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Open Space Volunteer Patrollers

- Volunteer Patrollers are out on the trails checking for KCR Membership.
- Volunteer Patrollers will be wearing a yellow vest with identification visible. Bikes will have a placard attached to the handlebars.
- Be prepared to prove KCR Membership. If you display a GREEN KCR ID Bracelet and/or a GOLD Trail Club Bracelet you may pass without being stopped.
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- If you have any questions about the Volunteer Patroller Program or KCR ID Bracelets, contact the Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.



We’re Hiring!

By KCRMD District Manager Melissa Daruna

I’ve noticed this simple statement all around the Denver area lately. It seems to ring true across a variety of industries, too. From local boutiques to restaurants to executive positions in big companies to us. It is the sign of a booming economy for most but also a high rate of turnover and lack of workforce for others. In the case of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District it is a little bit of both.

The District almost always has positions open in our youth programs, environmental education programs and even our front desk staff. This is not uncommon for most park

and rec agencies, as these positions tend to draw in amazing people who are on their way to other aspects of their careers, creating a bit of a revolving door. In the last few years, however, this increasing turnover rate has become a buzz in the industry. Part-time staff in many departments are hard to come by despite the huge influx of new residents Denver sees each month. We have even seen this challenge with full-time positions.

So where are all these new folks working? I wish I knew. From what we can tell, we are not only competing with the other great park and rec agencies for these employees, but we are also competing with private industries who may have higher starting rates for jobs that require less manual labor or time commitment. With the District’s tight budget, raising pay rates can be tough. So, we will be working on new strategies in the coming year for attracting great staff and hanging on to them as much as possible. We are positive that once people get to know the culture of the District and the people in the community, they’ll love it. We pride ourselves on providing opportunities for growth and flexibility whenever possible.

As for our current staff, I appreciate them more than I can really describe. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people serving the community. Our team atmosphere is one of the best I’ve ever worked in. Working in parks and rec provides some of the most diverse skill-building and exciting projects to participate in. It is also a great way to connect with people from different backgrounds across the community.

If you or someone you know would like to get more involved in the community, perhaps a part-time job would be perfect. Check out our employment opportunities on the website and check back often. We love when you share our job postings on social media and tell people how great Ken-Caryl Ranch is! Word of mouth and personal recommendations are two of our favorite ways to learn about new staff. So, yes, we’re hiring! And we look forward to the next great staff members that join us!

Status on Valley Entrance Sign

Around 3:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, a vehicle hit the Valley entrance sign. The Master Association now has the accident report from Colorado State Patrol and has filed an insurance claim with the driver’s insurance company. The company that built the sign has assessed the damage and is preparing an estimate for replacement of the sign. Due to the sign’s size and the fabrication process, it may take a couple months for installation of the replacement sign. However, now that the insurance claim is filed, the removal process for the damaged sign and debris will begin in the next couple weeks.



December

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<div>1</div> 6 p.m. Holiday Happenings Santa Ticket Distribution	<div>2</div> 8 a.m. Christmas Tree Sale Dakota Lodge 3-8 p.m. Holiday Happenings
<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> 6 p.m. MA/MD Joint Study Session 7 p.m. Metro District Board	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> 9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>
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All meetings and activities are at the Ranch House unless otherwise stated. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please see www.ken-carylranh.org for the most up-to-date information.

Snow Removal on Streets is Provided by Jefferson County

Residents often have questions regarding snow removal on Ken-Caryl Ranch. Snow removal for most roadways within Ken-Caryl Ranch is provided by the Jefferson County Road and Bridge Department. If you have questions or comments about snow removal, you can reach Jefferson County Road and Bridge at 303-271-5200.

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department is only responsible for snow removal on Ranch-owned property. The first priority for snow removal by the Parks Department is clearing snow from Ranch buildings for access and safety. Crews will be dispatched to shovel, apply sand and ice melt, and to plow snow to maintain safe access to all Ranch-owned/operated facilities while the facilities are open. Snow removal activities may cease after all facilities are closed for the day and resume prior to the next business day’s scheduled opening. Second priority will be given to designated sidewalks and paved trails for snowfalls greater than three inches.



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Master Association Board

The following is a summary of items from the Nov. 14 business meeting of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board:

- A resident discussed his concerns with the new Open Space Management Plan and recommends formation of a task force of people who are environmentally conscious to review the plan.
- A resident discussed her support of a Resident Directory as well as the Resident Survey results in regard to the directory. The Board will discuss the directory and the survey results at a future Board meeting.
- Staff provided an update on the prairie dog relocation and the restoration of the land. Volunteers will continue to move prairie dogs, and staff requests \$5,000 for noxious weed spraying.
- The Board recommends keeping the Equestrian Center Task Force and expanding its scope. Staff will draft a job description for review at the December Board meeting.
- The Board discussed the committee appointment process and wants to follow the Committee Appointment and Operating Procedure by reviewing all current and new applicants.
- A motion passed authorizing an expenditure of \$7,125 to replace the Ranch House front doors. Funding

- source 2017 Special Project Fund undesignated balance available \$32,733.
- A motion passed authorizing the Board President to execute the amended Cooperative Agreement RE: Prairie Dog Relocation.
- The Board discussed the 2018 Draft Budget, specifically:
 - o The Board supported changing the paper stock of the Life at Ken-Caryl paper and offsetting the cost with a 4 percent increase in ad rates.
 - o The Board supported increasing the budget for trees from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
 - o A resident requested that the Heirloom Park slide be fixed by the contractor. Staff will look into the issue.
 - o The Board discussed the shared Metropolitan District expenses for water and bond project overages. The Board wants to budget \$100,000 for water and \$162,000 for bond project overages for 2018.
 - o The Board discussed funding for the Ranch House pool to supplement the funding from the Plains Metro District lawsuit.
 - o Several residents spoke about the Docmann Trail. Some of the speakers were in favor of funding the trail while others expressed environmental and cost concerns. The Board supports funding \$76,000 for the trail, with the Trail Club contributing the remaining \$12,000.

- o Open Space Manager Sean Warren discussed an email from Colorado Parks and Wildlife regarding a possible new recommendation for a buffer distance from the Golden Eagle nest. The Board wants to make sure the trail is in compliance prior to construction.
- o The Board discussed the one-time project list and is interested in funding all of the proposed items with some modifications to funding levels.
- o The new draft budget proposes a \$3 per month increase in dues.

Metropolitan District Board

On Nov. 14, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District held a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and discussed the following items and took the following actions:

- The Board discussed meeting dates and times for 2018. At this time the schedule will remain the same as it was for 2017.
- The Board reviewed information provided by staff on areas of the bond projects that were over budget including legal costs, permitting fees, and asbestos abatement.
- The Board opened the public hearing on the 2018 Proposed Budget. District Manager Melissa Daruna provided a presentation of the new draft. The public hearing will continue at the Dec. 5 Board Meeting at which time the Board is expected to adopt the 2018 Budget. The Budget is available for review at www.ken-carylranh.org under Administration, then Budgets & Reports.

◆ Covenant Clips



Barking Dogs

By Community Standards Administrator Jenny Bernal

Dogs barking is a common complaint received by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association. The Master Association defers these complaints to Jefferson County Animal Control.

If you have a barking dog in your neighborhood, we encourage speaking with your neighbor as soon as possible. Try to allow enough time for the problem to resolve, especially if the neighbor recently moved in, but also don't let it get to your last nerve before addressing it. When we do that, we allow emotion rather than reason to dictate how we manage a challenging situation...and that doesn't usually go over well.

We know that this is a sensitive topic for some and not always well received. Upon request, as a courtesy, the Master Association will send a letter to the property owner notifying them that a complaint has been received, as well as a pamphlet from Jefferson County Animal Control with helpful information for dog owners. Animal Control officers are trained and equipped to handle these situations and offer the most effective resolution and enforcement necessary when speaking with your neighbor doesn't resolve the issue. However, calling Animal Control is not a one-stop-shop solution. Your continued cooperation on the matter will be valuable in resolving the concern the best way possible for you, your neighbor and, of course, the dog.

Dogs bark for many reasons. It's their primary form of communication. They may be telling you there's an intruder; they may be telling you there's a squirrel outside that looks a little shifty. So often "listening" to your dog can make all the difference. Working with a dog trainer is a great way to open up that communication.

Dogs may bark from loneliness, boredom, being territorial or wanting a little freedom. Walking your dog regularly can help give them a routine and maybe tire them out a little. There are some great services and resources where you can make sure your pet gets the exercise and attention they need when you're away or can't take them out yourself. Taking steps like this not only satisfies a noise complaint but makes for a much happier pup!

From the website of Jefferson County Animal Control:

"Animal Control recommends talking face to face with the dog's owner as a first step. We offer a Problem Barking Brochure (PDF) as a guide for dog owners that might be of assistance. If all of this is unsuccessful, you may call 303-271-5070, ext. 0, and file a formal complaint.

Depending on what prior contacts we have with the dog owner, we can either mail a letter, post an official warning notice, or have you sign a complaint so we can issue a summons and assess a fine. For us to issue a summons, we must have two signed complaints from separate households in the area.

To file a complaint we need your name, address, and phone number and the address of the owner of the barking dog.

We need a description of the dog(s) and the most recent date and duration of time that you were disturbed.

We also need you to describe how you know the barking is coming from the address you have identified, i.e. you can see the dogs barking from your window, you have followed the barking to the source, etc.

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Master Association Board Considering \$3 Per Month Dues Increase

At its Nov. 14 meeting, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board discussed the 2018 Draft Budget. After a thorough review and discussion of the budget, the Board is considering a \$3 per month increase in dues. There are several one-time projects planned for 2018:

- Bond Project Expenses: \$162,000 for unexpected expenses with the bond projects primarily due to asbestos testing and abatement, permitting, and legal fees.
- Supplemental Funding for the Ranch House Pool Replacement: \$200,000 toward construction costs for a new pool at the Ranch House. This money will help supplement the funding from the Plains Metro District lawsuit.
- Shared Water Expenses: \$100,000
- Docmann Trail Construction: \$76,000 (Trail Club will pay the remaining \$12,000)
- Stallion Pointe Trail Improvements: \$16,000
- Phase 2 of a Fence Along the North Border: \$5,000
- Trail Construction Supplies for the East Plum Thicket/Manzanita Social Trail Conversion: \$15,000
- Open Space Picnic Tables: \$5,000
- Easement/Right-of-Way Review: \$7,000
- Docmann Fence/Gates: \$5,000
- Electrical Box Upgrade at the Equestrian Center Main Barn: \$3,500
- Ranch House Wading Pool Repairs: \$5,000
- Tie Wall and Fence Replacement on Portion of Valley Parkway: \$68,000
- Upgraded Bathrooms at the Bradford Pool: \$11,000
- Noxious Weed Spraying in the Open Space Near the Manor House: \$5,000

The Draft Budget is available for review at www.ken-carylranh.org under the Administration tab, then Budgets & Reports. The Board is planning to adopt the 2018 Budget at its Dec. 12 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranch House. The public is welcome to attend and provide feedback. If you have any questions, please contact Master Association Executive Director Chris Pacetti at chrisp@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 116.

◆ Giving Back

Ken-Caryl Kindness Crew

The Ken-Caryl Kindness Crew is a group of neighborhood volunteers who strive to increase a sense of community on Ken-Caryl Ranch by leaning on each other. It's "neighbors helping neighbors," and our role is to provide help with various needs (e.g. delivering meals, light yard work, support for new parents, grocery shopping, rides to local appointments, etc.). Life can sometimes feel tough or overwhelming, and supporting each other is invaluable. To request help, refer a neighbor in need, or join our volunteer base, please email kckindnesscrew@gmail.com.



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Brannon Gearhart Trail Improvement Project to Begin This Winter

By Open Space Manager Sean Warren

Trail improvements in Brannon Gearhart Park are scheduled to start in December 2017. The project will address problems with winter ice buildup and will improve access for maintenance and emergency vehicles.

There are three distinct parts to the project (see map): 1. Re-build low-water crossings at the west end of the project; 2. Re-route main trail between Canyon Cedar and Wood Sorrel; 3. Re-route neighborhood access trail from Wood Sorrel/Buckthorn Dr.

At the low-water crossings, the existing small culverts will be replaced with a larger culvert, which will elevate the trail surface and shorten the slope going in and out of the crossing. The trail re-routes will move the main trail out of the shade and the narrow corridor between Massey Draw and adjacent home lots while the neighborhood access trail will be built at a flatter gradient.

The Master Association Board selected AGE Inc. as the construction contractor. Design and engineering was completed by

Mueller Engineering Company (MEC). The construction cost is estimated at \$280,000. Funding for the project will come from the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Annual Fund for drainage repairs and from the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Reserve Study for converting asphalt trail paving to concrete. Repairing drainages and converting asphalt trails to concrete are multiyear projects with dedicated budgets. Both programs have been around for many years and other higher-priority projects have been completed in previous years. This project is one of the remaining high-priority projects because of hazardous conditions for trail users and the need to address deferred maintenance problems with existing stream crossings and trail surfaces.

Staff started working with MEC on conceptual designs for the project back in 2014. In September 2016, staff presented a preliminary design to the community and gathered input on the project. In 2017, the Master Association Board approved the final design, selected the contractor



and directed staff to secure permits for the project. Federal permits are in hand and County and State permits are pending but close to being issued. The project will take six to nine months. Trail users should expect detours around construction zones, but the bulk of the trail system in Brannon Gearhart will remain open during construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Sean Warren at 303-979-1876, ext. 463, or seanw@kcranch.org.



Location of Proposed Hard Surface Trail Improvements in Brannon Gearhart Park

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Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Ute Meadows Elementary, 11050 W Meadows Drive

Finish up your holiday shopping with a wide variety of unique crafters and vendors. Bring your camera and wish list and capture your children or entire family with Santa. There will also be an opportunity for kids to buy inexpensive gifts for their family and friends through the Penguin Patch holiday kids' shop. Food and drinks available for purchase.

For more information, contact Ute Meadows Elementary at 303-982-4044. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact rrotar21@gmail.com with subject line "Ute Meadows Elementary Holiday Bazaar."

Polar Express at Collegiate Academy

Date: Thursday, Dec. 14
Time: 6-8 p.m. (Doors open at 5:45 p.m.)
Location: Collegiate Academy, 8420 S. Sangre de Cristo Road

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Another option is to receive a monthly email dues statement on the 1st of each month. To sign up for the email statement, email elizabethm@kcranch.org.

You may use any of the following methods to pay your dues:

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2018 Coupon Book Order Form

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Deadline to order is December 1, 2017



Christmas Tree Sale Dec. 2

The annual Christmas Tree Sale will be held at Dakota Lodge on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8-10 a.m. A limited number of trees cut from forest management areas will be available to the public, 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. Mainly Douglas Firs and some Ponderosa Pines will be cut two weeks before the sale, so they will be very fresh and fragrant. These trees are not bushy and manicured like those found on Christmas tree lots around town, but the fresh pine scent still invokes the holiday spirit.

For the annual tree sale, the Rangers will 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.

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Resident Tom Thompson Receives National Forestry Award

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) announced Ken-Caryl resident Tom L. Thompson, retired deputy chief of the U.S. Forest Service, as the recipient of the Gifford Pinchot Medal.

Tom was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the forestry profession during ceremonies at the 2017 SAF National Convention held in Albuquerque, New Mexico Nov. 15-19.

He was acknowledged by the SAF Board of Directors after a rigorous review process that produced candidates with a national profile and a comprehensive history of sustained contributions to the forestry profession and service to the public.

The Gifford Pinchot Medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice and professional development of North American forestry.

Tom retired in 2005 as deputy chief of the U.S. Forest Service after 37 years with the agency. He was highly respected throughout his career with the agency while working at the district, forest, regional and eventually the national level. Most notably, Tom was involved with legislation that designated more than 160 new wilderness areas in 22 states and was a key advisor for the production of the film The Greatest Good. He was often called to testify before Congress on legislation and to represent the Forest Service in important domestic and international meetings.

As the Deputy Regional Forester in Region 2, Tom was involved in dealing with many of the issues facing Colorado and forests and communities throughout the western United States. He was deeply involved in stopping the major fires that occurred in the 1990s, including the South Canyon Fire, where 14 firefighters lost their lives. He has always been a visionary leader and was at the forefront of ecosystem management, public involvement in the land management decision process, and agency accountability to the public.

Tom served as president of SAF in 2008 and also served in many other positions, such as chapter chair, state society chair, chair of the House of Society Delegates, and as a Council member representing District 4. He was Chair of SAF's 2001 National Convention in Denver, Colorado. Since retiring, Tom has continued

to be active in the forestry profession, serving as president the National Museum of Forest Service History, as well as in leadership roles with the National Association of Forest Service Retirees, the Dean's Council at Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University, the Leadership Council of the National Forest Foundation, and on the Ken-Caryl Firewise Board.

Tom's service to the Society through his work at the chapter and state society levels, as a Council member, and as SAF vice president and president, demonstrate his willingness to do all he can to support his profession and his fellow foresters. His representation of the profession has been done in an unselfish manner. He is respected for his leadership, experience, knowledge, professionalism and winning personality. Congratulations, Tom!



Ken-Caryl resident Tom Thompson received the Gifford Pinchot Medal.

◆ League of Women Voters

Night Out with Your Legislators Sponsored by League of Women Voters

Submitted by Karen Groves, Jeffco League of Women Voters

Here is an opportunity for you to socialize with your Colorado State Legislators representing Jefferson County and a chance for them to present their legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Join us to learn about their insights on the issues facing our state on Monday, Dec. 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Iron Rail Tavern, 4111 Kipling St. in Wheat Ridge.

This event is free and open to the public. No reservations required.

All State Senators and Representatives who represent Jefferson County have been invited.

The League of Women Voters is a non-profit that encourages public participation in local government, educates voters and advocates on public policy. The League is nonpartisan and doesn't endorse or oppose political parties or candidates at any level of office. LWV Jeffco has more than 160 members and conducts voter outreach throughout the entire county.

Thanks to Iron Rail Tavern, ironrailtavern.

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For more information, call 303-238-0032 or visit www.lwvjeffco.org.

Arvada Center Musical Dec. 16 a Fundraiser for League of Women Voters

Enjoy Arvada Center's matinee performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat musical on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. The event is a fundraiser for the League of Women Voters Jeffco. A limited number of \$46 discounted tickets are available at www.lwvjeffco.org.

With lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, this holiday musical follows Israel's favorite son, Joseph, on a musical journey of trials and triumphs.

This family-friendly holiday musical blends pop, country and rock into an uplifting story. For more information, call 303-238-0032 or visit www.lwvjeffco.org to purchase tickets and find out more about the League's upcoming events. Thanks to the Arvada Center for sponsoring the event.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 4 and Cub Scout Den 2 presented a beautiful floral wreath and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then members of the Heritage High School choir sang the National Anthem. The choir also performed God Bless America, My Country 'Tis of Thee and America the Beautiful.

Melissa led a moment of silence for Colonel G. P. Boyle, a 35-year veteran of the Marine Corps and Army who fought in World War II and the Korean War. He passed away on Oct. 14, 2017 and now rests at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. His son and family are long-time residents of Ken-Caryl.

Throughout the ceremony, several Girl Scouts from Brownie Troop 6484 read poems to honor our veterans. Ken-Caryl resident Cork Chicota, a U.S. Navy veteran, spoke about the importance of veterans.

"During times of war, enormous prices were paid in the form of lives lost. This was done by brave men and women to ensure our freedoms could continue," said Cork. "For those of us that have had the privilege to live free and enjoy our lives, we must realize that veterans allowed us this great privilege."

Thank you to staff from the Metropolitan District for coordinating the event and to Gigi's Cupcakes for providing refreshments after the ceremony.



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

How to Register for Classes & Events

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District’s online registration system is through Active Network. If you are registering for a class for the first time, you will need to set up a new account. Go to www.ken-carylranh.org and click on Register for Classes at the top to get started.

◆ Tennis & Pickleball

Winter Indoor Tennis Lessons

Dates: Jan. 8 to Feb. 24
(No Lessons Feb. 19)
Adult registration begins Dec. 6 at 7 a.m.
Junior lottery deadline is Dec. 10

Adult Beginner Pickleball Lessons

Learn how to play pickleball! Paddles and balls provided.
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Session 1 Dates:
Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24, 31
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$42
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Session 2 Dates:
Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$42
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◆ KC Fitness

Holiday Cheer Yoga Event

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Date: Friday, Dec. 8
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: Community Center
Fee: No Charge

Give the Gift of Fitness

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Junior Weight Room 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

◆ KC Fitness

using the weight and cardio equipment.

Date: Monday, Dec. 4
Time: 4-5 p.m.
Location: Community Center
Fee: Resident: \$20
Non-Resident: \$23

Course #45377

Nursery Hours

Nursery care is now available at the Community Center for kids ages 6 weeks and older. You must remain onsite while your child is in the nursery. Reservations are required by 6 p.m. the night before by calling 303-979-2233. Cancellation notice is requested, and no-shows will be charged. Nursery hours of operation are as follows:

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Fee: Resident: \$6/hour
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◆ Youth Programs

Preschool Winter Break Mini-Camp

Need a moment to prepare for or recover from the holidays? While school is out this winter, you can register your preschooler for one day or the entire session of our fun-filled mini-camp. We will be celebrating a Winter Wonderland. Each day will follow a typical preschool schedule complete with singing, games, crafts, stories, science and cooking. Small, healthy snacks will be provided in the mornings and afternoons. Register online at www.ken-carylranh.org or by calling 303-979-4070.

Dates: Dec. 21, 22 and Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5
(No program Dec. 25-29 and Monday, Jan. 1)

Location: Community Center

◆ Youth Programs

School-Age Winter Break Camp

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District will be offering full-day field trips at the Ranch House for children grades K-6th. Drop off will be from 6:45-9 a.m. Be sure to have your child here by 9 a.m. to leave for the field trip! Pick up is from 4-6 p.m. every day. Be sure to bring a packed lunch, two snacks and a water bottle each day! Also, bring a swimsuit, towel and change of clothes on Dec. 21! Register online at www.ken-carylranh.org or by calling 303-979-4070.

Dates: Dec. 21 – Jan. 5
(No program Dec. 25 or Jan. 1)
Location: Ranch House

Story Time and Baby Time

We have partnered with Jefferson County Public Library to offer family fun while sharing our love of children’s literature. Baby Time and Family Story Time will be offered in the fall. Baby Time is for children up to 2 years old, although older siblings are welcome to join the fun. Family Story Time is geared toward the preschool age group, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required.

Dates: Thursdays, Aug. 17 – May 17
Baby Time: 9:30 a.m.
Family Story
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Location: Ranch House
Fee: FREE!

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◆ Special Events

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. 2
Time: 8-10 a.m.
Location: Dakota Lodge
Fee: Donations Accepted

Holiday Happenings

Celebrate the holiday season with festive fun, a hay ride and a visit from Santa Claus himself! Attendees will need a ticket for a specific time slot to see Santa. One ticket per family. Tickets for Santa are free and will be available on a first come, first served basis at the Ranch House Recreation Office on Friday, Dec. 1 from 6-7 p.m. Any remaining tickets will be available during the event at the front desk. You must be present to pick up your family’s ticket. Event is sponsored by Susan Schell with Metro Brokers, Colorado Credit Union, Hawk Construction and the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District. See the back page for details.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 2
Time: 3-8 p.m.
Location: Ranch House
Ages: All ages



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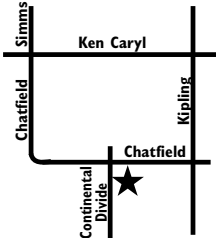
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Jeanette Ridl, General Manager of the Homewood Suites, said “The Homewood Suites Littleton is delighted to be a drop-off center for this charitable effort. We are so proud of our Littleton / Ken-Caryl community and know that we can count on a tremendous amount of support from our neighbors.”

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Resident Writes Children’s Christmas Book

Ken-Caryl resident Diane Carpenter wrote a Christmas tale for families titled “The Forever Promises of Advent.” A beautifully illustrated hardcover book, the imaginative narrative captures the story behind Jesus’ journey to earth through the Advent candles.

“As a young mother of five,” Diane said, “I wanted to teach my children the true meaning of Christmas. The Advent candles were a perfect way to do so.”

The candles stand for Hope, Peace, Love and Joy and are traditionally lit in the four weeks prior to Christmas Day. The book ends with the birth of Jesus and the lighting of the fifth and final candle on Christmas Day.

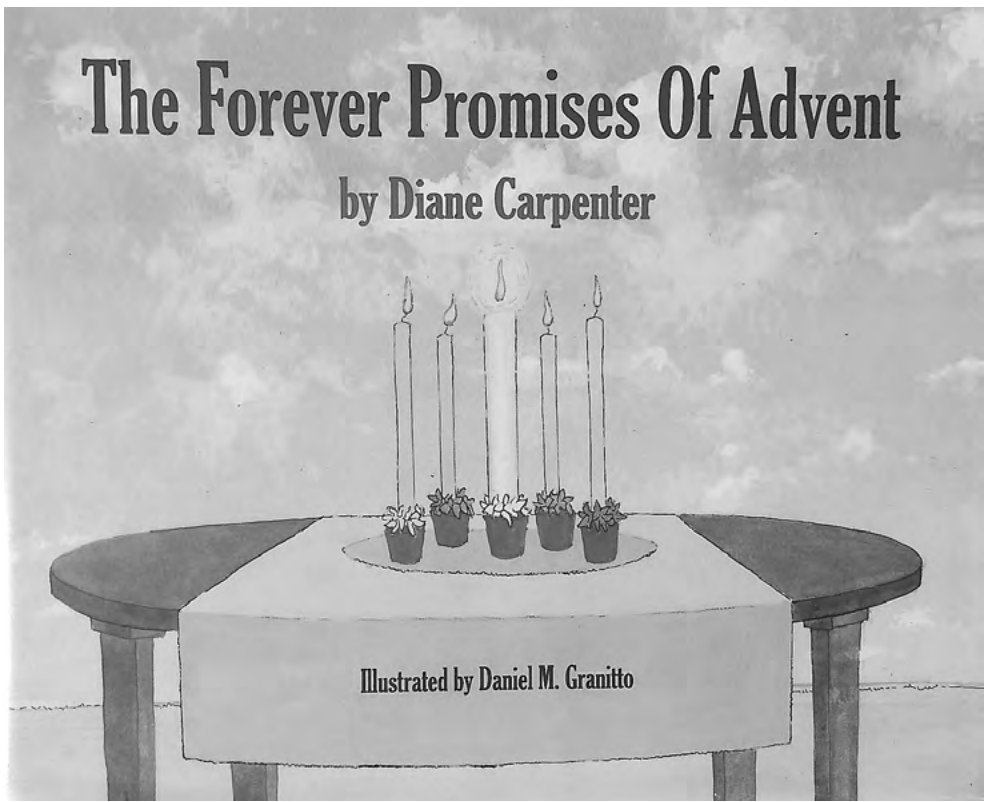
“When my kids were growing up, we put the five candles on our breakfast room table during the Christmas season,” said Diane. “Once a week we talked about the significance of one candle which we then lit. It was a wonderful family time where we shared meaningful ideas that helped shape their adult lives.”

Diane moved to Ken-Caryl 31 years ago, and as her children grew up, their discussion around the candles grew more complex. Last year, with her grandchildren joining her around the breakfast room table, she told the story in a new way to relate to younger children.

“My grandchildren were so eager to hear the story and excited to light the candles that when it was all finished, my children told me I needed to write this new story down.”

She did and then had an artist, Daniel Granitto, illustrate the book. “Daniel graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and did a fabulous job bringing the text to life,” said Diane. “There are 21 full-page illustrations to accompany each paragraph of text as well as 21 smaller illustrations on each text page.”

Proud to have produced and published this book entirely in Colorado using local talent and businesses, the story ends with a cliffhanger. You can read a sample chapter, meet the creative team, and buy books on the publisher’s website at <http://southvalleypublishers.com>.



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Residents often call the Ken-Caryl Ranch administrative offices to report a crime. While it is helpful for staff to understand what is happening in the neighborhood, the most important thing to do is report the crime to the Jefferson County Sheriff. There are different ways to report, depending on the crime:

- Emergency or Occurring Now? Dial 911
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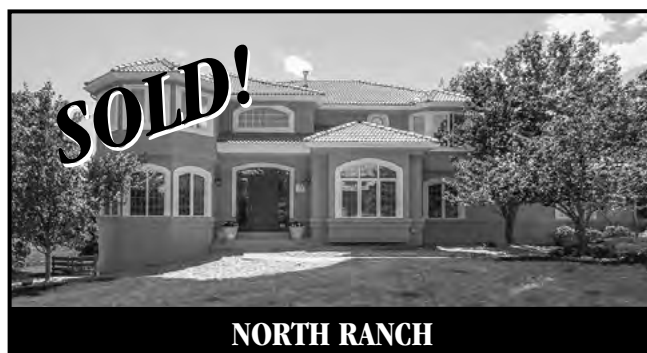
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NORTH RANCH

18 Black Bear Lane • \$1,150,000

6 Bedrooms/5 Baths situated on a quiet street with mountain views. This home has it all... Backs to greenbelt with a private pool and fire pit. Traditional floor plan offers a main floor study, formal living and dining rooms, butler's pantry and a huge laundry/mud room. Oversized 3 car garage. Finished walk-out basement with two bedrooms, 3/4 bath and a fireplace in the recreation room.



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8 Rose Clover • \$979,000

This home is situated on a huge lot with incredible views from every direction. Featuring 5 beds and 5 baths with a professionally finished walk-out basement. Updated kitchen with GE Monogram appliances, slab granite, pantry and breakfast bar overlooking the spacious family room. Main Floor Study. Newer Tile Roof. New Paint. West Facing Driveway.



NORTH RANCH

31 Golden Eagle Lane • \$1,449,000

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Ken-Caryl Concerts Presents “Christmas Classics”

Date: Sunday, Dec. 3
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. in Littleton

Please join us for a collection of holiday favorites performed by a variety of talented instrumentalists and vocalists. Admission is free, and the concert is family friendly. Festive refreshments will be served following the performance. For more information, visit stphilip-co.org/concerts.

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The Littleton Symphony Orchestra proudly announces its annual Holiday Concert on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura Street in Littleton. The annual tradition features a flurry of Sleigh Rides and a generous side of Mozart, served up by the Littleton Symphony Orchestra. Also, 11-year-old piano prodigy Madison Suh will perform the beloved Mozart Concerto No. 21. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$19 for seniors and \$5 for youth 21 and under. They may be purchased ahead online at www.littletonsymphony.org. For a group discount for 10+ or for more information, call 303-933-6824.

Chatfield Boys Basketball Holiday Youth Camp Dec. 26-27

The Chatfield Boys Basketball program will hold its annual holiday basketball camp for boys currently in 1st through 8th grades. The holiday basketball camp will focus on shooting and the fundamentals of basketball. The name of the game is to put the ball in the basket!

Every player can become a good shooter with practice, but most great shooters have good shooting fundamentals. The camp will break down the shot and work on improvement and

accuracy. Repetition is the next step! Each camper will be able to get many practice shots off in camp. We will also focus on the other fundamentals of the game, dribbling and passing. A great way to improve over break!

The camp will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26 and 27 at Chatfield Senior High School and will be run by CSH coaches. Grades 1-8 will attend from 9-11 a.m. on both days. The cost of the camp is \$55 for both days or \$30 for one

day. Each player should come dressed in a t-shirt, shorts, socks and basketball shoes. Each camper should also bring their own basketball. Although early registration is encouraged, walk-in registrations will be accepted.

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Dear Editor:

I am always delighted to see more fences, gates and colorful signage on the trails of Ken-Caryl and the South Valley, especially the one at the Valley’s entrance. They clearly add interest and beautify our often-times dull landscape and most likely enhance our safety and probably save lives: one never knows the motives and means of depraved trespassers that are now discouraged by these efforts.

And the shout-out du jour goes to the genius who put the “Trail Work Ahead” sign about 500 yards BELOW the work on the Manor House Trail to protect against reckless bikers and hikers careening uphill at God knows what speed (I didn’t check to see if one was placed uphill).

By the way, I own a small company, and we are always looking for new advertising opportunities. What would the Valley charge me to put up large colorful gates and signs next to all the new waterbars?

Steve Beckmann
 Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

My family has been fortunate to call Ken-Caryl home for eight years. We relocated to Denver after a job opportunity for my husband, Chris. One of the requirements of where we would live was a 3-5-mile commute to his office. With his office located in the Denver Tech Center, we set our search to that part of the metro area. Chris arrived in Denver about 12 weeks before our family would move so he could get situated and find a home.

Being that he’s friendly, he chanced to meet some outdoor enthusiasts who invited him to experience Ken-Caryl, so he found himself driving from the Tech

Center to Ken-Caryl that summer to spend time with people who embraced his enthusiasm for the outdoors. After one of these outings he called me and said: “I think we should live where we can enjoy our hobbies, and I will adapt to a longer commute to work.”

That call gave me a warm feeling in my heart. A few weeks later we were moving into Ken-Caryl Valley and surrounded by great schools, wonderful neighbors and a set of friends we had already met through a shared passion for a trail life. Eight years later, it continues to be the best decision we’ve ever made.

Fast forward to a couple weeks ago when I was out on the trails. I went out to explore the new upper trails. It was a gorgeous Sunday, and it was one of the best days ever because I had to stop over 20 times to say hi to friends and neighbors. I stopped to say hi to hikers, dog walkers, cyclists, runners and even a gentleman with a camera taking pictures at dawn. As it always seems to do, the trail system was really defined by a neighborly bond that morning. Everyone was smiling and happy. To me, that day captured the spirit of our neighborhood, and I want to thank everyone – both past and present – who have dedicated their time and energy to our world-class trail system.

Katie Bolling
 Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank this community and especially the Master Association Board for investing both time and money into managing our trail system right. When my family moved here six years ago we focused our search on Ken-Caryl due to the outdoor amenities.

We initially looked in the Wash Park and Observatory Park areas but ultimately decided to move to KC. We felt we could do “hip and urban” in a lot of cities, but we wanted to experience a more Colorado-y lifestyle by moving to the foothills. The trail system in particular was attractive to us for the opportunity to expose our young kids to our love of the outdoors. We love the fact that we can walk out our front door and in less than an hour of hiking (my 8-year-old son is slow on the uphill) we can be deep in the woods and sometimes out of cellular range. My 10-year-old son enjoys every time we get to go camping on top of Manor House. My 12-year-old daughter was taught how to use a McLeod by our volunteer trail crew leaders and now understands the importance of giving back to your community.

Our trail system is an amazing asset. We should continue responsible management of it. This includes funding maintenance activities, supporting the volunteers that put in incredible hours and responsible building of new trails and access. We look forward to fun times exploring Docmann Gulch as well as commuting to school along the remade Manzanita Trail.

John Hamilton
 Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank our community and its volunteers for the continued support of our trail system. We live in a unique community where our residents have the opportunity to enjoy a world-class trail system. None of this would have been possible without the significant time and effort from many dedicated volunteers that participate on the Master Association Board, Open Space Committee and Trail Club.

With this said, I’m disappointed by the negative Letters to the Editor in the most recent issue of Life of Ken-Caryl.

Not only did the letters distort the facts surrounding the process for trail approval, but they also attacked current and past Master Association Board and Open Space Committee members and other volunteers who have dedicated significant time and energy to maintain and improve our community.

In accordance with the Trail Masters Plan, the process for the approval of new trails and the maintenance of existing trails has been very transparent and residents have had plenty of opportunities to provide input along the way. It has not been driven by a “secretive special interest group” as was suggested in a previous letter. The Master Association Board has welcomed input from all community members as it has evaluated each new trail. Further, the Master Association Board members have weighed all evidence presented by the environmental and biology reports. Only after careful consideration and appropriately weighing the pros and cons has the Board approved the construction of a new trail.

Thank you to the current and past Master Association Board members, Open Space Committee members, and other community volunteers for the countless hours you have dedicated to maintaining and improving our community’s amenities. We are fortunate to live in a community where so many volunteers spend much of their free time trying to improve our neighborhood.

John Brant
 Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I have been a Valley resident for 15 years and absolutely love the ability we have to step out our front doors and enjoy what Colorado has to offer. I am a busy mom, and driving an hour plus to take in the Colorado sunshine and get in some exercise hiking and biking isn’t always ideal. When we moved to Colorado, we fell in love with all that Ken-Caryl has to offer, including its various trails. I am very grateful I can take quick, easy walks or strenuous, long hikes or bike rides all in my backyard!

The trails are well maintained by volunteers, and social media has allowed residents to warn each other when there are potential wildlife hazards in certain areas, which allows for respect of the precious wildlife in our neighborhood. I truly appreciate the time spent by the volunteers on the board to help maintain our community and keep our best interests at heart. I appreciate the fact that the Board has invested in these amenities by funding trail maintenance and new construction.

I’m very excited about the addition of new trails in the future and look forward to the continued use of the various trails our community has available to its residents. It’s one of the things that makes this community so unique and a well sought-after place to live.

Christie Thomas
 Ken-Caryl Resident



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Hannah Marx	720-380-4670	B, P	15	Shaffer Hill
Holly McCollough	720-492-0288	B, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe
Hayden Nash	303-895-8117	B, P	12	Cimarron
Alexandra Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	17	Legacy
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B	13	Legacy
William Newsom	303-325-5232	L, S	15	Legacy
Lauren O’Connor	720-499-9602	B, P	15	Sunset Ridge
Lexi Orr	303-261-7797	B, P	12	Retreat
Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	13	Heirloom
Micaela Pollard	303-904-8488	B, L, P	14	Cimarron
Seth Reisinger	303-973-2469	B, L, P, S	15	Eagles Pointe
Kylie Richards	303-420-6675	B, P	13	Settlement
Paige Rodgers	303-438-0271	B, P	14	Barrington Ridge
Carly Rowland	720-981-4688	B	11	North Ranch
Sam Rowland	720-981-4688	B	13	North Ranch
Kaylee Sajbel	303-591-1777	B, P	13	Territory
Megan Schuster	720-587-7265	B, P	14	Heirloom
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	13	Heirloom
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	12	Cimarron
Jacob Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
John Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	15	Saddlewood
Maria Seybert	303-668-5987	B, P	13	Saddlewood
James Shanley	303-913-0347	B, P	18	Stallion Pointe
Kathryn Shanley	720-376-2323	B, P, S	14	Stallion Pointe
Evan Shook	720-822-3120	P	14	Carriage Hill
Austin Skeffington	720-308-8704	L	16	Wynterbrooke
Ian Soukup	303-482-6465	B, P, S	13	Eagles Pointe
Jason Suchomel	720-323-9405	L, P	15	Bradford Place
Morgan Sullivan	404-630-1879	B, P	17	North Ranch
Lauren Thorp	303-995-5551	B, P	16	North Ranch
Cole Torgerson	303-933-9988	B, L, P	15	Legacy
Avery Turney	303-257-1406	B, P, S	14	Spread
Zane Tweedie	720-688-9440	L, P, S	13	Deerwood Vista
Zeke Tweedie	303-856-4717	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista
Olivia Vangels	720-292-6727	B, P	12	Village
Charlotte Webster	703-655-4428	B, P	12	Spread
Genevie Webster	703-655-4428	B, P	14	Spread
Lucas Whittier	303-859-4338	B, P	13	Territory
Ella Widmann	720-318-7927	B, P	14	Territory
Lauryn Wojcik	303-593-2734	B, P	12	Spread
Eli Yeagley	720-363-6440	B, L, P, S	17	Carriage Hill
Sam Yeagley	720-363-6440	B, L, P, S	19	Carriage Hill

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Holiday Happenings

Saturday, Dec. 2

3-8 p.m.

Ranch House



Photos with Santa 3-8 p.m.

Bell Choir 4-6 p.m.

Hay Ride 4-8 p.m.

Cookies & Crafts 3-8 p.m.

Santa Ticket Information:

Attendees will need a ticket for a specific time slot to see Santa. One ticket per family.

Tickets for Santa are free and will be available on a first come, first served basis at the

Ranch House Recreation Office on Friday, Dec. 1 from 6-7 p.m.

Any remaining tickets will be available during the event at the front desk.

You must be present to pick up your family's ticket.

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