



**KEN-CARYL RANCH**  
EQUESTRIAN CENTER



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## **Straight From the Horse's Mouth**

*Ken-Caryl Ranch's Equestrian Newsletter*

*Straight From the Horse's Mouth will be emailed to subscribers on a monthly basis on the first Thursday of the month starting in June. (The following business day if Thursday is a holiday.)*

## **Hay Neigh-bors: News & Updates**



### **Welcome to our Equestrian Center e-Newsletter!**

This monthly publication is a place to find information about the Equestrian Center, including a calendar of events, and links to relevant information about our

operations and the people associated with it!

Jumping right in... we've rolled up our sleeves and pulled on our mucking boots to enhance our facility!

#### **Year-to-date highlights include:**

\* The completion of the indoor arena sprinkler system

\* Changing out all the old high-pressure sodium and metal halide lights to 3000k Dark

Skies-friendly LED floodlights

\* Fabricating a custom pull blade for dragging the interior of the pasture loafing sheds with our track skid-steer (a huge time and dollar saver)

**As the weather and conditions improve, we will begin work on the following projects:**

\* Replacing vintage cattle gates

\* Work to help redirect heavy runoff flows like concrete, culvert and gutter repairs

\* Prepping the Shaffer Barn for a fresh coat of paint

\* Spring pen and shed row resurfacing, leveling and sanding are set to begin on May 20, conditions/weather permitting

\* In addition to contractor work to reduce woody fuels as part of our Firewise mitigation efforts, we're increasing our landscaping maintenance to improve the overall look of the property while reducing tall grasses. With easier access to the Northwest Massey Draw Tributary, we are moving the fence line to the east along the upper turnouts to prevent loose horses from traversing into the drainage.

Questions? Contact Equestrian Center Manager Carl Brackpool at [carlb@kcranch.org](mailto:carlb@kcranch.org).

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## New Evacuation Signage

We are committed to boarder, rider, equine and visitor safety! Please be sure to check out our new evacuation signage posted throughout the facility. Get to know the evacuation sequence and routes in case of the unimaginable, and please note that egress transport is no longer a safe or permitted option!



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# Classes, Camps & CHorses

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# Horsin' Around: 2024 Summer Camps!

Summer Camps are right around the corner! Our roster of volunteers is nearing capacity and the registrations this year are one of the highest ever! The school program hit the reset button and some of the best elements of past successes, going back as far as a decade ago, are woven into planning, personnel, scheduling and performance metrics to gauge how the school program is doing, not just financially, but a clear path for equitation and horsemanship students.

The business and operational model of the EQC School mirrors a reboot of the entire Ken-Caryl Equestrian Center to strike a balance between a sustainable business and providing a thoroughly enjoyable amenity to our boarders and non-horse residents!

Looking for something for your little one? There is still program availability! For 2024 Summer Camp information, schedules and availability, please click on the button below!

[2024 Summer Camps](#)

## Mane Events

### Inaugural EQC Boarder Potluck & Happy Hour

Come enjoy a cocktail, comraderie, and conversation at our inaugural Potluck & Happy Hour on Friday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Equestrian Center, weather permitting. Boarders and their families are invited to bring their favorite beverage and dish to share for a fun-filled evening!





## Introducing our New Equestrian Center Committee!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board and staff created an Equestrian Center Committee dedicated to a new level of facility oversight, transparency, and direction that will report to the MA Board on finances, performance metrics and risk management responsibilities. The committee is a select group of individuals with broad skills, diverse backgrounds and keen eyes for supporting the management of the facility.

Welcome Kristina Chirico, Matt O'Brien, Alexis McDowell, Dennie McGarry, Erlinda Stafford, John Tiernan and Brian Zibell, who are all positive-minded and pragmatic individuals who believe in the Equestrian Center's vision and direction! Stay tuned for public meeting information that will be posted to our website and in future issues of this publication! Expect great work and strong engagement from this committee, your collective voice from the boarders!

## Pony Tales

### Meet Rhiannon Tulloss, Interim Riding School Manager!

Fresh off of completing her first year at the Colorado School of Mines, our very own

Rhiannon Tulloss has taken on the very significant task of overseeing the Interim Riding School Manager position, in an interim role as we carry out the long recruiting process and search for a person to fill the title this fall. Her experience with the existing horses,



being an instructor herself, and an absolutely unflappable focus and work ethic has already yielded wins in our accounting, payment processing, camp preparation and new scheduling workflow.

*Stay tuned to this publication for spotlights not only on our colleagues and friends, horse owners and riders, but also our staff of ranch hands, instructors, seasonal helpers, volunteers, champions and a few surprise interviews with horse professionals, veterinarians and colorful characters that represent we horse folk.*

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## Financials

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### Equestrian Center Financial Update

The combined revenues from the Riding School and monthly boarding fees, as our sources of income, are offset by our spending for recurring, one-time and unexpected charges. The fiscal model is in many ways the underlying reason why we formed the Equestrian Center Committee and also this very e-News to communicate the management our finances.

In the spirit of transparency, we have plenty of opportunities in 2024 to improve the annual budgeting process, measuring market comparables, and right-sizing our appetite in light of how large or small the Equestrian Center should be.

In concert with the first monthly report to the board by the EQC Committee, next month we will offer a few critical assumptions and benchmarks for our fiscal efficiency here in the e-News and links to the reports, findings and Board Packet containing financials. In the spirit and letter of “transparency,” challenges are expected and should be broadcast as well as wins and our effectiveness.

We ask that borders listen, understand and respect that last year’s budget development and overall boarding rate increase was to compensate for inflation and deploy an overdue correction in costing to operate the facility at zero-loss, zero-profit. A similar market adjustment, if necessary, at any future point, will be better communicated and explained, under our commitment of openness. Of course, we welcome open communication.

If you have questions, please feel free to email Equestrian Center Manager Carl Brackpool at [carlb@kcranch.org](mailto:carlb@kcranch.org).



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

First Potluck and Happy Hour -  
May 17 @ 5:30 p.m. /  
Equestrian Center, weather  
permitting



### Riding School

[2024 Summer Camps](#)  
[2024 Summer Camp Volunteer  
Registration](#)  
[Riding Lesson Programs and  
Offerings](#)



### Forms & Waivers

[Work Order Form](#)  
[Equestrian Center Waiver](#)

\*Information regarding virtual meetings will be communicated as information becomes available.  
Please see the Online Calendar for the most current information.

[Full Calendar](#)

## Helpful Links

[Boarder Resources](#)

Equestrian Center Committee Agendas & Minutes

[Birthday Parties](#)

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