrated pest management plan, they are not enough. Last summer, the Weed Warriors and Trail Club volunteered a combined 443 hours to dig and pull invasives in the KC Open Space, but there's more work to be done. As a team, let's beat that number this year! Please join us in keeping our precious grasslands healthy and beautiful!

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Trash and Recycling Totes

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The preferred method for submitting letters to the editor is by email to Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch.org, but they may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Ranch House, Attn: Allison Hefner, 7676 S. Continental Divide Road, Littleton, CO 80127. A response will be sent via email when a letter or article is received. If you do not receive a response, call 303-979-1876, ext. 108, to confirm receipt.

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of these letters. Writers accept full responsibility for their written word. Letters should comply with acceptable standards for courtesy and respect.

Email to allisonh@kcranch.org.
Deadline for May 10 paper is May 1 at 9 a.m.

Dear Editor:

Please join me in supporting Mike Miro on his re-election to the Metro District Board.

Mike has volunteered countless hours over the years and brings an abundance of knowledge and capability to the position. He also has a proven track record of getting things done. Mike is passionate about our community and has positive relationships with the current boards and with staff. He is the current MD Board Treasurer and has demonstrated sound fiscal decision making while also addressing our aging infrastructure issues. Mike has earned his position on the MD Board and deserves to be reelected.

Volunteering in our wonderful community is at times a thankless position, and I commend Mike for what he has helped accomplish since joining the Board last year, and for wanting to run again to help complete the goals and initiatives that need more time. Ken-Caryl Ranch is a stronger community when Mike Miro is on the MD Board, and I hope you will join me in casting one of your votes for him.

Tom Yaley, Resident

Dear Editor:

I am writing in support of Mike Miro and his re-election to the MD Board.

I have known Mike and his family since they moved to Ken-Caryl more than a decade ago. He is forthright, respectful, and open-minded and his

continued representation on the MD Board will be an asset to everyone in the community.

Mike has a long history of service to the Ken-Caryl community. He has been an active member on the Community Planning Committee since its inception where he assisted with the development of the 2021, 2017 and 2012 community surveys, as well as presenting those results to the MA and MD Boards and advocating for the needs expressed by the community reflected on those surveys. He was also involved in the Parks Advisory Committee that led the design and implementation of our neighborhood monument signs, improvements to our playgrounds and parks, and water conservation in our greenspaces.

Mike appreciates the need to balance competing priorities against fiscal responsibility having worked his entire career in business development professional at a local engineering firm. This experience will no doubt provide valuable insight and strategies to address our aging infrastructure and sensibly allocate limited resources in order to maximize the benefit for everyone in the community.

On a more personal level, and I believe those readers who know him would agree, Mike epitomizes a good neighbor. He greets everyone with a smile, a generous spirit and a willingness to help.

I am confident Mike understands the unique opportunities and challenges facing our community and would be an outstanding choice for the MD Board.

Please join me in casting your vote for Mike Miro in the upcoming mail-in ballot election.

John Ridgley, Resident

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Dear Editor:

Friends and neighbors: With ballots due by May 2, 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.

Helping our community vet and navigate solutions to our policy challenges without prejudice or agenda has been my focus in the past three years as a board member. It is beyond humbling to have received endorsement letters from so many members of our community in the past several issues of *Life at Ken-Caryl*. 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. If you haven't returned your mail-in ballot yet, dropping it off at the ballot box at Ken-Caryl Ranch House any time before the 7 p.m. deadline on May 2 is the best way to vote.

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



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Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village
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