

Cheers to 50 Years!

Residents came out in celebration of the Master Association's 50th Anniversary at the historic Manor House on July 10.

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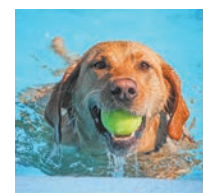
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Doggie Dip Day Aug. 17!

Life's ruff when it is hot outside and you're donning a fur coat! So, in honor of the 'dog' days of summer, we're turning over the Ranch House Pool to our furry, four-legged residents to close out the summer pool season! It's Fido's turn to take a dip in the pool for our annual Doggie Dip Day event on Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.! Your canine companion will be able to (dog) paddle their way to fun and enjoy paw-some activities and a chance to win prizes! This event is for fully vaccinated, well-behaved dogs who can obey owner commands and can get along well with other dogs and patrons. For details and registration information, please see the flyer on page 10. *Please note that this year, only dogs will be allowed to swim in the pool. A big thank you to our generous in-kind sponsor, Crystal Adams, for sponsoring Doggie Dip Day!



Come Try Out the Improved South Valley Road Trail

By Traci Wieland, MD District Manager

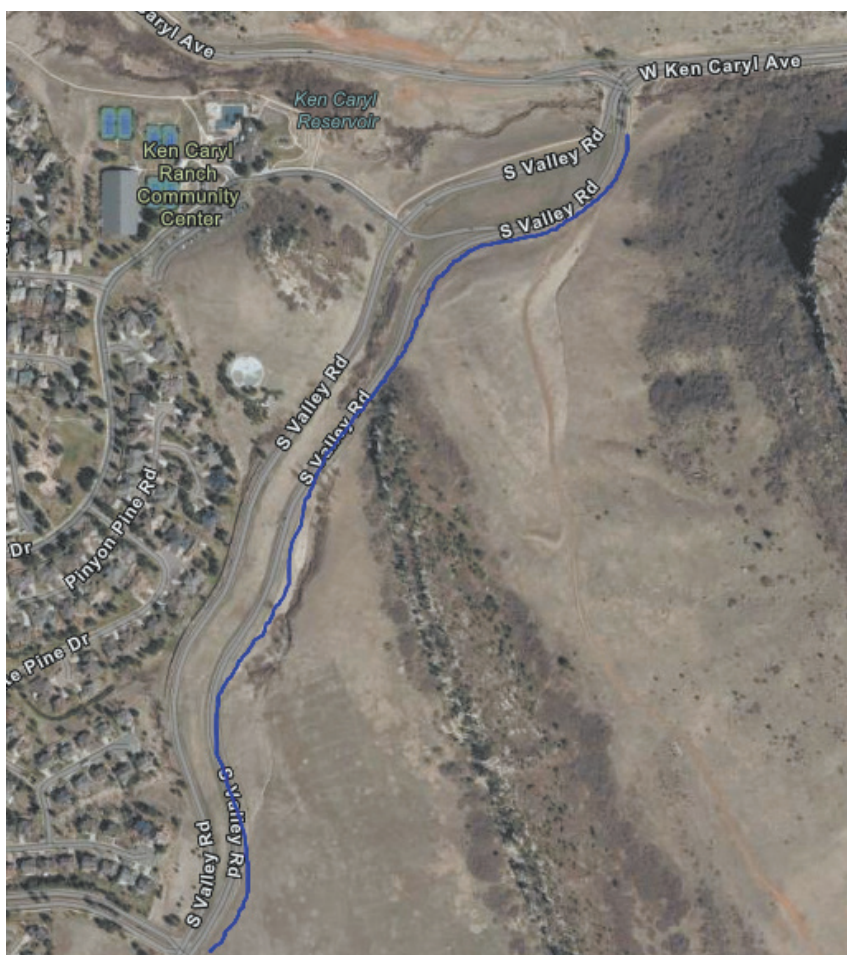
Have you checked out the newly renovated South Valley Road Trail? The trail runs along the east side of South Valley Road, just south of the entrance to the Valley.

Join us for a grand opening event for this amazing amenity! There is limited parking near the trail, so please wheel or walk your way over to the trailhead on the south end of the trail near the intersection of South Valley Road and Valley Parkway on Tuesday, Aug. 6 between 5 and 7 p.m. for the trail's official grand opening. Staff will have a table at the event where you can grab some giveaways, snacks and be entered into a drawing for a special prize!

The 3,750-foot-long trail was previously asphalt with multiple sections disintegrating and cracking. The new trail is concrete and was widened from 8 feet to 10 feet to better allow for a variety of user types, including bikers, hikers, runners and families with strollers. This project, which cost approximately \$600,000, was a 50/50 funding collaboration between the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District and Jefferson County Open Space's Trails Partnership Program, which is funded with Jefferson County Open Space sales tax proceeds. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association also contributed \$5,000 toward the project.

While the name "South Valley Road Trail" is utilitarian, it doesn't really capture the essence of the trail. We want the community to help name this amazing open space asset. Stay tuned for details on a naming contest!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 303-979-1877, or via email at traciw@kcranch.org.



South Valley Road Trail Grand Opening

Tuesday, Aug. 6 / 5-7 p.m.

Walk and wheel on over to the south end of the trail near the intersection of South Valley Road and Valley Parkway for giveaways, snacks and to be entered into a drawing for a special prize!

August

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

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 9:30 a.m. Babytime Ranch House Picnic Shelter 10:15 a.m. Storytime Ranch House Picnic Shelter	2	3
4	5	6 5-7 p.m. South Valley Road Trail Grand Opening South Valley Rd Trailhead	7 5:30 p.m. Firewise Committee Meeting	8 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 9:30 a.m. Babytime Ranch House Bradford Room 10:15 a.m. Storytime Ranch House Bradford Room	9 5:30 p.m. Food Truck Friday Dakota Lodge	10 5 p.m. Rockin' in the Ranch Ranch House Soccer Field
11	12	13 6 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	14	15 7:30 a.m. Equestrian Center Committee 9:30 a.m. Babytime Ranch House Bradford Room 10:15 a.m. Storytime Ranch House Bradford Room	16	17 10 a.m. Doggie Dip Day Ranch House Pool
18	19	20 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	21	22 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 9:30 a.m. Babytime Ranch House Bradford Room 10:15 a.m. Storytime Ranch House Bradford Room	23	24 7:45 p.m. Movie in the Park Ranch House Soccer Field
25	26	27 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	28	29 9:30 a.m. Babytime Ranch House Bradford Room 10:15 a.m. Storytime Ranch House Bradford Room	30	

Information regarding audio and video conferencing options for public meetings will be communicated as it becomes available. See website at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org for details.



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Why Architectural Approval is Necessary for Exterior Home Improvements

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Submitting approval for exterior home improvements in Ken-Caryl Ranch is crucial as our HOA has established guidelines and rules that govern the aesthetics, safety and harmony of the community. These rules are designed to maintain property values and ensure that any changes made to a property do not negatively impact the neighborhood.



The process to submit a project is fairly simple. You can find Exterior Improvements under the *Resident Resources* tab on our website at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org. Simply put in your numerical address and a few letters of your street name and your household name should populate. Once you select your desired project, please provide us with a detailed description of your project. Attach photos, paint chips, links, etc., to your submittal. The more information you provide, the faster you will receive your approval. Remember to take photos of your home, the materials you will be using and the area you are improving.

Failure to seek approval for exterior home improvements can have costly consequences. Unauthorized exterior home or business improvements will likely be issued a violation notice. These will require you to rectify the unauthorized changes and apply for retroactive approval within a specific timeframe. The Architectural Committee has the authority to enforce compliance with their regulations on a case-by-case basis.

If you get stuck and need assistance submitting your project, I am always happy to help.

And as always, Be kind!
Darci

SPECIAL EVENTS

Last Call for Wednesday Nights at the Manor House!

Summer, summer, summertime is in the air... and at the Manor House with their free Wednesday night events! The last event of the summer will take place on Aug. 7!



Photo courtesy of resident Dean Insalaco.

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

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TUESDAYS
9:15 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.
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SEPTEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 12

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Attention Ken-Caryl Ranch Businesses! We Need Your Sponsorship Support!

Light up the season and support your community!

Ken-Caryl Ranch is known for its exciting events throughout the year, and the fall and winter seasons are no exception! We're seeking enthusiastic sponsors to help make these events a reality for residents of all ages.

Sponsorship offers a fantastic opportunity to:

- Showcase your business to hundreds of local residents
- Build brand recognition and goodwill within the community
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Interested in sponsoring a fall/winter event?

Simply fill out the quick and easy form found on Special Events page of our website at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org. For questions or more details, contact Kate McDonald at katem@kcranch.org.

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Protecting Pets and Wildlife

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Wandering pets can spell trouble. Dogs are a two-fold problem for wildlife. When left to roam, they form packs and harass or kill wildlife. This is especially true in mountain and foothill subdivisions like Ken-Caryl. A pack of dogs—well fed or not—often kill deer and domestic livestock. Also, dogs and cats left unattended, even in a fenced yard, serve as potential food for coyotes and mountain lions.

Be aware of the potential predators in your area. Keeping a dog inside a fenced yard won't necessarily prevent an attack. It's best to keep your dog in a covered kennel or inside your home. In more urban areas, keeping your dog in a fenced yard will usually prevent problems. Respect other people's spaces and don't let your dog jump fences into neighbor's property. Remember too, in Colorado, law enforcement officers are authorized to destroy dogs seen chasing wildlife and can fine the pet owners.



Cats can also become part of the food chain when allowed to roam. They are easy prey for mountain lions, coyotes and foxes. The presence of free-roaming cats can cause predators to remain in areas where they may not be welcome. Also, cats prey on small, ground-dwelling wildlife and birds. Keep cats under control, especially during the spring bird-nesting season.

- Keep dogs on a leash.
- On walks, with or without your dog, stay as far away from deer as possible.
- Don't allow dogs to roam free.
- Check your yard before letting your dog outside.
- Never let your dog chase deer or other wildlife.
- Tell children not to approach deer or any other wildlife.

MA Board Summary

On July 16, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held its monthly meeting and discussed the following items:

a. No discussion items were on the agenda.

The Board passed the following motions:

a. Motion A: A Motion to approve Final Design of Historic Kiln Trail.

b. Motion B: A Motion to approve completion of Ken Caryl Avenue Trail and Drainage/Safety modifications.

c. Motion C: A Motion to approve Final Design of Wildcat Trail as presented by the OSC in collaboration with the VTCs.



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NORTH RANCH

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Resident Business 5280 Gymnastics Hosts Annual Carnival for a Cause

By Allison Rager, Editor

The gym's annual fundraiser helps benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Light the Night Fundraiser

Come one, come all to 5280 Gymnastics' annual Carnival for a Cause! For more than two decades, resident business 5280 Gymnastics has not only offered a world-class gymnastics program through a variety of classes and programs that cater to participants of all ages and skill levels, but has also given back to the community they serve. This fall, they are once again hosting their annual Carnival for a Cause to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Light the Night Fundraiser to honor their late founder Jim Trammell, who lost his battle with blood cancer in 2017. 5280's Carnival for a Cause will be held on Sunday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the gym's location at 8110 Shaffer Pkwy #120 in Littleton.

5280 Gymnastics' origin is deeply rooted in a passion for the sport. The company was founded by the Trammells because of the love and magic that gymnastics brought to their own children's lives. Over the past 20 years, the gym has served more than 16,000 families. For more information on their programs and special events, please visit 5280's website at www.5280gymnastics.com/.



A family of tradition. 5280 Gymnastics Founders Jim and Beth Trammell, center, flanked by their kids Lauren and Tyler.

KCRMA Company Vehicle Usage and Driver Safety Policy



The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association recently adopted the KCRMA Company Vehicle Usage and Driver Policy to ensure the safety of employees and authorized volunteers acting on behalf of the Master Association who drive company vehicles and to provide guidance on the proper use of company fleet vehicles. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association expects employees and authorized volunteers acting on behalf of the Master Association to drive in a safe and courteous manner, following all motor vehicle laws as well as the following safety rules. To view this policy, please visit the Documents & Policies page of our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

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Resident photo contributor Kathy K. shared this photo of a beautiful bloom.



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2024 Mid-Year Review - Sales

Ken-Caryl Valley Residential

Community	# of Homes Sold	Average Sales Price	Average % of List/Sold	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Square Foot	Average Days on Market
Barrington Ridge	1	\$1,800,000	100%	3,937	\$457	1
Bradford Place	2	\$1,552,500	100%	2,966	\$524	12
Bridle Gate	0	-	-	-	-	-
Carriage Hill	5	\$1,558,000	94%	3,317	\$470	15
The Colony	0	-	-	-	-	-
Deer Creek	4	\$915,225	100%	1,706	\$536	7
Deerwood Vista	1	\$1,525,000	96%	3,533	\$432	20
Eagles Pointe	1	\$1,650,000	97%	3,361	\$491	8
The Enclave	1	\$1,050,000	100%	2,027	\$518	0
Heirloom	1	\$1,265,000	105%	2,552	\$496	4
Legacy	0	-	-	-	-	-
Manor Ridge	1	\$1,570,000	79%	3,582	\$438	147
North Ranch	6	\$1,760,743	95%	3,751	\$469	33
Retreat	0	-	-	-	-	-
Shaffer Hill	0	-	-	-	-	-
Shavano	1	\$1,125,000	100%	2,871	\$392	0
Stallion Pointe	1	\$1,390,000	107%	2,665	\$522	4
Stratford Farms	1	\$1,100,000	112%	2,406	\$457	6
Traditions	0	-	-	-	-	-
Wynterbrooke	2	\$1,199,500	98%	2,625	\$457	7
TOTALS YTD 2024	28	\$1,428,370	97%	3,001	\$476	19
TOTALS YTD 2023	34	\$1,312,134	99%	2,987	\$439	24
% Change 2023 vs 2024	-18%	9%	-2%	0%	8%	-21%

50% of closed transactions went for at or over their asking price.
61% of closed transactions went under contract in 7 days or less.

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Ken-Caryl Plains Residential

Community	# of Homes Sold	Average Sales Price	Average % of List/Sold	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Square Foot	Average Days on Market
Aspen Meadows	3	\$894,500	107%	2,212	\$404	3
Cimarron	5	\$837,200	104%	2,399	\$349	8
Quail Ridge	3	\$741,667	94%	2,229	\$333	43
Saddlewood	1	\$660,000	102%	1,957	\$337	88
Spread	1	\$895,950	100%	2,395	\$374	4
Territory	5	\$598,398	99%	1,399	\$428	14
Village	3	\$727,267	101%	1,988	\$366	8
TOTALS YTD 2024	21	\$753,535	101%	2,030	\$371	17
TOTALS YTD 2023	24	\$763,531	99%	2,244	\$340	28
% Change 2023 vs 2024	-13%	-1%	2%	-10%	9%	-39%

67% of closed transactions went for at or over their asking price.
57% of closed transactions went under contract in 7 days or less.

Ken-Caryl Plains Condos & Townhomes

Community	# of Homes Sold	Average Sales Price	Average % of List/Sold	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Square Foot	Average Days on Market
Mountain Gate	14	\$349,071	98%	1,007	\$347	38
Settlement	5	\$529,400	100%	1,830	\$289	13
Sunset Ridge	11	\$495,455	98%	1,495	\$331	23
TOTALS YTD 2024	30	\$432,800	98%	1,323	\$327	28
TOTALS YTD 2023	16	\$402,538	100%	1,213	\$332	21
% Change 2023 vs 2024	88%	8%	-2%	9%	-1%	33%

43% of closed transactions went for at or over their asking price.
40% of closed transactions went under contract in 7 days or less.



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National Night Out on Aug. 6

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Questions? Contact Communications Manager and *Life at Ken-Caryl* Editor Allison Rager at allisonr@kcranch.org.



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**August 10
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◆ SPECIAL EVENTS

Fantastic Food Truck Friday!

Last call! Residents are invited to enjoy the last Food Truck Friday event of the 2024 summer season on Aug. 9 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge to enjoy fun, festive and fabulous food along with family-friendly entertainment! So, be sure to mark your calendar for this final event of the season in August that will also feature a fun bouncy house.

Food Truck Fridays is brought to you by the Master Association and is generously supported by Platinum Sponsor Bre Small with eXp Realty!



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MY PERFECT DAY: Eating a stick and getting belly rubs

LIFE IS RUFF WHEN: When I ate all my sticks, and I don't get any belly rubs!

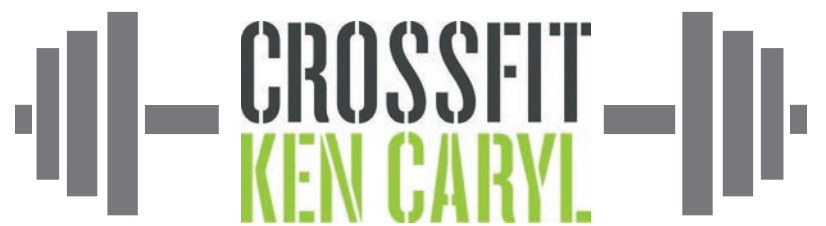


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Parcel A – Ken-Caryl Ranch North Plains Filing 1 and Ken-Caryl Ranch North Plains Filing 1 Adjustment 1 – 249 single family residential units

- The overlot grading, sub-excavation, and retaining walls have finished construction.
- The work on water, sanitary sewer, and storm utilities is nearing completion.
- Construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and street paving is currently in progress.
- The land developer anticipates delivering finished lots to Toll Brothers and Lennar in Q3 2024.
- Landscaping, trails, and park improvements will begin in Q2 2025 and are expected to be completed by the end of 2025.
- Construction of model homes will begin in Q3 2024, with initial home deliveries to homebuyers starting in Q1 2025.

Parcel B – Ken Caryl Ranch North Plains Filing 2 – 199 townhome units

- Overlot grading and the movement of approximately 500,000 cubic yards of dirt to Parcel A and Parcel C were completed the week of June 24, 2024.
- The sub-excavation work is scheduled to be completed in Q3 2024.
- The work on water, sanitary sewer, and storm utilities is scheduled for Q4 2024.
- Curb, gutter, sidewalk, and street paving work are planned for Q2 2025.
- The land developer expects vertical construction to begin sometime in 2025.
- Landscape, trails, and park improvements are expected to begin in 2025 with likely completion in 2026.

Parcel C – Ken-Caryl Ranch North Plains Filing 1 Adjustment 2 (JeffCo Case No. 22-108893SD) – 274 multi-family apartment units

- The land developer response to Jefferson County's final review comments was made on June 21, 2024.
- Comments are anticipated from Jefferson County week of July 8, 2024.
- The land developer expects the final documents to be approved and recorded by mid-August 2024.
- Earthwork, grading, and sub-excavation (including hauling from Parcel B) were completed the week of June 24, 2024.
- Horizontal infrastructure and vertical construction are expected to begin in Q2 2025.
- Vertical construction is expected to begin sometime in 2025.

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Keekee - 295234

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

Pretty Poison

By John Fosholt, Resident

Weed Warrior volunteer Bill Donahue discovered a poisonous myrtle spurge near a trail in The Valley

Bill Donahue was walking his dog along a trail in the Ken-Caryl Valley when he noticed a bright yellow shrub in an adjacent terrace. Bill is a member of the Ken-Caryl Weed Warriors, volunteers dedicated to preserving native vegetation in the Open Space.

"It was beautiful!" said Bill. "I thought I'd look for it in a local nursery."

But Bill's iPhone told him that the beautiful plant is actually a foreign invasive weed called myrtle spurge. Not only is the plant a noxious weed, but it is also a "List A" species requiring "statewide eradication."

"I was amazed by the health hazards listed for the plant," said Bill.

Bill and the other members of the KCR Weed Warriors are usually involved with tracking down and removing common noxious weeds like mullein, musk thistle, and scotch thistle. The plants are lovely when they bloom, but they are destructive to the lupines, roses and milkweed at home in the open space.

"While some find them attractive," says Jeffco Weed and Pest Management Specialist Alicia Doran, "The noxious weeds displace the natives which are beautiful themselves and support amazing native insects and wildlife that cannot survive when the area is overtaken by noxious weeds."

The Weed Warriors, as well as staff of the Master Association and Metropolitan District, are occasionally confronted by residents who accuse them of "destroying the wildflowers." Actually, the Colorado Noxious Weeds Act plainly identifies these species as foreign invaders, stating "It is the duty of all persons to use integrated methods to manage noxious weeds." The act also carries potential penalties for the owners of open space, such as residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch, who are in violation. The penalty can be up to a thousand dollars per violation. The Act does not specify whether the violation is a single plant or an acreage.

Ken-Caryl Ranch has not been penalized because its staff and residents have aggressively attacked the invading plants. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Rangers and contractors use herbicidal and biologic treatments, while volunteers clip seedheads and dig out roots.

The myrtle spurge discovered by Bill is another matter. The plant exudes a milky sap which is poisonous if ingested by people or their pets. The sap can cause severe rashes or burns when workers do not wear protective gloves and clothing. The sap also can cause blindness if it contacts human eyes.

The owner of the property where the spurge was found has promised to take action, but she doesn't recall how the plant came to her property.

The staff of local nurseries, such as

Jared's, say they don't know where a homeowner or contractor could buy myrtle spurge, because sale of the plant is prohibited. Some populations of the spurge may have been planted decades ago.

One member of the KCR Weed Warriors said she had seen myrtle spurge growing in a County Park near the Ranch. A Jeffco Park Ranger there told us she was unfamiliar with the plant. When shown a picture, she said "Wow! Some of those are growing in my front yard."

For more information and a complete list of noxious weeds in Jefferson County, please visit <https://www.jeffco.us/2007/Noxious-Weed-Identification>. For more information

on myrtle spurge, visit <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/> and enter keywords "myrtle spurge."



Dangerous outlaw. Myrtle spurge is a poisonous and noxious weed. Photo courtesy of resident Bill Donahue.



Musk thistle is not poisonous to people but is destructive to native plants. Photo courtesy of resident John Fosholt.



DOGIE DIP DAY

Saturday, August 17
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Ranch House Pool

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Special Events



Tennis & Pickleball



Youth Programs

Food Truck Fridays

Join us for our final Food Truck Friday event of the season on 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 QR codes on page 8.

Movie in the Park

Come join us for an unforgettable outdoor movie night under the stars on Saturday, August 24. We're screening "Elemental" at Ranch House Soccer Field as the sun sets. Remember to bring your own chairs for maximum comfort! Show begins at dusk, weather permitting. Craving the perfect movie night experience? Look no further! Our \$5 Combo Pack brings you the ultimate trio of treats: Popcorn, candy and refreshing pop! A big thank you to our generous Gold Sponsor, BAM Broadband for sponsoring Movie in the Park!

Adult Tennis Lessons

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

Babytime

Please join us with your little one for Babytime at the Ranch House from 9:30-10 a.m. at the Ranch House Picnic Shelter, 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! *Babytime will meet at the Ranch House Picnic Shelter each Thursday through Aug. 1 to accommodate summer camps, and will return to the Bradford room inside the Ranch House beginning Aug. 8.

Rockin' in the Ranch

Experience the Rockin' in the Ranch Summer Concert Series the sensational Vinyls on Aug. 10! Get ready to groove at the Ranch House Soccer Field as we bring you an electrifying evening of music from 5-7 p.m. Treat your tastebuds to a symphony of flavors with the food truck items available for purchase. Don't forget to bring your own chairs for a comfortable and enjoyable night filled with rhythm, food and fun! Thank you to Gold Sponsor BAM Broadband!



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Storytime at the Ranch House

Please join us from 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the Ranch House for Storytime, in partnership with the Jeffco Library, and have fun with our youngest residents! *Storytime will meet at the Ranch House Picnic Shelter each Thursday through Aug. 1 to accommodate summer camps, and will return to the Bradford room inside the Ranch House beginning Aug. 8.

Doggie Dip Day

Life's ruff when it is hot outside and you're donning a fur coat! So, in honor of the 'dog' days of summer, we're turning over the Ranch House Pool to our furry, four-legged residents to close out the summer pool season! It's Fido's turn to take a dip in the pool for our annual Doggie Dip Day event on Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.! Your canine companion will be able to (dog) paddle their way to fun and enjoy paw-some activities and a chance to win prizes! This event is for fully vaccinated, well-behaved dogs who can obey owner commands and can get along well with other dogs and patrons. Registration is open online by scanning the QR code below. *Please note that this year, only dogs will be allowed to swim in the pool. A big thank you to our generous in-kind sponsor, Crystal Adams, for sponsoring Doggie Dip Day!



Tennis Bash

Mark your calendar for the Ken-Caryl End of Summer 7.0 Challenge on Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1. This USTA sanctioned event is presented by Ken-Caryl Ranch and Sponsor Crystal Adams with Equity Realty and is a combined NTRP 7.0 rating doubles tournament where all teams are guaranteed at least two matches. Draws are limited to 16 teams, so register now at <https://www.usta.com/en/home.html> and log into your USTA account, then under "Play" select "Find Tournaments."

Junior Tennis Lessons

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Adult Programs

Ageless & Unstoppable

Join us for fun, educational programming geared toward seniors, retirees, and adults at Ageless & Unstoppable! Our next program will feature a workshop on Aging in Place, presented by Jared Kelso with Friends for Life, Inc., on August 1, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Ranch House! Best Practices for Aging-in-Place - Come hear what "good" looks like when someone decides to age in place and how to ensure you have the right support in place around you. Be sure to join us each Thursday through August! For program topics, please scan the QR code above. No registration required. Ageless & Unstoppable is proudly supported by Platinum Sponsor Kali Hepker with Equity Real Estate.

Coming Soon! New Playground Survey

The Master Association has three playground replacements planned for 2025-2026. Bradford Park, Brannon Gearhart Park and Settlement Park are all getting new playground equipment! Staff wants to make sure the right equipment is purchased to meet community needs and desires, so in preparation, the Master Association will be hosting a community survey to gather resident feedback. The Community Playground Survey will provide residents with the opportunity to provide feedback to help the MA determine community preferences prior to installation. All playground structures will be designed to comply with ADA standards, ensuring that children of all ages and abilities can fully utilize them!

Mark your calendars! The survey will open on Aug. 5 and will be accessible via our website, the Aug. 14 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, the e-news and on our Facebook page. This survey will run for three weeks, closing on Aug. 23 at 5 p.m.



Rendering of one of the proposed playground options featured in the upcoming Community Playground Survey that will open on Aug. 5.

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Cheers to 50 Years! The MA Celebrates a Half-Century of Service!

Happy 50th anniversary to the Master Association! Many thanks to all residents, staff, partners, MA Board Members and sponsors for helping to make our 50th bash a blast on July 10 at the historic Manor House! Residents of all ages came out to enjoy live music, food truck delights, a candy station courtesy of Platinum Activity Sponsor Eva Stadelmaier with RE/MAX, a free photo booth, balloon animals, lawn games and stunning vistas!

Special thanks to the Manor House, Platinum Activity Sponsors Eva Stadelmaier with RE/MAX for hosting the event's candy station, Karen Lamar with Coldwell Banker for supporting one of the events shuttle busses and to Knots and Dots for the stunning balloon arch!



Platinum Activity Sponsor Eva Stadelmaier with RE/MAX hosted the event's candy station, which was a big hit with our young residents!



Residents of all ages enjoyed the Master Association's 50th Anniversary celebration earlier this month. Photo courtesy of resident Keri Galvan.



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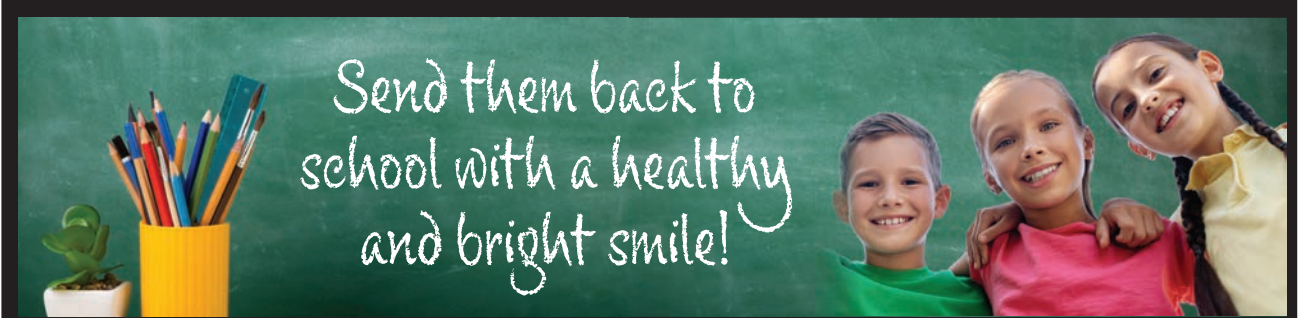
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Reduce Packaging Waste:

- **Buy in Bulk:** Purchase products in larger quantities to reduce the amount of packaging waste.
- **Choose Minimal Packaging:** Opt for products with minimal or no packaging. Avoid single-use plastics and items wrapped in excessive plastic.

Use Reusable Containers:

- **Reusable Bags:** Use cloth bags instead of paper bags for shopping.
- **Reusable Bottles and Cups:** Invest in reusable water bottles, coffee cups and food containers.
- **Produce Bags:** Use reusable produce bags for fruits and vegetables.

Avoid Single-Use Items:

- **Eliminate Single-Use Plastics:** Avoid using plastic straws, utensils and plates. Use metal, bamboo, or other reusable alternatives.
- **Cloth Napkins and Towels:** Replace paper napkins and paper towels with washable cloth versions.

Digital Alternatives:

- **Paperless Billing:** Opt for digital billing and reduce paper waste from mail.



- **E-Books and E-Magazines:** Choose digital versions of books, magazines and newspapers.

Repurpose and Reuse:

- **Creative Reuse:** Find new uses for items before recycling them. For example, use glass jars for storage or DIY projects.
- **Repair Instead of Replace:** Fix broken items rather than buying new ones.

Buy Durable Products:

- **Quality Over Quantity:** Invest in durable, long-lasting products instead of cheaper, disposable ones.

Educate and Advocate:

- **Community Education:** Share information and tips on waste reduction with your community.
- **Advocate for Policy Change:** Support local policies and initiatives that aim to reduce waste and improve recycling practices.

By implementing these straightforward practices, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste we produce and, consequently, the volume of recycling in our households. Every small change contributes to a larger impact on our environment, fostering a healthier planet for future generations. As we continue to educate ourselves and our community on the importance of reducing, reusing and repurposing, we move closer to a more sustainable and eco-friendlier lifestyle. Remember, the journey to a greener world begins at home. Let's take these steps together and make a lasting difference in our Ken-Caryl Ranch community.

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Email to allisonr@kcranch.org. Deadline for Aug. 14 paper is Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.

Dear Editor

My home overlooks the Brannon Gearhart Park Pond. Over the years, I had the opportunity to see many kids catch their first fish, all with great excitement. Last year, the pond was drained and renovated. Last week, the Ken-Caryl Park Rangers restocked the pond with fish. I anticipate all the kids and adults will be excited to have this recreation back available to them.

My suggestion is that all anglers try to use barbless hooks and practice catch and release. This will help to ensure that this asset to the neighborhood will last for many years!

Del Grau, Resident

Dear Editor

While hiking up the Lost Canyon Trail today, I ran into long-time KCRMA Park Ranger Gary Norton. I remarked that I thought that there were far too many gratuitous signs along the trails. Anyhow, he told me that last year set a record for deer killings on the roadways in Ken-Caryl. Take a guess. Take a wild guess. Fortynine. I'm like, how many are left?

My question is: why isn't this information front and center? Signs do nothing without context. With better information we can all make better decisions. What else should we know? As the founder of Intel once said, "if it can't be quantified, it can't be improved." To which I would add: if I don't know about it, I can't be held responsible.

Steve Beckmann, Resident

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