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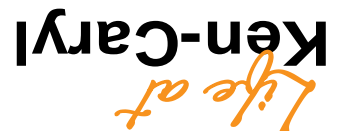


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Rescheduled Community Meeting for Deer Creek Golf Course Rezoning
The turnout for the April 6 Deer Creek Golf Course rezoning meeting exceeded fire code capacity for the meeting room, so it had to be rescheduled. The rescheduled community meeting will be on Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Terrace Gardens Event Center at 11851 Shaffer Drive. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible rezoning for residential a portion of the golf course in order to fund preservation of the 18-hole golf course and open space. For plan details, see the Jeffco Planning & Zoning website at <http://jeffco.us/planning-and-zoning/> and search Active Cases for Case No. 16-104712 CMT.

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By KCRMD District Manager Darrell Windes

Planning for this summer's activities on Ken-Caryl Ranch is in full swing. The staff of the Metropolitan District is getting ready for the opening of the parks and recreational facilities in a little over a month when the summer season on Ken-Caryl Ranch officially begins. All swimming pools are scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, May 28. In conjunction with the opening of the pools, the Parks Department staff has begun mowing of the turf areas and preparing the parks for the new growing season.

What makes this upcoming summer season different than any other in the past will be the completion of the facility bond projects. The bond projects at the Ranch House, the Community Center and Dakota Lodge are scheduled to be completed in the early part of the summer. The vast

majority of the interior improvements at each of the facilities will be completed by the middle of June.

Due to the need for the weather to cooperate for the planting of new landscaping, some of the site work at each site will in all likelihood not be fully installed until closer to the end of June. Much of the new trees and plant material planned for the sites cannot be accomplished until all grading and planting beds are completed in preparation for the new plant material. While the completion of the facility remodeling projects should not affect the opening of the pools, users of both the Ranch House and Community Center Pools will likely experience some temporary inconveniences as the facility construction and site work is wrapped up in June. I appreciate your patience and understanding as the projects reach completion in the next two months.

Taking a step back and looking at what has transpired on Ken-Caryl Ranch in the past two years is quite remarkable. It was in May of 2014 that voters of Ken-Caryl Ranch authorized the issuing of \$7.9 million in tax-exempt bond financing for major improvements to the three main facilities on the Ranch as well as significant investment in new playgrounds and park renovations. Here we are nearly two years later and the planning and construction associated with all of this work is quickly coming to fruition. When residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch are able to reflect on the significance of everything that has been accomplished since 2014, I believe the overwhelming majority will recognize the long-term benefits of making this investment in their community.

All meetings and activities are at the Ranch House unless otherwise stated. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please see www.ken-caryl-ranch.org for the most up-to-date information.

April

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
17	18	19	20 2 p.m. Historical Society 4:30 p.m. Covenant Committee	21 9:30 a.m. Story Time 10:15 a.m. Baby Time	22 9:30-11:30 a.m. Kanga & Roo Playgroup	23 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Spring Fling Event
24	25	26 6 p.m. MD Board	27 7 p.m. Open Space Committee	28 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 9:30 a.m. Story Time 10:15 a.m. Baby Time	29 9:30-11:30 a.m. Kanga & Roo Playgroup	30 7 p.m. Disco Party

May

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 6 p.m. MA/MD Joint Study Session	4 7 p.m. Wildfire Evacuation Community Meeting Chatfield Senior High	5 9:30 a.m. Story Time 10:15 a.m. Baby Time	6 9:30-11:30 a.m. Kanga & Roo Playgroup	7 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Recycling Event
8	9 7 p.m. Community Planning Committee	10	11	12 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 9:30 a.m. Story Time 10:15 a.m. Baby Time 6 p.m. Deer Creek Golf Course Rezoning Meeting Terrace Gardens Event Center	13	14
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Community Garage Sale

Date: Friday and Saturday, June 3-4
Time: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Throughout Community

Join neighbors throughout the community by hosting your own garage sale! There's no need to sign up for this event. Discounted garage sale signs will be available for \$3 (normally \$5) starting May 16 at the Ranch House. Please note there will NOT be Goodwill donation trucks at the Ranch House this year. If you have any questions about the Community Garage Sale, contact Victoria DeSair at victoriad@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 122.

● **School News**

Chatfield Senior High After Prom Open House

The Chatfield Senior High After Prom Committee invites all friends and community members to an Open House on Saturday, April 23 from 8 to 10 p.m. Come by and see how the school is transformed into a safe, alcohol-free party for all Chatfield juniors, seniors and their dates!

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Site Work at the Community Center

Submitted by Cheryl Humann,
Vanir Construction Management

The site work and landscaping is in full swing at the Community Center. The concrete has been poured for the post-tensioned tennis courts 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the fencing is being installed. The finish surface is warm-weather dependent and is anticipated to be completed in mid-May. The demolition for the splash pad has begun with the new amenity anticipated to be completed by late May. The concrete curbing for the new playground will soon be completed and the playground equipment will be installed in May.

With the demolition of the small parking lot east of tennis courts 1 and 2, there is a temporary loss of 21 parking spaces. That loss of parking spaces in addition to the spaces lost due to the contractor's construction trailer and material laydown in the upper west lot is temporary. We understand that parking is tight during the construction period. However, in June, when the drop-off turn-around is completed, 10 of those parking spaces will be added back. This leaves a net decrease of only 11 parking spots at the end of the project, which will be in June. Thank you for your patience! If you have any questions or concerns, email bondprojects@kcranh.org.



Dakota Lodge Patio and Fire Pit

Site work at Dakota Lodge is underway! A new concrete patio and a fire pit are being added on the back side of the building.



◆ Covenant Clips

Signs of the Times

By Community Standards Administrator Rita Saunders

Now that we're all anxious for spring to arrive – and stay – we see signs popping up everywhere. Some are visual pollution, like my nemesis with the red lettering on the white signs, and will be removed if placed on Master Association property or on road rights-of-way within the boundaries of Ken-Caryl Ranch. If you engage contractors to work at your property, they can place one sign on your property while the work is actively taking place. So, lawn aeration or mowing signs are really pointless since they could only be set out for an hour or less.

A few years ago the Architectural Committee added a category for youth activity signs on private property as an allowable category. Parents are justifiably proud of graduating seniors or sports participation by their youngsters, but the sign should be thoughtfully placed and be displayed for a reasonable period of time.

Garage sale signs come complete with the signage policy if you purchase the signs at the Ranch House. If you purchase elsewhere the architecturally approved white 24" by 18" signs mounted on wire frames that push into the ground, the signage guidelines are on our website. In a nutshell, the policy is intended to accomplish the purpose using as few signs as possible. Signs with directional arrows are to be placed where a turn is required to reach the sale, using only one sign per intersection per event. Signs cannot be placed on medians. Additional sign restrictions are: none on Ken Caryl Ave. west of C-470 except at the intersection of the Valley Parkway (the triangle where North Ranch Road splits off); none on South Valley Road except at the intersections of Valley Parkway or Club Drive; none at the intersection of Ken Caryl Ave. and Continental Divide Road.

There are rarely problems with real estate signs on properties that are for sale or rent. These signs cannot exceed six square feet, must be freestanding and vertically aligned. Only one sign per residence is allowed. We do experience regular infractions of the Open House temporary signage with signs improperly placed to advertise the event. Acceptable locations for those signs are consistent with the garage sale sign rules. Realtors marketing homes on Ken-Caryl Ranch should be aware there are rules for their signs, so please direct your real estate professional to our website or have them call the Ranch House to get a copy of the guidelines so your Open House will receive the expected traffic.

Lastly, political signage can only be placed on your private property, no more than 45 days prior to an election, and must be removed within one week after the election. Please see the full list of specific rules on our website, or call the Ranch House to have them mailed or emailed.

Ken-Caryl Ranch documents are available at the Ranch House and on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Please contact me at 303-979-1876, ext. 113, or email ritas@kcranh.org should you have any covenant concerns.

Master Association

The following is a summary of items from the April 12 business meeting of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board:

- Staff updated the Board on the status of the marquee sign at the entrance to the Valley.
- Staff reviewed the quarterly reserve expense report with the Board.
- A motion passed authorizing staff to enter into a contract with AGE, Inc. to make improvements to Stallion Pointe Trail. The cost is \$10,800.
- A motion passed appointing five residents to the Open Space Comprehensive Management Plan Task Force.
- A motion passed authorizing staff to enter into a contract with Tony Boone Trails/Timberline Landscaping for 2016 trails maintenance services. The budget is \$68,000.

Joint Study Session

On April 5, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards held a Joint Study Session at the Ranch House and discussed the following items:

- The Boards received comments from residents regarding the 2016 turf reduction projects.
- Cheryl Humann, Vanir Construction, our owner's representative, presented an update on the status of the bond projects.
- Parks Department staff presented a report on dumping and other challenges resulting from adjacent neighbors. Boards supported staff's plan of action to contact violators and seek remedial action.
- Staff presented a report on greenbelt patrols in particular as they relate to dogs off leash. The Boards directed staff to maintain the status quo.
- Staff presented a plan to add to the landscaping around the new sign at the corner of S. Valley Road and Valley Parkway to hide the utility boxes that are now visible.
- The Boards reviewed a draft plan for Embrey Partners (developers of The Escape at Ken-Caryl apartments) to develop apartments at the Jefferson Corporate Center.
- A request to extend the hours of operation of the bathrooms at the Bradford Recreation Center was discussed. Since the building is not heated it would require major modifications in order to honor this request and the Board decided not to make any changes at this time.

Email Addresses Needed for Master Association Notifications

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association is now able to send neighborhood specific communications such as area improvements and notifications and dues late notices via email to homeowners. If you would like to provide your email address for use in our accounting software, please email your name, property address and email address to Annette Chavez at annettec@kcranh.org. Your email address will not be distributed or sold and will be for Master Association use only.

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Landscape Projects in Spring

By Open Space Ranger Matt Owen

The month of April is a great time to start your projects. Adding plants, mulch and other material will help add value to your property and give you a sense of satisfaction that your home is inviting to visitors. While you are completing your projects on your property, remember to respect your open space areas. The following are examples of rules violations and how they impact the resources contained in open space.

Dumping

Includes grass clippings, branches, other yard waste, dog feces and construction debris. Harm to the open space includes yard waste containing seeds of non-native plants that can germinate and crowd out native and other desirable plants in the open space. Dump piles can provide habitat for rodents and snakes that you may not want living close to your house. The open space is not a public dumping area, but is shared by everyone to enjoy.

Driving in Open Space

Includes contractors using open space to access owner's property, transportation of materials, ATVs or any other unauthorized vehicles in open space. Harm to the open space includes destruction of property, bare spots that are susceptible to weed invasions (expensive to fight noxious weeds), unsightly scars left in the open space and erosion of bare soil.

Excessive Mowing

Includes mowing beyond the allowed 10-foot wide swath where private property meets open space. Harm to the open space includes: excessive mowing prevents seed development of native plants not allowing them to reseed, some native plants can be killed by excessive mowing, variations in excessive mowing creates an unsightly mosaic of the private property/open space boundaries.

Structures

Includes retaining walls, pathways or trails, extension of private landscaping, bird feeders, play equipment (swing sets, trampolines, etc.), invisible dog fences or other fences or any other structures



are prohibited. The use of open space for personal benefit is unfair to other property owners.

Planting in Open Space

Includes trees, shrubs, non-native vegetation or any other non-approved plantings. Planting non-native species can compete with native species. If you would like to know more information about the approval process for plantings in the open space, contact the Ranger staff.

Another concern that I experience often is the lack of communication between a homeowner and their contractor regarding the open space. Taking the time to communicate with your contractor and knowledge of your property line is the correct way to begin a project. This means your project will be completed correctly the first time and you will not have to contact the company to return to the site and restore damaged open space or relocate material from the project, incurring added cost.

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board of Directors adopted a strict enforcement policy regarding rules violations. If a rules violation occurs, the Rangers will issue a contact notice and direct the damage to be mitigated in the open space. A second contact notice may include a notice of hearing to appear before the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board of Directors with a potential fine and/or loss of privileges. If you have any questions, call the Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

Wildfire Evacuation Exercise May 21; Community Info Meeting May 4

There will be a Wildland Fire Evacuation Exercise in Ken-Caryl Valley on Saturday, May 21. Emergency vehicles will swarm into Ken-Caryl Valley as citizens are voluntarily evacuating from a simulated wildfire. The response by fire departments and law enforcement may look real, but it will only be a drill. Those living in Ken-Caryl Valley and the North Ranch will be invited to take part in the voluntary community evacuation drill.


There will be a community meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at Chatfield Senior High to discuss the evacuation exercise. The goals of the meeting are to:

1. Promote voluntary participation in the exercise.
2. Reassure residents that the exercise will not interfere with graduation celebrations.
3. Distribute wildfire materials.
4. Provide a brief review of wildfire, evacuation preparation and safety, etc.
5. Answer questions from residents.

The exercise will begin at 8 a.m. on May 21, and the evacuation will start at 9 a.m. Residents of the area will receive an evacuation notice via telephone. Residents who have signed up for CodeRed will also receive notification via smartphone. If you haven't signed up for emergency notifications through CodeRed, please sign up at www.your911.net. The drill is meant to simulate a real-life emergency and test evacuation procedures.

Some area schools have graduation that day, but please know that no roads will be closed and residents will have complete access to the area. The only difference is an increase in law enforcement and fire apparatus traffic in the area. The increased traffic in law enforcement and fire apparatus is expected to wind down between 1 and 2 p.m. as that portion of the exercise is completed.

Additional information will be provided by West Metro and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office prior to the evacuation exercise on May 21. You can find out more information about wildfire risk on page 20.



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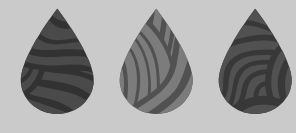
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Trail Work for 2016 About to Start

Submitted by Jeff Lyslo and Dan Mullins, Volunteer Trail Coordinators

With spring upon us, the snow is melting and open space trail use will be on the rise. Along with this, seasonal trail work approved by the Master Association Board will also begin shortly. This will include both maintenance of existing trails and completing construction of the Upper Cougar and Lower Question Mark Peak Trails, which were started in 2015.

This work season will see a different emphasis than past years, with professional trail work contractors doing much more work. This will be complemented with work done by community volunteers, as has been done in past seasons.

As part of this change, two volunteer trail coordinators from the community have been added. They will work with the contractors, volunteers and open space staff to coordinate maintenance and construction activities. This addition will help to ensure smooth and efficient implementation of all Master Association Board approved trail projects, while also freeing up open space staff to have more time to address other open space projects and issues.

Dan Mullins and Jeff Lyslo are working together in this new position. They have been leading volunteer efforts and working with open space staff for many years on trail construction, trail maintenance and other trail issues. An overview of the volunteer trail coordinator position can be found at:

<http://ken-carylranh.org/open-space/open-space-administration/open-space-management/>

The volunteer trail coordinators will also be answering trail-related questions and concerns from the community. An email address has been set up for this purpose: trails@kcranch.org. Feel free to reach out to Dan and Jeff if you have questions about anything related to our trails, and they will be happy to assist you.

The Board has allocated money in the budget for contract trail maintenance, with the contract to be awarded this month. The maintenance operations on existing trails will be starting on trails in the Valley around the first part of May. The contractor will be using light machinery in many places to correct problems with the trails. The use of machinery will allow the contractor to correct issues that cannot be easily corrected with manual labor and to do maintenance on a large part of our trail system over the course of the season.

Problems that will be addressed include ruts and storm-damaged trail, cupped trail, braided trail and poor trail drainage. Residents who use our trails know that these types of issues are prevalent in many of our trails. In general, the contractor will

shape the trail surface so that it will be more sustainable, eroding less with time and requiring less maintenance going ahead. Trail users can expect to see the maintenance crew and equipment out on the trails starting in early May through sometime in September.

The Board has also approved two construction projects for 2016. Both projects are the continuation of projects started in 2015. Tony Boone Trails, the contractor in 2015, will again be the contractor in 2016. As with last year, the trail will be constructed using a mini-excavator. Tony Boone Trails is expected to start work in late April or early May, depending on weather.

The first project will be the completion of the Lower Question Mark Peak Trail. This trail has about 800 feet of construction remaining for completion to link the two halves of the loop and will only take several days to finish. Immediately following that, Tony Boone Trails will work on finishing the Upper Cougar Trail, which was started in 2015, primarily by trail club volunteers. The company will work from the top down on this project. It is expected that both of these projects will be completed in roughly 2-3 months from start of work, and should be available for use by August.

Community volunteers will continue to be involved in many facets of trail work this season, including the clearing of vegetation ahead of the contract trail builder, cleaning up and finishing trails with both the maintenance and construction contractors, doing regular inspections of all trails for maintenance issues, and clearing vegetation that is overgrowing onto existing trails. The Trail Club is always interested in getting more people involved with volunteering on the trails. If you are interested, please email the Trail Club at kctrailclub@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the trails!

Littleton Symphony Orchestra Concert

The Littleton Symphony Orchestra continues their 32nd season with "The Four Elements: Earth," on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura Street in Littleton. This program includes Smetana's "From Bohemian Forests and Meadows," Stravinsky's "Adoration of the Earth" from the Rite of Spring, and Johann Strauss' "Tales from the Vienna Woods." Guest vocal soloist Sarah Barber will join the orchestra and perform the Farewell from Mahler's "Song of the Earth." Individual concert tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and FREE for youth 21 and under. They may be purchased ahead online at www.littletonsymphony.org or at Gorsett Violin Shop in Centennial. Tickets are also available at the door on concert night.

Passover Seder on April 23

Congregation B'nai Chaim, a Reform Jewish Synagogue in Southwest Metro Denver, is pleased to announce that it will be holding a Second Night Passover Seder on Saturday, April 23. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the Seder begins at 5:30 p.m. This year the Seder will be held a lovely new location, the Red Rocks Country Club in Morrison. For more information, including cost and

registration, visit the congregation website at www.bnaichaim.org or call 303-697-2668.

Meadows Women's Golf Association 18-Hole League

The women's 18-hole league at the Meadows Golf Course is accepting membership applications for the 2016 season. The Meadows Golf Course is located at 7007 Meadows Golf Club Dr., Littleton, CO 80127. The league plays Tuesday mornings from late April through October, with fun game days for prizes every week, a variety of tournaments, and interclub play. Applications are available at the Meadows Golf Course, on the MWGA18 website, www.mwga18.yolasite.com, or contact Lisa Bridston at lisabridston@gmail.com for more information.

Meadows Women's Golf Association 9-Hole League

Meadows Women's Golf 9-Hole League is accepting applications for new members. We play Tuesday mornings at Meadows Golf Course, 7007 Meadows Golf Club Drive, in Littleton. For more information, please email Leslie Clark at LJC@mac.com or call 720-217-5782. We'd love to have you golf with us!

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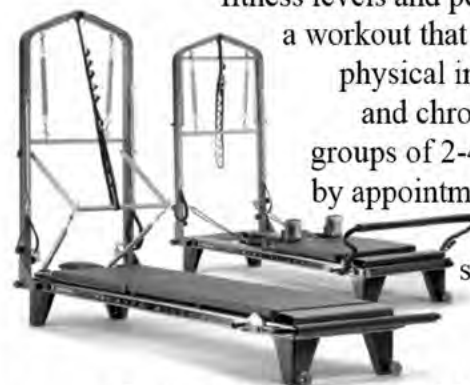
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Spring is in the air and that means it's time for Bradford's Hogback Hustle! The scenic 5K and 1-Mile race kicks off at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 24 at the Bradford Intermediate School. Register and find more information at www.hogbackhustle.com.

- Temporary Road Closures April 24 from Approximately 9 to 9:45 a.m.**
- Valley Parkway will be closed to southbound traffic between Woodruff Drive and the southbound intersection with White Oak Drive. Traffic northbound will be allowed.
 - The inside (clockwise lane) of White Oak Drive will be closed.
 - Outside (counterclockwise lane) traffic will be allowed.
 - Entering and exiting Manor Ridge will be affected from approximately 9 to 9:45 a.m.
 - The run will last approximately 45 minutes.

If you need to cross the race course during the event, please be extra cautious for runners in both directions. There will be course marshals at most intersections to assist you. Delays will be kept to a minimum. Emergency services will not be interrupted.

Please see www.hogbackhustle.com for more information or call Bradford Intermediate School at 303-982-4882 with any questions.



The Bradford Hogback Hustle 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run will be Sunday, April 24 at Bradford Intermediate School.

Who's Your Farmer?

Submitted by Jessica Mullins, Ken-Caryl Resident
Looking for a way to incorporate FRESH, LOCAL, SEASONAL, ORGANIC and SUSTAINABLE food into your kitchen and onto your plate?

Grant Farms Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) again will have a pick-up site this year in Ken-Caryl Valley! They offer not only three sizes of veggie shares, but also fruit shares, pastured organic egg shares, mushroom shares, cheese shares, microgreen shares, canned goods shares, All-In Farm Kitchen Shares and more!

Joining a CSA is a wonderful way to not only vote for your local economy with your food dollar (by sending it directly to the farmer rather than through middleman distributors), but it's also a great way to lock in a portion of your food costs for the season (in Grant Farm's case, the length of the share season is six months).

Collaborating with other local producers adds diversity to their share offerings, as well as giving others another local market outlet for their goods. Grant Farms collaborates with Hazel Dell Mushrooms, MouCo Cheese, Haystack Mountain Goat Cheese, Avocado's Number, Mama's Tofu Collective, Jackie's Java, Morning Fresh Dairy (Noosa Yogurt), and orchards on the Western Slope of Colorado to bring you a great variety of shares to choose from!

When members join Grant Farm by signing up for a CSA share, they're committing to entering into the challenges of the growing season with their farmer, as well as the bounty and rewards. In turn, the farmers commit to providing their members with the most abundant and diverse shares as possible for the length of the growing season. The up-front financial



support they receive from the community helps them to buy seed, fix equipment, and plan and prepare for the upcoming season without relying on subsidies or big banks' loans as many industrial farms do. In this way, the CSA model is a more economically and socially sustainable model of a food system. It's also environmentally sustainable, in that it keeps food local (food on the average American plate has traveled about 1,500 miles from field to table) and reduces one's carbon footprint.

As farmers, not only are they passionate about growing nutritious and great tasting food on the land they love, they're also working to educate and directly connect folks with where their food comes from. We hope you'll join us! If you are interested in checking it out more or signing up, please check out www.GrantFarms.com or call them at 970-568-7654 or email them at howdy@grantfarms.com. If you sign up, use coupon code JMullins16, and pick-up site host Jessica Mullins will deliver you a few free goodies from the farm once you sign up!



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Jodi's Race for Ovarian Cancer Awareness June 11

Submitted by Gerri Gomez Howard

For the past six years, runners and walkers have poured into Denver's City Park to flood the paths in teal t-shirts, teal tutus and teal headbands as part of the annual Jodi's Race for Awareness. Now in its seventh year, the Race, which benefits the Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance (COCA), returns to City Park on Saturday, June 11.

The Race is named after Jodi Brammeier, a young wife and mother who lived on Ken-Caryl Ranch and was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2008. Jodi believed she would have discovered the cancer earlier if she had been more aware of the symptoms. She established the race to raise awareness so that other women might find their cancer earlier and stand a better chance to win against the disease. While Jodi lost her battle with ovarian cancer in 2010, her memory lives on in Jodi's Race for Awareness, which has grown to become the third largest race in the country in support of women with ovarian cancer.

Presented by Cancer Treatment Centers of America, this popular community event with its 5k Run/Walk, 1-Mile Family Walk, Family Fun Zone, Furry Friends Dog Zone,

expo area and live entertainment will again be emceed by 7NEWS anchor and host of The Now, Theresa Marchetta.

Registration for this year's Jodi's Race for Awareness is underway online at www.jodisrace.org. Runners and walkers are encouraged to increase the impact of their participation by forming teams with their family, friends and coworkers. A Virtual Run and Ova Sleep option are available for those who can't make it to City Park on June 11. Great prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers and finishers and all who participate will receive a teal prize egg.

Ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cancer in females in the United States and the deadliest gynecologic cancer. An annual gynecological exam does not check for this cancer, and there is no specific screening test for ovarian cancer. Being able to recognize the symptoms, leading to early detection, is critical to saving lives. The most common symptoms of ovarian cancer are bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, and urinary urgency or frequency.

All money raised from Jodi's Race remains in Colorado and funds Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance programs that support women with ovarian cancer. To learn more about COCA and its programs, visit www.colorado-ovariancancer.org or call 303-506-7014.



Jodi's Race for Awareness, named after a Ken-Caryl Ranch resident who lost her battle to ovarian cancer, will be Saturday, June 11 in Denver's City Park.

Imagine a Great Library: Input Needed

Jefferson County Public Library invites Jeffco residents to share their ideas for Library Services in South Jefferson County at the following community drop-in sessions:

Wednesday, April 20, 6-7:30 p.m.
Deer/Elk Meeting Room, Ridge Rec Center (Note New Location)
6613 S. Ward Street, Littleton

Thursday, April 28, 5:30-7 p.m.
Columbine Library Meeting Room
7706 W Bowles Ave, Littleton

Saturday, April 30, 10-11:30 a.m.
Columbine Library Meeting Room
7706 W Bowles Ave, Littleton

"We've known for some time that we're not meeting the needs of our South County residents," said Pam Nissler, executive director, JCPL. "The Columbine Library was built nearly 30 years ago for a population of about 55,000. Since then,

the population has grown to more than 120,000, and the Columbine Library is bursting at the seams!

"Thanks to a successful mill levy initiative in 2015, we can now begin to respond to the growing demand for library services in South Jefferson County," Pam said. "These are exciting times for JCPL, and we look forward to providing a more responsible level of library service to area residents."

All Jeffco residents are welcome to provide input on these initiatives. Residents who are unable to attend the Community Meetings may offer input via the following:

- Online survey available through May 15 at jeffcolibrary.org/new-south-county
- At the Columbine Library during regular business hours
- At the South County Bookmobile from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, at 12442 W. Ken Caryl Ave. in the Ken-Caryl Safeway Shopping Center.

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<p>Happy Hour (5 - 7pm)</p> <p>\$3 Coors Light Draft</p> <p>\$4 Craft Beer Draft</p> <p>\$4 Well Cocktail</p> <p>\$5 House Wine</p>	<p>May 4 \$5 Cover Yellow Dog Blues Band Barbed Wire Reef</p> <p>May 11 \$5 Cover Slopeside Street Frites</p> <p>May 18 \$5 Cover Disco Night w/ DJ Perry Washington Barbed Wire Reef</p> <p>May 25 Cover TBA Band TBA J Street Food Truck</p>
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Allergy Free Baking Company

By Communications Director Victoria DeSair
Ken-Caryl resident Nicole Kurland started the Allergy Free Baking Company last year. She makes custom allergy-friendly baked goods, including cookies, cupcakes, breads and granola. She also has a line of dry mixes for brownies,

cookies, pancakes, muffins and pizza crusts. All products are gluten free, nut free, soy free and corn free. Most are also dairy free and can be made egg free. She uses all-natural products with no artificial dyes or sweeteners.

"The prevalence of allergies is rising, and I noticed my kids' friends not being able to enjoy the same treats as the other kids," said Nicole of why she started her business. "My son has nut allergies, and I loved experimenting with different recipes to make them healthier. I knew that I could come up with delicious, allergy-free goods that people with severe allergies would enjoy and delicious enough that anyone would love to eat, even if you don't have allergies."

Nicole and her husband, Jeremy, are both chiropractors. They moved to Ken-Caryl in 2012 to be closer to the mountains, as they both enjoy outdoor activities. Nicole has a passion for children's health and nutrition, and she has always loved to bake. Allergy Free Baking Company combines all of those elements.

"I absolutely love to see the look on people's faces when they bite into a cookie, cupcake or bagel that they have had to avoid eating due to their allergies," Nicole said. "Sometimes the person has never been able to try that specific type of food because they are allergic to at least one ingredient in the product on the shelves. I also am obsessed with creating new recipes that are delicious and allergy friendly. That is how I spend a lot of my free time."

The response to her home-based business has been so positive that she is planning to open a commercial bakery within the next year.

To find out more about Nicole and the Allergy Free Baking Company, visit allergyfreebakingcompany.com. You can contact Nicole at 303-931-9773 or allergyfreebakingco@gmail.com.

Editor's Note: The Minding Our Business section features businesses within the boundaries of Ken-Caryl Ranch. If you have a business you would like to submit for this section, contact Victoria DeSair at 303-979-1876, ext. 122, or victoriad@kcranch.org.



Ken-Caryl resident Nicole Kurland is the owner of the Allergy Free Baking Company.



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Equestrian Center Summer Camps

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Equestrian Center will offer several camp options this summer. See www.ken-caryl-ranch.org for session dates. Registration for the camps began in March, and a few of the sessions are already full. Call 303-972-8456 or email eqschool@kcranch.org to find out which sessions are still available. Registration will continue until all camps are full.

Picnic with the Ponies
 Ages 6-8 Years
 Fee: \$225 Per Session

During this fun camp, younger children will learn different aspects of horse care and horseback riding. We strive to offer a wonderful horse experience while learning to be safe around horses. We are offering five, two-week sessions held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Summer Camp
 Ages 8 & Up
 Fee: \$225 Per Session

In this camp, students will learn many aspects of horse care including, handling, body language and psychology, tack cleaning, grooming, feeding, and, of course, horseback riding! They will have a wonderful horse experience while learning to be safe around horses. Kids attend Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and may ride either English or Western in any of the camps. These camps are appropriate for kids with a variety of horse experience.

Registration Information

Registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Along with payment, you will need to turn in a Registration Form and Waiver. See the Equestrian Center page at www.ken-caryl-ranch.org for details and registration forms. Call 303-972-8456 or email eqschool@kcranch.org for information.

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Manor House

Manor House a Privately Owned Business

By Communications Director Victoria DeSair

There seems to be some confusion among residents regarding ownership of the Manor House. It was never owned by the Master Association and has always been operated as it is today as a privately owned business. It is located on private property, and it is only open to the public on certain days and times.

The majority of the Manor House business is weddings; however they can do any and all types of special events, private parties, corporate functions, group meetings, birthdays, luncheons and much more.

The Manor House used to operate as a restaurant. When the owners closed the restaurant in 2008, they received feedback from the community that residents still wanted to be able to come up and enjoy the property, have a drink and a bite to eat. They opened the bar on Wednesday nights so that there would be at least one night a week where the public could come into the house. There is no longer a full commercial kitchen in the house, so a food truck comes to the Wednesday evening events.

The Manor House was closed on Wednesday nights during this winter, but the weekly events will start back on May 4 from 5 to 10 p.m. Each week will feature live music and a food truck. This season, the Manor House will implement a \$5 cover charge per person to help bring in some top-notch talent and allow more staff to accommodate the larger crowds they had last summer.

The owners of the Manor House understand that the historical building is a wonderful place for photos before special events such as prom. With that in mind, the owners have set up times for special photo opportunities on prom day for the following schools:

Chatfield and Mullen: April 23 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Columbine: April 30 from 11 a.m. to noon

During the special prom photo time slot, residents can come up and take photos. After that time, cars will be turned away at the entrance as the Manor House has special events on all of those dates. Understandably, the April 30 timeslot is not ideal, but the Manor House has events all day and that is the only open slot.

Please understand that the Manor House is trying to operate a business. While an event is going on, the facility and grounds will be closed to outside guests.

If anyone has any suggestions, questions or concerns, the staff at the Manor House encourages you to call or email. For more information about events at the Manor House, visit www.themanorhouse.com, call 303-799-1000 or email at info@themanorhouse.com.



Visit the Manor House on Wednesday nights from 5 to 10 p.m. for happy hour and live music. There will be a \$5 cover charge per person.

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New Videos to Help Homeowners Plan for Emerald Ash Borer

Submitted by the Colorado State Forest Service
The Colorado State Forest Service has just released two new online videos to help Colorado homeowners and communities prepare for an imminent threat to millions of trees in the state – the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

EAB is a highly destructive, non-native insect that infests and kills all North American true ash species. The pest, which already has cost communities in the eastern U.S. billions of dollars, was first detected in the City of Boulder in 2013. It has not yet been detected in Colorado outside of the city, but now threatens an estimated 15 percent or more of Colorado's urban and community trees.

The two videos focus on how to identify ash trees, which are found widely in backyards, parks and along streets around the state, and how to recognize symptoms of EAB infestation in an ash tree, as opposed to other factors impacting the health of ash trees in Colorado.

"Right now, what's important is helping communities and property owners figure out if they have ash trees, and if so, knowing what to be thinking about with

regards to management options for those trees," said Keith Wood, community forestry program manager for the CSFS.

The new ash identification video visually depicts the basic traits to look for in a tree to easily determine if it is an ash tree, which would make it susceptible to EAB and in the future may require treatment or removal. For homeowners and businesses that do have ash trees, the other video covers various symptoms to look for to determine if a tree is infested by EAB or has other health issues. Wood says the intent is to ensure that if or when EAB arrives in communities outside of Boulder, property owners will already know if they have an ash tree and have an idea what to look for to determine if EAB could be present.

The CSFS also just released another video on how to properly plant trees. While the video applies to the planting of almost any tree type in Colorado and for any reason, it too has significance regarding EAB management.

To view the videos or for more information about EAB, go to www.csfs.colostate.edu/emerald-ash-borer. Additional EAB resources also can be found at www.eabcolorado.com.

● Reminder

Don't Leave Pet Waste Bags on the Trail!

Now that the weather is turning warmer, the KCRMA Park Rangers would like to remind dog walkers to please pick up after your pet. Rangers appreciate trail users who place dog feces in bags, but remember to also place the bags in a trash can and do not leave them on the side of trails or at intersections. Please do your part and keep our open space clean!



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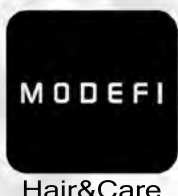
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Former Resident to Bike Across the U.S. this Summer

Former Ken-Caryl resident and D'Evelyn High School 2012 graduate Kayla Choun is gearing up to bike a total of 4,000 miles with the nonprofit Bike & Build this summer. Bike & Build is a service-oriented cycling trip that benefits affordable housing.

During this 77-day trip, Kayla and her team of 31 other young adults will meet with members of the communities they pass through, tell them about the trip and the affordable housing issue, and help them become involved in efforts to alleviate the problem. There will be several days in which the team trades their bikes for hammers, as they will help construct affordable homes with local housing organizations. Kayla and her team will spend four days in Colorado, one of which will be spent helping to build a home in Pagosa Springs.

To prepare for the trip, Kayla has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in both Denver and Chicago. From working as a lifeguard at the Bradford Pool to biking throughout Ken-Caryl, Kayla has always enjoyed working with others and exploring the great outdoors.

"Growing up in Ken-Caryl was such a blessing," Kayla said. "I hope that by expanding the affordable housing landscape, other families will have the opportunity to live in safe and stable communities similar to what Ken-Caryl has provided for its residents."

Following this cross-country bike ride from Florida to California, Kayla will be leaving to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Benin, West Africa. If you would like to learn more about Bike & Build or support her trip, please see <http://classic.bikeandbuild.org/rider/8785> or contact the local Habitat for Humanity chapter to help support this cause.



Kayla Choun will bike 4,000 miles this summer and help build affordable houses through the nonprofit Bike & Build.

Tennis Players Represent Ken-Caryl as Ball Kids in Palm Springs Tournament

Every year, Ken-Caryl Ranch sends ball kids to Palm Springs for the BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament in March. Representing Ken-Caryl were: Carter Dart, Anna Day, Mikaela Mueller, Mikayla Phelps, Sean Phelps, Brandon Pennington and Natalia Smith. They did a great job representing the community!



Show Your Interest in the Optional Composting Service

Waste Connections will offer an optional composting service later this year if at least 500 Ken-Caryl residents sign up for the fee-based option. Composting would be picked up every other week, and the fee of \$11 per month would be billed directly to the homeowner. Items that can be composted include food, food-soiled paper and plant materials.

If you are interested in this service, please email kencarylco@wasteconnections.com or call the Ranch House at 303-979-1876. In the message, say that you are interested in the composting service and provide your name, email, phone number and address. Assuming enough owners are interested, Waste Connections will contact you to complete the signup process.



DIAL IN YOUR DECK EVENT

Looking to upgrade your deck this spring?

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6pm : Cocktails & Light Appetizers

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Date: Saturday, April 23

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Ranch House Park

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Special Guest: Smokey Bear!

Schedule of Events

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11:30-11:45 a.m.
Raffle Prizes

12-12:30 p.m.
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Art with Patrick

1:45-2 p.m.
Raffle Prizes

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Coming to Spring Fling 2016: Raptor Education Foundation

On Saturday, April 23, the Raptor Education Foundation will be presenting birds of prey education with live raptors, including a Golden Eagle, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ranch House Park. They will have a booth setup at the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free education materials as well as merchandise such as memberships, jewelry, books and more to help support their non-releasable birds.

Raptor Education Foundation was established in 1980 and is located in Brighton, Colorado. According to its website, "The Raptor Education Foundation uses these magnificent birds as ambassadors for the vast 'silent majority' of living creatures: the diversity of plants and animals that creates and supports human life. The raptors in the Foundation's care are permanently impaired, unable to survive any longer in the wild. Instead, they have found a new home and a new role as educators and nature's ambassadors. In a technological age, they connect us back to the elemental forces of nature." To learn more about Raptor Education Foundation, visit www.usaref.org.

Raptors such as hawks, eagles, falcons and owls all use their sharp-hooked beaks and powerful feet with sharp talons to catch their prey. These characteristics place raptors high on the food chain with few predators. In Ken-Caryl Ranch, raptors such as Golden Eagles, Cooper's Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Great Horned Owls and American Kestrel Falcons, are likely to be spotted because of the diverse landscapes, including the prairie, conifer forests, rock cliffs and creek sides. Please join us at Spring Fling to learn more about these magnificent animals and other awesome things about the outdoors!

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WHO'S INVITED? 6th-8th Graders
WHEN? Saturday, April 30, 7:00-9:30 PM
WHERE? Ranch House
HOW MUCH? \$8 Per Student

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Jefferson County Public Library invites Jeffco residents to share their ideas for Library Services in South Jefferson County at the following community drop-in sessions:

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20
Deer/Elk Meeting Room, The Ridge, Foothills Rec Center
6613 S. Ward Street, Littleton

5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, April 28
Columbine Library Meeting Room
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10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30
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RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

◆ For Your Information

Recreation Office Hours

Ranch House
Recreation Office 303-979-4070
Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

Community Center 303-979-2233
Monday - Thursday 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

How to Register for Classes & Events

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District has a new online registration system through Active Network. This is a new registration system, so your login information from the old system will not work. You will need to set up a new account. Go to www.ken-carylranh.org and click on Register for Classes at the top to get started.

◆ Aquatics

Summer Pool Pass Validation

The pools open Saturday, May 28, but Summer Pool Pass Validation will begin Monday, May 2. Please be sure you've set up your online account with our new Active Net registration system prior to coming in to validate your pool pass. Go to www.ken-carylranh.org and click on Register for Classes at the top of the page.

To validate your residency, you must show proof of residency within the Metro District boundaries. To show proof of residency, present one of the following:

A valid Colorado Driver's License

Warranty Deed

Colorado ID

Lease Agreement

Property Tax Statement

Proof of residency must have applicant's name and valid KCRMD address.

Please Note: Residents of Mountain Gate

or the Escape at Ken-Caryl apartments must pay the non-resident rate at the Community Center because Mountain Gate and the Escape are part of the Plains Metropolitan District, not the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District. Because the Ranch House and Bradford Pools are on property owned by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association, Mountain Gate and Escape residents can go to the Ranch House and Bradford Pools for free.

If you have questions regarding residency call the Ranch House for assistance at 303-979-4070.

◆ Fitness & Wellness



Community Center Fitness Center Now Open!

The newly renovated fitness center on the lower level of the Community Center is now open! The facility has brand new, state-of-the-art equipment, updated fitness spaces and remodeled locker rooms. KCRMD has contracted with Elevation Corporate Health to provide a Fitness Coordinator, Jill Good, to help oversee the fitness center, get members acclimated with the new equipment, and add some exciting new programs such as spin to our current schedule. Fitness center members will also receive some added benefits such as fitness assessments, equipment instruction and more personal training options. Elevation also provides support for online registration for classes, new fitness-oriented special events and additional fitness instructors. Check out the KCRMD page on the Elevation Fitness website: elevationxpress.com and use this code: KCRMD. If you have any questions, contact the Community Center at 303-979-2233.

Spin Has Arrived!

We are excited to bring you an outdoor cycling experience indoors with this athletic and challenging cycling ride. Motivating instruction and energetic music will keep you energized as you are guided through a workout comprised of a variety of hill climbs, flat terrains, sprints and anaerobic intervals. Each workout is different and exciting as the instructor picks the course and sets the goals for each class.

Days and Times:

Tuesday 6-7 a.m.
Wednesday 5:20-6:20 p.m.
Thursday 6-7 a.m.
Saturday 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Spin

Drop-in Fee: Resident: \$12
Non-Resident: \$15

Spin

10-Class Pass: Resident: \$100
Non-Resident: \$120

Register online through KCRMD's Elevation Fitness website at elevationxpress.com and enter code KCRMD.

◆ Fitness & Wellness



Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness

Ken-Caryl has partnered with SilverSneakers to offer benefits to qualified members of AARP, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Humana, Kaiser Permanente of Colorado and United Health Care. Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness program is also an insurance benefit included in more than 65 Medicare health plans. Through SilverSneakers, health plans and group retirement plans provide a gym membership to their insured at no additional cost. It only takes a few seconds to see if you qualify for a free gym membership to the Community Center. Stop by and we can put your name, address and birth date into the database to see if you qualify, or you can contact your insurance provider. For more information, please call the Community Center at 303-979-2233.

◆ Pickleball



Pickleball Now Available!

Pickleball is played on a badminton size court using a paddle slightly larger than a ping pong paddle with many similarities to tennis. The length of a pickleball paddle makes pickleball much easier to learn than tennis.

Pickleball 101

For people who are first-time pickleball players. We will have you playing the game in three weeks. All equipment will be provided.

Location: Court #4 in the Tennis Building
Fee: Resident: \$42
Non-Resident: \$51

Tennis Players Level 3.5 and Up

Dates: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, 10
Time: 6-7 p.m.

Course #31861

Non-Tennis Players

Dates: Tuesday-Thursday, May 10-12
Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Course #31862

Players with Previous Experience with Racquet Sports

Dates: Tuesday-Thursday, May 10-12
Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Course #31863

Pickleball 202

This class is for people who know how to play pickleball and want to improve their skills and match tactics. While Pickleball is easy to learn there are some very important principles you should know to be able to become a master and dominant player at each level.

Location: Court #4 in the Tennis Building
Fee: Resident: \$42
Non-Resident: \$51

Tennis Players Level 3.5 and Up

Dates: Tuesdays, April 26, May 3, 10
Time: 7-8 p.m.

Course #32279

◆ Tennis



Attention Parents: Rookie? Junior Team Tennis? Lessons?

Junior Summer Tennis Program Orientation and Viewing

What should you sign your child up for this summer? Have your child hit with the pros and find out what program is right for them this summer.

Date: Friday, April 22

Time: 4-5 p.m.

Location: Community Center

Fee: No Charge

Course #32150

Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is a fast, fun, fitness workout that includes quick tennis rotations and running. Please observe levels.

Fees: Residents: \$10

Non-Residents: \$13

Days	Times	Levels	Instructor
Tuesdays	9-10 a.m.	2.5-3.5-	Devin
Weds.	7-8 p.m.	3.0-3.5	Devin
Fridays	8-9 a.m.	3.5-4.5	John/Leslie
Fridays	9-10 a.m.	2.5-3.0	Mark/Leslie*
Saturdays	8-9 a.m.	3.5-4.5	Chris

*call at 6 p.m. Thursday

Pre-registration required by calling 303-979-2233 after 5 p.m. (unless specified) the night prior. Cancellations less than two hours in advance will be charged.

◆ KC Nature

Nesting Great Horned Owls

These common magnificent predators are one of the first birds to start nesting in Ken-Caryl. By this time of year the chicks are big enough to move around outside of the nest. Come see if you can spot these big fluffy creatures while also learning some interesting facts. Meet at Dakota Lodge.

Ages: Family

Date: Friday, April 29

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Dakota Lodge and South Valley Park; Shuttle to South Valley Park

Fee: Adult Resident: \$10

Adult Non-Resident: \$15

Youth Resident: \$8

Youth Non-Resident: \$13

Family of 4 Residents: \$30

Family of 4 Non-Residents: \$36

Course #31490

Bradford Elementary Before and After School Program at Dakota Lodge

Come explore the natural surroundings of Ken-Caryl Ranch through experiments, lessons, activities, games and hikes before and after school each day. Every week there will be a new topic to discover. Please bring appropriate clothes to be outside. A light snack is provided before and after school. Registration packet is required to start program. Please visit www.ken-carylranh.org or contact Gabrielle Chisholm at gabriellec@kcranch.org for registration fees and information.

Dates: Monday - Friday (You may come to as many or as few days a week as you'd like.)

Grades: K-6th

Time: 6:45 a.m. until school starts and after school until 6 p.m.

Location: Dakota Lodge with transportation to and from Bradford Primary and Intermediate

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Date: Saturday, April 30
Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Ranch House
Ages: 10-13
Fee: Resident: \$40
Non-Resident: \$50

Course #31475

Story Time & Baby Time

We have partnered again with Jefferson County Libraries to offer family fun while sharing our love of children's literature. Story Time is geared toward the preschool age group, but all ages are welcome. Join us for stories, finger plays and an introduction to letter sounds. Baby Time is for children up to 2 years old, although older siblings are welcome to join the fun. We share a variety of Mother Goose rhymes, movement and songs. No registration is required for either program.

Story Time

Ages: All ages
Dates: Every Thursday Through May 19
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Ranch House
Fee: FREE!

Baby Time

Ages: 0-2 years
Dates: Every Thursday Through May 19
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Location: Ranch House
Fee: FREE!

Kanga & Roo Playgroup

Come join parents and children from your community in a fun and engaging FREE playgroup setting brought to you by the Ken-Caryl Community Network and Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District. Kanga & Roo playgroup is designed to bring families of young children together to enjoy and create a positive, strong community. No registration required.

Dates: Every Friday Through May 6
Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Ranch House
Ages: Children ages 0-5 with accompanying adult
Fee: FREE

Adult Programs



Parent Lecture Series: Medical Attention

When is it time to seek medical attention for your child? Join Family Nurse Practitioner Michelle Navarro from The Little Clinic for a presentation that will cover key indicators to consider when deciding whether or not to bring your child into a medical office. Topics will include how long to wait, dangerous symptoms, fevers and other key indicators. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided.

Date: Thursday, May 5
Time: 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Location: Community Center
Fee: Residents: \$5
Non-Residents: \$7

Special Events



Spring Fling Event April 23

Date: Saturday, April 23
Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: Ranch House Park
Come celebrate Earth Day with exciting outdoor recreation and education activities! Ride your bike, run or walk to Spring Fling to be entered into the outdoor gear raffle! We will welcome the Raptor Education Foundation for a presentation with a live golden eagle, Avid 4 Adventure will have a climbing wall and pump track, and there will be fun activities from Cabela's, nature arts with a professional artist, food trucks and more! Our outdoor partners will have great education opportunities for people of all ages:
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Jefferson County Open Space
U.S. Forest Service
Special Guest: Smokey Bear!
Schedule of Events
10:30-11:30 a.m. Raptor Education Foundation Program
11:30-11:45 a.m. Raffle Prizes
12-12:30 p.m. Art with Patrick
1-1:30 p.m. Art with Patrick
1:45-2 p.m. Raffle Prizes
All-Day Activities (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)
Organization Booths & Activities
Climbing Wall
Pump Track
Messy Materials and Outdoor Gear Dress Up
Food Trucks
Archery

Spring Fling Event: Outdoor Gear Donations Needed

We are gearing up for KCR's spring event, Spring Fling on April 23! Outdoor Recreation and Education is the focus for this event in celebration of Earth Day. We are prepping an outdoor recreation dramatic play area where kids (and adults!) are encouraged to dress up, try on and play with outdoor recreation gear. We need help from our fabulous outdoorsy community. We are looking for gently used outdoor gear (ski coats, goggles, tents, camping backpacks, cookware, etc.). If it has anything to do with recreating in our beautiful world, we are looking for it! Please bring donations to the Ranch House, Community Center or Dakota Lodge, ATTN: Kailey Bucher. After the event any items that cannot be stored or used for future programs will be donated to Goodwill.

Disco Party for 6th-8th Graders

Hosted by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Teens Rising Above in Leadership and Service (TRAILS) Youth Committee
Join the KCR TRAILS Youth Committee for a night of dancing and boogying – all for a cause! 100 percent of registration fees will go directly to Sox Place, a homeless shelter for youth and young adults in Denver. Those who register will receive a confirmation email prior to the event with more details. Prepare your disco costumes!
Ages: Current 6th-8th Grade Students
Date: Saturday, April 30
Time: 7-9:30 p.m.
Location: Ranch House
Fees: \$8 Per Student
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● Recycling



Community Recycling Event May 7

Tube TVs and CRTs No Longer Accepted

The Community Recycling Event (formerly called the Not Just Electronics Recycling Event) is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ranch House parking lot. There will be a small fee for paper shredding and hard drive destruction, but all other acceptable items will be recycled or disposed of for free. Please note that Tube TVs and CRT monitors will NOT be accepted this year.

Items We Cannot Take:

- Air Conditioners
- Alkaline Batteries
- Chemicals
- CRT Monitors
- Freezers
- Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs)
- Oil-Based Paint
- Prescription Drugs
- Refrigerators
- Tube TVs

Items We Can Take:

- Appliances (no coolant)
- Batteries (no alkaline)
- Bulk Trash Items (mattresses, large boxes, etc.)
- Cameras
- Cell Phones
- Computer Monitors: LCDs/Flat Screens (no CRTs)
- Computers, Laptops and Accessories
- DVD Players
- Electronics
- Hard Drives (Drives wiped for free)
- Hard Drive Destruction (\$10 fee, drive will be shredded)
- Home and Car Stereo/Video Equipment
- Paint and Stain: Latex or Water-Based in Original Containers
- Paper Shredding (fees and restrictions apply; see below)
- Phones
- Printers
- Scanners
- Scrap Metal
- Servers
- Tires
- Trash
- Tree Limbs and Shrubs for the Chipper
- TVs: Flat Screens of Any Size (no tube TVs)
- VCRs
- Yard Waste in Bags

How Much Does It Cost to Recycle Items?

The first box of paper for shredding is free, but the second and third boxes are \$5 each. Hard drive destruction is \$10. All other acceptable items are recycled or disposed of for free.

What are the Details on Paper Shredding?

R2 Stewardship will collect up to three boxes (60 pounds total) of your home office paperwork for shredding. The first box (20 pounds) is free, but the second and third boxes are \$5 each. The shredding will NOT be done onsite. The paper will be put in a secure truck and shredded offsite at R2's warehouse. If you have paper shredding in addition to the three boxes allowed at our event, the Jeffco Sheriff's Office will have its annual Shred-a-Thon on Saturday, May 14 from 7 a.m. to noon at its headquarters, 200 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden.

Where Can I Recycle Items that Aren't Accepted at the Event?

Refrigerators: Xcel Energy, 866-552-8755

Tube TVs Smaller than 32 Inches: Best Buy (\$25 fee)

Tube TVs Larger than 33 Inches: ERI in Aurora, 1-800- 374-3473

Tube TVs Larger than 33 Inches: METech in Denver, 720-377-7700

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs): Home Depot or Lowe's

Medication or Drugs: Jeffco Sheriff's Drug Take-Back Day on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office Headquarters, 200 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden

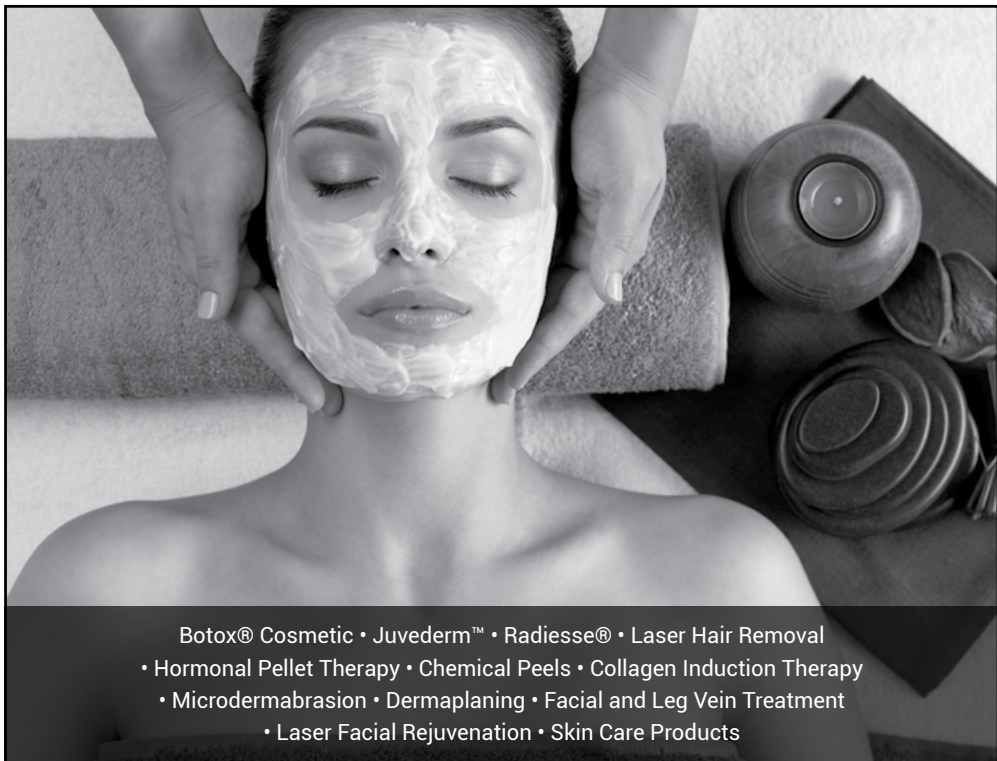
Household Chemicals and Other Hazardous Materials: Rooney Road Recycling Center (fees apply), 303-316-6262 or see www.rooneyroadrecycling.org

Who Organizes the Community Recycling Event?

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association offers the Community Recycling Event annually as a service to residents. The event wouldn't be possible without our event partners: R2 Stewardship Responsible Computer & Electronic Recycling Solutions, Eagle Automotive Services, GreenSheen Eco-Friendly Paints, Waste Connections and the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the Community Recycling Event, please call the Ranch House at 303-979-1876 or email chrisp@kcranch.org.



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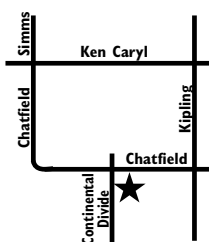
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Young Professionals Event Opens Doors to Serving Others

Submitted by Dee Leh, Rotary Club

Littleton professionals who are looking to grow their careers and give back to our community are invited to a Young Professionals Happy Hour on Wednesday, May 11. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Littleton, the event will run from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Boardroom Sports Bar & Steakhouse. This is a unique opportunity for young professionals to socialize, network and learn more about volunteering in the Littleton area.

This free event brings committed professionals together in an effort to relax, network and learn what differences they can make in their own community. Free appetizers will be served, as well as two

free drinks per person. Booths will be set up throughout the bar showcasing the various opportunities offered through the Rotary Club of Littleton.

Young Professionals Happy Hour Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, May 11
Time: 4 to 7 p.m.
Location: The Boardroom Sports Bar & Steakhouse, 51 W. Dry Creek Ct. Littleton
Cost: Free — appetizer buffet, 2 free drink tickets per person

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Littleton. For more information on this upcoming event or to RSVP, visit www.littletonrotary.org.

Is This the Year of the Voles?

Submitted by Irene Shonle, CSU Extension in Gilpin County

Editor's Note: The following article about voles was written by Irene Shonle of CSU Extension. Irene can be reached at Irene.Shonle@ColoState.EDU. Some residents have noticed voles and damage from voles in their yards. We hope you find this information useful.

Last year was a bad year for voles, but this year seems to be off the charts! I have gotten many calls, and all of my colleagues are mentioning the same thing. Now that the snow is melting off the lawns, people are looking in horror at the trails all over their lawns, and perhaps also looking at dead junipers or other shrubs from the voles' girdling action.

The high vole numbers may be due to the moisture we've gotten the past two years. It's caused a lot of grasses and forbs to grow luxuriantly, and this has led to lots of fat and happy voles that have successful litters...which leads to...more voles!

If you're not sure whether you have voles or not, you may like to see the new fact sheet that helps identify what animal caused the damage you see in your lawn: <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/natural-resources/burrowing-animals-determining-species-by-burrows-damage-6-521/>

The good news here is that voles have pretty predictable boom and bust cycles. Population explosions (right now) are followed by intense predation and other stressors that bring the levels back down. So, even if you do nothing, you will probably find fewer voles in the future. And it may bring a little comfort to realize how ecologically important the voles are – coyotes, foxes, bobcats and hawks all depend on them. In other words, we would never wish them to go away altogether. And for that matter, they never WILL go away altogether. If you have voles now, you probably will get voles again.

However, I think most of us would like them out of our gardens and lawns, especially when a few too many have moved in. To repair damage to lawns from runway construction, rake, fertilize and water the affected area. The lawn should recover when the grass begins to grow. Extensive areas may need reseeding.

For the most part, trapping is the fastest way to handle voles, and has the least potential to cause secondary environmental damage. It can seem daunting, but it is pretty easy to trap down the population that has settled in your yard in just a couple of days. Poisons can be used, but there is the possibility of secondary poisoning of all the critters that could then eat the poisoned vole (including your dog or cat). For more information on how to trap or use toxicants, please see: <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/natural-resources/managing-voles-in-colorado-6-507/>

Some preventive action in the fall can also be helpful – mow your lawn closely to reduce the tall grass that provides a safe haven for voles. Since they are food for so many species, voles are rightly cautious in exposing themselves unnecessarily. If you live near an open space area, see if there is a way to mow a swath of the native grasses along the fence line to keep them from crossing over into adjacent lawns. (Editor's Note: Ken-Caryl Ranch allows residents to mow up to a 10-foot wide swath where private property meets open space.)

Another idea – and this is not research based (yet anyway), but it does make a lot of sense to me, is to shovel a swath of your lawn in the areas where you usually see a lot of vole activity and damage in the spring-- similar to mowing the grasses above. Voles can move into even a short lawn under the cover of the snow, since the snow keeps them just as safe as long grass does from predators. If you remove the snow, it might just blow their cover. I'm not suggesting you shovel your whole lawn -- just 5-10 feet by the fence line where the voles get in. If you try this, please report back!



Vole runways in a lawn after snowmelt in spring.

Chatfield Boys Basketball Youth Gym Ratz Summer Camp

The current Jeffco 5A League Champion Chatfield Boys Basketball program will hold its annual Gym Ratz summer basketball camp for boys entering 1st through 9th grades. The camp will focus on the importance of basketball fundamentals and proper technique of skills such as shooting, dribbling and passing.

Run by Chatfield Senior High School coaches and players, there will also be an emphasis on the intangible aspects of the game such as attitude, discipline, work ethic and sportsmanship. The camp will culminate in shooting competitions, 3v3 tournaments and games. All players will be able to apply the skills taught at camp to competitive situations.

The camp will be held at Chatfield Senior High School. There are two sessions: Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3 and Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9. Session times vary from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., depending on the player's current grade. The cost of the camp is \$105 for one session or \$185 for both sessions.

Please visit www.chatfieldbasketball.com for additional information and online registration. For other questions, please contact Coach Steve Schimpeler at sschimpe@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-3523, ext 0.

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Chatfield Boys Basketball Reaches State Final Four

The 2015-2016 Chatfield Boys Basketball team advanced to the State Final Four for the first time in 20 years. The Chargers went undefeated in league play, winning their conference championship. With an overtime victory over Cherry Creek at the Coliseum, they moved onto the semi-finals at the Coors Event Center in Boulder where they lost to eventual state champs, Overland. Two seniors, starting point guard and team captain, Riley Welch, and center, Sam Yeagley, are Ken-Caryl residents. Congratulations, Chatfield!



The Ken-Caryl Community Garden is located behind the Community Center at 1 Club Drive.

Mother's Day Gift Dilemma? Give the Gift of Dirt

Spring is here as witnessed by the beautiful daffodils, tulips, crocuses and pansies popping up in Ken-Caryl! If you are still searching for that perfect Mother's Day gift that keeps giving, consider presenting your mother, wife or grandmother with the gift of dirt! A beautifully wrapped package will hold a pair of gardening gloves and a certificate for a small garden plot in the Ken-Caryl Community Garden located behind the Community Center. Mid-May is the perfect time to start planting vegetable crops.

Our community garden hosts several social events during the summer so not only does she get a gift of dirt but an enthusiastic community of dedicated and experienced gardeners to guide her through the gardening process! A small plot costs \$50 plus a \$50 refundable deposit. Please call or email Harriet at 720-261-5252 or harrietcamp@comcast.net if you are interested in purchasing this unique gift. There are only a very few plots left for this season. Happy gardening!

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Wildfire Risk: Who's Responsible?

Submitted by Ronda Scholting, Firewise Board

Only a few years ago, Colorado's wildfire season was much more predictable and defined – summer. Now we see wildfires every month of the year. All it takes is a few dry days, a spark and high winds to turn a small fire into a big one.

Last October's North Hogback Fire is a prime example. Sparked by a passing vehicle on C-470, the fire raced up the hogback between Ken Caryl and Bowles Avenues, scorching 35 acres and putting the Ken-Caryl Valley and North Ranch communities on standby to evacuate. Thick smoke and embers carried by strong winds added to the very real danger of potential spot fires within these neighborhoods.

Quick work by the crews from West Metro Fire Rescue, aided by Fairmount, Evergreen Fire, Jefferson County Emergency Management and others, stopped the fire at the top of the hogback.

For the families that went through the uncertainty of those few hours, what it means to live in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area became all too real. The wildfire risk facing residents in the Ken-Caryl Valley and North Ranch communities has been clearly identified in several risk assessments in recent years.

Who is responsible for mitigating the risks posed by wildfire in the WUI? Is it the fire department, the community or the individual homeowner?

West Metro firefighters train regularly in wildland firefighting and have recently completed operational pre-plans for the WUI areas of the District, including Ken-Caryl Valley and North Ranch. However, during a major wildfire, even with help from outside agencies, there simply will not be enough firefighters or fire engines to protect every home.

The Ken-Caryl Firewise Board was recently created to facilitate wildfire mitigation

efforts throughout the community. But, ultimately it is YOUR responsibility to protect your life, family, animals and property from wildfire.

So what can you do? There are many simple actions you can take around your home and property that can significantly reduce your risk and increase your preparedness. The Ken-Caryl Firewise Board will distribute information on mitigating wildfire risks at your home and preparation for evacuation at several Ken-Caryl events this spring and summer. Or stop by your local West Metro Fire station to pick up a Ready, Set, Go! Action Guide and talk with the crews. You can also find resources at firewise.org, wildlandfireRSG.org and csfs.colostate.edu.

Here are some upcoming events where you can get information:

- April 23: Ken-Caryl Spring Fling: The Firewise Board and West Metro Fire personnel will be on hand to answer questions regarding wildfire preparedness and mitigation.
- May 4: There will be a community meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at Chatfield Senior High to discuss and answer questions about the evacuation exercise.
- May 7: National Wildfire Preparedness Day. West Metro and the Firewise Board will be distributing information and answering questions at the Community Recycling Event at the Ranch House.
- May 21: Voluntary citizen evacuation drill/ Jefferson County wildfire exercise. The Firewise Board has further details on how you can participate available at the Spring Fling and Community Recycling event.

You and your family live where you do because you love your neighborhood and what it has to offer. Taking responsibility to mitigate the risk of wildfire protects that quality of life.

National Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, April 30, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will be joining law enforcement agencies nationwide to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The DEA's National Prescription Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

Sheriff's representatives will be set up at three drop-off locations in the county on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

- Sheriff's Office Headquarters, 200 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden
- Conifer High School, 10441 Co Rd 73 in Conifer
- Dakota Ridge High School, 13399 W. Coal Mine Ave. in Littleton

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. A few details about the event:

- The program is anonymous.
- Prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications (tablets and capsules) are accepted.
- Intravenous solutions, injectables, needles and oxygen containers will not be accepted.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not part of this initiative.
- The prescriptions should be removed from the original containers and placed in plastic or Ziploc type bags prior to drop off.

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Dear Editor:

The MA and MD boards are desperate to cut expenses to make budgets meet, and to this end they are continuing to embrace the positions of un-watered native grasses and weeds along our parkways and open spaces, and the long-term view of removal of trees. The loss of trees has already started in areas where sprinklers have been disrupted or turned off. Cottonwoods have for years been in the crosshairs for removal, but now pines and spruces too are considered expendable.

While the reduction of watering expenses can be seen as a commendable goal, the preservation of our mature trees and landscaping is an even more important goal in resource management. Once the trees are gone, they will never be replaced, and once the appearance of our parkways and entrances are degraded, the value of our properties and the pride we get from living in Ken-Caryl will forever be diminished.

Consider the huge amounts of money being currently spent on all the facility upgrades; contrast that with the Valley Parkway which is used and viewed by far more residents on a daily basis! It is a PARK-way. We jog, walk, ride bikes and recreate along it daily. When we commute to our home; when visitors travel here; when buyers come to inspect; all see and enjoy the landscaping along our streets and at the entrances to our neighborhoods.

More egregiously, we have potentially wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars on protracted, ugly and damaging sprinkler replacement projects along the Valley Parkway, as parts of these are now to be shut off!?!

The recommendation of residents at the study session is that we must manage the current water usage much more efficiently. Rain sensors must be accurately employed, sprinkler heads must be correctly adjusted and watering amounts and zones must be carefully monitored. Residents agreed that we watch rivers of wasted water running off our landscaping due to broken heads, unnecessary watering and improper maintenance.

Other sources of revenue, or areas of expenses to cut, must be found before we take these drastic measures to the appearance to our community.

Valan Cover
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Did you know that the trees along Valley Parkway are threatened?
Did you know that the "Landscape Master Plan" adopted by our Board in 2015 includes turning off the expensive irrigation systems that we residents just purchased?
What a travesty to the aesthetics of our community.

Yes, yes, as a Denver native I am fully-aware that, "...We are a high plains desert, ... We must save water." No argument here. Perhaps not watering the street along the Valley Parkway, (use a different kind of head) could have been a great start.

But, (pun intended), do NOT throw out the baby with the proverbial bathwater. Trees, especially coniferous varieties, are an absolute asset to a neighborhood. Ask your local real estate agent about their intrinsic value to any property.

Perhaps, by selectively using this irrigation system (which we just paid \$\$\$ to have updated), the remaining pines could survive. (i.e.: Use only the sprinklers located by the trees by capping off the other heads.)

Many pines have been lost due to those winter droughts of a few years ago. It can take several years for the damage to be revealed. Occasionally, winter watering is a necessity. Additionally, without water, the accumulating road salts will further serve to eliminate the trees. To save water, there are plenty of other areas that are being returned to natural, dry-land grasses.

It would be appreciated if the Board could have this plan reconsidered by the final decision-makers.

Inform the Board if you, too, are concerned. Indicate via phone calls, emails, letters, the newspaper, attendance to the meetings, not to sabotage our valuable trees. Currently, the next meeting is scheduled May 3 at the Ranch House.

Sally Barry
Ken-Caryl Resident

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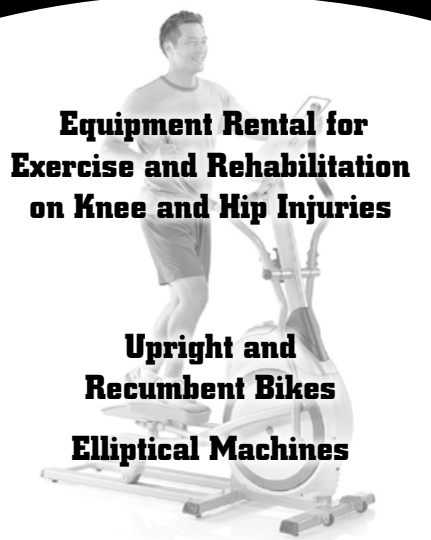
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