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MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTION

Two Board seats will be on the ballot for the Board election in March 2021. The expectations of a Board Member are attendance at the monthly Board Meeting, the monthly Joint Study Session and liaison meetings as assigned. Board members are also expected to communicate regularly and proficiently via email. Additional time or meetings may be necessary to fulfill the responsibilities as a Board Member.

Serving three-year staggered terms, a portion of the Board is elected each year. To run for a Master Association Board position, use the button below to complete the Board Candidate Application. Applications are due by Jan. 22 at 5 p.m.

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Remote Meetings and Online Resources

By Victoria DeSair. Master Association Executive Director

Zoom, Zoom and more Zoom meetings. I'm sure we are all tired of remote meetings, but I don't think they are going away any time soon.

While it's sometimes more challenging to have meaningful conversations via online meetings, call-in and online meetings do have the added benefit of allowing more residents to participate. Even when the Master Association Board moves back to in-person meetings, I plan to continue the call-in option for residents.

You might be wondering how you can participate in the meetings from home. A few days before each Master Association Board meeting, the meeting agenda and board packet are posted online at www.ken-carylranh.org under Administration then Master Association Board. Residents can also sign up to receive the Master Association Board meeting agendas, as well as information for several other meetings, via email by going to the website and clicking on Email Subscriptions under the Community & News tab.

On each agenda, instructions for public comment are listed. Public comment for agenda and non-agenda items is limited to three minutes per speaker and may be made via phone, Zoom or email. Email comments are read aloud by staff at the meeting. Because of the large number of people participating, facilitating the meeting remotely is challenging. Therefore, staff asks those residents who are interested in making public comment to email me by noon the day of the meeting to sign up.

Public comment for the Open Space Committee is handled in a similar fashion, but with Open Space Manager Sean Warren managing the signup process. Committee meeting agendas can also be found on our website at www.ken-carylranh.org under Administration then Committees & Task Forces. The Metropolitan District Board also handles public comments in a similar way, and their agendas and public comment instructions can be found online as well.

Thank you for your patience as we have navigated this new world of remote meetings. There's a wealth of information on our website, and we encourage residents to use the online tools, forms and resources. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me at victoriad@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 122.



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Happy New Year!

By Brian Yowell, Community Administrator

“Auld Lang Syne” by translation, means “old long since” and less literally, as we all know it, as “days gone by”. “For Auld Lang Syne” is meaning “For the sake of old times” as it is sung particularly as the New Year is rung in. Historically, this Scots-language poem was written by Robert Burns in 1788 and set to the tune of a traditional folk song that has been sung at funerals, graduations and as a farewell, or ending, to other occasions. The International Scouting movement, in many countries, uses it to close jamborees and other functions and events.

As we say bid farewell (and good riddance) to 2020 and welcome in 2021 with hopeful hearts and open minds, I wanted to personally thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Ken-Caryl family and I look forward to a healthy, happy and productive 2021!

As popular as singing “Auld Lang Syne” is at New Year’s, so is the tradition of setting New Year’s resolutions for ourselves. Most popular resolutions include getting healthier, losing weight – thanks COVID for the “Quarantine 15”, reconnecting with loved ones and the single most popular is following Ken-Caryl Ranch Covenants, Rules and Regulations. It warms my heart that so many residents find this last resolution to be a popular and important one.

- Variations of this resolution may look like:
- I will keep my trash cans out of sight, put them out the morning of pick up to avoid animal conflict and promptly put them back in my garage after pick up.
 - I will submit my color choices for repainting my house in a timely manner so that approval does not hinder the painter’s schedule.
 - I will be courteous to my neighbors and ensure that my children’s sports equipment and toys are promptly put away when not in use.
 - I will include plot plans when submitting for my new shed, fence, deck, or play structure.
 - I will not set a bad example for the community by not following Ken-Caryl Ranch Rules, Regulations and Procedures.
 - I will keep my weeds pulled, lawn watered and mowed and landscaping trimmed and in good health.

As I know this resolution will be top of mind, feel free to use the above as your own personal resolutions. I don’t mind! If you are looking for some more ideas, just shoot me an email and I’ll be glad to brainstorm with you. I can probably come up with a few more ideas as well.

My resolutions for this year are to provide residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch with exceptional service, create additional resources for resident improvements, and - oh yeah - keep the weeds out of the culvert in front of my house.

Happy New Year Ken-Caryl!
At your service,
Brian Yowell



Bradford Kindergarten Enrollment is Open!

Got a kiddo ready to rock kindergarten in 2021? Bradford Elementary School, located in the Valley, is now enrolling students until Jan. 15. For more information, please visit their website at <https://bradfordk8.jeffcopublicschools.org/>.

◆ Our Community



Christmas Tree Recycling After the Holiday

Following the holiday, the Parks Department will once again be accepting Christmas trees for recycling in the designated area in the Brannon Gearhart Park parking lot, off of Valley Parkway.

Please be sure to remove all ornaments, tinsel, wood bases with nails and plastic bags to avoid damaging the tree chipper and minimizing risk of injuries to the operators. Trees will be accepted until Sunday, Jan. 17. The wood chippings generated will be used to mulch tree dishes and planting beds throughout the Park.

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Calling Rangers with Wildlife Concerns

By Matt Oven, Park Ranger Supervisor

Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers have received several injured wildlife calls in the past few weeks, mainly regarding mule deer. When a wildlife injury call is received, rangers may investigate or determine over the phone if the animal should be left alone to “let nature take its course”, advise to take it to a licensed rehabilitator or determine if it will need to be euthanized. The rangers use the same policy as Colorado Parks and Wildlife. If a deer/elk is injured, but can still feed and walk on its own, then we “let nature take its course.” However, if the deer/elk is injured to the point it cannot feed or walk on its own, listing to one side, head/ears lowered, then the rangers will respond to euthanize the animal (if on duty) or direct the caller to contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

- **Park Rangers** will only handle deer/elk. As time allows, a report of an injured or sick deer will be reviewed and any dead deer will be removed as soon as possible depending on the time of day and availability of the park ranger on duty. Many factors play into the response time, including where the ranger is on the trails, proximity to a truck, time of day, etc.

- **Jefferson County Animal Control (303-271-5070)** will remove any dead animals and advise on any other injured animals for example, rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, etc. Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers keep a call log when reports come in referencing sightings and or concerns about animals in the open space. The log assists the rangers in detecting a pattern of behavior or injured activity of a certain animal and can report that information to follow-up calls by staff, Colorado Wildlife Officers or Ken-Caryl Ranch members.

Due to infectious diseases and calls in the past, park rangers will advise the resident to contact Jefferson County Animal Control and they may assist with any concerns and/or advise them to call to the Jefferson County Health Department or Colorado Parks and Wildlife. If you have any questions, feel free to call the rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.



Winter Hiking in Ken-Caryl

Explore a Winter Wonderland in your own backyard! Hiking isn’t just for the spring and summer months! Winter hikes can offer a beautiful, serene and breathtaking experience. In Ken-Caryl, we are fortunate to have incredible and easily accessible hiking trails that appeal to all ages and skill levels. As with any hike, be sure to plan ahead, especially during winter months. Check our website at www.ken-carylranh.org or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kencarylranh> for the latest updates and information on trail closures.

Also, during the winter, trails tend to be more solid in the morning and tend to get sloppier as the day progresses. Be sure to bring plenty of water, dress in layers and don’t forget to lather on the sunscreen. Winter weather in Colorado can be unpredictable, so be sure to also check the forecast and plan ahead before any backcountry adventure. Be safe, cautious and courteous on any trail! Happy trails!

Foothill Loop (4-5.5 hours): This hike offers secluded valleys, aspen groves and great views!

Access: Take Massey Draw from Valley Parkway to Shaffer Trail to Summit View Trail to Bradford Trail to Stove Prairie Trail to Manor House Trail to Colorow Trail to Massey Draw Trail.

North Hogback Loop (1-1.5 hours): This hike affords hikers abundant wildlife and diverse geology!

Access: Take the Hogback Trail from south trailhead to Lark Bunting Loop Trail. Complete Lark Bunting Loop and return back to trailhead on Lyons or Ridge Trails.

South Hogback Loop (1-1.25 hours): See prairie falcons, golden eagles and access connections to miles of public trails on this hike!

Access: Take Cathy Johnson Trail from Deer Creek Canyon Road to north junction of Columbine Trail. Continue south on Columbine to Cathy Johnson Trail and return to trailhead.

Bradford Trail (1.5-2 hours/one way): Check out historic sites, evergreen forests and spectacular views of the Front Range!

Access: Starting at the Bradford-Perley House in the North Ranch, continue on Bradford Trail to its terminus at the intersection of Summit View and Beacon Hill Trails.





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Local Family Gives the Gift of Music and Service to Others During the Holidays

What a way to 'ring' in the New Year! Recently, King Soopers shoppers were treated to the delightful musical musings of residents Louanne and Glenn Isernhagen, accompanied by their grandchildren, Ben and Abby Husted, as part of their volunteer efforts with the Salvation Army.

According to Louanne, this was the first year that she and Glenn volunteered to be bell-ringers for the Salvation Army, whose mission is to collect donations each holiday season to fund essential gifts of food, shelter and hope to those in need.

"We volunteered four different times," said Louanne. "The final time was [in late December] and we were both pleased that our grandchildren, Ben and Abby Husted, offered to play with us that day. Ben was home from college and Abby was out of school. My brother and his wife came from Aurora to hear us play, along with their daughter and the three grandkids."

Louanne and Glenn enjoyed their volunteer work as bell ringers between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

"People seemed happy to see us and gave generously in our red kettle," adds Louanne. "I played carols on my violin for two hours, standing, while Glenn rang the bell and thanked everyone. We were both amazed at the response to the live music."

Louanne has enjoyed a passion for music for many years and has been playing violin since she was a child. She has certainly passed along her love of music and her talent to her children and grandchildren.

"I began taking violin lessons from Mrs.

Hutton, my elementary school music teacher, when I was eight," explains Louanne. "My mother played violin and she passed her love of music on to my brother, Jim, and me. He plays piano and we often played together at church, at home and in 4-H talent shows in Kansas. Our children and grandchildren all are musical too, so we play instruments and sing together when we gather at each other's homes."

Daughter Anne Husted, also a resident and the Finance Manager for the Master Association, could have played flute and daughter Abby the trumpet, however, wind instruments were prohibited this year due to COVID.

Louanne enjoyed her time volunteering, which also enabled her and

her family to feel a deeper connection to the community during a time of necessary social distancing.

"Helping the Salvation Army this Advent season was an act of worship and service for us," said Louanne. "Glenn is a retired

Lutheran pastor and since the pandemic has closed down in-person church worship, we have missed being with people. The bell-ringing provided some needed personal contact that we have been missing."



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Help the parents move to independent living

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It’s officially 2021 and if you’re bored with being stuck indoors, rest assured, we’ve got the scoop on how you can safely enjoy the start of the New Year! From igloos to ice rinks, here are a few hidden gems to get you safely out and about town!



Winter Wonderland

Breckenridge Brewery in Littleton wants to give you and your family a safe and magical winter experience, so they’ve transformed their beer garden at the Farm House into a socially distanced Winter Wonderland! Enjoy all of their craft brews and a menu full of delicious eats around a warm and toasty firepit or at one of their heated tables! Also available, a skating rink and tubing hill for some festive family fun! Each table in the main area of the garden gets five tubing “tickets to ride”. Additional tickets available for purchase.



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Tubing Hill

Hours: Saturday/Sunday only, 12 – 8 p.m.
Cost: Each table receives five free tickets. Additional tickets available for purchase for \$1. Bundle and save! Ten tickets for \$7 or 15 tickets for \$10.
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The Lakehouse Kitchen + Tavern

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According to their website, dining out was the original staycation; an affordable and accessible pleasure for family and friends. In these tough economic times, dining out often replaces vacationing. Similarly, lake vacations close enough to home for a road trip often replace the destination vacation. The Lakehouse Kitchen marries these two experiences to celebrate a safe, affordable and casual experience with friends and family!

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Currently, The Melting Pot is offering cheese and chocolate fondue to-go kits. For more information or to make a reservation, please visit their website at <https://www.meltingpot.com/littleton-co/>.



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Featured Creatures: Helping Pets Find Their Furr-ever Homes

There's no better time than right now to find the purr-fect fur-ever home for a deserving pet! Here are the latest adoptable pets from Foothills Animal Shelter.



Mikey (#226312):

Mikey is a 1-year-old, male Australian Shepherd mix. With a smile to melt your heart, this precious boy is highly sensitive as a result of having missed out on robust exposure to the variety of life and experiences that would have helped him build confidence and resilience; and as a result, he is a bit insecure and easily overwhelmed as a young adult. Mikey needs a loving, adult-only family that will use positive reinforcement techniques to help him overcome his fearfulness; and given his curiosity about interacting with polite dogs, would likely benefit from the company of a mature, well-adjusted canine companion to model comfort and provide reassurance.



Layla (#225904):

Layla is an 8-year-old, female cat. Featuring a cottony soft ebony coat with complimentary amber eyes, Layla is a classic Secret Admirer who keeps her distance observing from afar, and becoming an instant and loyal friend once she gets to know you. Layla enjoys petting, allowing all handling and restraint; and given some owner-noted history of possible inappropriate urination, would benefit from gentle training and supervision to ensure litterbox etiquette.

All adoption fees include spay or neuter, vaccinations, microchip and a health check. Visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org to find out more about Mikey, Layla and other special pets like them.

Bad Cat!

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Resident Tanya Sudolnik captured a stunning sunrise during her morning dog walk from Continental Divide Road near the Ranch House in the Plains.

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Winter Wildfires Increasingly Common

By Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

Across the globe, wildfires are increasing in frequency and magnitude under a warming climate. They're impacting natural resources, infrastructure and millions of people worldwide every year. Dry places are getting drier and wildfire seasons are arriving earlier and staying longer than they used to.

At the same time, human encroachment into fire-prone areas has increased the potential for ignition, as well as the risks for damages to our communities. In the age of the Anthropocene, interactions with post-fire landscapes are becoming normal. Which means winter wildfires have also become "the new normal."

What About Snowfall?

At times, fires will survive being buried by snow all winter and start burning again in the spring. Underground roots and stumps will smolder under the snow and erupt to the surface with the advent of

warm weather. In areas with little to no rain in the fall, and the first snow of the year is a dry snow, then the controlled burns can still smolder and even spread under the snow. That's because the leaf litter buried beneath the snow is still dry enough to burn. The dry snow has enough air in it to fuel the fire, but the water content of the melted dry snow is not enough to quench the fire. So, although heavy snowfalls can usually help extinguish winter wildfires, there are situations when snow won't help.

In recent decades the number, severity and overall size of wildfires has increased across much of the U.S. In fact, the 2018 wildfire season in California recorded the largest fire in acres burned, most destructive fire in property loss and deadliest fires in the state's history.

Firefighters refer to a new fire season staring Jan. 1 of each year and ending Dec. 31. Wildfire is year-round risk for much of the United States and firefighters now plan for, train and attack wildfires throughout the year. Wildfire season has become longer based on conditions that allow fires to start and to burn—winter snows are melting earlier and rain is coming later

in the fall. What was once a four-month fire season now lasts six to twelve months. Fires in the winter months are becoming part of the norm.

Other factors contributing to longer fire seasons include extended drought, tree mortality from pine beetles and invasive species such as cheat grass that allow fire to ignite easily and spread rapidly. Added to all this were policies that encouraged aggressive fire suppression for more than a century. These policies had the effect of allowing fuels to accumulate, leading fires to grow in size and intensity.

All these conditions are making wildfires harder to control and allowing forests to hold fire longer. For years, agencies relied on seasonal firefighters for summer months, but now that wildfires are burning into the winter, they need to reevaluate their hiring plans. Wildland firefighting agencies also need to evaluate the way they conduct training for year-round fire, as well as how to handle the inevitable



workforce fatigue, increased costs and equipment usage.

Firefighters now plan for wildfire year-round. They know that it isn't a matter of if there will be a fire, but when. They proactively pursue fuel reduction treatments like mechanical thinning and prescribed fires. When conditions are favorable, options such as these reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. Residents who live in fire-prone areas such as Ken-Caryl must also plan and live in fire adapted communities. Defensible space, structure hardening and family plans for a possible evacuation, including pets, should be part of living in the wildland-urban interface. Nearly 90 percent of wildfires are human-caused, so preventing wildfire is important.



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Deadline for Jan. 20 issue: Jan. 11 at 5 p.m.

Dear Editor:

At the December MA Board meeting, \$12,000 was approved to conduct a feasibility study to build a new 2.1-mile trail south of the existing Docmann trail, as a resident, this raised a concern as we continue to add more trails that will negatively impact the environment and the animal habitat forever. I believe that the MA Board, Open Space Committee and the Trails Club should be focused and measured on how they are protecting the environment and habitat and not by the number of miles of new trails that they have created. I am sure most people are aware that there are approximately 700 new units being planned for just outside of the Valley that will lead to potentially hundreds of new users of our trails in the new future, as such, I would like to urge the MA Board to refocus funding from trail expansion projects to projects that are focused on rehabilitation, creating green spaces and corridors for the animals to

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I would like to call on all residents of Ken-Caryl to voice their concerns via emails to the respective Boards, Committees or by attending the monthly meetings; if we do not act now to protect our environment and animal habitat it will be lost forever.

Please feel free to send an email to openspacekencaryl@gmail.com to let me know if you would support such an initiative or have any other suggestions on how we can work together to find the correct balance between conservation and usage.

Doug Gray, Resident

Editor's Note: The above letter lists the proposed route for the biological study at 2.1 miles. The length of the proposed route for the study is 2.8 miles.

Dear Editor:

I am overjoyed and excited to learn that the Open Space Committee unanimously approved an application from "Avout Racing Inspire Juniors" to use Ken-Caryl Ranch facilities twice weekly from March through October for practice. My family moved from New Hampshire in 2019 and I was over the moon to see that Avout had a mountain bike team that my kids and I could join. We were part of a mountain bike team in New Hampshire and were excited to see that my son could join a community-based mountain bike team here. One important aspect of Avout is

that you don't have to be a racer to join the team – if you are fast or slow on a mountain bike or new to mountain biking, they welcome all. During the last year, my son and I were part of the Avout team and community. When I was not able to ride with him and his group at his weekly practices (not races), I loved seeing the groups ride up the trails outside of my backyard and hear them laughing, encouraging each other and having a great time. When I did join the Avout practices and was fortunate enough to have time to ride with my son and meet his team, I was thrilled to see the coaches and the kids being respectful to trail users, being kind to each other and most importantly – having fun. These practices (not races) were and will continue to be critical to both the mental and physical health of the kids (and adults) as we all cope with and continue to deal with the pandemic.

I fully support Ken-Caryl trails being used by mountain biking kids and adults to get exercise, gain mental clarity, meet other kids and families, laugh and develop life-skills that will positively impact them forever. We are fortunate to have our trail network and the wonderful community of cyclists and trail stewards in our neighborhood. I hope our community will continue to support Avout and the awesome opportunity that it makes available to both the youth and adults of Ken-Caryl.

Ryan Waldron, Resident

Dear Editor:

I am opposed to the Wildcat Ridge (aka Docmann Trail south) biological survey that has just been approved by the MA board. It will not decide whether or not a trail should go in, but if Dan Mullins'

rendition will cause an "acceptable" amount of ecological damage to the area. This trail cuts into the more remote area of Ken-Caryl open space and will be used mainly by mountain bikers.

However scenic and pleasing this trail is to Mr. Mullins, neither he, nor a survey, can predict what will actually happen to wildlife activity patterns, population sizes, and distributions once the trail has been put in. For example, the Docmann Trail was OK'd mainly because it followed the ½-mile safe radius requirement for the golden eagle. But the golden eagle nest failed soon after its construction. Conveniently, the eagle was blamed. I heard the eagle moved its nest, and then the nest was compromised by a bobcat/ mountain lion. Why did it suddenly move its nest? This year, the golden eagle nest has failed again. Now, it's the weather's fault.

Ken-Caryl residents should be alarmed. Our earliest records indicate that the golden eagles have been nesting in the same spot at least since the early 1970s. It's not a coincidence that the eagle problems started with the implementation of the Docmann Trail. People seem tired of the word fragmentation. Well, with this new trail, you won't hear that term anymore. The Wildcat Ridge Trail will essentially leave no areas of open space undisturbed by recreation.

It's not just about the golden eagles. A biological survey that considers all of the trails in Ken-Caryl and what effect they have had on plants/wildlife as a whole would be nice. Then maybe we can find the real answer to why the golden eagle isn't following the manmade ½-mile radius rule, why there is a sudden uptick in bear and mountain lion sightings in our neighborhoods, why the elk are gone, or why the grouse is so angry every year.

Judith Burkholder, Resident

Editor's Note: The Volunteer Trail Coordinators, Dan Mullins and Mark Celusniak, were asked by the Open Space Committee to propose a corridor for a biological study, to allow the biological study to focus on specific areas. Dan Mullins presented the proposed corridor

for the biological study to the Open Space Committee and MA Board of Directors, which both accepted the proposal.

The golden eagle nest site, referenced by Ms. Burkholder, is located in South Valley Park and is monitored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff (with the aid of volunteers working at the adjacent Lockheed Martin office building). The eagles have three alternate nests sites in that area - one of the nests was never completed and appears to have never been used. The other two are relatively close in proximity and the eagles have alternated between the two throughout the years. Construction of Docmann Trail began in August of 2018, just past the end of the nesting season for large raptors like golden eagles. Construction was completed by late fall of the same year. Coincidentally, in June 2018, an eagle nestling successfully fledged from the South Valley Park nest site.

In 2019, the eagles were active and attentive to the eaglets at the "alcove" nest site. The eagles did not leave the area, nor did they abandon the nest. The eaglets had appeared to be doing fine. Then, one day the eaglets were gone. A Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff biologist, Lance Carpenter had been monitoring the nest regularly. Once the eaglets disappeared, he visited the nest and found no sign of the eaglets, or their remains, in or near the nest site. Lockheed employees had been seeing an up-tick in the presence of bobcats in the area, and specifically below the rock face. Although we do not know exactly what happened to the eaglets, Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff speculate that they were predated upon as that particular nest is low enough to the ground that bobcats could have accessed them.

In April of 2020, the eagles were seen incubating eggs at the "cliff face" nest site. Unfortunately, the nest failed right after a late spring storm which brought snow and cold temps. Many Golden eagle nests in the region failed as a result of this storm.

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● Teen Services

This listing includes Ken-Caryl teens who babysit, mow lawns, house or pet sit, or shovel snow. To be included on the list, teens should email their name, number, age, neighborhood and list of services offered to Allison Hefner at AllisonH@kcranch.org or call 303-979-1876, ext. 108. Services: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling				
Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood
Olivia Anderson	303-902-5026	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows
Jade Atkinson	720-616-0063	P	15	Aspen Meadows
Katelyn Atkinson	303-916-7666	B, P	18	Aspen Meadows
Sierra Baliko	303-809-1117	B, P	18	Traditions
Colette Bennett	303-520-4411	B, P	15	North Ranch
Piper Blarr	720-255-6877	B, P	15	Colony
Aliza Bochner	319-338-4414	B, P	16	North Ranch
Eva Bochner	319-338-4414	B, P	14	North Ranch
Adam Brandland	720-376-1987	L, S	14	Settlement
Abby Burton	720-616-1333	B, P	13	Aspen Meadows
Bridget Cassidy	720-244-1359	B, P	16	Stratford Farms
Hope Cuttitta	303-517-8864	B, P	15	Deer Creek
Ella Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	14	Village
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	13	Village
Brooke Ellis	720-988-9162	B, P	16	Heirloom
Megan Ellis	720-290-2033	B, L, P, S	14	Heirloom
Ella Famariss	303-588-4130	B, P	17	North Ranch
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate
Abbie Gallant	303-517-8864	B,P	15	Deer Creek
Lila Garcia	303-475-0888	B, P	14	Legacy
Marcus Garcia	303-704-9796	L, P, S	16	Legacy
A.J. Giles	303-883-6303	L, S	17	Colony
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B, P	15	Barrington Ridge
Karmin Groom	720-980-9088	B, P	14	Sunset Ridge
Nicole Guarino	303-720-3036	B	17	Bradford Place
Cameron Guider	303-868-7198	B,P	12	Aspen Meadows
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,P,S	12	Aspen Meadows
Kara Hammond	720-979-4069	B, P	13	Carriage Hill
Keegan Hardesty	720-484-9557	B, L, P, S	14	Cimarron
Michael Hefner	303-359-9052	P	10	The Spread
Trisha Henderson	732-915-1214	P	17	North Ranch
JJ Heupel	720-372-9476	B, L, P, S	16	Enclave /Traditions
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood
Reece Hodges	303-667-2606	L, P, S	12	Saddlewood
Gunnar Holmes	720-505-6764	L, S	15	Carriage Hill
Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows
Hannah Johnson	720-879-1445	B, P	19	Bradford Place
Aubrey Jones	720-971-6680	B	16	Manor Ridge
Austin Karchut	970-217-7240	B, P	15	Bradford Place
Tyler Karchut	605-641-5672	P, L	12	Bradford Place
Harrison Kauffman	303-520-4819	L, P, S	17	Wynterbrooke
Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	B	13	Territory
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	11	Cimarron
Sierra King	720-582-3334	L	14	Heirloom
Cadence Leal	303-725-9042	B, P, S,	12	Sunset Ridge
Ethan Lehrke	720-295-2156	L, S	17	Cimarron
Andrew Lerudis	303-523-0765	L, P, S	13	Village
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista
Payton Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	15	The Spread
Rachael Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	15	The Spread
Hadley Marx	720-380-4671	B, P	18	Shaffer Hill
Hannah Marx	720-380-4670	B, P	16	Shaffer Hill
Hayden Marx	720-588-7486	L, P, S	15	Shaffer Hill
Eric McCabe	720-951-9467	L, P, S	17	Heirloom
Bethany McCollough	720-749-0298	B, P, S	16	Stallion Pointe
Holly McCollough	720-492-0288	B, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Mitch McGatlin	703-850-0642	B, L, P, S,	16	Legacy
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy
Rleigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe
Janey Millstone	720-668-1029	B, P	12	North Ranch
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
Hayden Nash	303-895-8117	B, P	12	Cimarron
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	15	Legacy
William Newsom	303-325-5232	L, S	18	Legacy
Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	14	Heirloom
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions
Lillian Pool	720-985-1667	B, P	14	Bradford Place
Alec Prinzi	303-810-3221	B, L, P, S	12	Shaffer Hill
Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge
Joshua Reisinger	303-973-2469	L, P, S	14	Eagles Pointe
Seth Reisinger	720-525-0078	B, L, P, S	17	Eagles Pointe
Max Ruszkowski	720-517-9066	L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Sebastian Ruszkowski	303-960-9883	L, P, S	13	Stallion Pointe
Nic Sarkisov	720-470-1486	P, S	15	Heirloom
Megan Schuster	720-587-7265	B, P	18	Heirloom
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	16	Heirloom
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	15	Cimarron
Jacob Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
John Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
Maria Seybert	303-668-5987	B, P	15	Saddlewood
Austin Skeffington	720-308-8704	L	17	Wynterbrooke
Ian Soukup	303-482-6465	B, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe
Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows
Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows
Seumas Stevens	720-210-6065	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place
Abby Szabo	720-745-1339	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows
Ben Szabo	720-413-3072	L, P, S	17	Aspen Meadows
Maddy Szabo	720-768-5452	B, P	15	Aspen Meadows
Cole Torgerson	720-291-9022	B, L, P	18	Legacy
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	15	Legacy
Zane Tweedie	720-688-9440	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista
Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15	Cimarron
Olivia Vangels	720-292-6727	B, P	13	Village
Catie Watkins	720-705-1656	B, P	12	Manor Ridge
Charlotte Webster	703-655-4428	B,P	16	The Spread
Judah Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,P,S	13	The Spread
Ella Widmann	720-318-7927	B, P	17	Territory
Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	13	Carriage Hill
The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association has not screened or run background checks on these teens and makes no representations, guarantees or warranties on their appropriateness, fitness or ability to perform the work for which they are advertising. In addition, the Master Association has not examined any of the tools or machinery they may use to perform the work for which they are advertising and makes no representations, guarantees or warranties on the safety or soundness of the equipment or the ability of the teens to utilize the equipment in a safe and appropriate manner. It is the sole responsibility of the individuals contracting with these teens to make these determinations.				

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