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# Join us for the Boo Bash on Oct. 20!

Get frightfully festive at this year's Boo Bash at the Ranch House on Oct. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.! Enjoy this spook-tacular event, featuring "trunk or treating", hot chocolate, S'mores, wagon rides and a costume contest! This event is free for resident attendees, no registration required. Residents may register for FREE as a resident

trunk or treat participant/host car. Business may host a car for a \$50 and must also register. To register, please visit our website at www. ken-carylranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

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# • COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# Exciting Fitness Center Updates

By Traci Wieland, Metro District Manager

Are you looking for a smaller, more personal gym experience that is close to home? Look no further than Ken-Caryl (KC) Fitness at the Ken-Caryl Ranch Community Center, located at 1 Club Drive in The Valley. KC Fitness offers fitness classes, personal training, junior and senior fitness, and more.

If you haven't checked out KC Fitness lately, make sure to stop by. This summer, we upgraded the cardio

equipment with new machines, including an Aviron Rower, Cybex Recumbent Bikes, Expresso Bikes, Freemotion Incline Trainer Treadmills and a Star Trac Stair Machine.

KC Fitness is also excited to announce Sunday hours starting Oct. 1! The facility will be open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Sundays to help you achieve your fitness goals all week long.

There are several classes and activities planned for this fall, so make sure to go to the website to see the latest schedule. We have classes for a wide range of ages and fitness levels, so there's something for everyone.

All Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District residents get In-District rates at the center, and there are annual memberships, monthly and daily passes available. We are also offering a 3-month membership special available Sept 23 - Oct 14, so don't miss out on the great opportunity! For class schedules, hours and other details, visit www.ken-carylranch.org/programs/fitness-wellness/.

KC Fitness accepts the following nationwide insurance-based exercise programs: SilverSneakers by Tivity Health, Silver&Fit (includes Active&Fit) and Renew Active by United Healthcare. To verify eligibility and to enroll, please visit the Community Center or the Ranch House during normal business hours. You may also call 303-979-2233, or email Janet Robbins at janetr@kcranch.org.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out via email at traciw@kcranch.org or by calling 303-979-1876, ext. 136.

# PARKS & REC

# NEW! The Fitness Center Offers Sunday Hours Starting Oct. 1!

Everybody's working (out) for the weekend with the Ken-Caryl Fitness Center's new Sunday Hours! Beginning Oct. 1, the facility will be open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. to help you achieve your fitness goals all week long!

In addition to new cardio equipment, the Ken-Caryl Fitness Center offers classes to help residents of all ages and fitness levels achieve their individual health and wellness goals! For information on all of our class offerings and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org and click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

# September

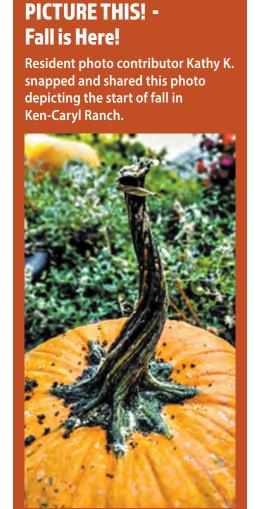
All meetings will be held at the Ranch House unless otherwise noted.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
24	25	6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	27	9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	29	9 a.m1 p.m. SLASH Drop Off Event Equestrian Center

# **October**

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
0	2	11 a.m. Ageless & Unstoppable	4	9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	6	7 11 a.m. Bingo
8	9	6 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	1	7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	13	9 a.m. Ageless & Unstoppable: Senior Living Fair
15	16	6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	18	9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	4:30 p.m. Boo Bash	21
22	23	6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	25	7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Babytime 10:15 a.m. Storytime	27	28

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







### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

# "Fall" in Love With Your Home, But Be Sure to Get Exterior Improvement Approval

By Darci Cross, Community Administrator

Hello Ken-Caryl! I hope this column finds you well! It's hard to believe that fall is already almost here. The crisp air, the changing of the leaves and all the fun fall activities around Colorado are some of my favorites!

As we transition from summer to fall, I'd like to address the number of exterior projects I've seen over the last few months that haven't received Architectural Committee approval.

As a reminder, any exterior improvement must receive Architectural Committee Approval prior to being started. If an exterior improvement project is completed without approval, it may result in fines, required modification or even required removal.

To submit your exterior home improvement, please visit our website at www. ken-carylranch.org and click on the *Resident Resources* tab and then Exterior Improvements. Please allow up to 30 days for response. We do everything we can to review within 7-10 days. If you have any questions when you are submitting your project, I am always here to help. You can reach me at Darcic@kcranch.org or 303-979-7676, ext. 109.

Good neighbor Tip: Homeowners whose property abuts a street are responsible for keeping the area landscaped, and maintained at all times. Please also trim bushes and trees that obstruct visibility of stop and street signs. If you're located next to a walking path or sidewalk, please ensure that your shrubbery and trees don't inhibit residents' enjoyment, and safe walking, on paths and sidewalks.

As always, be kind.

Darci



# We Need You to Help Make our Special Events a Success!

### **Call for Event Volunteers**

Help make our special events even more special by volunteering! Have a Scout looking for community service hours? Looking for ways to volunteer with your kids? Want to make a difference and connect with our community? Then consider volunteering at one of our upcoming fall and winter events! Interested? Check out the available volunteer opportunities listed below and e-mail Aquatics and Community Supervisor Kate McDonald at katem@kcranch.org for details and to register!

### Boo Bash (Oct. 20 / 4:30-6:30 p.m.)

- Handout S'mores supplies and candy (two volunteers needed)
- Assist with horse and carriage rides

# Dog Parade and Tree Lighting (Nov. 18 / 2:30-5:30 p.m.)

- Monitor craft table

# Holiday Happenings (Dec. 3 / 1-6 p.m.)

- Assist with craft room
- Help with Santa picture check-in
- Assist horse and carriage rides
- Assist with hot chocolate bar

# Call for Musician Volunteer for Veterans Day Breakfast

We are also looking for a musician to donate their talents to entertain our honored guests at this year's Veterans Day Celebration breakfast on Nov. 11 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Dakota Lodge. If you are musically talented and would like to give back to those who have served our country, in exchange for FREE marketing and promotions to our community, we want to hear from you! Our hope is that the musicians will play background music for the veterans and their families during this event. Free breakfast for the musician(s) is also included! Please e-mail KateM@kcranch.org if interested.

# PICTURE THIS! - Horseplay

From left, residents Laura Bechtel and her horse Zemira, Debry O'Brien and her steed Mickie, Kathy Smith and Prince, and Vinny and his owner, Betsy Simpson, enjoying some trail riding in Ken-Caryl Ranch.



# GIVING BACK



Devin Vellore's life was saved as a result of blood donations.

# Celebrate And Donate at Devin's 6th Annual Birthday Blood Drive

By Kaitlin Vellore, Resident

Six years ago, resident Kaitlin Vellore's angel, Devin, was born and her own life was saved because of blood donations! Help the family celebrate and save another life during a blood drive on Saturday Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge.

The Vellore family has committed to pay it forward every year with a blood drive on Devin's Birthday! The family is so honored to keep this tradition going in honor of Devin's 6th birthday, and it brings them so much joy to see friends and neighbors donate for the 1st, 5th or 25th time! Thank you for helping the family pay it forward!

According to Kaitlin, they do need to schedule all blood drive participants. Participants can go directly to donors.vitalant.org to sign up to donate blood. Sign in as a guest and use site code 00437. Please contact Kaitlin Vellore with questions at kaitlin.vellore@gmail.com, or 914-473-9257.

# CAPTION THIS! NEW! Resident Photo Caption Contest!

Based on the number and content of photo submissions, we provide a picture in need of a funny, endearing or quippy caption. You, the reader, submit your caption below, and we choose the winner for publishing alongside the photo in the following issue. Winner gets to see their



caption in print and to enjoy well-deserved bragging rights!

Here's our first submission, brought to you by residents Bruce and Mindy Kugler, who snapped and shared this great photo of a standoff between a doe protecting her young from a bobcat. An epic chase ensued prior to this standoff of the two species.

# **Caption Contest Rules:**

Here's the fine print: All caption submissions must be submitted via email ONLY to Life at Ken-Caryl Editor Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch.org. All submissions must be received by the following issue's Monday 9 a.m. deadline. Eligibility at the discretion of the editor. All captions must be 250 characters (not words) or less. All content must be deemed suitable and appropriate for all age groups. Editor shall select the winner, and the winner will be notified via email prior to publishing. If you wish to a submit a photo to be featured as part of our photo caption contest specifically, please make note in the email's subject line. Questions? Please email Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch.org.



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# Keep Your Eyes Peeled for Deer

By Michael Ryan, Park Ranger

At the height of summer, we had many educational signs posted on deer crossing roadways. Please note that watching for deer while driving is something that takes place year-round, but now instead of fawns and moms crossing roads, you have bucks in the mating season and diminished daylight hours.

Mating season, typically occurring in the fall, marks a period of heightened activity for deer. Male deer, or bucks, become more mobile and are in

pursuit of does (female deer) in estrus. This means that deer are often on the move, crossing roads and highways in their quest for a mate. As a result, the chances of encountering deer on the road are significantly higher during this season.

By adhering to a few guidelines, Ken-Caryl residents can avoid potentially dangerous situations and help keep both wildlife and drivers safe.

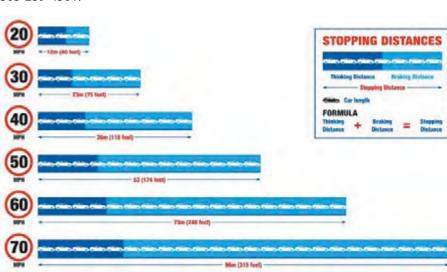
- Please slow down, and be aware of major deer crossing areas, like the intersection of Valley Parkway and Club Drive, as well as the blind corners on Ken Caryl Avenue, and Valley Parkway and when passing through the Hogback or by the Equestrian Center.
- Please adhere to posted speed limits.
- Obey traffic signs and other posted crossings.
- Scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder. When you see wildlife beside the road, be mindful, as they may suddenly bolt onto the road.
- Watch for glowing eyes of animals as they reflect your headlights, and remember, if one animal crosses the road, others may follow.
- Brake firmly if an animal is standing on, or crossing, the road. Never assume the animal will move out of your way.
- Do not swerve to avoid hitting a wild animal; this may result in a more serious collision.
- Dusk and dawn are the times of day when most wildlife collisions occur. Stay alert during these times and slow down.

Even while following all these tips, we can't anticipate the unpredictable, and accidents are bound to occur. This is

just a friendly reminder that most deer vehicle collisions happen from October through December. With the added factor of less daylight going forward, please be on the lookout for those proverbial "deer in headlights."

For more information, contact the Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-291-7227. Drivers involved in a wildlifevehicle collision should report the accident to the Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4501.





# Neighbors Ban Together in Support of Fire Mitigation Efforts

Earlier this month, Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Ranger and Fire Mitigation Specialist Keith McMillan spearheaded a Master Association-sponsored wildfire fuel mitigation project on Dawn Heath in The Valley with the help of fellow ranger Michael Ryan. According to Keith, there were approximately 40 volunteers consisting mostly of Trail Club Members and concerned residents that worked together for an impressive 203 hours to remove approximately 50 yards of compacted debris over 1.5 acres in support of wildfire mitigation efforts!

According to Keith, these efforts were part of a multi-phase project with the first phase being all the cutting by the Trail Club. The SLASH was left in place for about a week before the neighborhood volunteers came out to haul and load the dumpster, which allowed the chainsaw operators a safe work area free of residents.

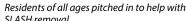
Keith added that four Trail Club members worked for a total of 20 hours to have the approximately 1.5-acre site limbed. On day two, approximately 35 residents came out to do the hard work of dragging and loading the dumpster.

"I took a survey and found most people were local to the work site, but found that [several other residents] came from all over the Ranch [to help]," said Keith. "We had little ones dragging debris and some of our senior volunteers kept everyone hydrated and snacked up. The dumpster load was the best I have seen yet, and our load master was quite proud! There was still quite a bit of material left that we could not fit in the dumpster so I made several runs with the dump truck and transferred all material to the SLASH site near the Equestrian Center where it will be chipped at the upcoming [SLASH Drop-Off Event on Sept. 30]. The road and trail are clean, and all signs are down. Thanks again for the support!"



Neighbors came together in support of fire mitigation efforts on Dawn Heath in The Valley.







SLASH removed and hauled away as part of fire mitigation efforts, which totaled 50 yards of compacted

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# **SLASHing your Fire Risk: SLASH Event** and Pick-Up Days This Month



Ken-Caryl Ranch is proud to offer a fall SLASH Drop-Off Event as part of ongoing efforts to promote wildfire mitigation. Residents can drop off their SLASH at the Equestrian Center on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department will be on hand with the chipper.

No reservations are necessary for residents to drop off their SLASH at the Equestrian Center on Sept. 30. Drop-off SLASH at any time during the event. Please note that SLASH will not be picked up from the open space.

### What is SLASH?

SLASH is debris, from nature, such as tree limbs and prunings (no rose

stems or cacti). If not removed, slash can add to potential fire hazards on your property. Removing SLASH and creating a defensible space around your home is the first line of defense against wildfires. You can create zones around your home, removing any fire fuels, such as tree debris. Having a properly mitigated property doesn't mean that wildfire will pass you by, but it gives the fire department a better opportunity to save your home when it does come.





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# 2023 KCAG Annual **Juried Art Show**

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### **Calling all Littleton artists!**

The Ken-Caryl Art Guild will be hosting their annual juried art show on Nov. 11, exclusively for Littleton, CO residents. The 2023 KCAG Juried Art Show will be held at the Dakota Lodge, located at 14422 W. Ken Caryl Ave, Littleton (in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Valley) from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. Light refreshments will be available during the show.

Date: Nov. 11 Time: 5-8 p.m. Location: Dakota Lodge Admission: Free to the public

## **Submission Details:**

Eligibility: Open to all Littleton, CO residents, age 16 and over.

Original Artwork: Open theme, all mediums accepted: photo, painting, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, digital art, watercolors, pastels, prints, drawings, etc. Maximum 2D dimensions - 24" wide x 36" high, (including frame), and maximum 3D dimensions - 24" in any

Submission Deadline: By midnight on Saturday, Oct. 21

Entry information: Limit three (3) entries per artist. Images of artwork must be submitted by email to kcaqsubmissions@gmail.com. Each image must be in jpeg format and must be included with the email as an attachment (do not embed the image in the email body, as it greatly degrades the image resolution and hinders jurying).

# **Label information:**

Must be provided in the body of the email for each image:

- Artist name
- Title of work
- Medium
- Artwork size including frame
- If for sale, indicate price and artist contact information, otherwise indicate NFS (Not for Sale)
- Optionally, an Artist Statement about the work may be included and contain details such as inspiration and personal motivations.

# Fees:

No fee for submission of up to three (3) artworks.

\$20 fee total for up to three accepted works. Fee will be collected at artwork drop-off on the day of the show on Saturday, Nov. 11 (see below).

# **Timeline**

Sept. 23: Artwork submission period opens.

Oct. 21: Artwork submission period closes by midnight of Oct. 21.

Oct 28: Notification to artists whose work is selected for the show.

Nov. 11: Artists to drop-off their artwork between 1-3 p.m. at the Dakota Lodge, located at 14422 W. Ken Caryl Ave, Littleton, CO 80127.

A show/intake fee of \$20 total for up to three accepted pieces will be collected at drop-off (cash, check, or credit card).

Show open to the public from 5-8 p.m., free admission.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash awards will be announced at 7 p.m.

Artists to pick up their artwork at 8-9 p.m., following the show.

# **Additional Details**

Artwork will be selected by a panel of judges from the Ken-Caryl Art Guild.

All artwork selected for the show must be brought ready to display with hanging wire only. Artwork with other improper hanging methods

# CALL FOR ENTRY Submissions accepted: Sept. 27 - Oct. 21

such as sawtooth hangers, etc., will be rejected, as they cannot be accommodated by the Dakota Lodge wall hanging system.

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# **Holiday Meaning or Madness**

Are your holiday seasons feeling more like a frenzy than a time of joy and connection? Do you long to make your family gatherings meaningful and memorable without succumbing to the "too much" trap of excessive gifts and over-commitment? Join our enlightening class designed just for grandparents and discover how to transform your holiday traditions. This class is your opportunity to shift the focus from presents to presence, ensuring that your holidays are filled with meaningful memories. Gain practical, peaceful, and realistic tips to create an atmosphere of joy, fulfillment, and satisfaction during this magical season. Presented by: Eileen Piersa & Steve Dahl

# White Elephant Gift Exchange & Cookies

Join us for our "Ageless and Unstoppable" holiday celebration, featuring a White Elephant gift exchange! In this fun party game, we exchange humorous and quirky gifts, aiming to entertain rather than acquire valuable items. Let's come together as a community, exchange gifts, savor refreshments, and enjoy each other's company. Please bring gifts valued under \$20.

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

# Land Development Ageless & **Updates** and Information Available Online

If you have been reading previous issues of Life at Ken-Caryl and subscribe to the weekly e-news, you likely know about the privatelyowned land located in the Ken-Caryl Ranch community that is currently under development. Construction to begin moving dirt in preparation of development is currently underway.

These properties are owned by North American Development Group (NADG) and have been zoned residential since the Ken-Caryl Official Development Plan was created in the 1970s. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District and the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association did not have any control over the property's development or the nature of the development. However, it is important the community is educated on the development.

The development area includes three parcels:

- Parcel A: North of Ken Caryl Ave. and east of C-470 (also called the North Bowl)
- Parcel B: Southwest corner of Chatfield/Simms and Ken Caryl Ave. (north of the Sunset Ridge community)
- Parcel C: North of RTD Park'n Ride The number of units at full buildout is currently estimated to be approximately 249 single family homes, 275 apartments and 199 townhomes. The Metropolitan District boundaries will soon include the new developments by virtue of an Inclusion Agreement signed on Nov. 4, 2021. These residents will be Ken-Caryl Ranch residents, and as such, will be assessed monthly dues and will receive resident discounts for parks and recreation programming. The Master Association, in partnership with the Covenant Control Committee, has also worked with NADG on the new development's aesthetics to integrate with the current look and feel of the Ken-Caryl Community more seamlessly.

In an effort to keep residents informed of the stages of development since the project's inception, all project information, including, but not limited to, project plans, specs, the Inclusion Agreement, and information pertaining to the land's development can be found on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org. To access this information, please click on the Community & News tab, then New Housing Development Updates. In addition to our commitment to keep residents educated on this project by communicating all updates via Ken-Caryl's communications channels, we encourage all residents to take a moment to review the information on the website as it pertains to the project's on-going development and to check back regarding any updates.

Please direct specific land development questions related to amenities, parks and recreation and the new development's layout to David Abers with North American Develop Group at 561-578-8708 or via email at dabers@nadg.com. Please direct planning and zoning questions to Jeffco Planning and Zoning at 303-271-8700, or online at www.jeffco.us/ FormCenter/Planning-Zoning.

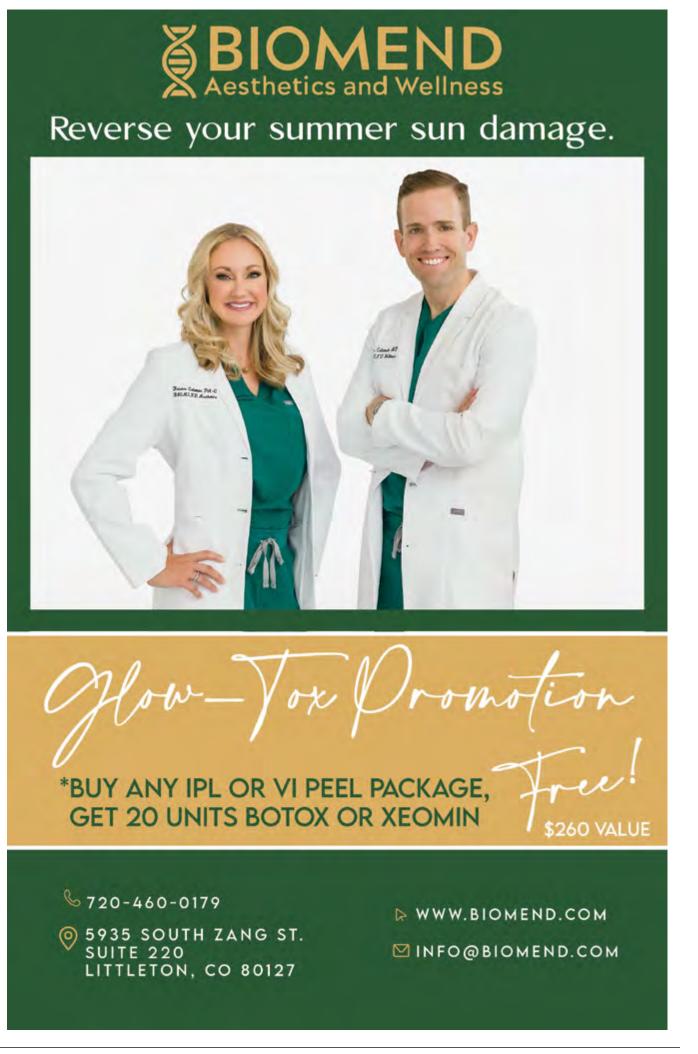
# Unstoppable Returns!

Due to its immense popularity, Ageless & Unstoppable, Programming for Seniors, Retirees and Adults, will continue throughout the year! Join us for fun, educational and entertaining adult-oriented programming from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Shaffer Room at the Ranch House on the first Tuesday of each month in October. November and December! No registration required. The first session, "Grandparenting in an Overindulgent World," takes place on Oct. 3. For additional program dates and topics, check out our flyer on page 7, or visit the Adults & Seniors page of our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.

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### **HOW HOMES IGNITE**

Homes ignite in one of three ways: embers/firebrands, radiant heat exposure or direct flame contact. An example of an ember ignition is when wind-blown embers accumulate on combustible materials such as a wood shake roof. An untreated wood shake or shingle roof covering is the greatest threat to a home.

### **ROOF COVERINGS AND ASSEMBLIES**

Roof covering fire ratings are Class A, B, C, or unrated; with Class A providing the best performance. Common Class A roof coverings include asphalt fiberglass composition shingles, concrete and flat/barrel-shaped tiles. Some materials have a "by assembly" Class A fire rating which means, additional materials must be used between the roof covering and sheathing to attain that rating. Examples of roof coverings with a "by assembly" fire rating include aluminum, recycled plastic and rubber and some fire-retardant wood shake products. If a wood shake roof does not have the manufacturer's documentation specifying the fire retardant, assume it's untreated.

### TILE AND ROOF COVERINGS WITH GAPS BETWEEN THE COVERING AND ROOF DECK

Flat and barrel-shaped tiles, metal, and cement roof coverings can have gaps between the roof covering and sheathing, which typically occur at the ridge and edge of roofs. These openings can allow birds and rodents to build nests with materials that are easily ignited by embers. Flames from this type of ignited debris can spread to the structural support members, bypassing the protection offered by a Class A rated roof covering. Plugging these openings between the roof covering and the roof deck, is commonly called "bird stopping". Regularly inspect and maintain these areas.

# **DEBRIS ACCUMULATION – ROOF AND GUTTERS**

Wind-blown debris (including leaves and pine needles from nearby and overhanging trees) will accumulate on roofs and in gutters. Dry debris can be ignited by wind-blown embers. These flames can extend to the edge of the roof and adjacent siding. Even with Class A fire-rated roof coverings, vertical surfaces next to the roof edge will be exposed to flames from the ignited debris. Regularly remove vegetative debris from your roof and gutters.

# ATTICS, CRAWLSPACES, SOFFITS AND EAVES

Post-fire research has shown attic vents, roof and gable end vents and under-eave areas are entry points for embers and flames. Reduce the size and number of embers that pass through vents into attic and crawlspaces by covering them with a ½-inch metal mesh screen. When wildfires threaten, vents can be covered with ½-inch or thinner plywood, or a thin metal plate. Ensure these are removed when the threat has passed.

# REDUCE YOUR ROOF'S VULNERABILITY TO WILDFIRE

Roofs should be Class A fire-rated, such as asphalt composition shingles. If you're unsure about your roof's rating, hire a professional roofer to make a determination.

Remove debris on the roof and in the gutters at least twice a year, or more often if necessary.

Remove tree branches that overhang the roof.

Periodically inspect exposed areas under eaves and soffits to ensure construction materials are in good condition.

Cover vents, e.g., with noncombustible, corrosion-resistant %-inch metal mesh screens.

Inspect and maintain your roof on a regular basis. Replace when necessary.



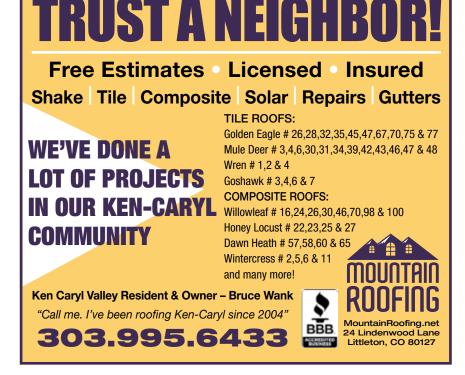




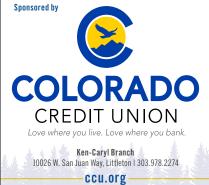


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# Fairy Tale Ending

Helping our furry friends find homes.

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



# Pluto (260401) -

Pluto is a nearly 2-year-old male Labrador Retriever and one handsome and bouncy boy. He enjoys people, but sometimes has challenges handling social interactions with other dogs. Pluto does not do well with cats, so is available to homes where he will be the only pet.



# Theo (275475) -

Theo is an 8-year-old male cat who finds shelter life overwhelming. However, in his foster home he became a purring, sunbathing pal who slept with his parents every night. Theo lived successfully with another cat and may enjoy a welcoming feline in his next home. He is available to homes with no kids or kids over the age of 10. Theo's adoption fee has been waived thanks to the support of staff or volunteers who have sponsored him.

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



# Need Space for a Small Event? Check Out the Sunshine Room!

The Metropolitan District transformed the Sunshine Room at the Community Center into community rental space usable for birthday parties, social events, business meetings and other small group events. In addition to the new indoor rental space, the patio was also renovated with a shade sail and picnic tables, which can be rented as well.

For a limited time, we are offering the patio for free when you rent the Sunshine Room! This special is for reservations made no later than Nov. 1 for rentals through the end of the year.

"We recently rented the Sunshine Room for our daughter's birthday party." said residents Joe and Elisabeth Anderson. "The room was great to accommodate the kids and adults alike. The kitchen and private bathroom were very useful. Plenty of tables and chairs for a party or even a meeting. Much prefer this to hosting at home. Will definitely book again."

This indoor facility will hold up to 30 people for birthday parties, social events, business meetings and other small group events. Additional seating is available on the patio. The space includes a small kitchen with counterspace, a TV with HDMI port for screen sharing, and five, 6-foot tables. The room boasts large windows that offer expansive views of The Valley.

### **Rental Fee**

Friday-Sunday:

Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Residents: \$60 per hour

Non-Residents: \$78 per hour

Monday-Thursday:

Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Residents: \$40 per hour Non-Residents: \$52 per hour

Interested in renting the Sunshine Room? Scan the QR code with this article or go to www.ken-carylranch.org and click on the Register hexagon at the top of your screen!

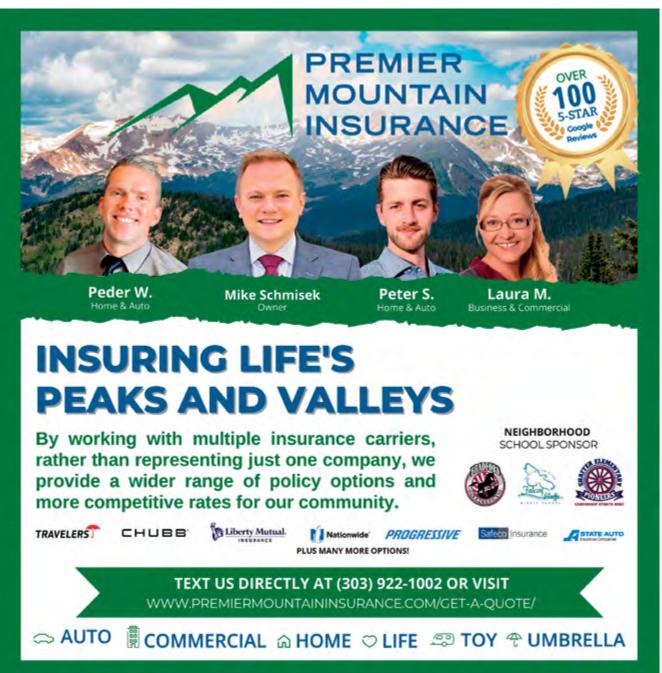














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# Come one and come all for the 8th Annual KCV Pumpkin Races!







# **WHAT'S A PUMPKIN RACE?**

Creatively decorate your own pumpkin. Place two INDEPENDENT AXLES THROUGH the pumpkin, and add four wheels. Let 'er rip down Willowleaf Drive. Have fun, be creative and follow the rules below!!!

Actual race track will start just above 132 Willowleaf. Each entry is \$20. Proceeds go to... Well, who are we to decide? Winner gets to pick the charity and will win the VERY prestigious Pumpkin Jacket for the year. The winner will also sign the official Pumpkin Racing ramp and remain there with other past winners for all eternity.

Like all past years, we will have a prize

for "Fan Favorite." Finally, your kids will love you more.

# WHEN:

October 14th Pumpkin Check-in is at 2 PM, judging the entrants is at 2:30, and races start at 3:30 PM.

Please call or text Dave Nash at 310-291-4485 if you have any questions.

\*\*This is an outdoor event\*\*

If you are interested in racing—and let's be honest, who isn't interested in racing— please sign up using the evite link: http://evite.me/mBEludBXnb



Josh and Karen Christensen, former champions



Jeremiah Donahue, 2021 Champion, with Pete & Corey Vastyan family, 2022 Champions.



The Nash Family: Dave, Kellan, Braden, Jill, and Katie Jane



If you haven't been to a Pumpkin Race yet, this is your year. The Pumpkin Races have been hosted annually by KC Residents Dave and Jill Nash. The Nash family moved into the Ken-Caryl Valley in the spring/summer of 2015. Coming from a community that they were very entrenched in, Dave, Jill and their three children wanted to try and recreate that sense of community. The idea for the Pumpkin Races was inspired by Pumpkin Races that are held in Southern California in Manhattan Beach, the town north of where Jill grew up. Starting something new and clearly unique in this neighborhood seven years ago has now become a legacy and one of the best community events in Ken-Caryl every year.

# RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Register online at www.ken-carylranch.org today!



Kate McDonald Aquatics and Community Supervisor katem@kcranch.org 303-979-1876, ext. 131

# **SLASH Drop Off Event**

Ken-Caryl Ranch is proud to offer a fall SLASH Drop-Off Event as part of ongoing efforts to promote wildfire mitigation this fall. Residents can drop off their SLASH at the Equestrian Center on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department will be on hand with the chipper. No reservations are necessary for residents to drop off their SLASH at the Equestrian Center on Sept. 30. Drop-off SLASH at any time during the event.

# Ageless & Unstoppable Returns This Fall!

Due to its immense popularity, Ageless & Unstoppable, Programming for Seniors, Retirees and Adults, will continue throughout the year! Join us for fun, educational and entertaining adult-oriented programming from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Shaffer Room at the Ranch House on the first Tuesday of each month in October, November and December! No registration required. The first fall session, "Grandparenting in an Overindulgent World," takes place on Oct. 3. For additional program dates and topics, please visit the Adults & Seniors page of our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.

# Bingo at the Ranch House!

Come join us for some fun bingo games at the Ranch House on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.! Registration is FREE, but required at www.kencarylranch.org, then click on the Register icon located at the top right corner of your screen.

# **Senior Living Fair**

Ken-Caryl Ranch is pleased to partner with Kali Hepker with Equity Real Estate and Erica Chase with One Medical Seniors to host a FREE Senior Living Fair at the Ranch House on Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. This event will feature FREE health screenings, 20+ local vendors in health, wellness and recreation and so much more! Bring a friend!



### **Boo Bash**

Get frightfully festive at this year's Boo Bash at the Ranch House on Oct. 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.! Enjoy this spook-tacular event, featuring "trunk or treating", hot chocolate, s'mores, wagon rides and a costume contest! This event is free for resident attendees, no registration required. Residents may register for FREE as a resident trunk or treat participant. Business may host a car for a fee and must also register. To register, visit our website at www.kencarylranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top of your screen.

### **Veterans Day Breakfast**

Veterans, please join us at the Dakota Lodge for a free breakfast from 9-10:30 a.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, honoring you! The breakfast is a time to not just honor you, but connect with your fellow veterans and their families. Registration is free, but required to attend. Stay tuned! Registration opens in October!



Robert Campbell Tennis Program Supervisor robert@kcranch.org 303-979-2233, ext. 202

### **Junior Tennis Lessons**

Register today for Junior Tennis Lessons! For more information, and to check availability, including available lessons based on skill, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.

### **Adult Tennis Lessons**

Register today for Adult Tennis Lessons! For more information, and to check availability, including available lessons based on skill, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.



### **Cardio Tennis!**

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Janet Robbins Fitness Coordinator janetr@kcranch.org 303-979-2233, ext. 185

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# Soccer Shots Fall Programming!

Give it a SHOT! Looking to introduce your budding athlete to soccer? Then consider Soccer Shots for your tot this fall! Programs start in September. Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program for children ages 2 - 8 years with a focus on character development. Their goal is to positively impact children's lives on and off the field through their best-in-class coaching, communication and curriculum. More information and registration at: www.soccershots.com/.



# **Pre-K Nature Enrichment Programs**

Looking for a fun and enriching program for your 3- to 6-yearold? Come check out KCR Youth **Program's Nature Enrichment** this fall! Each program fosters exploration of nature and new discoveries! Wonders of Nature-Topic Based sessions are offered Tuesdays and Art Ventures is offered Thursdays, each program will run from 12:10-3pm at the Dakota Lodge. Find more information and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org and click on the Register button located at the top right corner of your screen.

# 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!

# **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!

# Register for Before & After School Care

Register your child for our B&A Care program this fall at the Ranch House for Shaffer families and the Dakota Lodge or the Community Center for Bradford families! The Ranch House-Shaffer program still has openings, so sign up now! Both Bradford programs are full, but you are welcome to join the waitlist, which can be done online via our website. A survey will be sent soon to all registered participants and waitlisted families to help determine if there is the option to open any more spots. KCRMD Before & After School Recreation Programs provide a caring, safe and fun learning environment. Students explore a wide variety of activities that develop learning, encourage imagination and promote positive social skills. Join us for exciting science experiments, cooking, art projects, sports, games, reading, homework help and more! We offer year-round care and provide full-day care on most early release days, school holidays and vacations. Register and pay only for the days you need each month! Register on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org, under the Programs tab, then Youth Programs and School-Age Care.

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# **Babysitting Course**

Sign your tween/teen up for our latest Babysitting Class on Oct. 28. 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Sunshine Room at the Community Center! This course is designed to help prepare participants for those first babysitting opportunities. Basic childcare such as routine childcare duties (feeding, bathing and diapering) will be covered. Participants will also learn basic child development and be able to provide activities for various developmental stages. Home and fire safety along with the prevention and treatment of common injuries will also be covered. This course is offered in person for kids ages 11-14. To enroll, please visit www.kencarylranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.

# 303-979-1876, ext. 131 Adult Nature Enrichment

**Aquatics and Community** 

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**Kate McDonald** 

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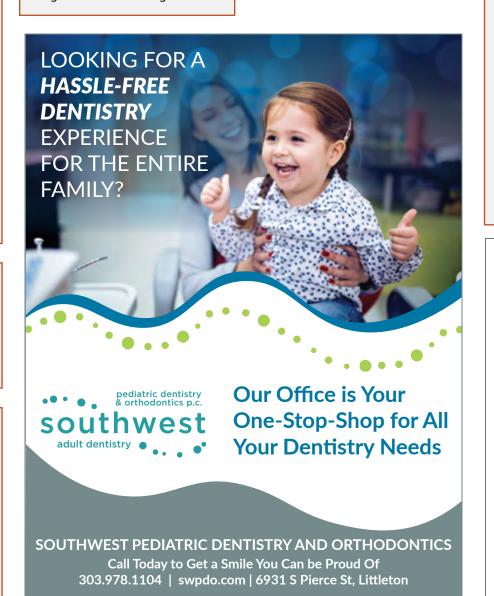
**Programs** 

A few of our popular adult nature enrichment programs are coming again this fall! Look forward to Bird Watching, Nature Journaling, and of course Family Nature Club! Interested in what each program has to offer? Registration is now open for residents and July 24 for non-residents. Find more information and to register, please visit our website at www. ken-carylranch.org and click on the Register button located at the top right corner of your screen.

### **Knitting for Everyone**

Knit hats, scarves, totes, blankets and so much more with our Knitting for Everyone class that runs Oct. 25 – Dec. 6 at the Ranch House! Morning and afternoon sessions are available at 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. or 12-3 p.m. Whether you're new to knitting or you want to learn new techniques, Knitting for Everyone is a knitting class for all skill levels. From casting on to weaving in ends, you'll learn how to make several beautiful projects.

The instructor has dozens of projects for you to choose from that will help you learn how to knit or go beyond the basics. This is a fun class where you set your own pace. To register, please visit www.ken-carylranch.org and click on the Register icon at the top right corner of your screen.



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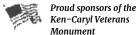
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# Ken Caryl Ave. Trail Paving Conversion

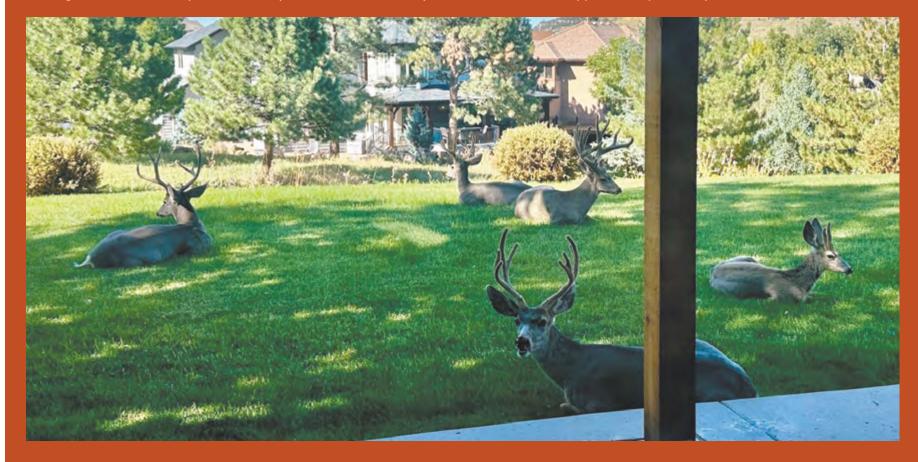
Paving conversions on the Ken Caryl Ave. Trail have resumed this year. The Master Association has enlisted the help of a contractor to remove the trail's old asphalt and replace it with colored concrete to match what has previously been completed. Work began earlier this month and should take several weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions.

Trail users may continue to use the trail, but will need to walk around the work site in the mowed grassy shoulder along the north side of the trail.



# PICTURE THIS! - Hey, Dudes!

Meeting of the minds, or maybe their fantasy football draft...? We may never know. As seen, snapped and captioned by resident Jackie Treece.





# Resident Scout **Colin Mote Earns** the Rank of Eagle Scout

By Allison Hefner, Editor

Resident and Scout Colin Mote, 17, recently completed his Eagle Scout Service Project to earn the prestigious rank of becoming an Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout projects are an opportunity for scouts to demonstrate leadership while performing a project for the benefit of their community.

Colin, a senior at Chatfield Senior High School and member of Scout Troop 989, constructed a handicapped accessible picnic area in Chatfield State Park to earn his rank of Eagle Scout.

"I like hands-on projects, so I wanted to build something that would help out my community," said Colin. "I reached out to Chatfield State Parks, and they had a list of projects needing to be done. I chose to build a handicapaccessible picnic area in the Cottonwood grove, which had minimum handicap accessibility at the time."

According to Colin, Every Scout is required to accomplish a well-planned and thought-out service project demonstrating leadership to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Projects must benefit an organization other than Scouting, and they must make an impact on the community. Projects are on average about 100 volunteer hours; Colin's hours exceeded the requirement with a total of approximately 260 hours.

According to the Boys Scouts of America's website, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest and most prestigious achievement a Scout can achieve. Highly respected, the title of Eagle Scout carries with it special significance not only in Scouting,

but also in school, business and the community. To attain the Eagle rank, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, fulfill leadership roles and display outdoor skills, demonstrate by example the Scout Oath and Law, and complete a comprehensive service project in the community.

"My goal was to benefit the community and create a more inclusive and accessible environment for everyone to enjoy," said Colin of his

As part of each community service project, Colin was responsible for leading a team and soliciting volunteers to help with his project. Parents Lynnette and Mike Mote couldn't be prouder of their son on his recent accomplishment.

"We are extremely proud of Colin achieving his Eagle Scout rank, making him a second-generation Eagle in our family," said Lynnette and Mike. "Colin's journey to Eagle challenged his ability to achieve an important goal, lead his peers, gain a life-long love and respect of the outdoors and ultimately grow into a young man and citizen of character."

Colin, who immediately felt a connection to Troop 989, enjoys all the opportunities that being a Scout affords.

"I love being in the outdoors," explains Colin. "I've had amazing experiences in Scouts, from backpacking in the mountains, to sailing around the Virgin Islands, to canoeing in the Boundary Waters."

Troop 989 is an extremely active troop, meeting at Waterstone Church every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. If you have interest in joining or have any questions about Troop 989, please don't hesitate to contact Ken-Caryl resident and Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Mote at 303-332-4111, or airmote@gmail.com.



Resident and Scout Troop 989 member Colin Mote earns the rank of Eagle Scout.



Eagle Scout Rank ceremony.



Colin poses alongside his Eagle Scout Project, which was to create a handicap accessible picnic spot at Chatfield State Park



Colin receives his Eagle Scout Certificate from former Troop 989 Scoutmaster and Ken-Caryl resident Kent Sondgerath

# Trash & Recycling Information

Waste Connections is the trash and recycling service provider for Ken-Caryl Ranch. Service is included as part of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association monthly residential dues. Waste Connections can be

reached at 303-288-2100 or www.wcdenver.com. Trash and Recycling Totes: Residents have the option of using their own trash and recycling containers/bags or using 96-gallon totes provided at no charge by Waste Connections. To order totes, send an email to kencarylco@wasteconnections.com, say that you want to sign up for totes, and provide your name, address, email address, and phone

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# Thank you, Ken-Caryl, for Doing Doggone Good!

It's no secret that Ken-Caryl residents love animals, as evidenced by the overwhelming number of donations of pet supplies, food, crates, toys, blankets and more for resident Vanessa Wandersee's pet supply drive that ran last month.

According to Vanessa, a lot goes into running a rescue, and every donation helps, as they are often in need of not just money, but supplies and additional space to house animals for adoption. All donations received as a result of her pet supply donation drive will be donated to area shelters and rescues, including Foothills Animals Shelter and non-profits that are mostly foster-based, such as Taysia Blue Husky Rescue, Jailbreak Husky, Up Pup and Away, Mamco and more.



Resident Vanessa Wandersee's foster pup Stevie thinks Ken-Caryl residents are totally paw-some for all of their pet supply donations!

# Don't Miss Out! - Sign Up for the e-News!

To sign up, go to www.ken-carylranch.org and fill out the e-News sign-up form on the home page or send an email to allisonh@kcranch.org.

# Life at Ken-Caryl Policy: Letter to the Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED from any Ken-Caryl resident in good standing or from any elected official or political candidate. Letters should be concise — no letters over 350 words — and must be received by the published deadline date and time. Deadline dates and times can be found at www.ken-carylranch.org.

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

We do not print anonymous letters. Letters must include name, address and phone number (daytime), but only the author's name and "Ken-Caryl Resident" or applicable government office will be printed in the paper. Residents may submit up to eight letters to the editor per calendar year. More than one letter per resident may be published in a single issue of the paper provided that the letters are not about the same subject. Letters will be printed on a space available basis and may be edited. Editor retains right to appropriateness and content.

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Email to allisonh@kcranch.org. Deadline for Oct. 11 paper is Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.

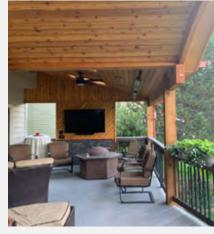
# **Dear Editor**

I recently took advantage of the Firewise Inspection offered by the Master Association. The inspection was conducted by Keith McMillan, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist/Park Ranger for the Master Association. He's a well-qualified, experienced retired fire fighter whose experience includes working for Red, White and Blue Fire in Breckenridge and Federal Agencies as a Cooperator. I was immediately impressed with Keith as his inspection is as much a "teaching moment" as it's an inspection, and it was immediately obvious he knows his stuff. The trouble is that most of what he has to say we don't want to hear!

The KCR is a long-established community, and we are now trying to apply knowledge and experience gained long after our community was planned, the houses were built, and the landscaping done. That magnificent blue spruce that's too close to the house. Removing it is

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I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT MY

Mom

Cruising around the

neighborhood

MY SECRET TALENT IS:

Volleyball

I LOVE IT WHEN:

I get to go on long hikes

MY PERFECT DAY:

Puppuccinos, walks and snuggles

LIFE IS RUFF WHEN



Submit your dog to be featured in a 2023 edition of *Life at Ken-Caryl's* "Ruff Living" column at <a href="https://ken-carylranch.org/submit-to-ruff-living/">https://ken-carylranch.org/submit-to-ruff-living/</a>.

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the best solution, but Firewise offers

suggestions to mitigate the problem

as well, such as trimming it away from

the house and trimming the bottom.

used by every landscaping company

around. Sorry, but that's points off your

Then there's that ubiquitous mulch

Firewise score! And no, it's not true

the Master Association will come

corrected what they've observed.

that if you have a Firewise Inspection,

knocking on your door to see if you've

The program is voluntary, and it's

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important for us to understand the potential for fire and damage to our homes. Thank you Master Association and especially the rangers for providing this service. Jeff Allison, Resident

# **Dear Editor**

Politicians have a great skill of creating new word meanings to replace old words. Undocumented migrants, old meaning, was illegal aliens. Reproductive healthcare formally meant abortion.

Under the Inflation Reduction Act or IRA, Medicare has the power to negotiate prices paid for drugs purchased by Medicare. Starting this month, Medicare will set a price ceiling on 10 patented drugs. For the next 6 years Medicare will add 10 drugs per year that will have a price ceiling. If the drug manufactures reject the Medicare price ceiling, drug companies will be charged an excise tax of 186% on sale of the drugs to non-Medicare consumers. American drug companies' abilities to do research and development of new drugs has greatly improved the health of people all over the world. Drug price controls will reduce funds available for development of new drugs.

The new word for Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices is extortion. Jeff Esbenshade, Resident

Editor's Note: Mr. Esbenshade's letter has met the policy standards and guidelines for printing in Life at Ken-Caryl. He has provided his consent to print his email and phone numbers for residents interested in connecting with him regarding the content of his letter. You may direct questions or comments regarding this letter to Mr. Esbenshade via email at esbenshad@aol.com or at 303-972-3968.

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be contacted and money refunded.

FOUND: Necklace with a light blue stone on the greenbelt path by Shaffer Pond, behind Shaffer Elementary. Contact Beth at 303-946-2600, to identify the necklace design, for return.

117 or email samm@kcranch.org for more information.

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Jason at 303-910-9909.

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Services: (B) Babysittin	Services: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling						
Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood			
Olivia Anderson Jade Atkinson	303-902-5026 720-616-0063	B, P, S B	15 17	Aspen Meadows Aspen Meadows			
Giana Baiotto	720-335-9786	P, H	10	Traditions			
William Baiotto	720-335-9786	P, H P	13	Traditions			
Hutch Barber William Barrs	303-249-0468 202-253-8227	L, P, S	14 11	Legacy Retreat			
Piper Blarr	720-255-6877	B, P	16	Colony			
Aliza Bochner	720-880-8336	B, P	19 17	North Ranch			
Eva Bochner Mariel Bochner	720-899-0033 319-338-4414	B, P B, P	17	North Ranch North Ranch			
Mia Briceno	573-801-4342	B, P, H	12	Deer Creek			
Abby Burton Caprice Camilli	720-616-1333 720-347-3411	B, P B, P	16 13	Aspen Meadows Wynterbrooke			
Elena Carpenter	303-999-9764	B, P	12	Traditions			
Alice Cuttitta-Gallant	303-517-8864	В	14	Deer Creek			
Hope Cuttitta Ella Daugherty	720-404-0282 303-591-2004	B, P B, P	18 16	Deer Creek Legacy			
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	15	Legacy			
Razi Daugherty	303-591-2004	В, Р	12	Legacy			
Presley Davis Rosemary Detterick	720-487-8778 720-628-2638	B, P B, P	13 13	Sunset Ridge Saddlewood			
Megan Ellis	720-220-2033	B, P, S	14	Heirloom			
Jack Famariss	720-434-7033	B, P	14	North Ranch			
Ryan Flint Caleb Flint	303-517-3749 303-517-3749	L,P,S L,P,S	15 12	Retreat Retreat			
Grant Foster	720-345-3120	L, I , S	17	Aspen Meadows			
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate			
Brayden Fox Lauren Fox	303-906-4339 720-273-4077	L, P, S B	15 12	Deerwood Vista North Ranch			
Liam Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	11	Deerwood Vista			
Shaun Fox	303-906-4339	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista			
Lily Freitas Eva Gallant	303-999-1993 303-517-8864	B, P B, P	12 15	Retreat Deer Creek			
Georgia Gilmore	720-210-4177	в, г В	16	Heirloom			
Connor Glitzer	303-489-3932	L, S	18	The Village			
Maria Gonzalez	720-224-3612	B, P, S	12	Cimmaron			
Kyra Goudzwaard Cameron Guider	720-552-0175 303-868-7198	B, P B,P	15 14	Barrington Ridge Aspen Meadows			
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	14	Aspen Meadows			
Aubrienne Hansen	720-822-5512	P	13	Stallion Pointe.			
Keegan Hardesty Mac Hardesty	720-484-9557 720-672-1225	L, P, S L, P, S	17 15	Cimarron Cimarron			
Gailyn Harrigan	720-390-2770	B, L, P, S	13	Colony			
Reed Hershey	720-828-3245	B, L, P	12	North Ranch			
JJ Heupel Natalie Himmel	720-372-9476 720-788-3419	B, L, P, S B, P	16 15	Enclave/Traditions Eagles Pointe			
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood			
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood			
Reece Hodges Gunnar Holmes	303-667-2606 720-505-6764	L, P, S L, S	12 15	Saddlewood Carriage Hill			
Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch			
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows			
Lukas Jamtgaard Afton Jones	303-763-0250 720-705-9797	P B	18 16	Mountain Gate Manor Ridge			
Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	В	13	Territory			
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	15	Cimarron			
Sierra King Kellen Lay	720-582-3334 720-629-5566	L L, S	14 12	Heirloom Wynterbrooke			
Andrew Lerudis	720-691-3985	L, P, S	15	Village			
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista			
Shea McCaughey Riley McGatlin	720-774-7499 703-244-8558	B, P B, L, P, S	13 14	Cimmaron Legacy			
Rileigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe			
Nathan McAnally	303-358-1993	L, P, S	12	Retreat			
Charlotte Miller Janey Millstone	303-882-4415 720-668-1029	B, P B, P	16 15	Manor Ridge North Ranch			
Sydney Millstone	720-471-3245	B, P, L	15	North Ranch			
Lexi Moscardini	347-803-6421	B, P 1	3	Manor Ridge			
Hannah Mote Kellan Nash	720-305-8757 720-630-5764	B, P L, P, S	14 13	Stallion Pointe Retreat			
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions			
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Alessandra Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S,	15	Village			
Paulina Roberts Griffin Ruszkowski	720-394-3910 303-960-9883	B, P, S L, P, S	13 13	Village Stallion Pointe			
Jake Ruszkowski	720-607-2809	B, L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe			
Sebastian Ruszkowski	720-766-9843	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe			
Libby Sauer Nicholas Schuster	303-506-9752 720-990-7465	B, P B, P	12 18	North Ranch Heirloom			
Liam Schuster	720-480-0691	В, Р	13	Heirloom			
Aly Secondo	720-625-9910	B, P	14	Cimarron			
Ava Secondo Jon Siebrase	303-883-2592 314-960-1524	B, P L	18 13	Cimarron Stallion Pointe			
Brian Siebrase	314-960-1524	Ĺ	11	Stallion Pointe			
Anna Smith	567-217-1248	В	16 12	North Ranch			
Cameron Sternberg Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691 303-949-3691	P P	12 14	Aspen Meadows Aspen Meadows			
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Ryann Stewart Maddy Szabo	303-817-4120 720-768-5452	B B	12 16	Heirloom Aspen Meadows			
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	18	Legacy			
Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15 14	Cimarron Manor Pidgo			
Catie Watkins Judah Webster	720-705-1656 703-655-4428	B, P B, L, P, S	14 15	Manor Ridge The Spread			
Wyatt Webster	703-655-4428	B, L, P, S	13	The Spread			
Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	15 12	Carriage Hill			
Cole Yaley Connor Young	970-946-7649 720-883-3616	B, P, S B, L, P, S	13 13	Carriage Hill North Ranch			
Liam Young	720-883-3616	L, S, P	12	North Ranch			
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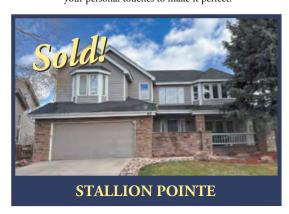
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