



Life at Ken-Caryl

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Seasons of Ken-Caryl Winter Photo Contest Winner Announced!

Congratulations to resident Lisa Schuth on being selected as our Seasons of Ken-Caryl Ranch Winter Photo Contest winner! Lisa perfectly captured winter in Ken-Caryl Ranch with this photo taken in our community's open space!

As our contest winner, Lisa's photo is not only the featured cover photo of this issue, but will also be our Facebook cover photo through the end of January 2021.



Love life behind the lens? Consider sharing your photos of the community in Life at Ken-Caryl or across our social media platforms. Email your high-resolution photos to Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch.org.

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Thanksgiving Holiday Trash Service Delay

This is a reminder from the Ken-Caryl Ranch trash service provider, Waste Connections, that Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, is an observed holiday. All residents are advised that Thursday's trash and recycling collection will be delayed until Friday, Nov. 27.



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Budget Snap Shot

By Traci Wieland, Metro District Manager

For those of you following the Metropolitan District's budget through the two public hearings held to date... congratulations and thank you for being engaged with the process! Life isn't easy in general, let alone during a pandemic, so we greatly appreciate you taking the time to get informed, get involved and ask questions. For those of you who have not had a chance to review the proposed budget, there will be no public shaming or a pop quiz. Instead, here is a quick rundown to make your life a bit easier:



- The philosophy behind the 2021 draft budget is to be extremely conservative regarding spending given the great deal of uncertainty the District still faces with COVID, state and federal mandates and difficulty in retaining skilled employees. One of the Board's desires has been to create a financial foundation that is strong enough to withstand this uncertainty while not impacting the level of service provided to the community.
- Amendment B passed providing some relief to the District's property tax revenues and the District has been able to manage the COVID response with reduced spending; however, the District has not solved all its financial issues. We are not out of the COVID woods yet. It seems the worst may be yet to come. In addition, there is still much work to be done regarding the District's long-term capital needs. The District has over half a million dollars' worth of needs each year, which exceeds our available resources. The Board will be discussing those needs as part of future budget discussions.
- The 2021 fee schedule was presented to the Board with information for each major program area. Most of the program areas include a fee increase for 2021, including the proposed pool fees. Barring no future COVID restrictions at the pool, a \$35 per person (ages 3 and older) summer pass fee is recommended. Those residents who do not utilize the pools enough to make a pass worthwhile can also pay a daily drop-in fee.
- Six capital projects are planned and funded for 2021. This includes the Ranch House tennis court lighting replacement, Ranch House tennis court resurfacing (three courts), a piece of mow/snow removal equipment, Community Park block wall replacement, Community Park playground resurfacing and two maintenance vehicles.
- The District struggles to provide competitive pay and benefits which creates retention issues. The classification and compensation plan includes an audit of every position, a review of years of service, comparison to other parks and recreation districts and the ultimate creation of a minimum and maximum pay grade. From this study, pay adjustments (ranging in percentage), the inclusion of short-term disability insurance, and a PTO carry over policy have been recommended for the 2021 budget.
- The District is working collaboratively with the Master Association to reinvigorate our Forestry workgroup in 2021 and complete several deferred capital projects, including the tennis court resurfacing of three courts at the Ranch House. Without this critical partnership, the District's financial position would be much bleaker.

If anything here piques your interest, creates pause or generates thought or feedback, email me at traciw@kcranch.org. Or, feel free to reach out to any of the Board members as they would be happy to discuss these items as well! You can find their contact information by visiting www.ken-carylranh.org, Administration tab, then Metropolitan District Board. You are also always welcome at the final public hearing on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. Meeting details are available at www.ken-carylranh.org. Stay safe and healthy!

◆ **Our Community**

Reservations Required for Ken-Caryl's Annual Christmas Tree Sale

By Kristen Peterka, Communications Coordinator

The Annual Christmas Tree Sale will be held at the Dakota Lodge on Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. To maintain safe group sizes and social distancing, pre-registration will be required. No walk-ins will be accepted due to COVID-19 precautions.

Register online at www.ken-carylranh.org beginning Wednesday, Nov. 25, first come, first served. Reservations will be available in 30-minute timeslots. There will be limited openings for each timeslot to ensure small group sizes and social distancing. Masks will be required at the event.

Rangers will bring out fresh trees throughout the sale, so each timeslot will have a great selection of recently cut Douglas Firs. Unlike the trees found in Christmas tree sale lots, these trees are more "natural" in shape, but they will still fill your home with traditional Christmas spirit! The KCRMA Rangers are requesting donations in exchange for the trees, cash or check only, and the donations will be used to offset expenses in the Open Space program. Limit one tree per family to ensure many families can enjoy this great tradition.

For the annual tree sale, the rangers harvest small diameter trees in the open space to improve wildlife habitat and overall forest health. The removal of the small trees reduces overcrowding and eliminates ladder fuels that can carry fire into a forest canopy. Trees that don't find a home are chipped and made into mulch.

If you have any questions about the Christmas tree sale, please visit www.ken-carylranh.org.



December

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	2 7 p.m. Open Space Committee *Online	3	4 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Christmas Tree Sale Dakota Lodge *Reservations required, see website for details.	5 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Christmas Tree Sale Dakota Lodge *Reservations required, see website for details.
6	7	8	9	10 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	16 4:30 p.m. Covenant Committee	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Administrative Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Meetings may be virtual based on Jefferson County COVID guidelines. Visit www.ken-carylranh.org for virtual meeting information

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

Due to the latest COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, the Ranch House offices will temporarily not be open to the public. However, residents may schedule appointments to meet with staff in person. Contact information is available at www.ken-carylranh.org.

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Giving Thanks

By Brian Yowell, Community Administrator

As I drive around our community, keeping a keen eye on what may be in need of repair; a fresh coat of paint, some good clean up, or a simple reminder, I can't help but notice all the beauty and good that is around us each and every day.

One thing that this position has afforded me – other than an amazing group of talented, kind and devoted people to work with – is a deeper perspective into the community that I have called home for a good portion of my life. Sometimes I take pause, take a breath and take it all in as I discover and experience something for the first time, or time and time again.

This community - like a diamond - takes many facets that when all together and polished, create something amazing and precious.

To our Parks team who beautify, nurture and maintain our greenbelts, parks and Ken-Caryl facilities – thank you.

To our Open Space team and KCRMA Rangers who are passionate about protecting residents, nature, and our amazing wildlife, who work tirelessly on our trails, fencing, community enjoyment, education and protection – thank you!

To our Master Association and Metropolitan District Board Members who give so much of their time, experience and energy to ensuring that the community, its residents, and its interests are protected, served and represented – thank you.

To our Historical Society who have done so much work on preserving and protecting the history of Ken-Caryl Ranch and ensuring its history and story live on for generations to come – thank you.

To our many committee and task force volunteers who take their pride of Ken-Caryl and passion for Architectural Review, Covenant Control, Open Space, Community Elections, Community Planning and Parks very seriously and give their time, experience and knowledge – thank you.

To our team of professionals that work for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association and the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District that provide support, youth programs, education, fitness, recreation, equestrian services, administration, maintenance and preservation of, and for, Ken-Caryl Ranch – thank you.

And to our residents... whose individual threads weave together the amazing fabric that is Ken-Caryl Ranch – thank you!

I'm reminded that we, as a community of people who are lucky enough to call Ken-Caryl Ranch home, will come out the other side of 2020 and be stronger, closer, more impassioned, more empathetic and maybe – just maybe – a little more thankful.

I can think of few places that I'd rather be than Ken-Caryl Ranch... maybe a beach. Nah, I would get too sunburned.

Thank you, Ken-Caryl!

At your service,


Brian Yowell



MD Board Summary

The Metropolitan District Board met on Tuesday, Nov. 10 for its regular board meeting. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- The public hearing was continued on the 2021 proposed budget. District Manager Wieland presented the updated 2021 budget with the following highlights:
 - o The Healthy Families and Workplace Act is a driver of several budgetary items, including paid sick leave and emergency paid sick leave related to a pandemic. The current act expires Dec. 31, 2020, and it is unknown what the impacts will be in 2021.
 - o As COVID cases increase, the likelihood of remote school and/or a stay at home order is imminent. Staff is monitoring closely to react to a likely revenue reduction.
 - o The excess revenue over expenditure figures are still hovering near the 2020 annual budget figure for both 2020 projected and 2021 budget. Even though the figures are positive and Amendment B passed, the District has not fixed all its financial issues as there is much work to do with the District's long-term capital needs.
 - o The Board discussed the District Manager classification and compensation.
 - o District Manager Wieland explained the development of administrative classifications to be able to effectively manage the District's wide variety of employees and laws that surround the different levels.
 - o District Manager Wieland explained that there has been some feedback regarding pool fees and the desire to eliminate them. Staff has developed the fees based on the established cost recovery. The Board discussed the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic and determined they would move forward with the fees as recommended, but could amend if necessary, based on the District's recovery.
- A resolution was passed to memorialize the District's retiree health insurance program. The program is not a cost to the District, but provides an important retention tool.
- Staff informed the Board about a meeting with Jefferson County planning regarding the District's options to request inclusion of new developments within Master Association boundaries, but not District boundaries. The Board's next regular meeting will be held Dec. 1 and will include the conclusion of the public hearing on the 2021 budget process.




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Watch Out for Wildlife This Fall

By Gary Norton, Park Ranger

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.

- **SLOW DOWN:** As the days grow shorter, collisions with deer on the roadways increase. 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 the Valley.
- **STAY BACK:** As deer enter the breeding season, 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.
- **HANG LIGHTS WITH CARE:** Holiday lights can get caught in deer antlers and may hinder movement or feeding. If possible, try to isolate lights and never string them between trees or shrubs.
- **BE BEAR AWARE:** As bears prepare for hibernation, they will need to consume up to 20,000 thousand calories a day. Residents should remove all attractants like bird feeders and remember to store trash indoors until the morning of pick-up.

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.



MA/MD Joint Study Session Summary

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards held a Joint Study Session on Nov. 3 at the Ranch House. The following items were discussed:

- Metro District Board member Joe Levy presented an overview of the South Hogback Open Space. In 2019, two cultural and biologic studies commissioned by the Metro District were completed. Next step is to investigate potential land designations/programs to advance preservation of the land and develop a basket of possibilities for the KCRMD board and staff to explore. Further community input will also be sought.
- Victoria DeSair provided an update on two major land developments in Ken-Caryl Ranch. Cardel Homes is planning to build 124 homes near Deer Creek Golf Course. The Board of County Commissioners will be reviewing the final plat Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 8 a.m. Details are on the County's website. The other development is for approximately 700 homes in the North Bowl and north of Sunset Ridge. The developer, North American Development Group, is scheduled to close on the land at the end of November.
- Staff gave a status of the comprehensive review of insurance coverage for the Master Association and Metropolitan District. The bulk of the review will occur in early 2021.
- Traci Wieland presented information on medians in the community. A full review of medians was completed by staff and a priority list was created for median updates for the next three years.
- Staff provided an update on pedestrian crossings in the Plains. Several crossings were reviewed, and staff will work with the County on a plan for safe crossings.
- Residents Jan Rousselot, Ruth Sundberg, John Fosholt, Jerry Sullivan and Rilla Reinsma addressed the board during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Master Association Board Summary

On Nov. 17, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular meeting and discussed the following items:

- Victoria DeSair reported on the Jefferson County COVID Level Red starting on Nov. 20. Updates on office hours and programming will be posted at the website.
- The annual Christmas Tree Sale will be on Dec. 4 & 5 by reservation only. No walk-ins will be allowed to ensure small group sizes and social distancing. Reservations are available at www.ken-carylranh.org beginning November 25.
- The Board reviewed the existing MA mission statement and found it to still be relevant. The mission statement will remain as-is.
- Victoria DeSair reviewed the current check signing process as well as check signing policies from other organizations. The Board will review a draft check signing policy at the next meeting.
- Resident John Fosholt expressed concerns about the MA Board's hearing for the fire lit in the Open Space. The Board did not have a public hearing for the fire and instead met with the families involved in a special meeting. Meeting minutes from the hearing will be published on the website.
- Resident Dave Banning expressed concerns about adding two full-time Ranger positions in the 2021 MA Budget.
- Resident Rilla Reinsma requested that the Oct. 20, 2020 MA Board meeting minutes be modified to reflect conversations regarding conflicts of interest related to the South Hogback cultural and biological survey. Based on attorney feedback, the Board decided not to modify the minutes because conflict of interest was already addressed in the minutes.
- Resident Kayla Kirkpatrick expressed concerns regarding special meetings that are not open to the public and shared information regarding nonprofit standards for special meetings.



More than 3,500 Books Collected for Those in Need

The spirit of giving is alive and well in Ken-Caryl Ranch! A big thanks to all residents and friends who have graciously donated more than 3,500 books to help children and families in need this holiday season as a result of resident and Jefferson County Court Appointed Special Advocate Heidi Gesso's book collection efforts. An article requesting book donations was published in the Oct. 14 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*. As a result, support and donations have been pouring in!

"Five hundred [books] have gone to parents on parole, about 2,500 to [Court Appointed Special Advocates] CASAs, and the rest to still be donated," said Heidi. "Thank you so much Ken -Caryl families for your amazing generosity and the difference your gifts will make for all of the children who receive them. There were so many stories that came from the donations. Ken-Caryl children picked out their favorite books and added little hand printed notes, grandparents collected books from their neighbors, and everyone shared the enthusiasm of what these books would mean to others. While the book drive is at its close, the stories are just beginning for the children who are now holding such treasured books in their hands. A big thank you from me, CASAs, and all of the parents who can now share all of your amazing books!"

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In order to keep everyone safe the Denver Santa Claus Shop is gratefully accepting ONLY NEW TOYS or monetary donations this year. THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED OF INFANT AND TODDLER TOYS FOR THE 2020 DRIVE.

Here's how you can contribute:

Purchase toys directly from the DSCS Amazon Wishlist at <https://bit.ly/ShopDSCS>.

Donate money through denversantaclausshop.org/donate

or

Drop off new toys at one of these locations:

**Brian Lee's home at 2 Golden Aster, Deerwood Vista
Greg Milano's home at 2 Coyote Lane, North Ranch**

Please make your donations by Friday, December 4th.

As proud sponsors, Brian Lee and Greg Milano will deliver any drop off items to the DSCS for you.

Please see the KC Santa Toy Drive article on this page for more details.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!

Giving Back

Touchless Toy Drive Aims to Touch the Lives of Kids in Need



Brian Lee



Greg Milano

COVID-19 can't curb Christmas spirit! In fact, it's full steam ahead for the organizers of the Denver Santa Claus Shop (DSCS), as they plan on keeping with tradition and their mission of "A Toy for Every Girl & Boy", with a touchless toy drive this holiday season! In support of this mission, Ken-Caryl residents Brian Lee and Greg Milano of Colorado Home Realty, are coordinating a toy drive with Ken-Caryl Ranch. The concept is to provide free, new toys to children ages newborn to 11-years-old who might not otherwise have gifts to open at Christmas.

"It's our 90th Anniversary and we won't let children in need go without toys this year – COVID-19 or not," said Denver Santa Claus Shop Corporate Co-Chairs Carlee Steck and Stephany Klatt. "We are in dire need of infant and toddler toys for the 2020 Shop. With so many people experiencing job layoffs, losses and furloughs this year – now, more than ever – DSCS seeks your help. Our clients are counting on your support – especially due to COVID-19, which has forced DSCS to cancel all 2020 fundraising events. Thousands of Denver youngsters may not have any gifts to open during the holidays without your support!"

To keep kiddos, volunteers and donors safe and to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines, the toy drive plans on going 'touchless' this year, only accepting new toy or monetary donations. Those interested in donating a new toy to a child can do so by visiting the Denver Santa Claus Shop's Amazon site to purchase items directly from their wish list at <https://bit.ly/ShopDSCS>. Items purchased from this list will be shipped directly to the organization for special delivery to children in need. To donate money, please visit denversantaclausshop.org/donate and the shop's elves will get to work purchasing new toys.

However, for residents still wanting to embrace the tradition of dropping off gifts, a donation box will be available to safely accept new toy donations at realtors Brian Lee's home in Deerwood Vista, 2 Golden Aster, or Greg Milano's home in North Ranch, 2 Coyote Lane.

"We are honored to help our wonderful community provide toys to less fortunate families," said Brian and Greg.

The Denver Santa Claus Shop provides toys to nearly 13,000 children each year. For more information on this program, please visit the Santa Claus Shop's website at denversantaclausshop.org.



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Socially-Distanced Games for Kids!

Remote learning and social distancing orders are sticking around. That's the bad news. But the good news? It is possible for your kids to play with their friends and still stay safe, especially during the holidays!

If you feel ready for socially-distanced friends or family to re-enter your child's life, start by talking to a trusted friend in your inner circle to schedule a meetup at your home or in an outdoor space, advises Jaclyn Shlisky, Psy.D, a licensed clinical psychologist in Long Island, NY. Then choose games and activities that will allow social-distancing rules to still be respected.

With the holidays fast approaching and schools switching to remote learning, here are a few fun games your family or trusted inner circle of socially-distanced friends can enjoy year-round!



Noodle Tag

Players: 3
Where to play: Outdoors
Best ages: Grades K – 2

How to play: Grab a few friends, more than three is ideal, and give everybody a pool noodle. When someone is "it" they have to tag their buddies by using the end of the noodle. Soft and bendy so nobody gets hurt, but also social-distanced approved so no one comes too close!

Porch Games

Best ages: Grades K – 8
Players: 2
Where to play: Indoors or outdoors

How to play: Got a gamer at home? When your kid needs a break, set him up on the front steps or porch with their Nintendo Switch, and let their neighborhood pal set up their chair in your yard. One mom said there's no need to worry about her son getting too close to his friend, but they feel like they're doing something together and look forward to these visits.

Hello Neighbor

Best ages: Grades K – 5
Players: 2
Where to play: Outdoors

How to play: One mom in Westchester, New York said her kids play a game called "Hello Neighbor" where they hide an old set of keys and their opponent (the neighbor) needs to find the keys and return safely back to the front door. This is easy to play with two friends, or sets of siblings living next door to one another. (Spice it up by playing "hot and cold" with the hidden keys, which helps little ones practice the idea of opposites and refine their listening skills.)

Driveway Snowman Spelling Game

Best ages: Grades K – 5
Players: 2
Where to play: Outdoors

How to play: A traditional yet interactive game that encourages your child's spelling and subject knowledge, but also enjoyable—and can be played 6 feet apart! Played with two people or two teams, one side comes up with a word and draws lines in chalk on the driveway to indicate each letter in the word. The other person/team guesses a letter and if it's in the word, the other team draws it in, but if it's not in the word, a snowman gets drawn one line or body part at a time.

The Maze

Best ages: Grades K – 5
Players: 2

How to play: Indoors

How to play: Use painters' tape and crepe paper streamers, construct a zig-zagging maze down the hall. Just attach to your walls from one side to the other in any order variation. The tape or paper should create a maze so the kids playing have to try to get from one end to the other without breaking the tape or paper in a designated amount of time (30 seconds to one minute). One player goes through the maze while the other players wait in a socially-distanced appropriate line until they each get to try it alone.

Scavenger Hunts

Best ages: Grades K – 8
Players: 2

How to play: Indoors or outdoors

How to play: On a rainy day, you might be tempted to just Netflix and chill with your kiddos. But Dr. Shlisky suggests the ultimate FaceTime fun for little ones by doing a scavenger hunt with an educational twist. Depending on your kids' ages (siblings on both sides of the screen can play), you can start basic with a clue like, "Find something that starts with an A, B, C ... Z." Or you can have kids search for items they are grateful for, like something that's their favorite color. If you want to up the learning, you can use clues that start with "Search your favorite book for..." and give a list of things to find—two vivid verbs, one thing the main character wanted to do, or two adjectives.

Driveway Chutes and Ladders

Best ages: Grades K – 5
Players: 2

Where to play: Outdoors

How to play: Sketch out an oversized board game of Chutes and Ladders on your driveway using chalk—10 squares wide by 10 squares tall. The numbers of your grid should wrap around as you go from 1 to 100, then let your kids create the ladders wherever they think it'll be most fun. Add in some fun twists when you step on certain numbers, like stepping on number 10 means you do 10 jumping jacks or if you land on 95 you do five sit-ups. Use a spinner from a board game. Your kids will giggle through the game as they act as the pawns moving from spot to spot (kind of like a game of hop scotch).

Cookie Decorating

Best ages: Grades K – 2
Players: 2

How to play: Indoors or outdoors

How to play: Even frontline workers, like one New York pediatrician, agree that socially-distanced play dates should take place. She suggests cookie decorating with kids placed at opposite ends of an outdoor dining table. Each child can have

their own bowls with sprinkles, icing, and other baked goods so there's no worry about sharing germs. Then everyone gets to indulge!

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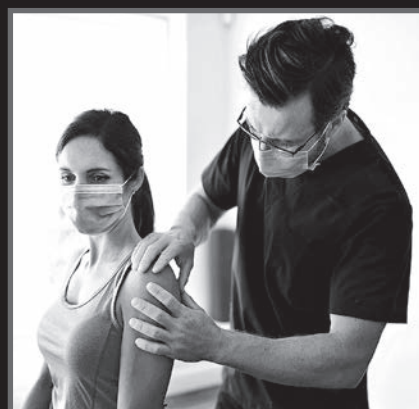
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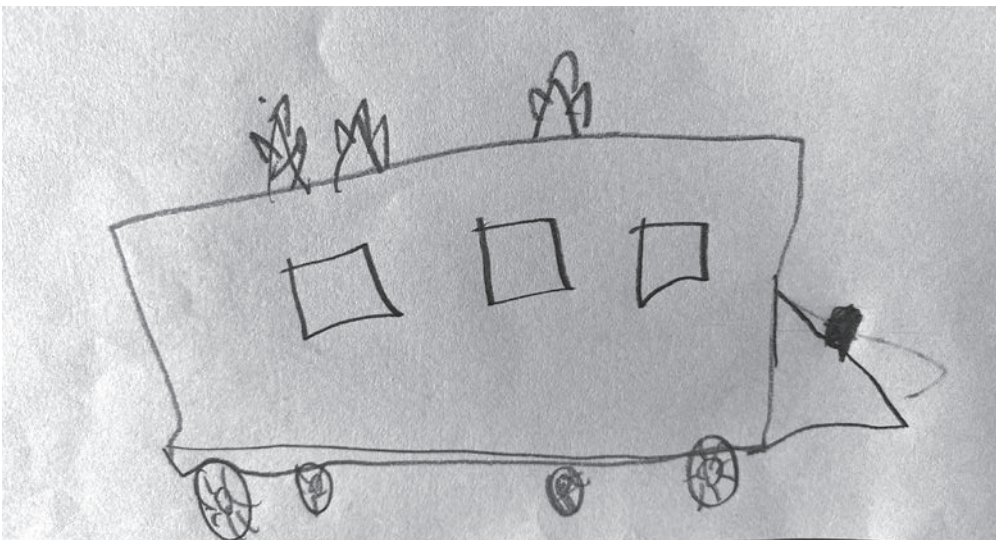
Ken-Caryl Ranch, Colorado Credit Union and Shaffer Elementary Students Honor Veterans

Ken-Caryl Ranch partnered with the Colorado Credit Union and Shaffer Elementary to honor the brave men and women who have honored our country with their military service. To recognize these heroes, Shaffer students submitted photos and short essays to honor those special veterans in their lives. Below are the featured submissions from Shaffer students.



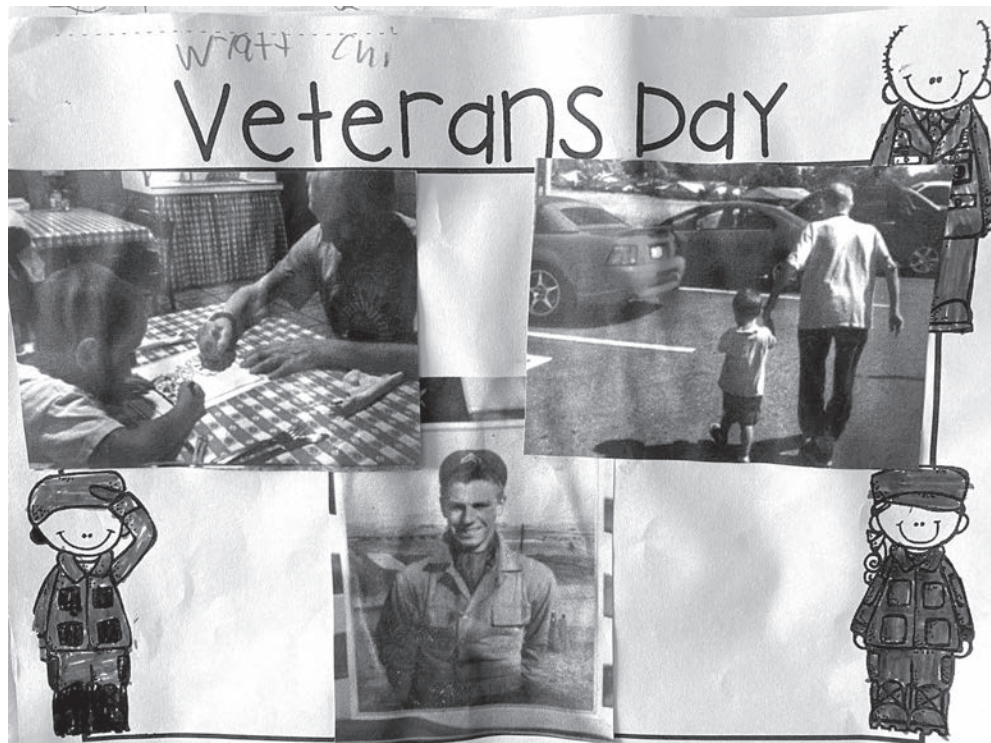
Ryder Poranka - 1st Grade

My Papa Jim was a colonel in the Airforce. He was a hero because he served our country for 31 years. He flew 16 different planes.



Javi Valdivieso - 3rd Grade

My uncle is Lieutenant Colonel Davis, Special Forces Officer. He served 33 years, three missions in Afghanistan, two missions in Iraq, one mission to the Philippines. He has three bronze stars and a purple heart. In 2014, he was coming back from a meeting and the bad guys blew his truck up. His whole crew survived because of the American-made Army truck.



Wyatt Chi - 4th Grade

My great grandpa's name is Jerome Weinberg. I called him Grandpa Jerry. Jerome Weinberg was a Sergeant in the Army. He was a hero because he fought in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 for our freedom and country. Jerome also was a hero for his honesty and he was very strong and courageous and trustworthy. Jerome Weinberg died on Oct. 17, 2015. I was very lucky to know Jerome Weinberg because he saved many lives and was inspiring. He was the best Great Grandpa. I will never forget him.



Chris Radovich, USMC

Isla Radovich - Pre-K

I love Daddy because he is a Marine and my dad! He is a hero because he protects us!

Thank you to all of Shaffer's students, faculty and parents who assisted in this effort in celebration of Veterans Day! To watch a tribute video dedicated to all veterans, produced with the support of Colorado Credit Union and Shaffer Elementary School, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kencarylranh> or our YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/fDIceceC1qU>.

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Many thanks to all of our talented resident photographers for their amazing photo submissions for our Seasons of Ken-Caryl Ranch Winter Photo Contest!



Submitted by Amanda Mueller



Submitted by Wayne Broussard



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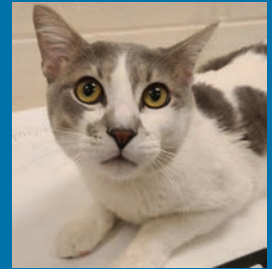
Submitted by Ken Hill

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.



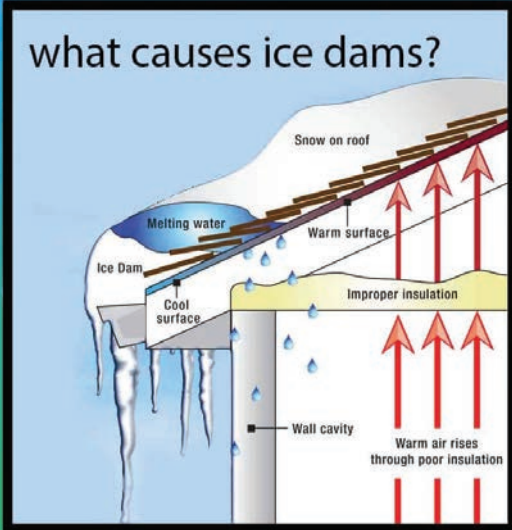
Karrington (#225549): Karrington is a two-year-old, female cat. A feast for the eyes with her soft pewter coat, lovely Karrington came to the Shelter as part of an ASPCA rescue effort in Hobbs, NM; and while she's a bit shy at first, she warms up quickly with gentle handling and attention. She displayed neutral body language, allowing all handling and restraint, during in-processing and would be a wonderful addition to any Colorado family that will give her the love, security and permanence that she richly deserves.



Kong (#225550):

Kong is a three-year-old, male cat. Handsome beyond description with a soft pewter-'n'-white coat, Kong came to the Shelter as part of a rescue effort and is very eager to find a new Colorado home that will give him the love and attention that have, sadly, been missing in his young life. During in-processing, he displayed neutral body language allowing all handling and restraint and was a bit shy at first, warming up quickly with gentle petting; and given time to assimilate to new surroundings, this sweet feline will become a loyal and loving cuddle buddy.

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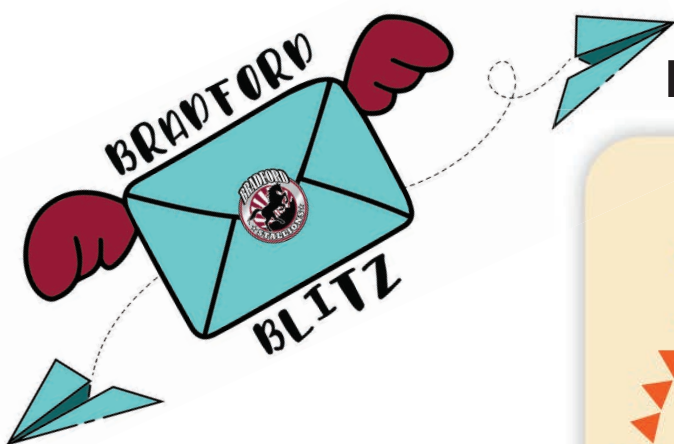
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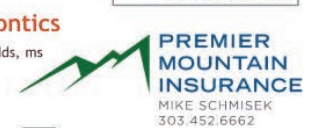
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Tennis & Pickleball

Cardio Tennis
Cardio Tennis is back on Friday and Saturday mornings at the Community Center! Pre-registration required. You can sign up 48 hours in advance at www.ken-carylranh.org.



KC Fitness

Janet Robbins
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Story Time with Santa

Due to the latest COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, which prohibit indoor gatherings, we regrettably will be cancelling our Story Time with Santa event, scheduled on Dec. 12, to ensure the health and safety of all residents. We wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season and hope to host this beloved community event in 2021.

Permanent Court Time

Permanent Court Time (PCT) slots still available! Monthly payments will be automatically drafted from your credit or debit card kept on file. Email robert@kcranch.org to inquire about available spots.

Ball Machine Available to Rent Indoors!

Ken-Caryl Tennis now has a ball machine available to rent indoors and is an option for players when you reserve a court online. The cost of the ball machine rental is \$10.

Fitness Classes and Personal Training

Small group fitness sessions are now available and the gym is open! Monday – Thursdays: 6 a.m. – 12 p.m., 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Fridays: 6 a.m. – 12 p.m., Saturdays: 8 – 10:15 a.m. (60-minute pre-registered time slots). *Pre-registration is required. Membership includes pre-registration at no additional cost. Visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org for schedules and to pre-register.

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Babysitting Clinic

This course is designed for pre-teens to help prepare them for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities and personal safety. Basic child care such as including feeding, bathing and diapering will be covered. Participants will also learn basic child development and be able to provide activities for the many developmental stages, as well as home and fire safety and prevention and treatment of common injuries. This class is in person in the Bradford room at the Ranch House beginning in January 2021. Ages: 11 - 14 years. Register at www.ken-carylranh.org.

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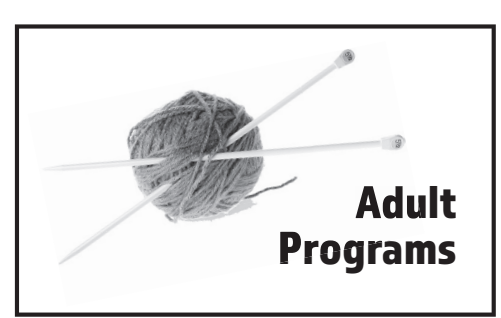
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KC Nature Pod Learning- Outdoor Education

Are you looking for an outdoor learning opportunity for your remote learner this school year? Look no further than Ken-Caryl Youth Programs! Our team of educated and trained staff are offering a four-week program, each week including a two-hour guided adventure for our remote learning families. Kids will get to explore a weekly theme while trekking through Ken-Caryl's beautiful open space. To ensure the health and safety of all participants, programming will be outside and follow appropriate health guidelines. We are committed to working with our families to build a program that fits their learning needs, so please reach out to youthprograms@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876 to get started today!

Art Ventures 2021

Where a passion for art and nature come together... at Dakota Lodge! Students aged 3 – 6 years will have the unique opportunity to explore and connect to nature and local wildlife in new ways through artistic learning and outdoor exploration. Registration is now open online at www.ken-carylranh.org.

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Christmas Knits

Nothing says Christmas like comfy cozy knits! With Christmas just around the corner, learn how to knit some beautiful holiday décor items with our Christmas Knits class starting Dec. 2 at the Ranch House. Participants will learn how to make a classic stocking and a star ornament. For more information, and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Outdoor Discovery 2021

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Remote Learning Care

With area schools switching to remote learning, our Youth Programs team is pleased to offer remote learning and care for school-aged children at the Ranch House. For program details, and to register online, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Winter Break Care at the Ranch House

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Picture This! Here are the Deer!



Do si does! What a perfect 'parcel' just in time for the holidays! This photo was submitted by resident Greg Bettinger, who photographed these grazing beauties near Barrington Ridge in the Valley.



Deer-ly appreciated. When your backyard is practically a wildlife sanctuary, you feel fortunate to be a Ken-Caryl resident! Thank you to resident Dean Insalaco for this incredible photo!

Tin Cup Fire Action

On Aug. 9, an unauthorized fire at the Tin Cup campsite was reported and found to be smoldering on the morning of Aug. 10. When investigated by the KCRMA Rangers, it was determined that the fire was still hot and there was broken glass, cans and rocks in the fire. The picnic table was also moved from its original site to the campsite.

Seven youth in the community were identified to be involved with the incident. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board has fined each of the households involved \$150 as well as 12 hours of community service. Ken-Caryl Ranch is fortunate the fire did not spread and potentially burn our homes, damage property, impact our Open Space, cause evacuations and the like. The Board takes fire danger very seriously and hopes everyone involved understands the danger of the situation.



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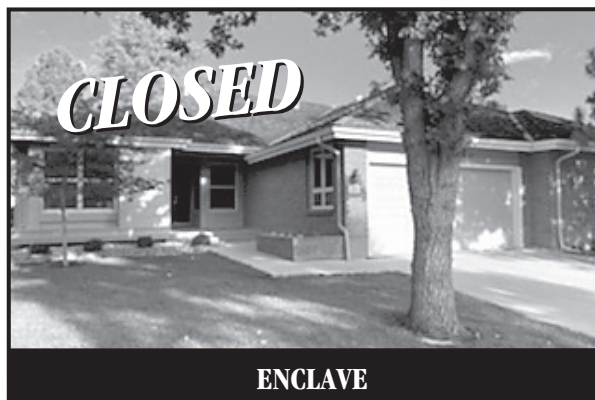
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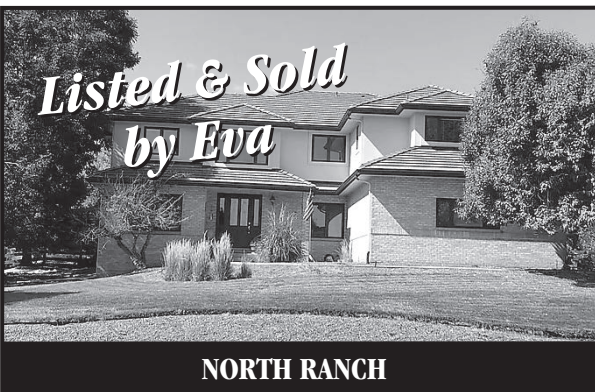
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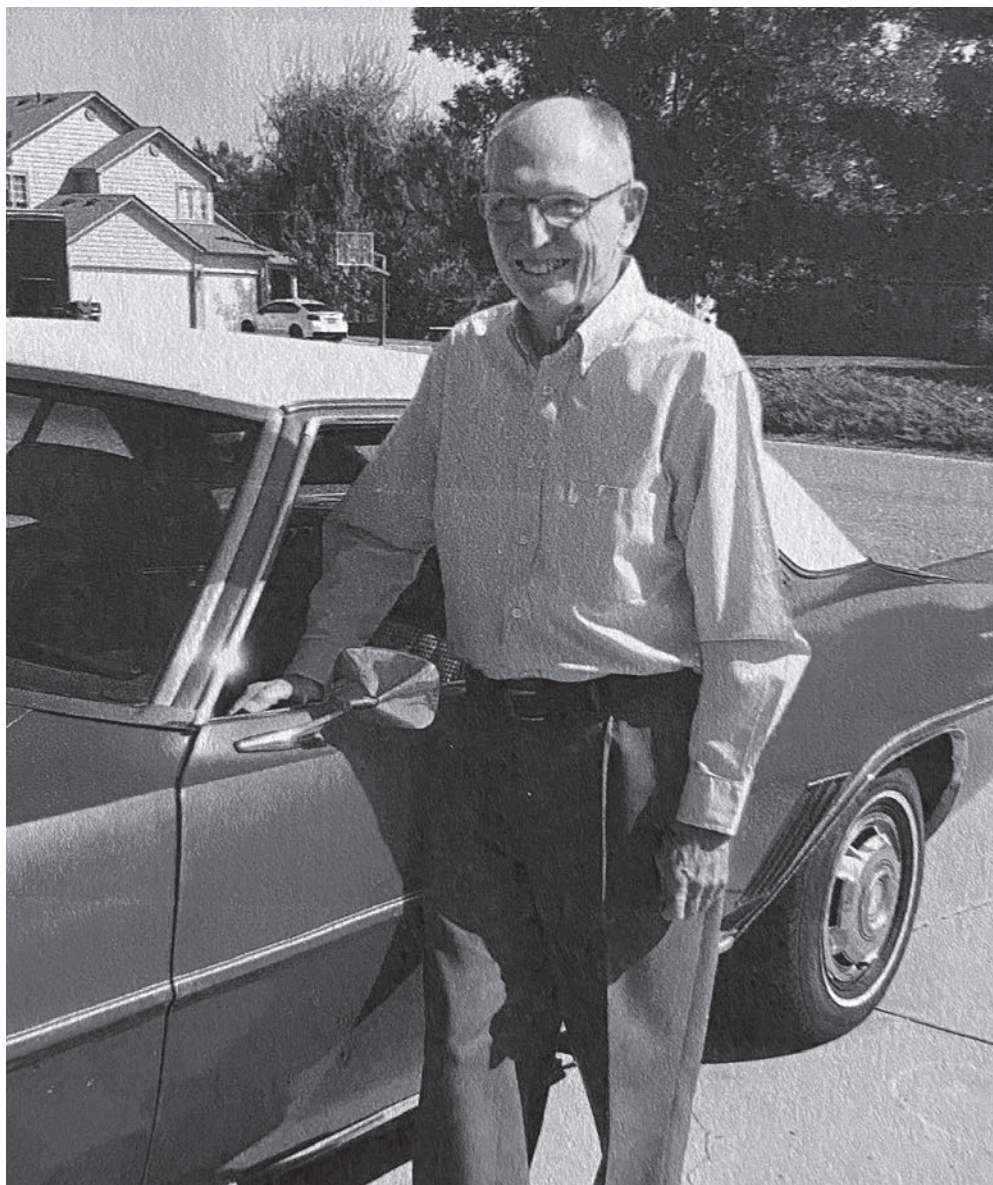
Have you ever wondered where the street names for Ken-Caryl Ranch came from? Longtime resident Ed Dornfeld did too. This led to an exciting 10-year adventure around Colorado to find these special places and ended with a book published in 2010.

In 1974, approval for the plans for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Community began. Planner Jim Gammon, along with Greta Johnson, decided to name the streets on the Plains after places in Colorado. With the center dividing street named Continental Divide Road, the street map was placed over a map of the Rocky Mountains. Those streets on the east side of Continental Divide Road were named for places east of the real Continental Divide. Conversely, those west were named for places west of the Continental Divide.

Ed Dornfeld's adventure began near Telluride on Last Dollar Road. In 1994, Ed and his family moved to Colorado and settled in The Village on Last Dollar Pass. While on the trip to Telluride, Ed photographed the beautiful scenery on Last Dollar Road. This gave him the desire to find and photograph other places in Colorado that have street names in Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Dornfeld's love of photography came early with a gift of a camera from his father at eight years of age. His photographic interests are in natural beauty and wildlife. While locating the sites for his book, Ed hiked over 200 miles and traveled over 20,000 miles by car, 4-wheel-drive and even by airplane. This led to many adventures as he drove and hiked to get photographs of the 85 places found in his book.

In 2010, Ed Dornfeld decided to assemble his photographs (along with maps) in a book entitled, "The Streets of Ken-Caryl Ranch, The Places Behind the Names". (ISBN #978-1-4507-4863-6) This beautiful 120-page book shows photographs of the Colorado sites behind the street names. Dornfeld shared his adventures with the Oral History Committee of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society in September. He shared what a wonderful experience it was to see and photograph all of these beautiful places in Colorado.



Ed Dornfeld

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Dear Editor:

Kudos to the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society for the award of the Jefferson County Historical Commission's Norm and Ethyl Meyer Award for special contributions to the preservation of Jefferson County's historical resources. The award recognizes efforts to preserve Jefferson County's historical resources by individuals or organizations. The KCRHS is a hard-working volunteer organization that promotes awareness of and appreciation for the historical aspects of the KCR, protects and preserves our historic sites and works to make them more accessible and usable to KCR residents. Thank you to the men and women of the KCRHS for their unselfish service to make life even better on the KCR...

Hey, how about that? A letter without the word trail in it!

Jeff Allison, Resident

Dear Editor:

A trail for South Docmann has been part of the Trails Master Plan for over 10 years. The intent of the proposed biological survey you have recently read about is to identify any potentially sensitive flora or fauna in the area that would impact achieving the vision of the Plan. Contrary to what has been written in recent letters, the KC trail process calls for completing the bio survey to inform any future trail construction, but it is not a rubber stamp or a hurdle to be overcome. If any construction was to move forward, that would require permitting by Jeffco and approval by the MA as well as an allocation of funds for construction (if needed). Certainly, none of this would happen if the bio survey found data showing the area should be protected. This should be a cause our conservation minded residents could

get behind but clearly, they have not. Resident opposition has been focused on limiting new trail construction and prohibiting the bio survey from moving forward as a way to block trail expansion. I hope the MA will clearly signal to this opposition group that a bio survey is an integral part of good land management procedures. Obtaining scientifically grounded data on which to plan our next actions in 2021 will be a positive outcome.

During this unprecedented time of COVID, all our residents have become more aware of the outdoor opportunities afforded to us. Trail usage is up this year and recreational opportunities abound in KC even as Jeffco has been under recommendations to stay closer to home. Responsibly expanding recreational opportunities will enhance resident lives and increase overall property values.

I strongly encourage the MA to move forward with the bio study in order to scientifically inform future decisions and continue to be proper stewards of our open space.

John Hamilton, Resident

Dear Editor:

With the rhetoric on trails picking up again on these pages, it's a good time to put comments into context and inform our newest residents on some history.

Putting a trail in our open space is done with thought and due diligence. It can be contentious. And that is why the Trails Master Plan was put in place in 2009 (that and other documents referenced here are on the website) – it provides the framework for what trails could potentially go in and where (others were proposed, but ultimately declined by the community) so that we aren't reinventing the wheel each year. That is also one reason the Open Space Committee has been put in place by the Board: to vet such ideas and plans, taking them from concept to implementation and getting community input along the way. Nothing proposed by them is done without majority consent of the Board. If a trail gets past those checkpoints, (including biological survey and study, and resultant realignments and design changes), the Trails Implementation Process (put in place 2013 and revised 2019) provides specific guidelines as to how that trail is executed.

Costs? Much ink has been spilled. Added up over time, at most, the direct total costs have constituted about 3% of total MA revenues over 10+ years (remember our taxes to the MD pay for parks and recreation programs, but monthly dues support things such as open space staff, maintenance and trails). By comparison, we spend one-fifth of our annual dues on trash pick-up. We also spend as much on insurance premiums as we do on our open space trails annually. How about that 10% we spend on irrigation, irrigation water and drainage? That is 2X either of the former.

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for living in such an amazing community, one which takes great care in how we do things and is able to balance many competing budgetary interests. What a place to call home, especially during these tough and unusual times. I can't imagine Ken-Caryl would have the same draw it does without the trail system.

Mark Celusniak, Resident

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