

Kickin' It!

Residents got their "kicks" on the field as part of Ken-Caryl Ranch's Adult Kickball League on May 5.
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Memorial Day Event on May 27

Join us as we honor our fallen and late 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, resident and veteran, and Summit Sound of Voices West will perform the National Anthem. Pastries and refreshments will be served. Be sure to check out our event flyer on page 9.



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Progress and Updates

By Scotty Martin, MA Board Vice President

Hello neighbors and Friends! Hopefully, you had a chance to read the Manager's Column in the April 24 edition of *Life at Ken-Caryl*. Master Association (MA) Board President Chris Schroeder shared details about the Board's commitment to transparency and listening to residents, our neighbors and other stakeholders as we consider various community topics. Throughout 2024, the MA Board will continue to provide updates here in the Manager's Column on topics including:

- The establishment of the new Equestrian Center Committee
- Celebrating Ken-Caryl Ranch's Master Association's 50th Anniversary
- 2025 budget priorities and how you can weigh in on those priorities
- Open space updates
- 2025 budget process and adoption
- 2025 committee openings and how you can volunteer

The MA Board plans to add more topics as the year progresses, but please know that we're committed to serving you by setting the policy and budget direction for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association.

This month, I'm honored to share our community's progress to improve communications and transparency related to the Equestrian Center. Here is a summary of recent actions the MA staff and Board have recently taken:

Equestrian Center Survey

- The survey was advertised to the Ken-Caryl Ranch community and conducted in late 2023 with more than 560 residents and boarders who participated.
- In that survey, an overwhelming majority, 82.62%, indicated the Equestrian Center is a valued community amenity. It's clear from the input the Equestrian Center is a unique, valuable and defining feature of our shared community.

Equestrian Center e-News

- All horse boarders received an email news blast from Ken-Caryl Ranch Equestrian Center Manager Carl Brackpool on April 18.
- In the April email, Carl highlighted analyses of the hay/feed, information from a respected veterinarian about the quality of the feed, the March 2024 operational site visit from our partners at the Jefferson County Animal Control division, (including copies of the site visit report and recommendations), and information about updated Boarder and Trainer agreements that were distributed on May 1.
- The MA created an Equestrian Center e-newsletter, *Straight from the Horse's Mouth*, which was distributed to all registered subscribers on May 9. This e-publication was created to provide information and updates on the facility. Boarders interested in receiving this e-publication may subscribe via the *Newspaper and E-news* tab of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.
- The MA is committed to sending the Equestrian Center e-Newsletter to boarders on a monthly basis going forward.

Equestrian Center (EQC) Committee

- The MA Board approved the creation of a new Equestrian Center Committee in Q1 2024.
- EQC Committee applications were accepted in late March and April. Each application was reviewed by me, MA Board President Chris Schroeder and the MA General Manager Brian Yowell.
- From the sixteen applications, eight were selected for interviews. The criteria to narrow the applicant pool was provided in the April MA Board meeting packet.
- The eight candidates were interviewed in April 2024 and a seven-person committee comprised of Equestrian Center boarders and residents was approved by the MA Board at the April 2024 MA Board meeting.
- The first Equestrian Center Committee meeting will take place on May 22 at 7:30 a.m. at the Ranch House. Please keep an eye out on the community calendar for information about this committee's initial meeting.

Residents and horse boarders have expressed their excitement about the new Equestrian Center Committee, and I know the MA Board and staff are excited as well. The following are a few highlights about this new committee:

- Equestrian Center Committee Purpose: To evaluate Equestrian Center facilities to provide the MA Board and staff with recommendations on how to improve facilities through the annual budgeting process, improve maintenance of the grounds, benchmark the Equestrian Center with similar centers around costs and operations, improving communications, and recommendations for community events at the Ken-Caryl Ranch Equestrian Center. This committee will also develop recommendations to the MA Board and staff for improvements to other areas as needed.
- The overarching goal will be to track progress on these committee functions while truly supporting and appreciating MA staff who operate the Equestrian Center on a day-to-day basis.
- We anticipate the initial meetings will include operational updates from staff and trainers, benchmarking reports of fee structures and operations from similar centers, communications updates, reviews of data from previous Equestrian Center task forces, staff recognition, safety updates, and preparing budget and operational improvement recommendations to be presented to the MA Board.
- If the new committee is successful, and boarders and residents will feel communications are improving, events at the Equestrian Center will highlight this asset for our community, and the committee will prepare budget recommendations for the MA Board to consider.

If you have time, please plan to attend a future Equestrian Center Committee meeting and show your support for our new committee volunteers and facility staff. As always, if you have any questions about the Equestrian Center, or about the new Equestrian Center Committee, please don't hesitate to contact General Manager Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org, or me at scottym@kcranch.org. We are here to be of service and help in any way that we can. And thank you for your continued support and involvement in shaping the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch and the Equestrian Center.



May

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
19	20	21 5:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	22 7:30 a.m. Equestrian Center Committee Meeting	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 Ranch House and Community Center Closed	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.

OUR COMMUNITY

Community Meeting Recording Regarding District Future Capital Funding



The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District held an online community meeting on May 7 regarding the District's Capital Plan and future funding strategies including possible continuation of a portion of the bond mill levy. The meeting was recorded and posted on our YouTube channel in order to reach a broader audience. We encourage residents to watch the video, which has been trimmed down to just the 20-minute presentation portion to make it easier to fit into your schedule! Please scan the QR code above to watch the video! Be sure to take the pre- and post-presentation surveys linked in the video for your feedback to be provided to the District Board. There was also a Q&A portion of the May 7 meeting, which is linked separately on our YouTube channel if you would like to hear the questions that were asked. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Traci Wieland at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org.

OUTDOOR ED

Let Your Kids' Education Take Flight at our Raptor Experience and Nature Day!

Join us for a fun-filled Nature Day on June 15 from 10-11:30 a.m. in Ken-Caryl's open space! The Open Space Committee and Ken-Caryl Ranch Rangers would like to invite the community to a morning of learning and exploring in our open space. Participants will meet at the Bradford firepit, near the Bradford Perley House in The Valley, and can participate in a short, guided hike, a nature scavenger hunt, wildlife education, crafts, historical tour and a visit from a live raptor (courtesy of the Raptor Education Foundation). The event is geared towards 5-10-year-olds. 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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Water and Weeds

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Hello Ken-Caryl!

Let me take a few minutes to talk about two important issues of lawn maintenance — water and weeds. Although we have had a lot of moisture recently, we will for sure experience much dry heat soon. During the spring season, unattended weeds can really take control of your yard. Right now, it seems that dandelions are everywhere. Hopefully the following information will be helpful.



First, it is not always easy to determine the amount of water or the frequency of watering that your lawn needs. The type of grass and type of soil are two factors to consider when applying water. Each time you water, apply enough water to moisten as much of the turf grass as possible. Also, grass growing on sandy soil needs a smaller amount of water more often while a clay base requires more water less often. In Ken-Caryl Ranch, we have both types of soil.

Second, the presence of weeds detracts greatly from the time and expense you put forward to make your lawn a pretty place for you and your family to enjoy. When you discover weeds, dig them up by the roots, getting the complete root if possible. Weeding is easier if it follows lawn watering or heavy rain, as the soil is looser, and the roots are more easily pulled out completely. Many grassy weeds such as quack grass should be dug out, removing the entire root. Then place the topsoil and good grass seed in the bare spot that remains. Keep this area moist until the seedlings are up and strong. When using herbicides, remember to take caution to apply the least amount possible. Apply when the air is still, do not allow children and pets to play on the treated areas for several days and always make sure to read the directions thoroughly before application. And of course, don't forget those rock beds, mulch areas and the weeds that love to pop up into any little crack it can find in our walkways and driveway.

Let's all do our part to keep up the aesthetics of Ken-Caryl Ranch.

I hope you all have a great Memorial Day weekend!

And as always, be kind!

Darci

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ken-Caryl Community Garage Sale June 7 & 8

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. Please register to appear on our Community Garage Sale Map, located on the Special Events page of our website at www.ken-carylran.org. The map will show addresses for all registered sales in the community. Submissions will be listed on the map by Monday, June 3 by 4 p.m. The deadline to submit your address online is Monday, June 3 at 12 p.m. Please note that the map does not automatically update after completing your submission and that updates will be made periodically until the final update is made on Monday, June 3 by 4 p.m.

Garage Sale signs are available for purchase at the Ranch House front desk for \$8, cash or check only.

Don't forget to follow the Signage Policy when you place out your garage sale signs!

New this year - on Sunday, June 9, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., a Goodwill truck will be parked in the Ranch House parking lot in the northwest corner by the disc golf course to collect unsold items from the garage sale.

OUR COMMUNITY

Wednesday Nights at the Manor House Return this Summer!

Summer, summer, summertime is in the air... and at the Manor House with the return of their free Wednesday night events this summer on June 19, July 10 and Aug. 7! The July 10 event will be a joint celebration in honor of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association's 50th Anniversary – check out our flyer on page 10 for details!



Food trucks will be available for food purchase and local bands will entertain guests. No outside alcohol is permitted. Children are allowed with supervision. Doors open at 5 p.m.

How are My Property Taxes Allocated?

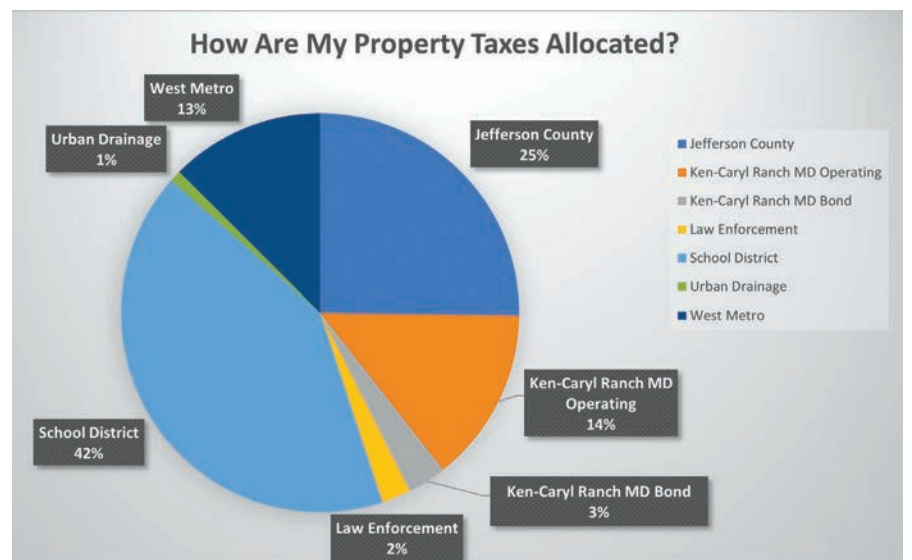
Property owners pay property taxes to the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office each year. The Treasurer's Office collects the taxes and then disburses funds to various taxing authorities such as the school district, special districts, Jefferson County and law enforcement.

Your property taxes are based on the property value established by the Jefferson County Assessor and the total mill levies for the taxing authorities that provide public services. Taxing authorities use the assessed value to determine their mill levies. A mill is 1/10 of one cent, or \$1 of revenue for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The actual value, determined by the assessor, is multiplied by a rate set by the legislature to arrive at an assessed value. The actual tax amount due is calculated by multiplying the assessed value by the tax mill levy for each taxing authority within the tax district.

Did you know that the largest portion, 42%, of your property tax bill goes to Jefferson County Public Schools? Your local park and recreation provider, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District, receives 14% of your total property tax bill for general operating and another 3% for the bond repayment mill, totaling 17%. The bond repayment mill, which makes up 3% of your total property tax bill, began in 2014 and is set to end in December 2024. See the pie chart printed with this article for a full breakout of your property tax allocations.

Financial forecasting for the District has revealed that revenues may not be enough to continue with the full maintenance of the District's capital infrastructure in the long term. As a potential capital funding option, the District's Board could place a ballot initiative on the November 2024 ballot asking voters to approve converting a portion of the bond mill levy as a general operating mill levy designated for capital and maintenance projects.

What do you think about continuing a portion of the bond mill? The District wants to hear from you! Please reach out to Traci Wieland at 303-979-1876, ext. 136, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org.



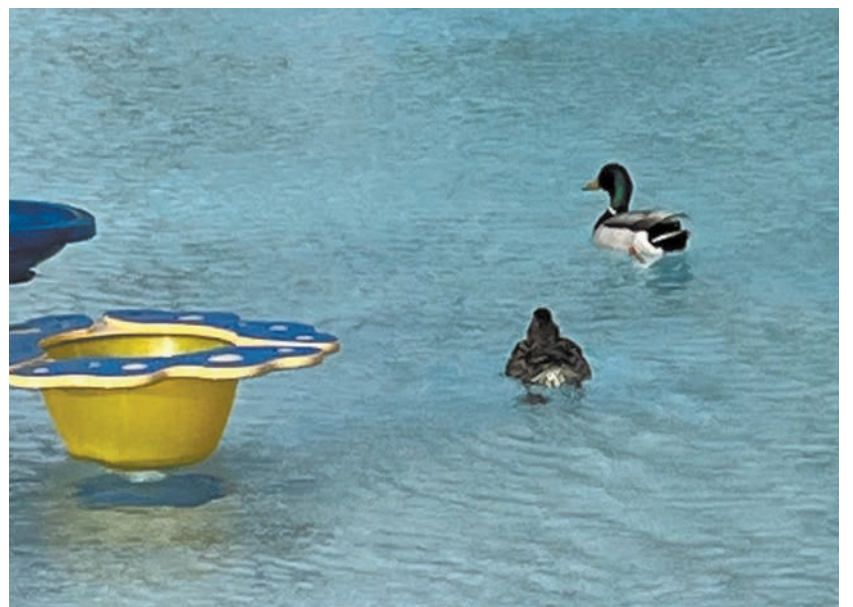
PARKS & REC

Register for Your FREE Pool Pass

Opening day for our pools is May 25! Have you registered for your *FREE pool pass? Our pools are getting filled and our lifeguards are undergoing training to make this summer's aquatics season the best yet! Are you ready? Spend more time at the pools and less time online by registering for your FREE pool pass ahead of time via our website at www.ken-carylran.org and click on the Register icon on the top of your screen. *Free pool passes are for Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District residents only.

PICTURE THIS! - Ken and Carrol Migrate to the Ranch House Pool

They are back! Ken and Carrol enjoy a dip in the Ranch House pool as we ready our facilities for opening Day on May 25! Duck tested. Duck approved!



Volunteer Patrollers on the Trails!

By Matt Öven, Park Ranger Supervisor

Spring is here in Ken-Caryl Ranch and with the warmer temperatures, trail use is increasing. Park Rangers will be out on patrol and so will the Volunteer Patrollers. Volunteer Patrollers are a big help to staff and in 2023 contacted 2,789 users, patrolled 1,421 trails and donated over 750 hours of patrol!

To become a volunteer patroller (VP), attendance at an initial 2.5-hour training is required, which includes contact scenarios. VPs are trained on many aspects, but the major one obviously is making a professional contact. This includes an introduction/gaining the users attention, reason for stopping the user, educating on subject matter or any rule violation and a positive closing. The contact scenario training attempts to review all types of possible contacts in the field. What complicates matters is that VPs (along with Park Rangers) have to verify Ken-Caryl Ranch residency by either viewing an ID Bracelet (yellow Ken-Caryl Ranch resident trail bracelets or Ken-Caryl/Willow Springs Trail Crew bracelets that are orange) on the person or bike, or stopping the user to verify residency or membership.

Depending on the amount of time with a hiker, runner or biker, it may be a few seconds to a quarter of a second at best to try and view a bracelet. If the bracelet is not visible, like on the front of a bike or person wearing a backpack or on a wrist, VPs are required to stop the trail user to verify residency or membership by asking them for an address (possibly a family name to check records). VPs try their best to approach trail users in a positive manner and the job is difficult as it takes many hours of practicing contacts to become proficient. VPs are always trying to educate and also identify any trespassers and direct them to leave the private trails. This is different from being a VP/host at a public open space area or park agency as one is not stopping or directly contacting every user on the trails or parks.

Ken-Caryl residents, please do your part too!

- If you have the KCR ID Bracelet (yellow), or a Ken-Caryl/Willow Springs Trail Crew Bracelet (orange), please attach the bracelet on your wrist, front of pack, dog leash, or handlebars!
- Please do not place the bracelet in your pocket, attach it to backside of backpack (hat or helmet), or under your bike seat, in the wheel hub, neck/stem, etc., where it is not clearly visible.
- If stopped by a VP, please answer the questions accordingly and do not get agitated. VPs are volunteers helping to keep our open space private and for residents only.

With limited time to verify a bracelet when oncoming trail users appear, having it displayed correctly is the best way for a VP or Ken-Caryl Park Ranger to recognize an authorized user. After viewing the bracelet, VPs can offer a simple verbal thank you, wave or thumbs up sign. Another crucial part is that VPs (and rangers) have to also view the bracelet text, symbol or serial number to actually make sure it is an approved bracelet and not someone with just the same color bracelet trying to commit fraud.

In addition, if a bracelet is not observed, VP's will stop the trail user to confirm Ken-Caryl residency or membership.

VPs can be identified by their blue vest, ID with black and silver patch and orange bike placard, and are the only authorized volunteers to contact users on the trail system. Please remember, the VPs are donating their free time and are not paid. They are trained to educate residents on all rules of the open space, attempting to keep out trespassers and want to do their part to assist the community in keeping Ken-Caryl Ranch a great place to live.

Any questions about the program can be directed to Ranger Supervisor Matt Öven at 720-512-3521 or send via email at matto@kcranch.org.



Bears Active at Ken-Caryl Ranch

By the Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers

Spring has arrived in Ken-Caryl Ranch, and so have the bears. A recent report of bear activity included a bear with cubs knocking over multiple trash cans and digging through garbage looking for food. As a reminder, please remove or secure all potential food sources that are accessible to bears on your property.

The reporting party stated that in their neighborhood, many of the neighbors leave their cans out the night before trash pick-up. This can be avoided if residents put their trash out the morning of their trash pick-up day. Bears are typically more active in the evening, at night and in the early hours of the morning. By reducing the time trash is out on the street, the chances of bears digging through them are reduced. This prevents trash from blowing across Ken-Caryl, making the trash services worker's jobs harder, and also, most importantly, it protects the bears.

Bears, along with their young, will too easily associate trash days with free food. Cubs will grow and learn to teach their young the same habits as their mother sow did, digging through your trash. It is your responsibility to help prevent this cycle and keep the bears wild. All too often, bears become comfortable with these practices, and the result is the euthanasia of that bear and the cycle may keep repeating itself. Only humans can stop the cycle, so please do not be a part of the problem and help protect our resident wildlife!

Remember to remove all attractants:

- Birdfeeders should be removed until winter when bears are not active
- Place secured garbage cans outside for pick-up in the morning only, year-round
- Burn food off barbeque grills and clean after each use
- Clean garbage cans with ammonia to discourage bears and other wildlife
- Don't leave food, trash, coolers, air fresheners or anything that smells in your vehicle
- Lock bear-accessible doors and windows in the house, garage and car at night
- Remove any ripened fruit that has fallen to the ground from your property

Bears that get too comfortable around people can destroy property or even become a threat to human safety. Habituated bears must often be destroyed. Please don't let bears die needlessly. Do your part to bear-proof your home and property, and help keep bears alive and wild.

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Recycling and Tote Delivery Updates

As of the printing of this issue, there is still a delivery delay for 64-gallon sized recycling totes by Waste Connections from a third-party provider to residents who placed their orders online by the March 15 deadline. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. As this is a bi-weekly publication that is delivered to residents every other week, please be sure to check our Facebook page @Ken-CarylRanch and our website at www.ken-carylranh.org for immediate updates.



The latest recycling updates include:

- There is still a new tote delivery delay.
- Residents may still use their current recycling totes until Waste Connections can fulfill resident tote orders placed online prior to the March 15 deadline.
- Once Waste Connections has the inventory to fulfill online tote orders, they will either 1.) contact residents directly regarding new tote deliveries/swap outs, or 2.) residents who may have missed a swap out can still place their old totes, cans, bins, etc., out the day of their trash collection services and label them, "Please take as trash."
- If Waste Connections doesn't pick up your old tote, residents are advised to put out their totes labeled as trash the following week and/or until it is collected.
- Waste Connections has assured us that, while it may take time, they are committed to collecting all old bins from residents during their scheduled trash collection days.

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.**

Questions? Please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org and click on the *Resident Resources* tab, then Trash, Utilities & Subassociations.

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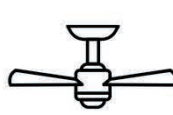
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2024 Ken-Caryl Pool Updates

Pool Pass Registration Now Open

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

For entry into the pool you may use the following:

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

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

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

District residents may register for their pool passes via our website at www.ken-carylranh.org 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!



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.

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.

Celebrating National Senior Health & Fitness Day on May 29!



May 29 is National Senior Health & Fitness Day. As the Nation's largest annual older adult health and wellness event, its goals are to help keep older Americans healthy and fit, and to showcase what local organizations are doing in their communities to promote senior health and wellness. Join us from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Community Center, where we will offer several FREE events all day including a Zumba class, Hatha Yoga, Aqua Zumba, Body Composition Assessments, Buffet & Bingo and MORE! To view the schedule, and to secure your spot in our FREE classes, please visit the Fitness page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Light lunch and prizes for bingo donated by Silver Sponsors Crystal Adams with Equity Real Estate and Premier Mountain Insurance. Pre-registration is required for all events. Bingo is limited to 30 participants.



PICTURE THIS! - Frozen Foragers

Frosty foragers find a patch of green following a spring snowstorm. Image courtesy of resident photo contributor Tom Ryan.



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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. Survey deadline is June 5.



Know Before You Throw: Resident Recycling Tools

Know before you throw... something away! Please refer to the image below to help you determine what can be recycled and what cannot. Printed copies of the flyer are also available at the Ranch House and the Community Center during normal business hours. Have a question about a particular item? Visit www.wasteconnections.com/disposal-recycle-guide/ to access Waste Connections' online recycling tool! Enter the item type and see if it can be recycled or trashed!

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Chisel class	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
Zumba class	8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
Aqua Zumba class	8:45 - 9:35 a.m.
Hatha Yoga class	9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Body Composition Assessment	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Buffet and Bingo	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Reb3l Groove class	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Preregistration is required for all events. Bingo is limited to 30 participants. Register for Body Composition at the front desk.

Light lunch and prizes for bingo donated by our generous sponsors:

Annual Recycling & Clean-Up Event a Success!

Another successful Recycling and Clean-Up Event in the books! Many thanks to our amazing volunteers, sponsors, board members, friends, staff and residents for all of their support and participation in this year's event! The Recycling and Clean-Up Event was held on May 4 at the Ranch House.

"I love [this event], I look forward to it every year," said Nancy Oelz, a Valley resident since 1985. "I save all of my things that needed to be shredded. It's wonderful!"

Residents were able to dispose of many items and trash consisting of yard waste, trash, old tires, documents – and even the kitchen sink – at the Master Association's annual event!

"Over 13k in just electronics [was collected], [so] residents should be proud that it is all kept out of the landfills," said event partner provider Nina Lemoi with Techno Rescue, a veteran-owned small business based out of Aurora that has been part of the Recycling and Clean-Up Event for several years.

Special thanks to all our vendors, Techno Rescue, Xpress Shred, Coloradoland Tire & Service, Waste Connections and GreenSheen for their partnership at this year's event. Thank you to volunteers Gary Abeyta, Mark Knott, Debbie Seagraves and Chris Figge. Additionally, thanks goes out to Ken-Caryl Ranch Firewise and South Metro Fire-Rescue, the Ken-Caryl Parks Department staff, Platinum Sponsor Eva Stadelmaier, Platinum Sponsor A Little North Insurance and Gold Sponsors Fusion Financial Group and Premier Mountain Insurance.



Southwest Metro Fire Rescue crew members provided fire safety information to residents attending this year's event, in partnership with Ken-Caryl's Firewise Committee and Committee Chair Karyn Abraham (not pictured).



MA Board Secretary Debbie Seagraves greeted event guests and helped direct traffic.



Gold Sponsor Keri Pugh, far right, with Fusion Financial Group greeted guests at this year's event.



Members of the Parks Department were on hand with their chipper.



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Mochi – (293796)

Mochi is 4-year-old female Boxer/ Bulldog mix. When young, she missed out on the positive experiences that would have helped her cope with new or busy situations. Mochi seeks a patient owner to help her build skills in this area. A well-adjusted dog friend would also benefit Mochi's transition to her new home. She is available to homes without kids or with kids aged 10 or older.



Rex – (293602)

15-year-old male cat. This handsome older guy loves petting and will purr up a storm when his chin and neck are rubbed. Relaxed Rex likes the simple things in life: yummy treats, a window to watch over the neighborhood and soft places for long naps.

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

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PICTURE THIS! - No ifs, ands or Butts About It

Resident and Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell snapped and shared this photo of three elk meandering in Ken-Caryl's open space!



Join us in celebrating the Ken-Caryl Ranch
Master Association's 50th Anniversary

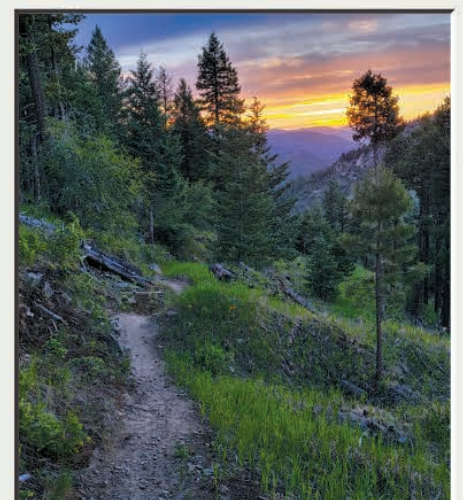


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Tennis & Pickleball

Food Truck Fridays

NEW for 2024! Join us for Food Truck Fridays on 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, scan the corresponding QR code below.



Tasty Tuesdays

Enjoy family time and an outdoor picnic at our weekly Tasty Tuesday food truck events from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Ranch House parking lot now through July 30 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 corresponding QR code below.



Memorial Day Event

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

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National Senior Health & Fitness Day on May 29!

May 29 is National Senior Health & Fitness Day. As the Nation's largest annual older adult health and wellness event, its goals are to help keep older Americans healthy and fit, and to showcase what local organizations are doing in their communities to promote senior health and wellness. Join us from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Community Center, where we will offer several FREE events all day including a Zumba class, Hatha Yoga, Aqua Zumba, Body Composition Assessments, Buffet & Bingo and MORE! To view the schedule, and to secure your spot in our FREE classes, please scan the Fitness QR code above!

Light lunch and prizes for bingo donated by Silver Sponsors Equity Real Estate and Premier Mountain Insurance. Pre-registration is required for all events. Bingo is limited to 30 participants.

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. NEW! On Sunday, June 9, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., a Goodwill truck to be parked in the Ranch House parking lot in the NW corner by the disc golf course to collect unsold items from the garage sale. 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.

Rockin' the Ranch

Experience the Rockin' in the Ranch Summer Concert Series with the sensational Yellow Dogs on June 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ranch House/Soccer Field! Get ready to groove as we bring you an electrifying evening of music! Indulge in delicious offerings from food trucks, and treat your tastebuds to a symphony of flavors. Don't forget to bring your own chairs for a comfortable and enjoyable night filled with rhythm, food and fun! This event is FREE! Thank you Platinum Sponsor A Little North Insurance and Silver Sponsor Tacos Por Dias.

Outdoor Education Takes Flight at our Raptor Experience!

Join us for a fun-filled Nature Day on June 15 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Bradford Fire Pit! The Open Space Committee and Ken-Caryl Rangers would like to invite the community to a morning of learning and exploring in our open space. We will have options for a short, guided hike, a nature scavenger hunt, wildlife education, crafts, historical tour and a visit from a live raptor (courtesy of the Raptor Education Foundation). The event is geared towards children 5-10 years in age. We encourage carpooling or walking/biking to the event as parking is limited. Absolutely NO street parking along Killdeer Lane. Also, NO DOGS allowed for the protection of the live raptor at the event. This event is FREE, no registration required.

Movie in the Park

Come join us for an unforgettable outdoor movie night under the stars on June 22 from dusk to 10 p.m. at the Ranch House Soccer Fields! We're screening "The Sandlot" as the sun sets. Enjoy complimentary popcorn as you settle in for the show. Remember to bring your own chairs for maximum comfort! This event is FREE!



Aquatics

Kate McDonald
Aquatics and Community Supervisor
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Season Pool Passes

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

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

Fitness Classes and Personal Training
Please scan the QR code above to visit our website for the most up-to-date information on classes, hours and fitness sessions.

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The Ken-Caryl Ranch e-News is a weekly newsletter distributed every Monday via email to all residents who subscribe. To sign up for the e-News, go to www.ken-carylranh.org and fill out the e-News sign-up form on the home page or send an email to allisonr@kcranch.org.

Storytime at the Ranch House
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Adult Programs

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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.



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June Ageless & Unstoppable: Touching Hearts at Home: Home Care Services for Seniors

Join us for our next Ageless & Unstoppable program on Thursday, June 6 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Ranch House with Touching Hearts at Home, in-home care for Seniors! Touching Hearts at Home offers an array of home care services for seniors, people living with medical conditions or disabilities, those in transition from hospital to home and anyone over the age of 18 who can benefit from the help of a professional caregiver. It's also about the relationships they build and being able to give their clients the peace of mind that they are always in good hands. Whether it is running errands, light housekeeping or even personal care (along with a list of other services), they are here to help. Join us and learn more about these services!

***Beginning in June, Ageless & Unstoppable will be moving to a weekly programming format on Thursdays! To view upcoming program dates and topics, please scan the QR code above.**

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Food Truck Fridays are a Hit!

Many thanks to all of our residents who came out for our inaugural Food Truck Friday event at the Dakota Lodge on Friday, May 3. Attendees feasted on fabulous food truck offerings from Laziz Ya Lebanese and Repicci's Italian Ice & Gelato. Kids enjoyed bouncy house playtime at the event!

Many thanks to Platinum Event Sponsor Bre Small with eXp Realty!



Resident and Food Truck Friday Platinum Sponsor Bre Small, right, with her husband Andy and daughters Samantha, left, and Brooklyn right.



PICTURE THIS! - In a Misty Morning

Resident photo contributor Kathy K. submitted this stunning photo of the last remnants of white snow against the warm red rocks in The Valley.



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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 to the right.

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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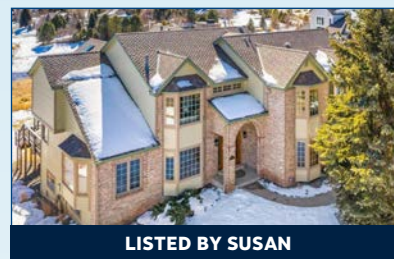
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Adult Kickball League Kicks Things Up a Notch!

By Allison Rager, Editor

Residents and friends got their kicks on the grass on Sunday, May 5, as part of Ken-Caryl's Adult Kickball League's inaugural games at the Ranch House! Many thanks to Gold Sponsor Gravina's Window Center of Littleton for their generous support of this league!

Ten teams comprised of 151 players "kicked it" as part Ken-Caryl's Adult Kickball League in early May. Games began on May 5 and were welcomed with a spirit of healthy competition, camaraderie and community connectedness. Organized by Plains resident Jimmy Land, Ken-Caryl's Adult Kickball League has been positively received, with registrations filling up fast for players and subs. This year's shirts are as colorful as team names, such as The Ball Busters, Your Base or Mine and I'm Just Ken (Caryl).

The tables were turned with adults taking to the field and their kids cheering on their parents as spectators. While this year's roster is capped, residents are welcome to swing by the Ranch House baseball diamond on Sundays to spectate and get in the spirit of the game!

"I am just super ecstatic with the turnout and community involvement with such a new program," said Jimmy. "I did not see anyone without a smile on their face on opening day! It was a lot of fun, had by all! Even people walking their dogs or riding their bikes stopped to watch and inquire what we were doing. I can't imagine what this league will become down the road if this is the turnout so far!"



The No Names, in light blue, vs. I'm Just Ken (Caryl), in yellow, played at the Ranch House baseball field as part of Ken-Caryl's Adult Kickball League's inaugural games in early May. Photo courtesy of Jimmy Land.



Team Your Base or Mine, in orange, faced off against The Ball Busters, in pink, for an epic game of kickball on Sunday, May 5 at the Ranch House. Resident Heather Murphy, kicking, was certainly a game MVP for The Ball Busters. Your Base or Mine secured the "W" with a score of 11-7.



Plains resident and league organizer Jimmy Land gets into the game as pitcher!



Melina Brozek spectates and cheers on her mom at "bat"!



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How apropos! A swallow perched atop the Swallow Trail sign at the south end of Swallow Trail in the South Valley. As seen and snapped by resident Ted Gardner.



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Another Successful Project Day

By Tim Redmond, Resident

On May 4, neighbors in the Stratford Farms and Shaffer Hill Neighborhoods participated in their Annual Project Day. Project days began years ago as a way for neighbors to join together to beautify their neighborhood.

This year, as in previous years, we had a great turnout! Equipped with various tools, neighbors concentrated on removing dead limbs and other debris from two orphan lots on Blue Sage. Ken-Caryl Ranch Wildfire Mitigation Specialist and Park Ranger Keith McMillan graciously offered his time to supervise and instruct the crew on sound fire mitigation practices. Other neighbors focused on weeding and cleaning up the entries to the Stratford Farms and Shaffer Hill neighborhoods.

Many thanks to all who participated. A special thanks goes out to Ken-Caryl Open Space Manager Sean Warren and Keith McMillan for their help and counsel.

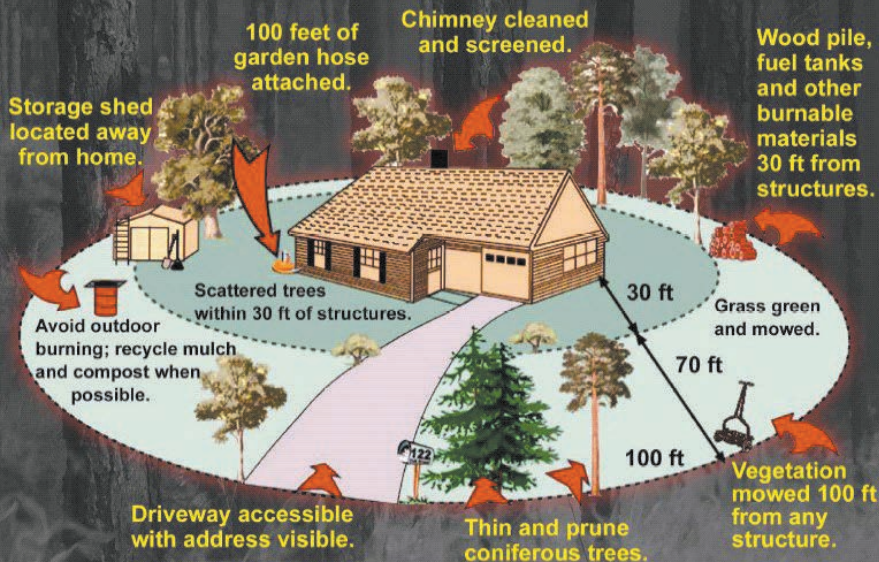


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Dear Editor

Monarchs, Milkweed and Mayhem (Part I)

In the following free verse poem, John Beharry captures why we are in awe of the lovely, delicate and winged wonders that we call Monarch butterflies. Native to the American Tropics, Monarchs are now beloved the world over in Australia, India, Western Europe as well as Canada, Mexico and the Americas. These majestic butterflies are celebrated for their intergenerational long distance (up to 3,000 miles) migration from their eastern and western summer homes in northern United States to their overwintering grounds in South-Central Mexico and California, respectively.

the Monarch Butterfly
hanging from the foliage
in your hundreds
repainting the leaves
in bright shades
of black and orange
with your waterproof
gossamer wings
of four-inch span
so fragile and
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enabling you
to journey south

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you are indeed
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of butterflies

The eastern and western migrating Monarchs are threatened. In the United States, they are candidates for the Endangered Species List. As of Dec. 11, 2023, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature listed the migrating monarchs as "vulnerable." Researchers estimate that the eastern population (those east of the Rocky Mountains) has declined by 80% since 1990 and the western population (those west of the Rocky Mountains)

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has decreased by 95% since the 1980's. The World Wildlife Fund states, "New data detailing the abundance of the eastern Monarch butterfly colonies wintering in central Mexico's forests during the 2023-2024 winter season has declined by 59%..."

Kathy Webster, Resident

Editor's note: This is part one of a letter to editor. Additional segments will be printed in subsequent issues of Life at Ken-Caryl to preserve the integrity of the article and to publish it in its entirety as the author intended.

Dear Editor

The proposed Wildcat Trail in the untouched South Docmann area would be a huge environmental mistake for the benefit of the few. It would be so far away from our residential trail heads that it could never justify the \$100,000 cost. It would lie south of the Docmann Gulch and the newest Docmann loop trail which averages only one hiker per day. The mountain biking contingent and racing groups are pushing to hasten construction of this totally unnecessary trail.

This area is unique because it is the only one left of its kind in our KCR Foothills Open Space. We should all care enough to make a difference and read the outstanding biological survey report by Melissa Belmar of Collective Ecological Consulting, LLC. Please go to Ken-Caryl website (www.ken-carylranh.org). At the top of the page click "Open Space," scroll down to "Rules, Plans, Studies," and then to Open Space Plans, & Studies," and then at last: to "Wildcat Ridge Biological Resources (Not Cultural Resources) Survey Report" and then click on "download." If this octogenarian can do it, so can you. The human footprint has not yet crushed this relatively small area, which has remained pristine prior to our housing development in KCR. It is really enjoyable to read about this valuable asset and to help preserve it for future generations.

1. The MA Board should wait patiently for the 2025 Community Survey to decide the fate of this rough terrain, but a habitat full of biodiversity as a protected ecosystem.
2. This could be our future "Wildlife Protected Area," the pride of Ken-Caryl.
3. Then the variety of raptors, other birds and mammals could continue to spill undeterred into the Docmann Gulch and be viewed from the trails at higher elevations.
3. With this stupid "Wildcat Trail," it would encourage more non-resident encroachment from adjacent Jefferson County property as per the biological survey report.
4. There are so many other more pressing problems that need the \$100,000.
5. The 2025 Community Survey should decide the future of this special area because there is no logical justification to hurry this decision.

James Fodor, Resident

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