

Elk Meadows

Resident Chad Mullin has been photographing elk in The Valley for years, which inspired his wife Genesee to submit the winning name for Parcel A, which is part of Ken-Caryl's new housing development in The Plains.

For the full story, turn to page 5.

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South Hogback

By Traci Wieland, District Manager

The South Hogback Open Space Task Force will meet periodically throughout 2024 regarding a land management plan for the South Hogback Open Space.

The District owns 935.71 acres of open space and 3.2 miles of trail known as the South Hogback Open Space, which is located south and west of the junction of Interstate C-470 and Ken Caryl Ave. The South Hogback is one contiguous landform with significant historical and sensitive resources and is the only public open space owned by the District. The majority of open space in Ken-Caryl Ranch is private and owned by the Master Association.

The original task force was formed in 2022 and met throughout the year. They presented the South Hogback Open Space Task Force Analysis to the District Board in September 2022. The Board supported the task force's conclusions and desired them to be explored further with a land management plan.

The task force, which includes five new members, will now assist with the land management effort and with broader community engagement. The task force will meet periodically throughout 2024, and the meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas will be posted on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website on the Committees & Task Forces page and dates will be posted on the online calendar. A full listing of task force members, who offer a variety of significant expertise in multiple areas of interest, can also be found on the website.

The District is contracting with ERO Resources for this initiative. ERO has extensive knowledge of the South Hogback and was responsible for the archeological study in 2019. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org.



The South Hogback is the only public open space owned by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District.

BOARD SUMMARY

MA Board Summary

On April 16, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a meeting and discussed the following items:

- a. Drainageway Hazard Assessment Presentation
 - b. Xcel Energy – Docmann Gasline Replacement Presentation
 - c. Annual Trail Club Presentation
- The Board passed the following motions:

Motion A: A Motion to approve KCRMA Resolution – Duties and Responsibilities of Directors, Committee Members and Others Acting on Behalf of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association, Inc.

Motion B: A Motion to approve the following members to the Equestrian Center Committee: Kristina Chirico, Matt O'Brien, Alexis McDowell, Dennie McGarry, Erlinda Stafford, John Tiernan and Brian Zibell.

May

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
5	6	7 5 p.m. District Future Funding Online Community Meeting Online Via Zoom 5:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 6 p.m. Joint Study Session	8	9 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	10	11
12	13 3 p.m. Historical Society Meeting	14 5:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 6 p.m. Open Space Committee Meeting Dakota Lodge	15 4:30 p.m. Covenant Control Committee	16 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	17	18
19	20	21 5:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	22	23 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	24	25
26	27 9 a.m. Memorial Day Event Veterans Monument	28 5:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	29	30 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	31	

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.

PARKS & REC

Feedback Needed on Recreation Programs & Activities Communications



Help us improve our communications! Staff would love your feedback on the Recreation Programs & Activities section of the *Life at Ken-Caryl* newspaper and other communications mediums. We would love feedback on how to best communicate with everyone. Please take our 2-minute survey to help us improve by scanning the adjacent QR Code.



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Sprucing up for Spring

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

I hope this finds you well. With all the crazy weather we have had, I am sure the community is buzzing with excitement for the warmer weather and longer days. Exterior home improvements are coming in like crazy. It is fantastic to see that so many people are investing in sprucing up their homes - it's not only a source of pride, but also a way to maintain and even enhance property values. Plus, who can resist the allure of enjoying in your yard on all those beautiful Colorado nights? It sounds like a winning combination all around! If you are thinking about sprucing up your home, here are the steps needed to help streamline the process for your exterior enhancements.



Review the Ken-Caryl Ranch Property Improvements Process: Information can be found on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org under Resident Resources and then the *Exterior Improvements* tab. You will need to scroll down to the list of Property Improvements. It is good practice to familiarize yourself with any community guidelines or regulations regarding home improvements. These might include restrictions on building materials, color schemes or architectural styles.

Plan Your Project: Clearly outline your proposed home improvement project, including details such as photos of the area where the project will take place. We will need an explanation of the scope of work, photos of all the materials to be used, including paint colors and the brand of paint, and any relevant drawings or plans. This will help ensure that we have a clear vision for the project and we can effectively communicate your plans to the Architectural Committee to expedite your project.

Submit Your Proposal: Once you have all the necessary documents prepared, submit your proposal on the Exterior Improvement link on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Make sure to include your email address so we can keep you posted on the progress of the submittal.

Address Feedback: Be prepared to address any feedback or concerns that arise during the review process. This might involve revising your plans, providing additional information, or attending meetings to discuss your proposal further.

Obtain Approval: Once your proposal has been reviewed and any necessary revisions have been made, you will receive an approval letter by email. If you do not see it, please check your spam folder.

By following the aforementioned steps and staying organized throughout the process, you can help ensure that your home enhancement project goes smoothly and receives the necessary approvals in a timely manner. I do my best to get the projects approved as quickly as possible; however, by following the step detailed in this article, approval times may be much quicker. Please be advised that depending on the scope of the improvement, applications for architectural review may take up to two weeks.

One of the best improvements you can make is to be a good neighbor. Let's focus on taking care of each other. If you have a neighbor you haven't met yet, remember that a simple hello can start the conversation!

As always, be kind!
Darci

Come Picnic with the Ponies this Summer!

We still have a few open slots for our Picnic with the Ponies Summer Camp! Have your kiddo join us this summer and learn about different aspects of horse care and horseback riding. Our staff strive to offer a wonderful horse experience while helping participants learn to be safe around these majestic animals. For more information, including camp details, session dates/times, camp requirements and to register, please visit the Equestrian Center page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.



Recycling and Tote Delivery Updates

Due to a delay in receiving the 64-gallon sized recycling totes from a third-party provider, Waste Connections was unable to deliver recycling totes to residents who placed their orders online by the March 15 deadline. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

As a result of this delay, **ALL** residents are advised to continue using their existing totes and bins until the new totes are delivered. There will be no disruptions to your pick-ups or service during this period. However, starting the week of May 6, recycling collection services for Ken-Caryl Ranch residents began following a bi-weekly schedule. There will be no recycling collection services this week. Recycling collection services will resume the week of May 13 and will continue on an alternating schedule thereafter.

We currently do not have a specific timeline for the delivery of totes ordered prior to the March 15 deadline. However, once we have this information, it will be posted on our website, included in the e-news, published in the future issues of this publication, and shared on our Facebook page. Please stay tuned for updates.

Trash totes ordered online by the March 15 deadline, as well as trash and recycling bins ordered after the deadline, will be delivered at a later date. Residents will be informed of delivery timeframes once they are available.

It's important to note that all residents must have an approved 64- or 96-gallon recycling tote. Orders can be placed online via our website at www.ken-carylranh.org, under the *Resident Resources* tab, then click on Trash, Utilities & SubAssociations.

***Please remember that tote requirements apply only to recycling collection services. Residents may continue to use their current trash totes, cans or bins without any disruption to trash collection services.**

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Home Fuel Assessments - The Scoring System

By Keith McMillan, Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Ranger and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist



Part of the process during my free Fuel Hazard Assessments is scoring the home for factors affecting ignitability. The entire structure is considered during these assessments, specifically noting the roof material and condition, siding material and proximity to vegetation, deck material and storage on and underneath, openings and ember protections. Other factors include slope, water access, defensible space and the vegetation around the home.

There are many things in reference to vegetation to consider. The type of vegetation is considered as part of my assessment because not everything burns the same, especially junipers. The proximity and placement of the vegetation to the home is also a major factor. For example, is the vegetation next to wood siding, is it underneath a deck or built out bay window? Perhaps there is a large volume of fuel in front of a window that could shatter due to extreme heat? The arrangement of the vegetation is also considered. Is the vegetation contiguous back to the structure? Or is it thoughtful, well-spaced, low volume landscaping with good maintenance? If so, this type of property will score well and is easier to defend from wildfire.

The scoring system I use allows us to give a numerical value relative to a structures ignitability. More importantly, it is similar to the triage system used by firefighters to determine which homes get active protection when hard choices need to be made. Scores are added up to assign a color code, either red, yellow or green. Green is best and it is like golf, lower scores are better. When tough decisions need to be made, either for safety reasons or limited resource issues, the triage system is used to determine where to invest efforts. This means certain properties may be passed by as firefighters pick a safer area to work on that have a greater probability of success.

All scores, as well as the whole report, are confidential and are used for education purposes. Just because a home got a red color code on an evaluation doesn't mean it's written off. Firefighters will have to make hard decisions during an incident. We also assume that residents want to make changes if they have signed up for this service.

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is patrolling the neighborhood and seeing homeowners applying the recommendations made through our program.

Just a friendly reminder that all assessments are free, voluntary, confidential and no-risk. To schedule an assessment, with scoring, visit the Firewise Resources page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org to book your free appointment. You can also email, me Keith McMillan, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist, at keithm@kcranch.org.

Volunteers Honored at Annual Luncheon

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Ranger staff treated 25 resident volunteers to a Spring Kick-Off Volunteer Appreciation BBQ lunch on April 21 at the Dakota Lodge. Park Rangers Gary Norton, Nick DeCarolis and Matt Öven were on hand to hand out appreciation gifts to volunteers and to answer any questions for the upcoming 2024 season. Nick distributed various hand tools for the Weed Warriors, Gary gave out thank you and appreciation gifts for long-time Bluebird Nest Box volunteers and Matt awarded gift cards to the top three Volunteer Patrollers in the program.

"The volunteer appreciation lunch went well," said Ken-Caryl Park Ranger Supervisor Matt Öven, who has organized the event for the past six years. "We had approximately 25 residents attend, and it was well received!"

Attendees were appreciative, with many of the volunteers thanking the ranger staff for the kick-off lunch and gifts.



Volunteers were treated to an appreciation lunch hosted by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Rangers in April.

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Introducing Elk Meadows! Ken-Caryl's Newest Subdivision, Formerly Known as Parcel A

By Allison Rager, Editor

Drum roll, please... Parcel A will now be known as... Elk Meadows! Congratulations to resident Genesee Mullin whose suggestion truly resonated with our team to perfectly encapsulate the essence of the area. Genesee's creativity has added a meaningful touch to our beloved community and we are excited to see how Elk Meadows and its future residents become a meaningful part of the of the Ken-Caryl community!

According to Genesee, the name "Elk Meadows" was inspired by photos her husband Chad has taken of the elk herds that occasionally pass through The Valley.

"My husband Chad is an avid hiker and often goes out to "chase the herd" when he hears someone mention a sighting," explains Genesee. "I haven't been lucky enough to see a herd in person yet, but am hoping to soon!"

In addition to the ultimate bragging rights, Genesee will also receive a \$100 Amazon gift card for her magnificent moniker!

"I am so excited that Elk Meadows was selected," said Genesee. "I hope the current and future residents of Ken-Caryl love the name and I'm honored to have a small part in Ken-Caryl history."

Genesee, Chad and their daughter Heidi have lived in The Valley for a little over two years. The family "migrated" to Ken-Caryl Ranch a few months before Heidi was born and they feel so lucky to be able to bring her up in a community with such an abundance of natural beauty and great neighbors.

Elk Meadows, formerly known as Parcel A, is located north of Ken Caryl Ave. and east of C-470.



From left, Chad and Genesee Mullin with their daughter Heidi.

2024 Ken-Caryl Pool Updates

Pool Pass Registration Now Open

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

For entry into the pool you may use the following:

- an activated fob (if you had a fob for your pool pass in 2023, when you register this year it will automatically update)
 - a photo of your activated fob barcode
 - a photo of the barcode on your receipt when you register for a pool pass
- If you don't have any of these but did register, staff can check you in by searching your name. This is less ideal as it takes time when other patrons are waiting to check in.

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

District residents may register for their pool passes via our website at www.ken-caryl.org and click on the teal Register icon located at the top of your screen.

Ranch House Pool Climbing Wall

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

Pool Rule Updates:

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

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

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

Weather Cancellation Policy and Updates

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

SilverSneakers, Silver&Fit, and Renew Active Members

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



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

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Resident Bre Small Announced as 2nd Runner Up in the Mrs. Colorado® Pageant

By Bre Small, Resident

Our own Ken-Caryl resident Brean Small participated in the 2024 Mrs. Colorado® Pageant on April 6 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in downtown Denver... and placed as 2nd Runner Up! Earlier this year, Bre was crowned Mrs. Littleton and it has been an honor for her to represent our city. Bre had won a pageant in high school, but hadn't previously

considered entering another one until last year when multiple people suggested she enter the contest. Her supporters encouraged her to compete as they felt she embodies community engagement, which is the spirit of the Mrs. Colorado® Pageant Colorado title!

Along with 48 talented delegates representing their cities from all over the state, Bre participated in the preliminary pageant on April 4, which consisted of an interview with five judges valued at 50% of the scoring. Swimsuit and evening gown preliminaries followed, representing 25% each of the total scoring. By the end of the preliminary evening, the judges had then narrowed the field

down to the Top 12 contestants.

Many ladies participate in the Mrs. Colorado® Pageant each year to celebrate a milestone or accomplishment, and others have a cause or passion they want to bring awareness and action to. As a raving fan of supporting small businesses, Bre has enjoyed using her platform as Mrs. Littleton to do more of what she loves to do, spotlight small businesses within our local community.

When Bre took the stage at the prestigious Ellie Caulkins Opera House that Saturday evening in April, she felt that no matter what the outcome was, she had already won. Starting in January of this year, she hired a nutritionist and a pageant coach and spent the first 12 weeks of 2024 doing what she affectionately calls "becoming the best version of herself." When the judges started narrowing it down to the Top 6 finalists, she was over the moon excited, especially when she was announced as 2nd Runner Up! Upon hearing that, she immediately felt immense gratitude and pride.

Bre loved everything about the entire experience; from the personal development to the glamour, to the new friends she has now made all



Resident Bre Small was the 2nd runner up in this year's pageant.

across the state of Colorado. She also felt she had achieved her primary purpose of entering the pageant – showing her young daughters that when women show up authentically as themselves, do their best, and have fun while supporting other women, they are already a "Queen."

PICTURE THIS! - Have You "Herd" ...?

Have you "herd the news?" How many deer can you find? Photo and caption courtesy of resident Kathy Webster.



Finalists in the 2024 Mrs. Colorado® Pageant, included resident and relator Bre Small, far right.

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Feeding Your Need for Food Truck Events This Summer!

We are feeding your need for food trucks again this summer! If we left you hungry for more last year, Tasty Tuesdays returns this summer to Ken-Caryl! Be sure to join us for Tasty Tuesdays each week beginning in May – July from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Ranch House parking lot, where we will host food trucks – from the sweet to the savory – for your eating pleasure!

This year, in addition to Tasty Tuesdays, we are excited to announce that we will also be hosting Food Truck Fridays at the Dakota Lodge from 5:30-8 p.m. this summer! These events will take place on the first Friday of month May – August, with the exception of August, when we will host the last Friday event of the summer on Aug. 9. Food Truck Fridays will feature more family-friendly events, so stay tuned all summer long! To view the current truck schedule, including menus, please visit the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org, or scan the QR code on the specific Truckster event flyers below.

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

**Truckster manages and schedules the food truck lineup each summer for Ken-Caryl Ranch. This ensures truck availability, fairness, variety and accountability. With the exception of residents being responsible for food truck purchases, this is a community benefit at no cost to the Master Association or its residents.*




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We encourage carpooling or walking/biking to the event, as parking in the Bradford pool parking lot is limited. Also, NO DOGS allowed for the protection of the live raptor at the event. Please no parking on Killdeer Lane.

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May is National Wildfire Awareness Month: Are you Prepared? Part II

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Wildfires often begin unnoticed. These fires are usually triggered by lightning or accidents, but may be started by human activity. They spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes, pushed by high winds and low humidity. Reduce your risk by preparing now — before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area. Follow the steps listed below to protect your family, home and property.

- Wildfire Preparedness Checklist
- Make a disaster supply kit and have a family emergency plan.
 - Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Check the Firewise Resources page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org for a list of suggested Firewise plants!
 - Use fire-resistant or non-combustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of your home, or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with fire-retardant chemicals evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Be sure to get prior approval by the Master Association prior to any exterior improvement.
 - Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees (for example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees).
 - Regularly clean roof and gutters.
 - Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order.



- Use 1/8-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms. Test monthly and change the batteries at least once each year.
- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chain saw, bucket and shovel.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire-resistant drapes.
- Clear items that will burn from around the house, including wood piles, lawn furniture, barbecue grills and toys. Move them outside of your defensible space.
- Identify and maintain an adequate outside water source such as a small pond, swimming pool or hydrant.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.
- Install freeze-proof exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property.

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S. and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property - and their neighborhood - much safer from wildfire.

Weed Warriors Successfully Battle Noxious Open Space Invaders

Residents came together to battle noxious weeds in our open space as part of this spring's Weed Warriors training on April 21, led by Dawn Hendry, resident and master gardener, along with Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Ranger and Natural Resource Specialist Nick DeCarolis. Nick provided the training, and once completed, residents rolled up their sleeves and got to work to help rid our open space of invasive and (ab)noxious weeds. Many thanks to all the warriors who joined the battle against the pesky, prickly predators!



Resident and Open Space Committee Chair Anna Camp Martinez's daughter, Mia, attended the Weed Warriors training in April and participated in weed mitigation efforts in Ken-Caryl's open space.



The Weed Warriors in action. All photos courtesy of Anna Camp Martinez.

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From left, Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers Gary Norton, Pete Marozas and Michael Ryan work to chip debris and branches as part of this spring's SLASH Event.

SLASH-ing Wildfire Risk: MA & MD Teams Partner at SLASH Event in April

Many thanks to the KCRMA Rangers and KCRMD Parks Department staff for helping to reduce wildfire risk at our latest SLASH Event in April. The rangers worked to remove debris and broken branches from resident properties over a two-day span during their curbside SLASH pick-ups, as part of the Master Association and Metropolitan District's joint SLASH Event last month.

Despite rain and snowy conditions, the Parks Department rallied to assist residents by taking their broken branches and yard debris at the SLASH Drop Off Event on April 27.

Many thanks to all team members for helping our residents in their SLASH removal efforts!

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



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Firewise Community Survey Results

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



Defensible Space is your property's front line defense against wildfire. Creating and maintaining defensible space around your home can dramatically increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire and improves the safety of firefighters defending your property. 100 feet of defensible space is required by law.*

TWO ZONES MAKE UP THE REQUIRED 100 FEET OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE:

ZONE 1: 30 feet of Lean, Clean & Green

- 1 Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds.
- 2 Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- 3 Keep tree branches 10 feet away from your chimney and other trees.

ZONE 2: 30-100 feet of Reduced Fuel

- 4 Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- 5 Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- 6 Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.

Use Equipment Properly to Keep from Sparking a Wildfire

- 7 Mow before 10 a.m., and never on a hot or windy day. String trimmers are a safer option (vs. lawnmowers) for clearing vegetation.



VERTICAL SPACING
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Feedback Needed on Recreation Programs & Activities Communications

Help us improve our communications! Staff would love your feedback on the Recreation Programs & Activities section of the Life at Ken-Caryl newspaper and other communications mediums. We would love feedback on how to best communicate with everyone. Please take our 2-minute survey to help us improve by scanning the QR Code below.



Community Garage Sale

The Ken-Caryl Community Garage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, June 7-8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join neighbors across the community by hosting your own garage sale. Residents can register to appear on our Community Garage Sale Map to make your sale easier to locate. Submissions will be listed on the map by Monday, June 3 by 4 p.m. For more information and to register your location, please scan the above QR code. *Garage Sale signs are available for purchase at the Ranch House front desk for \$8, cash or check only.

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

Season Pool Passes

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

Food Truck Fridays

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

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

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

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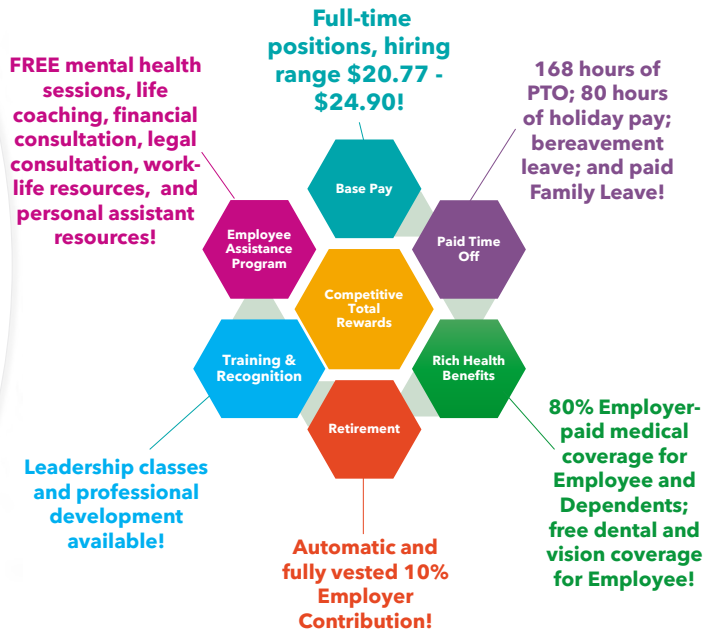


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Resident Runners Achieve Milestones

Candice Brown takes first place in the 2024 Antarctica Marathon

By Allison Rager, Editor

Resident runner Candice Brown hit a major milestone, taking first place in the 2024 Antarctica Marathon on March 22. The race took place on King George Island in the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica, where 165 participants from 17 countries sailed across the Drake Passage to Antarctica aboard the Ocean Victory expedition ship, which disembarked from Ushuaia, Argentina on March 18. Conditions, like Candice and her husband Eric, were tough, and the 18-year Valley residents braved the snow, ice and frigid temps to achieve personal milestones during the event. Candice clinched the win with a finishing time of 4:25:37 and Eric completed his seventh continent race.

According to the race's official website, the course started and finished about 200 meters from Bellingshausen, the Russian base, and passed through the Chilean, Chinese and Uruguayan bases, allowing for a three-loop course for the full marathon. The first wave of runners began their journey at 7:30 a.m. to a fresh dusting of snow and low winds. The second wave of runners took off two hours later at 9 a.m. and were met a mix of sunshine and clouds.

"It was truly a unique experience to run in such an unreal setting," said Candice, who has been running competitively for the last five years. "Each person runs for different reasons and has different levels of endurance and skill and this race tested each of us. All the runners were cheering each other on and helping each other over the very steep, hilly terrain."

Conditions were demanding. The average temperature of the race hovered around 27 degrees Fahrenheit/-3 degrees Celsius and saw both sunshine and fresh snow throughout the day. The weather never got above freezing, and the runners faced icy and extremely slick conditions, which made the hilly, glacier-carved course even more challenging.

"When we arrived snow was falling and the course was icy and became [icier] as the day went on," explained Candice. "We had a number of injuries based on the cold and people falling. A good number of people also could not finish in the time limit as the conditions are so extreme. Before we started, [race organizers] told us we should add 1.5 hours to our normal marathon time. The weather was cold, snowy and icy just as you would expect from Antarctica."

Not only did the terrain and conditions in the Antarctica Marathon differ, but so did the spectators, including one penguin in particular, who presented quite a challenge.

"I kid you not, at [the 20-mile] marker, I was stopped by a penguin sitting on the course," said Candice. "We were warned to not go off course

for environmental reasons and to not disturb any wildlife, especially penguins. So, I had to wait until he moved. This will be something that always stands out. Secondly, I will always remember winning the race, but also being at the finish line when my husband finished his seventh continent. What a special day to have two amazing events!"

Eric joined 15 other race participants who earned their Seven Continents Club®(SCC) Finisher Medal and Certificate. Eric joins 1,146 SCC members who have already completed this monumental feat.

Candice's 20 years of running experience helped prepare her for her victory. She pushed through the race's unfavorable and unforgiving conditions to take first place to upset the projected winner.

"Yes, it was quite funny, I was pushing hard with the men's group and they were neck and neck at the front for the first 18 miles," said Candice. "I had past the first-place women around mile 12 and remained in the lead the rest of the time. The men made a move around mile 20 and I could see it was a close race for them."

Candice began running in her mid-20's, participating in several races over the years, and became competitive about five years ago. She has quite an impressive track record, placing second in the Big Five Marathon in South Africa, which fueled her passion and competitive spirit.

"I was shocked with my finish [in South Africa] and it motivated me to push even harder," said Candice. "The adventure marathons are a different skill set, but I enjoy running both road races and trail/adventure marathons. I find that our surroundings and trails in Ken-Caryl are the perfect backdrop, they are so beautiful and peaceful. Running in Ken-Caryl has allowed me to gain great footing practice and hill workouts with our elevation gains. I feel so lucky to have the chance to live here. I thought I had a little bit of a leg up for the marathon in Antarctica, as the course had a 3500-foot elevation gain, 4 inches of snow fell the night before and during the race, and the temps were around 17 degrees. You could say a few times a year our conditions in The Valley mimic those and prove to be a great training ground!"

Running is a family affair. Candice and Eric husband have been running marathons for more than 20 years. Candice, a 5th grade teacher at Collegiate Academy of Colorado, has 16 marathons under her belt; each one holding significance for her. A few of her favorites are the Antarctica Marathon, the Big 5 in South Africa and her first marathon in San Diego and she enjoys the crowds of the Boston and New York Marathons. However, her favorites include her family, and any event where she can be on the course with one of her sons.

When not traveling the world, Candice enjoys the quality of life – and abundance of trails and terrain – that



Resident runner Candice Brown beams as she crosses the finish line to take first place in the 2024 Antarctica Marathon.



Candice and Eric Brown competed in the 2024 Antarctica Marathon together. Candice secured first place in the women's marathon event and Eric completed his seventh continent race.



Spectacular spectators are a rare breed! Penguins cheered on participants at the 2024 Antarctica Marathon.

Ken-Caryl Ranch affords her and her family. She and Eric have two sons, Cooper and Dylan, and have felt fortunate to raise them in Ken-Caryl Ranch. Cooper, 21, currently attends Drake University, is also a runner. He competes in half marathons and plans to join his mom at the Abbott World Major Age Group Championships Marathon in Sydney, Australia this fall, where she will pick up her fourth continent. Younger son Dylan, 17, attends Chatfield Senior High School and will be graduating this month. Candice also trains with her four-legged running buddy, Cienna, who has a "nose" for Ken-Caryl trail running!

"We are truly lucky to live in a place that you can step out your front or back door and be in nature," said Candice. "The trails and those who volunteer to keep them nice deserve an amazing amount of credit. I am not sure I ever get a chance to say thank you enough for those people who do the work to allow us to have great paved trails and single track. Thank you from a person who has benefited from the hard work you do. I also love the sense

of community here. I have raised two boys here and it is incredible that they can just walk, or ride their bikes to their friends' houses or to the pool. They both enjoyed the nature programs and other programs that the community center has offered. It is truly a unique place to live."

What's up next in terms of marathons/competitive races for this resident first-place finisher? Candice plans to work towards completing the seven continents for marathons, which includes her upcoming race in Sydney with her son, as he gears up to participate in his first marathon. While she looks towards the future, she will always fondly reflect on her past experience in Antarctica.

"I feel so grateful to have been given the opportunity to have been pushed in such an amazing environment that is Antarctica," said Candice. "To see Antarctica is a lifelong dream and experience, to compete in the only professional sporting event held on the continent was nothing short of amazing."

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PICTURE THIS! - Deer-ly Appreciated!

Resident and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan shared this photo of a few four-legged residents taking a respite under a pine tree, made possible by the previous week's community clean-up efforts to reduce ladder fuels in our open space. Under Keith's guidance, many trees, like those pictured, received a needed trim – and these deer are appreciative of the clean and cool resting place!



PICTURE THIS! - Spring is Blooming in Ken-Caryl

Resident Janina Kozacka snapped and shared this photo of a budding spring in Ken-Caryl Ranch.

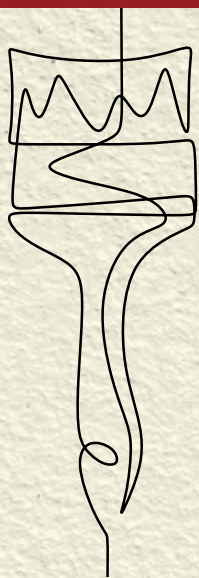


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Email to allisonr@kcranch.org.
Deadline for May 22 paper is May 13 at 9 a.m.

Dear Editor

The Hello KC Valley,
Let's be honest.... most of us participated in underage drinking. Yep!
Let's also be honest, was it at all smart? No!

I have been blessed with lots of second chances in my life. In today's world, would I have received such gifts? Probably not! I have also been blessed with a dog to walk for his "business meetings," and also my health.

On April 17, we walked along Rose Clover once, on the second walk and on the first and third walk on Prairie Clover. Then two Mike's Hard Ice Teas cans magically appeared, on the third walk (one can was in perfect shape except empty and four hours between the first and third walks, prior to 11:30 a.m.) were items not present on the first walk, approximately before 8 a.m.

At different times on Golden Aster, Rose Clover and Twin Flower, I have been picking up 1-oz plastic liquor bottles for some time. A few bottles were "adult" liquors, but most were flavored "kids" liquors.

I just thought it was non-residents. I would like to apologize to all parents for not speaking up earlier.

Thank you all,
Bobby Boone, Resident

Dear Editor

To my fellow KCR canines who are lucky enough to call Brannon Gearhart Park an extension of their backyard.

We are lucky pups. We get to see countless deer walking through the park every day. Sometimes they jump on our backyard fence and leave presents! The red-tail hawks are my favorite, followed by the ducks – the magpies, not so much. The squirrels don't bother me, do they bother you? Some days we get to see horses strolling along the trails, they leave presents too.

Throughout the day we see humans walking and running, mountain bikers and big humans pushing little humans in strollers. We get to listen to humans talking loudly on their cell phones – I wonder what they are talking about... We even get to see other dogs walking with their humans. Yes, we are some of the luckiest dogs in KCR.

With this great fortune comes responsibility. It's ok to say a quick hello to a fellow canine when it strolls by. After all it is always fun to catch up on the latest neighborhood news. It is even ok to bark out when chasing a deer that wanders into your fenced backyard. But incessant barking is not ok. Barking to hear yourself bark is never a good thing.

As the weather gets warmer and my humans leave the windows open, please don't bark all the time. Your bark echoes throughout the park. Sometimes it's hard to figure out who is doing all that barking. I, like you, work all day. Guarding the house is a big responsibility. At night when I sit on the deck or lie in the family room and rest with my humans who are also tired and want to read, listen to music or, just veg out (I think that's what they call it), your endless barking is disruptive. So please be kind to other canines (and humans.)

Enjoy BGP responsibly; you are very

lucky pups. Sit back, relax and quietly watch what's going on. Maybe you will get lucky and the deer will leave you a present overnight.

Tully Rodell, Resident Canine
(Submitted by John Rodell, Resident)

Dear Editor

Chris Schroeder's article in the Manager's Column of the recent paper has prompted me to write an overdue letter to the editor. The article mentions MA meetings are intended to provide opportunities for residents to "participate, share your thoughts and express your concerns." The importance of feedback is stressed. However, as of September 2023, the MA Board eliminated the option for residents to provide written comments to be read aloud by the MA General Manager at MA meetings for reasons or logic unclear to me. This option was previously frequently used by many residents for many years prior. Now, only written comments can be provided to the Board that are not even placed in the MA packets for residents to see, or be documented. As many residents are still at work at 6 p.m., traveling home, busy with dinner preparations, or other, and are unable to attend live or via Zoom, they are in effect not able to participate or share their thoughts in what I argue is an effective manner if their written comments are not read or responded to at the meetings. I am baffled as to the difference between someone attending in person or via Zoom to speak, and having their written comments read aloud if these comments can be read in the same 3 minutes requirement as if actually read by the resident – and again was done previously. I questioned this change in policy about 6 months ago at an MA meeting with no answer. If the MA Board truly is interested in our input, they should immediately

restore the ability for written resident comments to not only be read at MA meetings, but for those comments to also appear in published packets.

Joel Pankow, Resident

Dear Editor

I'd like to offer a note of appreciation to our amazing ranger staff. The first acknowledgement goes to newly appointed Ranger and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan who wrote a very educational article about fuel hazard assessment in the last paper. Based on Facebook posts, I contacted Keith long before he was a ranger to do a fuel hazard assessment on my home while in the midst of a major landscaping project. With short notice, Keith came right over and provided valuable suggestions that the landscaping crew was happy to accommodate to minimize fire risk. His property survey was thorough and raised many points and suggestions I had never thought of, including simple ways to minimize fire risk that don't even involve landscaping changes, like moving patio chairs away from siding while on vacation. I encourage everyone to take advantage of Keith's valuable assessment, if you haven't already, to preserve both property and even life. The second acknowledgement goes to Ranger Supervisor Matt Öven and the rest of the ranger staff (Gary Norton, Nick DeCarolis, Michael Ryan and Peter Marozas) for organizing and hosting an amazing kick-off luncheon that, for the first time, incorporated the friendly and hard-working Weed Warriors and Bluebird Box volunteers with the Volunteer Patrol. It was great to meet and visit with other volunteers that do so much for our community and open space, and the appreciation expressed by the rangers was appreciated in turn. Thanks Matt!

Joel Pankow, Resident

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Dear Editor

The editor liked my perspective on barking dogs so much she asked if I welcomed another. I am a 155-lb Newfoundland and familiar with the subject he wants to be discussed. As is my human who mumbles when he picks it up. I'm talking about poop.

Dog poop hangs around a lot longer than deer or horse poop. I am not sure why it hangs around longer than deer poop, but I know exactly why it hangs around longer than horse poop. Some canines, including me, love to grab a piece when we are walking by!

But that might not be the perspective Allison is looking for. So, here is another...

I have seen dog poop everywhere. And I do mean everywhere. It's on the trails, sidewalks, streets and even schoolyards - more on that later. I understand that when you have to go, you gotta go, but please select a spot that makes it easy for your human to pick it up. Also pick a spot where others see you in the act. Peer pressure is a big thing for humans!

My human appreciates it when I poop before I go for a walk. After all, it's easier to use a shovel than a thin plastic bag. Try it - you will get more time to sniff and pee on everything if you don't have to waste 5 minutes pooping and waiting for it to be picked up.

I have a story to share. Do you know that some humans allow fellow canines to run free in the schoolyard, let their dog poop, and don't pick it up? On more than one occasion, a little human has come in from recess with poop on their shoes and has tracked it on the classroom carpet. It is true and I am sure all canines and most humans agree - that's disgusting.

Ultimately it is our human's responsibility to pick up our poop. It is an implied contract. But let's do our part. If you can, poop before you walk, always poop in a public spot, and never, ever poop in the schoolyard!

*Tully Rodell, Resident Canine
(Submitted by John Rodell, Resident)*

Dear Editor

The Community Survey is our best option to solve non-urgent, but important, controversial issues such as the South Docmann Area proposed Wildcat Trail. I hope all residents will retain their latest issue of *Ken Caryl Living Magazine* with the cover and four pages devoted to the sport of mountain biking, but there is a caveat. This magazine issue shows how dominating mountain biking has become in our community and how passionate some adults and children are for the sport. Mountain biking participants have become a very active, influential minority. Let us remember the voice of the entire community was represented with the record-setting response rate of 51% in the 2021 Community Survey. A "Conservation Area," as described in the survey, had almost a 2:1 majority in favor versus against; and the distant location of Docmann South is the perfect location for it. A "Wildlife Protected Habitat" would be a better name for this pristine, untouched area, rather than "Conservation Area," which could be reserved for allowing hikers and equestrians exclusively like the 1964 Federal Law.

1. This Biological Survey is thorough and beautifully written: Wildcat Ridge Trail Alignment, by Melissa Belmar,
2. It emphasizes the value of protecting the biodiversity in this rugged terrain.
3. The original Wildcat Trail estimate was \$90,000; inflation estimate: \$100,000+.
4. Why hurry this trail? There is no justification.
5. The Stacked Loop Master Plan was controversial since 2009 when bicycle racing was eliminated.
6. There are more pressing needs for \$100,000 (Firewise projects, fence replacement, equestrian and drainage problems.)

My mountain bike is now reserved for road use only. The last two falls were convincing. I began in the 1980's. We all understand the fun, the thrills, the spills, accepting the challenges and the desire for more, but there needs to be some compromise and resolution to the conflict. There are other residents who do not mountain bike and they have feelings too. They pay dues and taxes, as well. In fairness, let the KCR community decide if the Wildcat Trail is worthy of the \$100,000 cost with the 2025 Survey results.

Jim Fodor, Resident

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Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	12	Wynterbrooke
Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista
Shea McCaughey	720-774-7499	B, P	13	Cimarron
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy
Raleigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe
Nathan McAnally	303-358-1993	L, P, S	12	Retreat
Charlotte Miller	303-882-4415	B, P	16	Manor Ridge
Janey Millstone	720-668-1029	B, P	15	North Ranch
Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	15	North Ranch
Lexi Moscardini	347-803-6421	B, P	13	Manor Ridge
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	13	Retreat
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions
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Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge
Joshua Reisinger	303-587-0927	L, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe
Alessandra Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S	15	Village
Paulina Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S	13	Village
Griffin Ruszkowski	303-960-9883	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe
Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-660-2234	L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Libby Sauer	303-506-9752	B, P	14	North Ranch
Maggie Schmisek	720-960-7707	B, P	14	Traditions
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Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	B, P	13	Heirloom
Alyssa Secondo	720-625-9910	B, P	15	Cimarron
Ava Secondo	720-595-7665	B, P	18	Cimarron
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Brian Siebrase	314-960-1524	L	11	Stallion Pointe
Anna Smith	567-217-1248	B	16	North Ranch
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Lachlan Stevens	720-742-0086	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place
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Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15	Cimarron
Charlotte Watkins	720-649-0813	B, P	12	Manor Ridge
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Wyatt Webster	703-655-4428	B, L, P, S	14	The Spread
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Cole Yaley	970-946-7649	B, P, S	13	Carriage Hill
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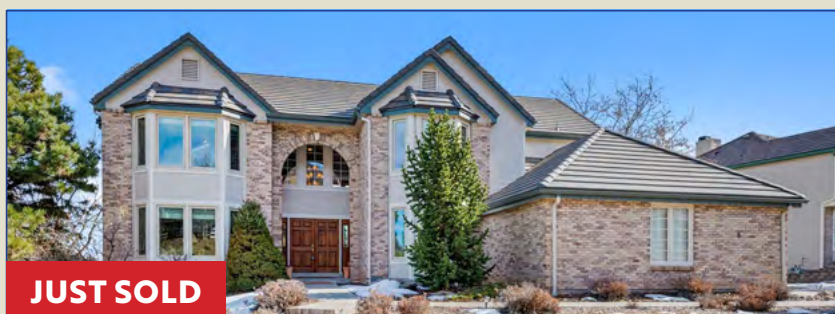
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