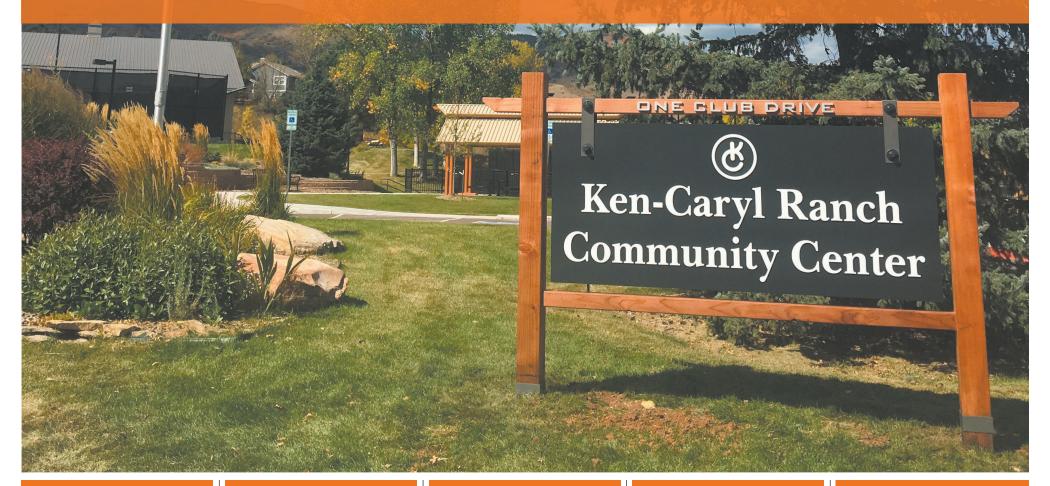


New Sign at the Community Center

A new sign was installed in the center median at the Community Center. The sign, which matches the design of the new community entrance signs, was paid for by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District.



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Political Signage Policy

It's election time, which means political signs are popping up all over the neighborhood. Just a quick reminder that the Ken-Caryl Ranch Political Signage Policy needs to be followed. The full policy can be found at www.ken-carylranch.org under Residents, then Signage Policy, but here are some highlights from the policy:

- Professionally made signs will be allowed on private property only (including property owned by the Master Association, with Board approval) with approval of the private property owner no more than 45 days prior to the day of the election and must be removed within one week after the election.
- Political signs may not be attached to fences.
- Political signs on any owner's property are limited to one per office or ballot issue.
- Political signs may not be attached to utility boxes, light poles, traffic signals or trees. If you have any questions about the policy, contact Jenny Bernal at jennyb@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

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Budget Season

By KCRMA Executive Director Chris Pacetti

I recently received a message from a Ken-Caryl homeowner describing a situation with her trash that concerned her, and she suggested that I share her experience. She put her trash out on her trash day, and when she came home later that day found some of the contents of the bag on the sidewalk and driveway.

Among them she found evidence that someone had been looking through her trash. Fortunately, she is careful to tear up any trash that might provide information for someone trying to steal her identity or banking information, so she is certain they did not get anything of value. She wanted to be clear that she was not accusing the trash service, but that obviously someone had been looking through her trash and wanted me to remind you all to be careful when you discard important papers.

Options for you include shredding and separation of the pieces to make it very difficult for anyone to reassemble. You could also save your important documents for our annual Community Recycling and Cleanup Event, which includes paper shredding. The next event is scheduled for May 4 at the Ranch House.



The 2019 Budget preparation continues, and the Board has reviewed a draft that includes a \$1 per month increase in the dues. This will generate approximately \$60,000 in additional revenue. These funds will offset the increased costs of service; for example, our cost for the trash/recycling program is increasing by \$31,000 and our insurance costs are increasing by \$6,000. The Board will be discussing the Budget until final approval in early November, so please submit any comments/suggestions you might have to me at 303-979-1876, ext. 116, or chrisp@kcranch.org.

Correction

In the Oct. 3 issue of Life at Ken-Caryl, some incorrect dates for special events were listed in the Manager's Column. We apologize for the error. The correct dates are: Zumbathon: Saturday, Oct. 20
Family Fright Night and Haunted Trail: Friday, Oct. 26
Gobble Wobble: Thursday, Nov. 22

• Budget

2019 Master Association Dues Discussion

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board is waiting until after the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District mill levy election to adopt their budget and determine the 2019 dues

At this time, the updated draft budget assumes that the MD mill levy vote will pass, and if that is the case, the MA would be considering a \$1 dues increase. This will generate approximately \$60,000 in additional revenue. These funds will offset the increased costs of service; for example, the MA's cost for the trash/recycling program is increasing by \$31,000 and insurance costs are increasing by \$6,000.

The MA Board will be discussing the Budget until final approval in early November, so please submit any comments/suggestions you might have

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to Chris Pacetti at chrisp@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 116.



Trash & Recycling Information

Waste Connections is the trash and recycling service provider for Ken-Caryl Ranch. Service is included as part of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association monthly residential dues. Waste Connections can be reached at 303-288-2100 or www.wcdenver.com.

Trash and Recycling Totes: Residents have the option of using their own trash and recycling containers/bags or using 96-gallon totes provided at no charge by Waste Connections. To order totes, send an email to kencarylco@ wasteconnections.com, say that you want to sign up for totes, and provide your name, address, email address, and phone number. You can request both trash and recycling totes, just a trash tote, or just a recycling tote.

Holiday Trash Delays: Waste Connections observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, unless they fall on a weekend. If your normal pickup day falls on or after a holiday, your collection schedule will run one day late that week.

Auto-Dial Service: Waste Connections offers an auto-dial phone call service called Call Fire to notify customers of any changes in trash pickup days. You can sign up online at www.wcdenver.com/contact/. Complete the required information, and in the comment section say you are a Ken-Caryl resident seeking to sign up for the Call Fire service.

• Community Calendar

October

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1-4 p.m. Flu Immunization Clinic Community Center	15	6 p.m. Master Association Board	4:30 p.m. Covenant Committee	9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	19	20
1-4 p.m. Flu Immunization Clinic Community Center	22	6 p.m. Metropolitan District Board	7:30 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	Family Fright Night and Haunted Trail 5-7 p.m. Dakota Lodge 6-8:30 p.m. Bradford Park	27
1-4 p.m. Flu Immuni- zation Clinic Community Center	29	30	31			

November

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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	2	3
4	5	6	6 p.m. MA/MD Joint Study Session 7 p.m. Master Association Board	7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	•	10
11	9:15 a.m. (Tentative) Veterans Day Celebration Veterans Monument	6 p.m. Metropolitan District Board	1 p.m. Historical Society 7 p.m. Equestrian Task Force Dakota Lodge	9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	16	17
18	19	20	21	9 a.m. Fun Run, 9:30 a.m. 5K Gobble Wobble 5K & Fun Run Dakota Lodge Administrative Offices Closed Ranch House	Administrative Offices Closed Ranch House	24
25	26	6 p.m. Master Association Board and Budget Townhall	7:30 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	30	

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

Sign Up for the e-News!

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• Covenant Clips



Subassociations

By Community Standards Administrator Jenny Bernal

Ken-Caryl Ranch is made up of several beautiful neighborhoods. Many neighborhoods fall under the management of the Master Association, while many others are managed by a subassociation. The residents in the North Ranch, Manor Ridge, Settlement, Mountain Gate, Sunset Ridge and the Enclave pay additional dues to their subassociations and have separate management companies to organize covenant enforcement, architectural approval, and member status among other important community management tasks.

We have received calls in response to covenant letters as well as neighbor complaints for subassociation neighborhoods. Reporting to the wrong party could delay resolution for your concern. Recently, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Architectural Committee approved a new process for submitting for Architectural Approval for home improvements in neighborhoods without a subassociation. Since the site was launched in May, we have received a number of submittals for homes that have subassociations. We have included direction on our website with links to the proper channels for each subassociation. We encourage residents to read through the material prior to submitting to ensure the proper documents are included and that the request is sent to the appropriate party. A misdirected submittal can cause unnecessary delays, frustrations and potentially costly errors. A home improvement project can be stressful enough, and we want you to be able to get to your project as quickly as possible with the approval you need.

We know covenants and rules can be confusing and continue to do our best to communicate needs internally and develop the site to be more resident friendly. We have information available 24/7 at www. ken-carylranch.org to help guide you. If you have questions about your neighborhood, don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help! I can be reached at jennyb@kcranch. org or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.



• Board Meeting Summaries

Metropolitan District

On Sept. 27, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board held a regular business meeting and discussed the following topics:

- Staff walked through the 2019 budget planning process and discussed philosophy and deadlines with the Board.
- The Board heard the projected status of the 2018 budget for each department.
 Next, the Board discussed direction for the 2019 budget and opportunities to increase revenues and cut costs.
- The Board discussed each department and some program areas at a high level to determine if changes would be recommended for fees or expenses in 2019.
- Staff presented a grant application for shade at the Community Center playground. The Board adopted a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the grant.

Joint Study Session

On Oct. 2, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards held a Joint Study Session and discussed the following items:

- The Boards discussed 2019 funding needs and draft budget ideas.
- The Boards revisited their end of the year meeting schedule and budget adoption schedules. Some meetings were moved or combined. Please see the calendar for an updated meeting schedule.
- The Boards have been working diligently to find the best way to fund and provide services to the community. The Boards discussed a plan that if the MD mill levy passes this November, the Master Association would be considering a \$1 dues increase for 2019. If the mill levy does not pass, the Boards will be reevaluating funding and service levels.

FACTUAL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION FOR VOTER AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

THE DISTRICT. Since 1988 Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District has provided a wide range of park and recreation services and amenities to the community. The District is responsible for maintaining and operating three pools, sports fields, parks, greenbelts, the Community Center, Dakota Lodge, Ranch House and tennis courts. In addition, the District provides youth and adult programing, and an environmental education program. Property taxes make up 60% of the District's total annual revenue.

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE. In the past 5 years, the District's operating costs have exceeded the revenues it generates through property taxes and program fees. As the costs of operating the District continue to increase, so must the revenues generated by property taxes and program fees; however, the Gallagher Amendment to the Colorado Constitution is reducing the District's property tax revenue. The Gallagher Amendment requires residential property owners to pay 45% of the total property taxes paid. In every odd year, the Colorado Legislature is required to set the residential assessment rate ("RAR") at a level that will maintain the 45% tax share. Due to the steady increase in residential property values across the State, since 1982 the RAR has been reduced from 21% to 7.96%. Then, in 2017, the Colorado Legislature further reduced the RAR to 7.2%. This approximately 9% decrease in the RAR resulted in the District losing \$210,000 in revenue in 2018. Preliminary projections indicate the Colorado Legislature will further reduce the RAR to 6.11% in 2019, which will result in another 15% decrease and another approximately \$375,000 loss in property tax revenue.

THE BALLOT ISSUE. During its meeting on August 21, 2018, the District's Board of Directors adopted a Resolution calling for an election on November 6, 2018 to seek voter approval of a property tax increase through the following Ballot Issue:

SHALL KEN-CARYL RANCH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$1,530,556 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2018 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2019) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 8.0 MILLS, AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THIS TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL. The property tax increase will increase the amount of taxes the District assesses against taxable property within its boundaries. For voters who support less and smaller government, the District's increase in tax revenues may be contrary to this objective. Based upon the District's current assessed valuation, a property tax increase of 8 mills would result in the following projected increases in property taxes to homeowners:

\$400,000 Residence = \$19 per month \$600,000 Residence = \$29 per month \$800,000 Residence = \$38 per month

ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL. Without additional tax revenue, the District Board must look at reducing services and increasing fees. The revenue lost from the Gallagher Amendment is impairing the District's ability to continue operating at its current service level. In addition, the District must build reserve funds that allow for capital improvements and expanded services in the future. Without a mill levy increase, the Board must look at reducing services and increase program fees, including eliminating free community events, reducing parks maintenance such as watering, mowing, landscaping, and tree care, eliminating capital expenses such as additional shade at the pools, playground replacements and paved trail repairs, charging for resident pool access, reducing pool hours, closing Bradford pool.

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Watch Out for Wildlife

By Open Space Ranger Peter Marozas

Fall is the time when wildlife start preparing for winter and is breeding season for deer and elk. Increased activity in the fall can lead to conflicts with wildlife. By adhering to a few guidelines, Ken-Caryl residents can avoid potentially dangerous situations.

- · BEARS are preparing for hibernation, and they will need to consume up to 20,000 calories a day. Residents should remove all attractants like birdfeeders and remember to store trash indoors until the morning of pickup.
- DEER are entering the breeding season
- and male deer will be searching for mates and can be very aggressive. Never approach male deer and give them plenty of room to escape if encountered.
- VEHICLE COLLISIONS with deer increase in the fall as the days get shorter. Please slow down and be aware of major deer crossing areas like the intersection of Valley Parkway and Club Drive and the blind corners on Ken-Caryl Ave. as you enter or leave the Valley.
- NETS Soccer, volleyball or badminton nets are a hazard to deer and elk due to entanglement and can cause serious injury. Please take them down on a daily basis when not in use.
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS that are strung on trees and shrubs can get caught in deer antlers and may hinder movement or feeding. If possible, restrict holiday lights at your home. For more information, contact the Ranger staff at 303-979-1876, ext. 170, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-291-7227 or visit www.wildlife.state.co.us.



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Mill Levy Information

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board voted to place a mill levy ballot initiative, which is called Ballot Issue 6G, on the November 2018 ballot. Ballots were mailed to all registered voters in Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District in mid-October.

The Board is seeking voter approval to increase its mill levy by 8 mills in order to continue offering services at current levels, increase services where needed, create operational and capital reserves, and offset the impacts of the Gallagher Amendment. Please see the Factual Summary on page 3 for more information or visit www.ken-carylranch.org.

What does the actual tax history for KCR properties look like?

Below is the actual 10-year property tax history for a home in the community. The mill increase from 2008 to 2009 was the last operating mill increase for the District. The mill increase from 2014 to 2015 was the bond projects, which is funding that can only be used to repay the bonds that funded the capital improvement projects. The mills tied to the bond will go away in

Actual Example of Taxes on a Ken-Caryl Ranch Home

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Year	Assessed Value	Mils	MD tax
2008	\$396,190	12.709	\$400.84
2009	\$399,990	15.339	\$483.79
2010	\$399,990	15.228	\$484.86
2011	\$366,570	15.240	\$485.24
2012	\$366,570	15.242	\$444.75
2013	\$373,000	15.239	\$444.66
2014	\$373,000	15.227	\$452.10
2015	\$459,840	21.397	\$635.30
2016	\$459,840	20.654	\$756.00
2017	\$503,917	20.685	\$757.13
2018	\$503,917	20.685	\$750.49

How much has the operational tax revenue for the District increased over the last decade?

Operational property tax revenue for the District was \$2,351,652 in 2008. Operational property tax revenue for the District is estimated to be \$2,982,000 in 2018. That is a 26.8 percent increase over the last 10 years. Below is a table showing the mills levied for operations and the amount collected in each year.

Year Ended	Mills Levied	Collected
Dec. 31	for Operations	
2008	12.710	\$2,351,652
2009	15.339	\$2,785,023
2010	15.228	\$2,784,186
2011	15.240	\$2,887,763
2012	15.242	\$2,650,780
2013	15.239	\$2,431,992
2014	15.227	\$2,394,032
2015	15.217	\$2,391,136
2016	15.214	\$2,713,161
2017	15.225	\$2,710,843
2018	15.225	\$2,982,000
		(Estimated)

• RTD

RTD Ken-Caryl Area **Bus Service**

Did you know that changes have been made to some RTD services in South Jefferson County? As of late-August, the former Route 85 was discontinued, and the route has been replaced with a Calln-Ride Flex Route vehicle. The Flex Route operates virtually identically to the Route 85, using the exact same routing, stops and times. The primary change is that the vehicle used is a standard green Call-n-Ride bus with the word "Special" on the bus. This plan is a new approach for RTD, with an emphasis on selecting the right-sized vehicles and resources to address an area's transit needs. More details and schedules can be found at www.rtd-denver.com/ callNRide.shtml#southjeffco.



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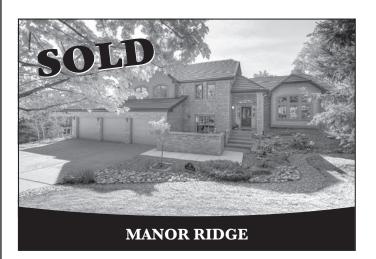
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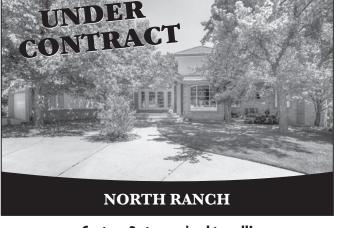


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KCR Senior Club Tours Coors Brewery

By Marilyn Norris, Senior Club

On Sept. 28, members of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Senior Club had an interesting V.I.P. tour of the Coors Brewery. In addition to being insightful, samples of their various beers were offered, of course. Following the tour, the group had lunch at the Fossil Trace Restaurant on the golf course.

Some programs that took place following the monthly pot luck suppers over the summer included "Songs by Jill and Jim Lorentz of Roxborough," sharing of favorite travel memories, and an "Update and Current Space Programs and Policies" by Scott Norris.

Plans are currently being made for the Senior Club's traditional Thanksgiving pot luck supper in November, and the Christmas Dinner/Dance in December at Concordia on the Lake.

The Ken-Caryl Senior Club is a social club for couples and singles 55 years old or better. New members are always welcome. For more information, you may contact Marilyn Norris at 720-922-2077.

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Ken-Caryl Youth Earns Diploma in Piano Music

By Janet Ali, Ken-Caryl Resident

Claire McCollough, daughter of Laura and Todd McCollough of Ken-Caryl Ranch, was recently awarded a Diploma in Piano Music from the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Claire has studied piano since the age of six and earned this honor through her long-term commitment to daily practice over the past 12 years.

Claire began her piano study with Berneil Hanson while living in Iowa. Upon moving to Colorado a year later, she continued her piano study with Ken-Caryl resident Janet Ali and participated in many local festivals and events. Claire has

performed as a finalist in the United States International Duo Competition in Colorado Springs and at the Federation Festivals annually, often winning the award "Top Performer" in Colorado at her level. She has played in the Festival for Creative Pianists (earning \$350 in awards this year), and in many recitals, including a recital at Colorado Mills for purposes of entertaining the public with holiday music.

To earn the diploma on piano, Claire memorized and played a 10-piece program with pieces representing various periods in music through the past 400 years. She memorized and played all 48 major and minor scales and played a six-page piece in its original key and in two transposed keys, not notated. Among her selections were great works of Bach, Debussy and Mozart.

Also, to Claire's credit are her achievements

in the National Federation of Music Clubs. In May of 2018, Claire received her 75-point Grand Cup. Annual memorization of two pieces was required to attain this award. Claire earned the top rating on these pieces at the annual festivals over the course of 10 years. She was also required to memorize and perform one piano concerto per year for her high school years. The 75-point Gold Cup is only awarded to a few students throughout the United States each year, and Claire will be pictured with her cup in an upcoming National Federation of Music Clubs Magazine.

Claire has just begun her studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, on scholarship. She is pursuing a business degree from the Leeds School of Business with an interest in finance and information analytics.



Claire McCollough with her diploma in piano music.



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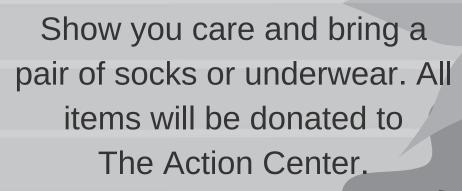
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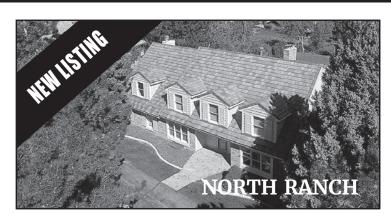




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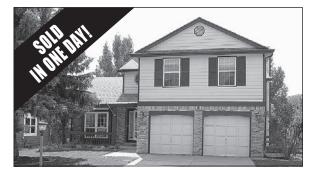
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Date: Wednesday, Nov. 7
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Location: Community Center

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Date: Saturday, Oct. 20 Time: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Location: Dakota Lodge

Fee: \$25 pre-registration, \$30 at the

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Course #46623

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Date: Saturday, Oct. 27 Time: 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Location: KC Fitness Facility, Community

Center Fee: FREE Course #46694

Junior Fitness Facility Certification

Youth 12-18 years of age must be certified by our personal trainers in order to use the exercise/weight equipment at the Community Center. Youth 12-13 years old must be accompanied by an adult when using the weight and cardio equipment.

Date: Monday, Oct. 22 Time: 4-5 p.m.

Location: Community Center Fee: Resident: \$20

Non-Resident: \$23

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Tennis Lessons

Schedules for the next session of tennis lessons are posted online at www.ken-carylranch.org. Registration is currently open, and the sessions begin Oct. 22.

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Dates: Wednesdays, Oct. 24 & 31, Nov. 7 & 14

Non-Resident: \$72

Time: 12-1 p.m.
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Course #46688

Pickleball Mixer

Come out for a pickleball mixer! This is a fun social event but will not be instructional. Please visit the Pickleball page on our website if you're interested in a lesson or class.

Date: Friday, Oct. 19
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Location: Community Center
Fee: Resident: \$8; Non-Resident: \$10

• Youth Programs

Babysitting Clinic

Course #46453

Certification for boys and girls 11-13 years of age. Bring a sack lunch and drink. You must stay for the entire time to become certified.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 20 Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Location: Ranch House

Fee: Resident: \$60; Non-Resident: \$75

Course #45813

Youth Programs

Story Time and Baby Time at the Ranch House

We have partnered again with Jefferson County Libraries to offer family fun while sharing our love of children's literature. Baby Time is geared toward children under 2 years of age, but all ages are welcome. Story Time is for all ages. The program is free, and no registration is required.

Dates: Thursdays, Aug. 16 - Dec. 20 Time: 9:30 a.m. Baby Time,

10:15 a.m. Family Story Time Location: Ranch House

Fee: Free

• Sports & Athletics

Taekwon-Do at Dakota Lodge

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Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Location: Dakota Lodge

Fee: Resident: \$130 per month Non-Resident: \$145 per month

• Special Events

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Colorado Flu Shot Company will offer the 4-Strain Quadrivalent Flu Shot and the FluMist Intranasal Spray at weekly clinics at the Community Center.

Dates: Sundays, Oct. 21 and 28

Time: 1-4 p.m. Location: Commun

Location: Community Center Fee: \$40 (Cash, Check, Visa,

MasterCard)

Family Fright Night & Haunted Trail

Celebrate Halloween with a costume contest, spooky crafts and more haunted fun at Family Fright Night at Dakota Lodge. Then join us on the Haunted Trail for a

• Special Events

family-friendly hike by the Bradford Pool where we will meet some not-so-scary local wildlife who will teach us about life in our open space. All ages welcome.

Date: Friday, Oct. 26

Time and

Location: 5-7 p.m. Dakota Lodge 6-8:30 p.m. Bradford Park

Veterans Day Celebration

Join us in celebrating our veterans with a ceremony at the Veterans Monument. All ages welcome.

Date: Monday, Nov. 12
Time: 9:15 a.m. (Tentative)
Location: Veterans Monument

Gobble Wobble 5K & Fun Run

"Gobble and Wobble" your way through the 5th Annual 5k and Fun Run in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Valley. This great family run helps raise funds to support special events and is an excellent way to burn some calories before the big Turkey Day! Dogs and jogging strollers are welcome. The event is for all ages. Register online! Date: Thursday. Nov. 22

Date: Thursday, Nov. 22 Time: 9 a.m. Fun Run, 9:30 a.m. 5K

Location: Dakota Lodge

Christmas Tree Sale

The annual Christmas Tree Sale offers residents trees freshly cut from Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space forest management areas. A limited number of trees will be available on a first come, first served basis. Rangers are requesting donations in exchange for the trees, and the donations will be used to offset expenses in the open space program. If you have any questions, contact the Ranger Staff at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 1
Time: 8-10 a.m.
Location: Dakota Lodge
Fee: Donations Accepted

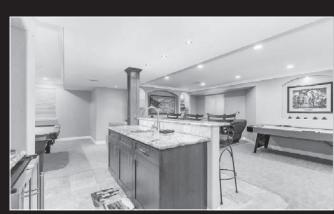
Holiday Happenings

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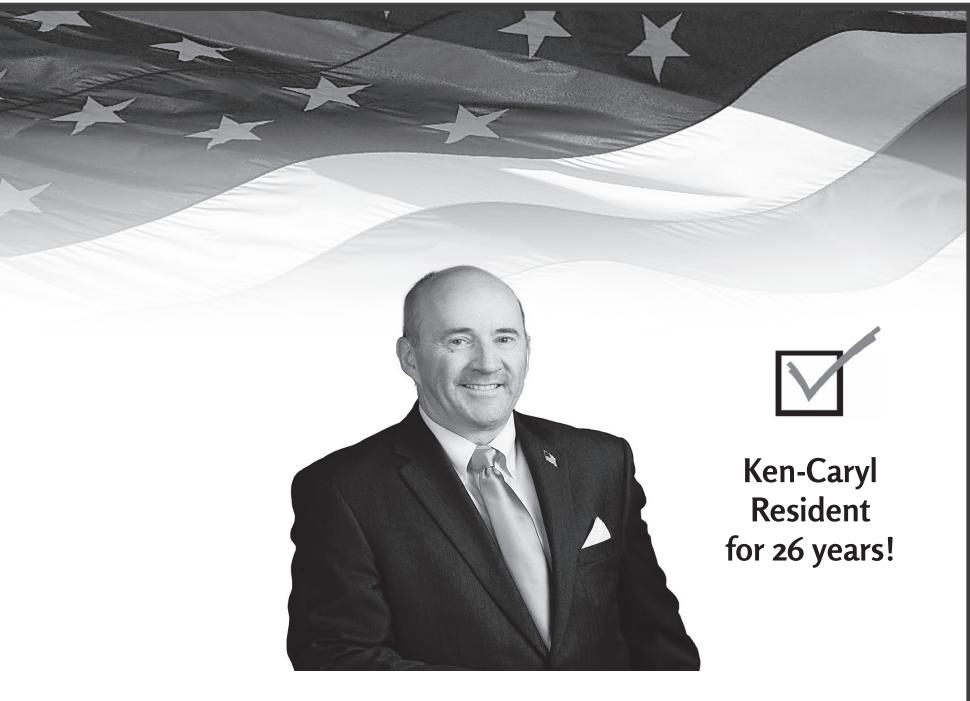


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Grandparents Going to Great Lengths to Be with Their Grandchildren

By Kristen Peterka, Master Association Staff

Visit any playground in Ken-Caryl and you will find young children climbing, swinging and laughing. Some of these joyful kids have a special treat – they are enjoying the playground with their grandparents that moved long distances to be part of their lives.

Patricia Badolato and her husband, Vincent, moved from New York City to Ken-Caryl Ranch in 2013 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Their son left New York to complete his master's degree in Boulder and settled in the Denver area. Soon afterward, their daughter moved west and relocated to Ken-Caryl. At this point Patricia knew, "There's no reason for us to stay in New York City any longer." They moved to Ken-Caryl, close to both of their children, and quickly became an active part of their grandkids' lives. They take the kids to the park, take them to the pool and go on hikes in the open space. They also help with childcare, preschool transportation and after-school activities.

Connecting with new friends was a bit challenging at first. "We spent the first couple of years not meeting many people because we were home watching an infant." And life in Ken-Caryl was different from life in the big city. "People don't walk here. It's not like New York where you pass people during the day. Everyone drives

and gets in and out of their garage." They decided to join the Ken-Caryl Historical Society, which led them to the Ken-Caryl Senior Club, and both organizations connected them with lasting friendships in the neighborhood.

One of their newfound friends, Stephanie Berg, relocated from the Washington, D.C. area in 2016 to be with her Ken-Caryl grandchildren as well. She now lives in Ken-Caryl just two miles from her grandchildren and "gets to see them every day instead of a couple times per year." Her new proximity lets her be an active part of her grandkids' lives. "I'm an extra pair of hands quite often, especially in the summer months when the kids are out of school." As a former teacher, Stephanie also volunteers in her grandchild's classroom during the school year.

While some grandparents relocate here from large cities, others are giving

up small-town life to be close to family. Glenn and Luanne Isernhagen moved to Ken-Caryl from St. Francis, a small town in Kansas with no stop lights. They now live minutes from their grandchildren and get to cheer at marching band concerts, recreation league basketball games and parades around the school at Shaffer Elementary.

Their daughter, Anne Husted, calls on her father to help with school carpools and after school activities. As a working mom, Anne feels reassured that her "kids always know they can call the grandparents if they need a ride or have an emergency."

Patricia Badolato said, "It's wonderful to be near family. We really felt that the grandchildren grow up so fast, and we decided we really wanted to be part of their life while they are young." Moving across the country after retirement may not be easy, but according to Patricia it's well worth it.



From left to right: Luanne Isernhagen, Glenn Isernhagen, Anne Husted, Abby Husted, Dave Husted, Ben Husted



Vincent Badolato hikes with his grandkids in the Ken-Caryl open space.



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Email to victoriad@kcranch.org Deadline for Oct. 31 Issue: Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

Dear Editor:

I'm urging every voter in Ken-Caryl to vote for the mill levy increase on the ballot this November. We all enjoy the great life here at Ken-Caryl Ranch, and I don't think any of us want to see services reduced.

I researched the dilemma that the Gallagher and TABOR amendments created for all recreation districts across Colorado, and I feel strongly that passing this measure is the best solution. The amenities we enjoy come with increasing costs. The dilemma that Gallagher and TABOR creates reduces taxes even while our property values increase. That's not right and not what TABOR voters approved. TABOR allows us to approve tax increases, but with the combination of the Gallagher Amendment taxes actually decrease, requiring reductions in our KCRMD services.

I urge you to do the research I did on this issue, and I'm sure you will come to the same conclusion. Vote yes on the Mill Levy increase.

Desmond Nicotera Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

The following two bullet points are excerpts from the posted Ken-Caryl Trail **Use Guidelines:**

- Cyclists yield to hikers and runners. Establish verbal communication or eye contact, slow down (be prepared to stop if needed), and pass only after the other user has had a chance to safely move aside.
- Be particularly courteous when overtaking from behind, as people may not hear your approach and be startled.

Establish communication. Do not simply shout "on your left" and expect others to immediately move to the right.

As a hiker, I've always moved to the side of a trail when noticing the oncoming approach of a biker if in a safe spot on a trail. Bikers have sometimes slowed down, sometimes not, or often slowed just enough to squeeze past me as I was moving to the side. I've never had a biker actually stop and get off of their bike to allow me to pass on a trail as the expectation always seems to be that I will move for them since they are moving forward faster on their bike. I've also mostly experienced silent bikers approaching from behind with no warning of their approach. This is the same for single bikers, pairs, or larger groups.

These trail encounters have occasionally led to verbal exchanges on the trail. As bike use of trails continues to increase, I'm curious what the current expectations and experiences of both hikers and bikers have been on the KC trails? Is "cyclists yield to hikers and runners" still the expected behavior by hikers and bikers? I don't want KC trails to get to the point where trail users feel that they need to have separate hiker and biker trails, but in my experience, it often seems that many bikers have flipped the guidelines to "hikers yield to cyclists" by their trail behavior.

Dennis Goldman Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

This is more of a plea, especially to the residents in The Village and/or near Shaffer Elementary.

On trash days, a lot of residents put their trash and recycling containers directly on the sidewalk. Please consider how difficult this makes it for children to safely walk, cycle or ride scooters to school. It also

makes it difficult to simply walk your dog down the sidewalk.

These travelers are then forced into the street where, for safety reasons, some of them may not be ready to ride.

Instead, please consider placing trash and recycling containers in the gutter or street-side of the sidewalk so that pedestrians and children on wheels can use the sidewalks as they were intended. Thank you.

Contessa McCurry Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Next month, Ken-Caryl residents will be voting on a \$8M mill levy as proposed by the Metropolitan District. If passed, this will increase our property taxes by as much as \$60/month. That does not include an association dues increase being considered by the Master Association. Let's not forget that we approved a near equal mill levy a mere four years ago, yet some of the proposed upgrades apparently were never made. (So where DID the money go?)

But this letter is not about whether or not you are voting in favor the mill level. If you want to throw your money to the wind, that is your choice. It's not mine. No, this letter is about the underhanded actions the boards have taken in the process of promoting the mill levy.

At the last Master Association board meeting, we learned a pro-levy committee had been formed, complete with approval from the Colorado secretary of state's office. At the same meeting, the Board voted to give the committee \$2,500 towards promoting the mill levy and allowed free advertising in Life at Ken-Caryl. They were also permitted to use the Ken-Caryl logo.

As Ken-Caryl residents in good standing who are opposed to the mill levy, we

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asked for comparable consideration. Seth Murphy, the president of the Master Association Board, said we needed to be officially recognized by the secretary of state as well, so the very next day, Heidi Werth gained that status and contacted the Board. They turned down our request for equal funding, equal free advertising and equal use of the Ken-Caryl logo. We, of course, went forward anyway with advertisements in Life at Ken-Caryl with our private funds and without the Ken-Caryl logo. What's crucial for you to know is that the \$2,500 the Master Association Board gave to the pro-levy committee comes from our monthly dues. So even if you are against the levy, your money went toward its favorable vote.

Is it legal for our Boards to financially promote one side? Sadly, yes. Is it ethical?

P.S. Vote NO on 6G. Ellen Kessler Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I will be voting YES on Ballot Issue 6G to protect Ken-Caryl from hundreds of thousands of dollars in budget cuts that will strip our community of the services, facilities and infrastructure that make it

After serving for four years on the Ken-Caryl Community Planning Committee, I've come to understand the obstacles our community faces to maintain the quality of life we all love here. As our property values have increased in Ken-Caryl, property tax collections have not increased to support our community. That's because the state's complicated formula for residential property taxes has "ratcheted down" the assessment rates on property. That's why most of our residential property tax bills

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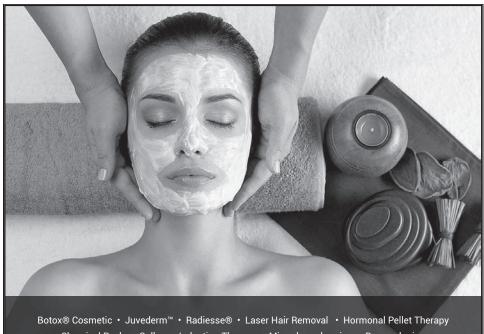


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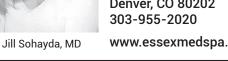
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have actually stayed steady in recent years or have even gone down as our property has increased in value.

What that means for the Ken-Caryl Metropolitan District is less funding for the services we all want and the infrastructure and amenities that make this community special. Ballot Issue 6G is a modest millage increase to correct this disparity.

I'd like to encourage all Ken-Caryl residents to vote YES on Ballot Issue 6G to help preserve our property values and protect the future of what makes Ken-Caryl Ranch a special place to live.

Visit www.KCfor6g.com for more information.

Kedra Hood

Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Suze Orman says, "The way to permanently take control of your finances is to dig deep and fix the root of the problem." The root problem in our community is the lack of accountability and transparent money trail between the Master Association (MA) and Metro District (MD). Having two organizations, one private and one governmental entity, should be a benefit. Yet, these two organizations have used each ones' lack of fiscal responsibility to justify a dues increase or a tax increase. The organizations claim to be separate when it's expedient and to be related when it's expedient. This makes it impossible to follow the money.

This is a wealthy community with a large money supply from dues that go up yearly and taxes from mill increases. In addition, we have the income from the lawsuit judgment against the Plains District of \$3.5M in 2012, \$7.9M from the Bond Issue in 2014, and SCFD grants. Why are the leaders that manage our money, the ones that seem desperate and want to PERMANENTLY increase the mill levy once again? We have to question, has the money been economically managed? Have the reserves been kept at 100 percent for rising costs or emergencies? Why haven't they planned ahead? There are always lean

times when frugality is necessary. Thrift is essential to well-ordered and financial security of a community.

Our financial leaders have not proven that a safety net is in place. "Many people take no care of their money until they come to the end of it," warned Goethe. Instead of intelligent forethought, each time the MA or MD come to the end of our money, they demand an increase in dues or taxes by blackmailing us into thinking our programs, maintenance projects, services, trails, etc. will disappear and property values will sink. Not true. If all new actions were frozen until 2020 (Gallagher decision) our real estate values would hold. We have adequate amenities, are built out and our location and natural beauty is what really draws buyers to our neighborhoods.

Pause, Ponder, Call to account, Be grateful, Make do. Vote NO on 6G.

Kathy Webster Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

As a former financial analyst, business executive, and public school teacher and principal, I am blessed with multiple perspectives on school funding. Before us are Colorado Amendment 73 and Jeffco Ballot Questions 5A and 5B, which are asking for more funding for public schools.

Our state funding for education, adjusted for regional cost differences, is 42nd, way below the national average, let alone where it should be for the 14th richest state. We rank 50th in teacher wage competitiveness. Amendment 73 gets us closer to where we should be. If you only vote for one funding initiative, choose that one.

That said, the responsibility for funding schools has increasingly shifted to local communities. In Jeffco, we have passed only one mill/bond initiative since 2004 and none in the last six years, while other communities all around the metro area have approved funding measures recently. (Incidentally, the money for schools from marijuana taxes is minimal - less than 0.3 percent of operating expenses.)

Having worked in multiple roles

inside Jeffco Schools for 20 years, I've seen first-hand how funds are used responsibly, administrative expenses and salaries are low compared to similarlysized organizations, and teachers make enormous sacrifices financially and emotionally on behalf of students. We owe it to the future of our community to support reasonable funding measures.

Jefferson believed that "an educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people." Let's all make a modest sacrifice to fund our public schools properly. Please vote yes on Amendment 73 and Ballot Questions 5A and 5B.

Ian Stone Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

There is a critical line missing from every pro-levy graph – namely revenue vs. expenditures AFTER a levy increase. The graphs show projected impacts of a potential reduction in residential assessment rate to 6.11 percent on expense vs. revenue if the levy doesn't pass. Some quick work with a ruler and this graph shows projected average deficit of 0.32M each year through 2023.

What the graph doesn't show is if the levy passes, there will be excess funds of 1.2M on average for each of those same years resulting in an excess of close to five million after those four years alone (higher if the RAR is not lowered or real estate continues skyrocketing which compensates RAR). The revenue line would be off scale! I understand the importance of reserve funds but close to 5 million excess collected in just four years is excessive to this resident. This represents collection EACH YEAR of almost 4x the 3 months' reserves claimed needed. Plus, a RAR reduction is only a possibility and, of greater relevance, Colorado legislature is actively scrutinizing alternatives including freezing current RAR or even repealing Gallagher (thereby increasing KCRMD revenue through the current 15.2 mill levy). (https://leg. colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/

lcs/memo-_considerations_on_gallagher_ proposals.pdf).

The literature says the mill levy is important for reserves for "capital improvements" and MA dues don't cover "operational expenses" but the MA is already partially/fully funding both -supplemental RH pool replacement funds, wading pool repairs, upgraded pool bathrooms, watering, weed spraying, picnic tables, fences. (Dec. 18, 2017 and Sept. 24, 2018 e-News). And, the last MA meeting discussed raising dues AGAIN upwards of \$3/month (nearly \$160,000/ year) regardless of 6G outcome. Passing 6G sets up residents for an unnecessary triple whammy between permanent increased property taxes, increased MA dues again and a potentially repealed Gallagher Amendment.

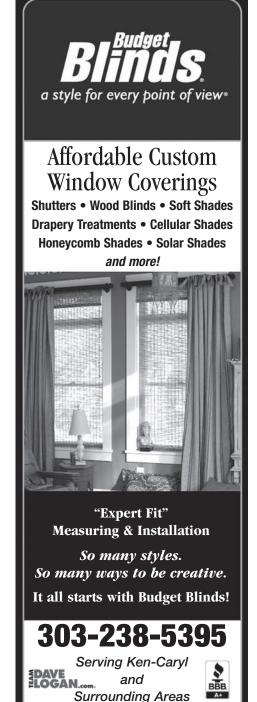
Let the KCRMD put cost saving/ revenue generating measures in place as suggested by many residents including turning off facility lights after hours, increasing program fees for those that use them, and more. Let them look WITHIN rather than IN our wallets and revisit this again after that and when a Gallagher solution is likely implemented by Colorado. Vote NO on 6G.

Joel Pankow Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

There is an important question which needs to be asked of both the Master Association and the Metro District Boards regarding the strategic direction for our community-owned and expensivelymaintained open space. That is, should the Boards use their powers to restrict access, or should they allow anyone free rein on it? This is an important question as it pertains not only to non-resident users of existing trails posting their





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videos on social media, but to the possible construction (by KCRMA/MD) of a new trail from the Westerley Apartments being built southwest of C-470, to the top of the Hogback, a piece of property owned by the Metro District.

For those residents who do not attend Board meetings, or Open Space Committee meetings, it is difficult to discern from the published minutes that these leadership groups are considering building such a trail, which would be an open invitation to non-residents to access our property. The land on which the Westerley Apartments are being constructed is not within the MA, nor the MD's boundaries, so these residents will not be paying any fees to K-C. But as the Hogback land is owned by the MD, access cannot be restricted to KCRMA members only. The explanation given by the Board for holding such discussions is because of their expectation that without a purpose-built trail, the apartment residents will create random social trails to the top.

However, Jeffco Open Space rules prohibit trail construction and allow for closure of space with adequate signage. Perhaps a better solution for our Boards would be to install such signs and actively patrol that area to deter such trailblazers.

Philip G. Varley Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

40 percent Tax Increase – Really? We all know people who are good with money and others who are not. Give two people a pile of money and see what they do with it. One will use it wisely and the other will spend it all and need more. The Ken-Caryl Metro District doesn't lack sufficient dollars to operate; they just need to make more tough decisions about where the money should and shouldn't go. 6G equates to a 40 percent tax increase and for most of us this is too expensive. Please Vote NO on 6G.

Elizabeth Allison Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Why is the Ken-Caryl Metro District requesting an ANNUAL tax increase that is almost 9-TIMES the current budget deficit (\$1,530,556 tax increase in 2018 versus the \$175,000 projected budget shortfall in 2018)? Where is this annually \$1,356,000 going to go - forever? I understand that they need some reserves because they have been unable to save, but an extra \$1,356,000 forever? Vote No on 6G-a 40 percent Tax Increase - Forever.

Ruth Sundberg Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

6G is a 40 percent tax increase. Some recent history about the Ken-Caryl Metro District (MD) and taxes. In 2009 the MD received a 19.5 percent tax increase.

This was, according to the MD, to offset decreased property values and lower assessment percentages. This increase would allow the MD to operate in the black and build reserves for future improvements/ updates. In spite of this higher tax rate, in 2014 the MD was again out of money. The MD requested and received \$7,900,000 to improve/update facilities - and Ken-Caryl residents absorbed another tax increase - this time a 36 percent tax increase. Now, in 2018, the MD budget anticipates, a \$175,000 loss. In response the MD is requesting a \$1,530,556 annual tax increase - this time another 40 percent.

That's right - a 40 percent tax increase - not once - but annually - forever. Three tax increases in 10 years - 19.5 percent, 36 percent, and now 40 percent. Clearly more money is not the problem. We cannot afford to continue to give this organization more dollars until they change the way they do business. Please vote no on 6G.

Gary Sundberg Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Election season is upon us! For RTD Board District N, I urge Ken-Caryl residents to vote for our long-time neighbor, Peggy Catlin.

Peggy has an impressive career working in transportation for you and all of Colorado. In addition to managing the Denver office of a major transportation company as well as transportation projects as an engineer, she has served the public as Deputy Director of CDOT, coordinating with RTD on the development of Union Station and other transit initiatives. In 2018 when the RTD Board District seat was vacated, Peggy was asked to serve out the term. She stepped up to represent our transit interests and work on positioning RTD for the future. I have known Peggy professionally for over 30 years and believe she is the best candidate with her expertise in transportation, community involvement and fiscal responsibility. Vote Peggy Catlin!

Debra Perkins-Smith Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

As a proud Ken-Caryl homeowner, I am pleased to be voting YES on Ballot Issue 6G — a measure that will protect our community's parks, open spaces and infrastructure from cuts that will lower our property values.

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District (KCRMD) manages our 4,300-home, 12,000-resident community with a relatively small operations budget reliant on property tax dollars. As our property values have increased in the past decade, the state has actually lowered the assessment rate year after year so that Ken-Caryl gets less and less from every mill levied. The unintended consequence is that it has made budgeting for the future incredibly difficult and has

strapped KCRMD with deficit-spending for several years.

We can't afford to put this off any longer. Passing 6G will keep tax dollars right here in our community and ensure that Ken-Caryl can maintain current programming and infrastructure, as well as plan for maintenance and full support of our unique, park-filled community. Without 6G we will face hundreds of thousands of dollars in cuts in coming years. Sidewalk replacement, park maintenance, pool closures, tree and forestry cuts and more will happen unless our community comes together to pass Ballot Issue 6G.

Voting YES on 6G ensures that property taxes stay right here in Ken-Caryl and benefit you locally. The entire community benefits from the value of all the unique infrastructure here in Ken-Caryl.

Rachael Stickland Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

As many of you are aware, I was appointed in March by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners to fill a vacancy on the Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors for District N. I was one of 17 applicants interested in serving on the RTD Board and am honored that the Commissioners unanimously selected me to fill this spot. In my short tenure, I worked collaboratively with other board members to save critical routes serving South Jeffco, Conifer and Evergreen. As a result, I have earned the respect of the other 14 board members and staff. I am now running to retain this seat on the Board in the November election.

As a Ken-Caryl resident for 34 years, and having a notable career in transportation, including serving 11 years as the Deputy Executive Director of CDOT, leading the efforts on the development of Denver

Union Station and other RTD initiatives, I understand the public transit issues in the region. District N covers the largest geographical area in the RTD region yet has the least amount of service. RTD must provide baseline service coverage to all areas of the region that contribute sales tax dollars. People will not use public transportation if they have limited access to it. I am committed to preserving what sparse service we have in our district and want to ensure that we have access to the greater regional system.

At the same time, I want to remain focused on the fiscal responsibility of the RTD Board and will work toward ensuring that your taxpayer dollars are spent prudently and effectively. I am the most qualified candidate, given my knowledge, experience and passion.

Please look at my website at www. peggycatlin.com and then go to the very end of your ballot and vote for me to represent your interests on the RTD Board. (I am second on the ballot). Thank you, Ken-Caryl neighbors, for your support!

Peggy Catlin Ken-Caryl Resident **RTD Board Candidate**

Dear Editor:

I see no reason to vote for a PERMANENT 8.0 mill levy increase.

It was only four years ago that KC residents voted for a \$7.9 million Bond issue. The MD Board overspent by approximately \$200,000 and not all the work was completed. The KC residents are paying off those bonds for another six years.

Consider how much money was spent on concrete. Wide concrete trails were laid at the Dakota Lodge covering up a nice treed and grassy area and a tiny stream and wooden bridge were covered over

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with concrete. At the Community Center Pool, a large berm with shade trees was removed and concreted over, leaving the pool area smaller with little shade. Lovely landscaping was also concreted over. Large amounts of concrete also replaced grass and landscaping at the Ranch House.

Dirt trails have been concreted over and many more are planned. Concrete is unpleasant and hard on walkers. Why not leave the dirt trails and save the money?

Every dollar spent on concreting and expanding trails is one dollar less to replace dead trees, fix fences and perform other regular maintenance, which benefits the WHOLE community.

In the past, the Board has ignored residents' suggestions regarding cost saving and capital improvements. Vote NO on 6G in hopes that the Board will find ways to save money and continue to cover the ongoing costs of maintenance for our beautiful community.

Janie and Steve Saul **Ken-Caryl Residents**

Dear Editor:

The entire Ken-Caryl community will benefit by voting YES on Ballot Issue 6G this November — all 4,300 homes and 12,000 residents.

The more I have considered and discussed this issue — respectfully listening to all of my neighbors' thoughts — the more I keep coming back to the big picture: Like any community, Ken-Caryl has many groups who all have different ideas about our community's priorities. That's healthy, it's to be expected and it always leads to better decisions when everyone participates.

But 6G isn't about any one of these issues alone: It's about properly funding the core of our community. None of our different opinions on trails, courts, pools or any choices communities make will matter if we don't have a healthy core to support all of these decisions.

An unintended consequence of the Colorado Gallagher Amendment to the state's constitution is forcing the state once again to cut the percentage of property tax dollars that come back to our community – not only preventing us from properly funding maintenance and capital improvements, but also leading to likely cuts such as closing the Bradford Pool, putting off sidewalk maintenance, neglecting forestry service and more.

Without 6G, the District will have to make \$375,000 in cuts next year and still will not be able to fund a responsible capital reserve program for our aging infrastructure. And that will turn into a cascading problem: A 30-year-old community needs a budget to support maintenance and infrastructure.

6G is a modest investment for all of us to support our property values and our community. With that protected, we can all engage in healthy discussion on all the other issues/differences that help make this community great.

Please join me in voting "YES" on Ballot

Joseph Levy Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

The mill levy issue is confusing and misleading. I give you five simple, factual reasons to "Vote NO" on 6G.

- 1. The Ken-Caryl Metro District receives property tax revenues from three sources; 1) residential, 2) non-residential or commercial, and 3) ownership. If the Gallagher Amendment causes the residential assessment rate (RAR) to go down, it is because the commercial tax revenue has increased. KCRMD claims it lost \$210,000 in revenue from residential property tax in 2018 because the RAR went down in 2017. How much did commercial tax revenue received by KCRMD in 2018 increase?
- 2. A loss of \$210,000 out of \$5,400,000 in

- revenues for 2018 is a reduction of about 3.9 percent of total revenue. Wouldn't you think that savvy cost-cutting measures could absorb this mere 3.9 percent?
- 3. Total property tax revenues for KCRMD have increased, not decreased over the past four years, even though the RAR was decreased. Revenue is not going down. In 2015 tax revenues were \$3,640,843, in 2016 \$3,979,104, in 2017 \$4,042,729 and in 2018 without 6G \$4,043,173 and with 6G \$5,573,729. Do we really need a \$1,530,556 tax increase in 2018, 2019, 2020, etc. and forever??? Please check the KCRMD website to confirm.
- 4. Currently we are paying close to 21 mills of our property taxes to KCRMD. 6G increases the mills paid to KCRMD by another 8 mills for a total of almost 29 mills. Currently we are paying about 42 mills of our property taxes for schools. Does it seem right to you that KCRMD should receive two-thirds as much money as our schools?
- 5. KCRMD has failed to inform residents specifically how much of 6G monies will be allocated to their dwindling operational and capital reserves for each and every year. This allows them the freedom to spend as needed and not put aside in reserves what they should. Will another bond issue be required in a few years because the capital reserve bucket is empty again?

Vote "NO" on 6G. Linda Metzger Ken-Caryl Resident

Editor's Note: The majority of the Metropolitan District's tax revenue comes from residential taxes. The Gallagher Amendment requires an adjustment to the residential assessment rate in order to keep the ratio of residential property tax to nonresidential property tax at 45 percent / 55 percent. An adjustment does not necessarily mean that commercial tax revenue has increased; it means that one type of property tax has grown faster than the other. The District's total property tax revenue for 2018 was down \$210,000, including commercial tax revenue. If the mill levy passes, the tax increase would not impact 2018 revenue.

Dear Editor:

Please vote YES on Ballot Issue 6G to help preserve our property values and protect the future of what makes Ken-Caryl Ranch the amazing community it is in Jefferson County.

As the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District turns 30 this year, budgeting to sustain and maintain our greenbelts, parks and mature trees – not to mention pools, courts and other facilities – has become more and more difficult. And state property tax formulas have ratcheted down, taking more dollars from our community.

Voting YES on 6G ensures that a

sufficient portion of your property taxes is captured right here in Ken-Caryl, regardless of changing state property tax formulas. It's a small investment to protect our home values and fund the future of our community.

Yes, it is always proper to be prudent and look for spending cuts when they are possible. But the unintended problems created by state property tax formulas are well beyond the scope of discretionary budget choices. This necessary measure simply cannot be ignored any longer.

It's time for all of our community to come together to fund a future for Ken-Caryl. Put your property taxes to work right here in Ken-Caryl where they benefit you most. Please vote YES on Ballot Issue 6G.

Valerie Walling Ken-Caryl Resident



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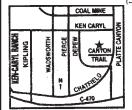
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	303-478-6050	B, P	11			
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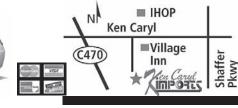
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