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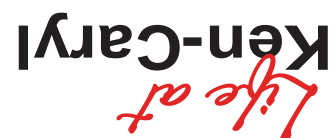
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New Brochure Describes Ken-Caryl History

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society has just completed publication of a new brochure, replacing an earlier version, which provides a brief overview of the history of Ken-Caryl Ranch. The brochure is organized chronologically, beginning with mention of archaeological investigations that identified life in this area over 9,000 years ago. Other topics, in order, are Native Americans, the Bradford-Perley era, ownership of the ranch by John C. Shaffer (who named the ranch Ken-Caryl), later ranching history, and how and when the housing development occurred. Interspersed throughout the brochure are historic and current photos. Free copies of the brochure are available at the reception desk in the Ranch House. More details about the rich history of the ranch may be accessed on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website at www.ken-carylranh.org under the Community & News tab.

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Year in Review

By Chris Pacetti, KCRMA Executive Director
 It is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. This has been another busy one at Ken-Caryl Ranch. While a lot of the discussion recently has appropriately focused on the future, the past year held a lot of successes.

A major emphasis on drainages and paths was the theme of 2018. Working with Jefferson County, your Urban Drainage and Flood Control District stabilized the hillside below Ken Caryl Ave. where road drainage exits a pipe into N. Massey Draw. This repaired a concern that was first identified several years ago in our Drainage Hazard Assessment Report. In addition, each year the Master Association budgets \$100,000 for work in our drainages. Some years only small projects are completed, and in those years the balance of the money is set aside for use later.

This year this combination of annual funding along with Reserve funding earmarked for asphalt path replacement was used to repair three places where the path crosses Massey Draw. We also realigned a section of the path to both reduce the grade for easier use and move it into the winter sunlight to reduce the icing that occurs in the winter. The first phase of replacement of the asphalt path along Ken Caryl Ave. was installed; this is a long section of path so it will take a few years to finish. The final two phases of work on the Stallion Pointe path were also completed.

Drainages and paths were not the only projects this year. All of the white wooden rail fence along the entrance to the Ranch House was replaced with a cedar fence that



will be allowed to age naturally. Working with Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Carman and the adjacent neighbors, a section of tie wall and fence along the Valley Parkway was replaced. Under the careful guidance of our Volunteer Trail Coordinators, Singletrack Trails built our newest trail called the Docmann Trail.

Several other smaller but no less important projects were completed along with the regular maintenance of all of our community assets. Thank you to our dedicated staff that shepherds these projects from concept to completion.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the many volunteers that work so hard to care for the Ranch, most especially your Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards and our many committee members. I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

Winter Covenant Enforcement

By Community Standards Administrator Jenny Bernal

The holidays are upon us! As we celebrate the season with family and friends, Mother Nature dusts our rooftops and yards with her own festive décor while we string pretty lights to welcome our loved ones. Ken-Caryl Ranch homes are looking picture perfect! What more could we want for the most wonderful time of the year?

So, what ARE we looking for in the winter? Very similar to fall reviews, we look for stored items, parking violations, and trash can storage. As part of regular seasonal big-ticket inspections, in December we will continue to look at driveway conditions. Common complaints we receive this time of year are for ice accumulation and encroaching shrubs or sports equipment stored at the curb that force pedestrians into the street into sometimes dangerous conditions.

Snow removal for most roadways within Ken-Caryl Ranch is provided by the Jefferson County Road and Bridge Department. You may reach Jefferson County Road and Bridge at 303-271-5200. The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Parks Department is responsible for snow removal on Ranch-owned property, which includes Ranch buildings and facilities. Neither Jefferson County or Ken-Caryl Ranch have an ordinance or rule requiring residents to shovel sidewalks, but both entities encourage citizens to shovel walks adjacent to their homes as a courtesy to their neighbors and for the safety of pedestrians.

What can you do?

- Park off the street when possible. Leave room for plows to get through. If plows are unable to get through safely, the road may not be plowed. (County)



- Bring your trash cans up as soon as possible after pick-up. (Covenants)
- Build a snowman. (E.L.F. enforcement)
- Store portable basketball goals in the approved location and position when not in use, at least halfway up the driveway, standing upright. Put away any sports equipment not in use. (Covenants)
- Make snowballs and throw them at the snowman. (Santa-approved recommended)
- Use rock salt, sand, or alternative deicers to help prevent slip hazards in walkways. (Courtesy to your neighbors)
- Store snow blowers and equipment out of view when not in use. (Covenants)
- Inspect the public walkway around your property, look for low hanging, broken, or damaged tree branches, shrubs encroaching into the walkway, or places where ice tends to accumulate and remedy any potential issues. (some Covenant, some County, some Courtesy)
- Make some hot cocoa and enjoy the season! (Happy Holidays!)

As we continue to welcome friends and family into our homes for the holidays, the effort made to ensure your property is looking its best on the outside is always appreciated by the neighbors. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jennyb@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

December

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 8 a.m. Christmas Tree Sale Dakota Lodge
2	3	4 6 p.m. MA/MD Joint Study Session 7 p.m. Metropolitan District Board	5	6 9:30 a.m. Baby Time 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	7 6-7 p.m. Santa Ticket Distribution	8 2-7 p.m. Holiday Happenings
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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-caryl-ranch.org for the most up-to-date information.

Trash Delay Week of Christmas

This is a reminder from the Ken-Caryl Ranch trash service provider, Waste Connections, that Christmas Day is an observed holiday. If your normal trash day is Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, your trash and recycling service will be delayed one day. Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) is not a holiday for Waste Connections, so Monday's service will stay on the normal schedule.



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Master Association

On Nov. 27, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a Budget Ratification Meeting followed by a regular meeting of the Board. Following is a summary of both meetings:

Budget Ratification Meeting

- Board President Seth Murphy gave an overview of the new Budget Ratification Process per the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). The Budget Ratification Meeting is a requirement of CCIOA as of 2018. He also gave an overview of the 2019 budget, which was adopted by the Board on Nov. 7, 2018.
- Ken Anderson questioned the classification of water expenses and the Ranch House Pool replacement as one-time projects. Seth Murphy clarified that the Board hasn't committed to fund water for future years, but a decision may be made to make it an on-going operating budget item. The pool funding would be for two years.
- Rilla Reinsma questioned the Accrued Vacation/Sick Leave line item on the Balance Sheet. The Board and Staff explained that it is a benefit from several years ago that will be paid out to eligible employees at the end of employment.
- Ruth Sundberg said the Master Association raised dues \$3 per month in 1993 in part to cover the cost of user fees for the pool. She encouraged the Board to raise dues an additional dollar to cover pool fees in 2019.
- Joe Levy gave an overview of a citizens meeting held on Nov. 26, 2018 to discuss the budget cuts proposed in the 2019 Metropolitan District. The meeting was organized by residents, and staff was invited to attend to provide information and answer questions.
- Matt Marshall shared an idea to raise revenue through co-ops using open land. Ideas included a vineyard and a greenhouse to raise revenue for the Master Association.
- Cathy Packard shared concerns about recreation programs and staffing levels of the Metropolitan District.
- Bruce Heise expressed concerns about reducing funding for the drainage program.
- Jerry Sullivan thanked the Board for making ballfields available to Ken-Caryl Little League.
- The Board discussed resident concerns regarding the proposed pool fees for the Metropolitan District. Dave Seagraves brought up the idea of raising the dues an additional dollar to cover pool fees. Seth Murphy explained that the Master Association budget was adopted on Nov. 7, 2018. To change the adopted budget would require notification to the community per the Master Association's Communications Protocol and the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act. The Board felt there are other potential ways the Metropolitan District and Master Association could work together regarding the pool fees. The budget stands at the original \$1 per month dues increase as adopted at the Nov. 7, 2018 meeting.

Regular Business Meeting

- Jim Mahoney gave an overview of the Open Space Volunteer Patroller Program and thanked the Board for the trails.
- Jim Fodor requested an update on the injured trail users from earlier in the year. The Board did not have an update. He asked if the Master Association has been sued by trail users, and the Board said no.
- The Master Association received several complaints from residents about a Volunteer Patroller. The patroller attended the meeting and responded to the complaints. A motion passed with a 3-2 vote to not have the patroller continue as a Volunteer Patroller. Chris Figge, Andy Lydens, and Erlinda Stafford voted in favor. Seth Murphy and Dave Seagraves opposed.

- A motion passed to write off the debt owed by advertiser account #36808.
- Sean Warren presented a report from the Open Space Committee regarding campsites. The Board supports the Open Space Committee's recommendation not to add a new campsite.
- Cathy Packard thanked the Open Space Committee for recognizing that camping similar to Dakota Lodge is no longer available.
- The Equestrian Center Task Force recommended a rate change from \$35 to \$100 for horse trailer parking in the DL lot. The Board supported a change to \$95. A motion passed with a 3-2 vote to increase the horse trailer parking to \$95 per month. Motion approved by Erlinda Stafford, Seth Murphy, and Chris Figge. Opposed by Dave Seagraves and Andy Lydens.
- A motion passed adopting the 2019 Master Association Committee Membership. The membership additions are:
 - o Matt O'Brien to the Architectural Committee.
 - o Increase the number of Community Planning Committee members to 13 and appoint the following 9 new members: Rachel Carter, Meg Hollingsworth, Jordan Kelsey, Jennifer Manta, Jeffrey Nesheim, Rilla Reinsma, Stephen Saul, Trey Spiller, and Philip Varley.
 - o Douglas Graham and Jenny Kozlowski to the Open Space Committee.
 - o Jane Saul to the Historical Society.
- Seth Murphy recommended the Board discuss with the Metropolitan District Board the role of the Community Planning Committee going forward.
- Erlinda Stafford reported on the progress of the Equestrian Center Task Force in looking at rules and responsibilities.

Joint Study Session

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards held a Joint Study on Dec. 4 and discussed the following items:

- Jim Antes spoke to the Boards about the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society Hall of Fame. Don Ebner, Dolores Ebner, and Marty Burdick are the first residents to be nominated, particularly for their work in restoring the Bradford-Perley House.
- Cathy Packard thanked Pat Malloy for the Parks Department's work along Club Drive and in Heirloom Park.
- The Boards presented an overview of the 2019 Master Association budget and the 2019 Metropolitan District proposed budget. The Master Association raised dues by \$1 per month. The Metropolitan District will be adopting their budget later in the evening and it will include several budget cuts due to the failure of the mill levy.
- The Boards discussed the future role of the Community Planning Committee. The Boards would like the CPC to update the Community Plan and to gather feedback from the community through focus groups. The CPC may also want to look at communications and use of social media in the community. The Boards want the CPC to be involved at a higher level and look at issues in the surrounding area that may affect the community.
- The new Westerly Apartments in the Jefferson Corporate Center south of C-470 will open in the spring. The apartments are not on Ken-Caryl Ranch, but they are adjacent to the South Hogback public open space owned by the Metropolitan District. Staff discussed a biological study to identify the location of rare plants in this area. The Metropolitan District budgeted \$15,000 from Conservation Trust Fund money to fund the biological study. Bruce Heise expressed his support for the biological study.
- Melissa Daruna gave an update on the Gallagher Amendment. She said

Governor Hickenlooper submitted a request to the Colorado Supreme Court to look into the conflicts between the Gallagher Amendment and the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. The Supreme Court denied the request.

- Master Association Executive Director Chris Pacetti announced he will reduce his schedule in 2019 and retire at the end of 2019.

Metropolitan District

On Dec. 4, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board held a regular business meeting and discussed the following items:

- Recreation Director Amy Lear reported that almost 40 new fitness memberships have been sold during the Community Center membership drive. Pickleball kitchen lines have been added to the tennis courts at Bradford. A new women's mountain biking class will be offered next year.
- Joe Levy gave an overview of a citizens meeting he organized on Nov. 26. He expressed his concerns with the proposed pool fees.
- Rilla Reinsma thanked the MD Board for the budget work. She suggested the MD Board institute a fee for open space ID bracelets.
- The Board continued the public hearing on the 2019 proposed budget. Staff presented an overview of the proposed budget changes and feedback received from residents. Due to public input, the Board decided not to charge pay-per-use pool fees in 2019. However, a target amount of \$55,000 for revenue and cost savings from pools was set. Staff presented ideas for pool revenue generation and cost savings such as rotating pool schedules, a pool pass verification administrative fee, and/or adjusting pool hours. Community input will be sought in 2019 to determine how to generate the revenue and save on expenses. The 2019 budget was adopted, and an outline of the budget is presented in the article on page 5.
- Staff updated the Board on progress for a Metropolitan District Strategic Plan.
- A motion passed appointing the members of the Community Planning Committee for 2019. The committee is a joint committee with the Master Association. The committee size will increase to 13, and the following new members were appointed: Rachel Carter, Meg Hollingsworth, Jordan Kelsey, Jennifer Manta, Jeffrey Nesheim, Rilla Reinsma, Stephen Saul, Trey Spiller, and Philip Varley.
- The Board passed a resolution adopting fees and charges for 2019 subject to determination of pool revenue and expenses.

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Keep Deer in Mind When Decorating for the Holidays

By Open Space Ranger Peter Marozas

Please remember to think about wildlife when decorating your property for the fall holidays. This time of year, when deer are in the rut, Park Rangers receive many calls regarding deer entangled in light strands or even netting! Below are some tips from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to keep in mind:

- **TIMING** - Wait to put up outdoor lights on posts, shrubs, or small trees until after the peak of the deer rut, sometime after the first week of December.
- **TREES** - Tree trunk diameters of two to six inches are most likely to be rubbed by bucks, which entangle lights in their antlers. Only string lights on larger diameter trees.
- **LIGHTS** - Use multiple short strands of wire plugged together versus one long strand so that if animals become entangled they will have less wire to deal with.
- **AVOID CLOTHESLINE** - Stringing lights "clothesline" style across areas can cause entanglement. Firmly attach lights to tree limbs, gutters, or fence posts.
- **FLAGGING** - Place some flagging along the wired decorations so that deer can see where the wire is and avoid entanglement.

These ideas also apply to general yard planning year-round. Wildlife can also benefit from:

- **NETTING** - Remove sports nets/goals from their posts during the Fall/Winter, don't wrap nets around the post as



animals may still be enticed to rub their antlers on it and get caught.

- **GARDENING ITEMS** - Disconnect and store water hoses, tomato cages, and other gardening materials (netting, stakes, ties, etc.) until spring.
- **STORE ITEMS** - Take down and store hammocks and swings when not in use.

Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers will investigate a report regarding a deer entangled in lights or netting only if it is impeding the deer's sight, feeding, and/or mobility. If the light strand or netting is not causing harm and is just a nuisance, Rangers will ask the reporting party to casually observe the animal over the next few weeks to see if the situation worsens. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Rangers for more information at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

Christmas Bird Count

On Saturday, Dec. 15, volunteers from Ken-Caryl will once again participate in the Christmas Bird Count, the longest-running community science project in the United States. We will join volunteers across the metro Denver area to count and compile all the birds we hear and see throughout the day.

Your help is needed! This event is for birders of all levels, and each count group will be accompanied by an expert birder. Participants will gain a wealth of knowledge about our resident birds and the different habitats of Ken-Caryl Valley. There is even an option to participate in an associated program, Project FeederWatch, in which you can count the birds that come to your feeder from the comfort of your own home.

Denver has been part of the Christmas Bird Count for 65 years, and is subdivided into 24 count areas that are each 15-mile diameter circles. Ken-Caryl Valley is centered in count area number 17, and includes the North and South Valley between C-470 and the top of the



foothills to the west.

The data collected by participants over the past century has become one of only two large pools of information for ornithologists and conservation biologists on how the birds of the Americas are faring over time. The long-term perspective is vital for conservationists. It informs strategies to protect birds and their habitats and helps identify environmental issues with implications for people as well.

To sign up, please call Tom Bush at 303-919-5040 or Jennifer O'Keefe at 910-512-6820. We will be hiking several miles throughout the day, so plan and dress accordingly. Pack plenty of water and a lunch, and bring binoculars if you have them.

For additional information on the Christmas Bird Count, visit www.christmasbirdcount.org.

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Metropolitan District Adopts 2019 Budget

Pool Revenue and Cost Savings to Be Discussed Further in 2019

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board adopted the 2019 budget at its meeting on Dec. 4. Due to public input, the Board decided not to charge pay-per-use for pools in 2019. However, a target amount of \$55,000 for revenue and cost savings from pools was set. Staff presented ideas for aquatics revenue generation and cost savings such as rotating pool schedules, a pool pass verification administrative fee, and/or adjusting pool hours. Community input will be sought in 2019 to determine how to generate the revenue and save on expenses.

However, several other increases in revenue and decreases in expenses were adopted by the Board at the meeting. Budget cuts are being made in 2019 to help offset a larger expected revenue

shortfall in 2020. The Metro District is anticipating a decline in revenue of up to \$375,000 in 2020 due to an expected lowering of the Residential Assessment Rate. There is currently minimal funding for operating reserves so the Metro District can't rely on reserves to make up for the deficit. Following are the most significant changes from the 2018 budget to the 2019 adopted budget:

Proposed Increases in Revenue:

- Pool: \$55,000 (Sources of aquatics revenue to be determined, but pay-per-use pool fees are no longer being considered for 2019. The Board and staff will seek community input in 2019.)
- Credit card processing fees: \$90,000 (In order to offset credit card processing fees, there will be a 4 percent fee increase on payments for activities, classes, and rentals with cash discounts offered.)
- Increase recreation programming fees: \$42,600
- Interest income: \$25,000
- Increase contractor classes: \$5,000
- Raise facility rental rates: \$3,000

Proposed Decreases in Expenses:

- Reduce capital outlays from operating budget: \$42,000
- Discontinue discounts at Foothills Ridge Recreation Center (KC residents will pay non-resident fee): \$7,000
- Close Ranch House Wading Pool for season: \$7,000
- Cancel events such as Music a La Mode (if they do not cover costs through sponsorships): \$1,500
- Utilize full-time staff and volunteers to run events: \$4,100
- Create District Dimensions in-house: \$3,000
- Modify hours at the Community Center: \$3,600
- Cut 2 year-round turf crew members: \$72,800
- Reduce to 1 herbicide application: \$11,500

- Eliminate MD tree program funding: \$5,000
- Reduce supplies and training budget: \$12,700

Please also note that the Master Association will be paying for an additional \$150,000 in water costs in 2019, totaling \$250,000, which also results in a decrease in expenses for the Metropolitan District from 2018 to 2019.

If you have any questions or comments about the Metro District budget, you can submit feedback to melissad@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 136.

● MA Dues

Master Association Dues Increasing \$1 in 2019

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board adopted the 2019 budget on Wednesday, Nov. 7 and ratified it on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The budget includes a \$1 monthly dues increase, making the 2019 monthly dues \$53 per month for residential properties, \$41 per month per apartment unit, and \$37 per month per acre for commercial properties. The increase goes into effect Jan. 1, 2019.

The \$1 increase generates approximately \$60,000 in additional revenue. These funds will offset the increased costs of service; for example, the Master Association's cost for the trash/recycling program is increasing by \$31,000 and insurance costs are increasing by \$6,000. The 2019 budget is available at www.ken-carylranh.org under the Administration tab, then Budgets & Reports. If you have any questions, contact Chris Pacetti at chrisp@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 116.

Order HOA Dues Coupons

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association no longer automatically provides paper coupons for dues payments. If you still want to receive dues coupons, you can order them for a fee of \$5.00. Download a Dues Coupon Order Form at www.ken-carylranh.org/residents/pay-my-homeowner-dues/ or get one by contacting Kristen Peterka at kristenp@kcranch.org.

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● Services

Christmas Tree Chipping at Brannon Gearhart Park

The Parks Department is accepting Christmas trees for chipping at Brannon Gearhart Park. Trees CANNOT be dropped off at Dakota Lodge. Brannon Gearhart Park is located just east of Valley Parkway between Mahonia and Buckthorn. Simply drop off your tree in the designated area anytime between now and Jan. 20. Be sure to remove any non-coniferous items such as metallic materials and tinsel before bringing your trees because many materials can damage the chipping equipment. The mulch will be applied at the base of trees and shrubs in parks and greenbelts.



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Winter is a Wonderful Time of Year to Prepare for Wildfire

By Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

Before the current drought, fire season typically began in May and ended in early October. But the lack of moisture has turned much of the state into a tinderbox and created explosive fire conditions. In addition, higher temperatures are drying out the soil and air, increasing the likelihood of fires earlier in the year. Forests ravaged by bark beetles and drought provide plentiful fuel for wildfires. The combination of drought, higher temperatures, and abundant dry vegetation means the fire season is now a year-round phenomenon.

As fall fades and we begin to welcome winter, many of us are likely focusing on the holidays, family, and eating a lot of great food. Understandably, outdoor chores can take a backseat to other priorities, especially as the cold and snow settle in. But did you know that often this means missing out on great opportunities to prepare your home and property for the summer wildfire season?

There are many things Ken-Caryl homeowners can do now to become more fire safe this coming summer. Winter is often the best time to thin, prune, and trim back vegetation, and dispose of woody material and vegetation. Even though summer currently feels like a distant future possibility, now is the time to act to make sure your home and property are as prepared as possible for the wildfire season.

Thin out overly-dense patches of trees and shrubs, and retain larger, healthier trees. Healthy, well-spaced trees are more fire-resistant and less susceptible to insects and disease. Remove flammable brush and weeds from your home's defensible space in winter to early spring. These can act as ladder fuels — vegetation that allows a fire to climb from

the ground up into the tree canopy.

Prune limbs of mature trees up at least 10 feet above the ground. For smaller trees, only remove a third of the live branches at any one time. As the tree gets older and taller, it can be pruned again, raising its crown. Fall and winter are the best times to prune conifer trees; hardwoods are best pruned in spring. Be careful not to damage the branch collar.

Here's what you can do each season to reduce your risk of wildfire and promote tree health:

Winter

- Check property for dead or bark beetle-infested trees.
- Weather permitting, now is the best time to remove those trees and dense undergrowth.
- Trim up trees for vertical clearance as part of your home's defensible space. If not feasible in winter, then plan now to do so when weather permits.
- If you're planting trees this spring, plan ahead now and plant locally native trees.

Spring

- Prepare defensible space.
- Remove dead and bark beetle-infested trees.
- Bark beetles are most active now and in summer—be careful not to damage remaining trees as fresh wood attracts beetles.
- If possible, remove freshly cut wood. Otherwise, cover, lop, or chip infested wood—and do not place near healthy trees.
- Following an extended period of little to no rain, sparingly water high-value trees. Use best watering practices.
- Now is the time to plant new trees, as long as irrigation is available.

Summer

- Remove dead and dying trees.
- Follow spring guidelines as beetles are very active in summer as well.
- Be especially careful with power tools—one spark can start a wildfire. If planting trees in fall, plan ahead now and plant



local native trees.

Fall

- If planting trees, wait until the weather cools and fall rains have increased soil moisture.
- Now is one of the best times to remove dead and dying trees and dense undergrowth.
- Water high-value trees as needed.

You can tap into a number of resources designed to help educate and prepare your family:

The Ready, Set, Go! Program (www.wildlandfirersg.org/About/Learn-About-Ready-Set-Go), managed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, seeks to prepare families for wildfire. The program helps individuals who live in high-risk wildfire areas and the wildland-urban interface how to best prepare themselves and their properties against fire threats.

Ken-Caryl is a Firewise Community (www.firewise.org), a project of the National Fire Protection Association, encouraging homeowners to take individual responsibility for preparing their homes from the risk of wildfire. The Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee educates our community on how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses.

● Firewise

Ken-Caryl Ranch Renewed as a Firewise Community

Ken-Caryl Ranch is once again taking action to reduce our wildfire risk and improve safety. The community has received a renewal of the recognition status as a Firewise Community. There are more than 1,200 recognized Firewise communities across the nation taking action and ownership in preparing and protecting their homes against the threat of wildfire. Using a five-step process, communities develop an action plan that guides their residential risk reduction activities, while engaging and encouraging their neighbors to become active participants in building a safer place to live. Congratulations to the hard-working Ken-Caryl residents who serve on the Firewise Committee: Daniel Hatlestad, Tom Thompson, Jim Lawrence, Keith McMillan, and Karyn Abraham.

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Foothills/KCR Ridge Rec Center Agreement Discontinued in 2019

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board has made the decision to discontinue the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Foothills Park & Recreation District that previously allowed residents of Ken-Caryl Ranch to use the Foothills Ridge Recreation Center at Foothills resident rates.

Residents of KCR will still be able to use Foothills facilities as they are all open to the public but will now pay non-resident fees for Foothills facilities. Since 2014, the Metro District has been supplementing the differential between the resident and non-resident rates. The decision to discontinue the IGA and supplemental funding was made in light of the District's financial situation and the failure of Mill Levy Ballot Issue 6G in November. Discontinuing the IGA with Foothills will save Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District approximately \$7,000 per year.

The Ridge Recreation Center, which is located at 6613 South Ward St. just north of the boundary of KCR, is owned and operated by Foothills, a local park and recreation provider. Residents of KCR do not pay property taxes to help support the facilities owned and managed by Foothills.

Holiday Pony Rides at the Equestrian Center

Sign up for a pony ride at the Ken-Caryl Equestrian Center! The rides are for ages 3 to 100 (you're never too old for a pony ride), and the cost is \$30, payable with cash or check at the time of the ride. This special event will only take place Thursday, Dec. 20 and Friday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. After each ride, everyone is welcome to decorate a horseshoe or sugar cookie and warm up with cocoa in the Main Office, located behind the main arenas.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call the Ken-Caryl Riding

School at 303-972-8456 or email eqschool@kcranch.org.

The pony rides will be conducted by one of our experienced camp or riding school instructors, but we do ask an adult to walk alongside young children to help them keep their balance. Don't forget your cameras! The rides last about 15 minutes, but your family is welcome to stick around to meet our other horses and watch our students ride. Children and parents must wear boots or lace-up shoes. No slip-ons, flip-flops, or open-toes shoes allowed. You are encouraged to bring your own toddler-sized bike helmet for children under 5.



One Master Association Board Seat Open for Election in 2019

The affairs of the Master Association are managed by a five-member Board of Directors along with a professional staff. One Master Association Board seat will be on the ballot for the Board election in March 2019, and the application process is now open for those individuals who are interested in running.

The MA Board meets in the evening on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Board members also are expected to attend other meetings on an as-needed basis. Serving three-year staggered terms, a portion of the Board is elected each year.

For those of you who are interested in running for a Master Association Board position, an application is available at the Ranch House and online at www.ken-carylranh.org under the Administration tab then Master Association Board. Applications are due by Jan. 25, 2019. The Master Association will introduce the declared candidates to the community in this publication and at www.ken-carylranh.org in February.

◆ School News

School Information Nights

Several local schools are offering information nights in the next few weeks:

- **Bradford K-8:** Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
- **Chatfield Senior High:** Thursday, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.
- **Deer Creek Middle School:** Tuesday, Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.
- **Falcon Bluffs Middle School:** Wednesday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.
- **Ute Meadows Elementary:** Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

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The annual Christmas Tree Sale on Dec. 1 proved to be a popular event once again. Residents started lining up as early as 6:30 a.m., and there were approximately 60 people in line at 8 a.m. when the sale opened. The Ranger staff harvested trees from the open space to help with fire mitigation and overall forest health. These trees were distributed at the annual Open Space Tree Sale at Dakota Lodge, and residents generously donated a total of \$2,400 for approximately 350 trees. The donations will be used by the Rangers to help purchase open space supplies. Thank you to all the residents and volunteers for their support of this event over the past 13 years!



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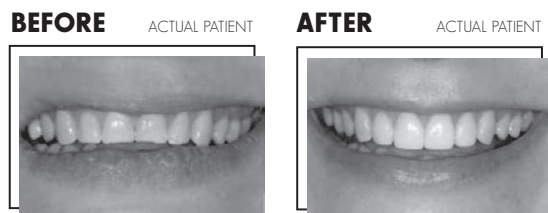
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Antonio's: Pizza, Pasta, and Wings

Ken-Caryl Family Brings a Taste of Italy to Littleton

By Kristen Peterka, Master Association Staff

Grab a table at Antonio's: Pizza, Pasta and Wings and you may be joined by Antonio himself, welcoming you and sharing stories from his childhood in Napoli, Italy. Antonio has partnered with Roland Wayment to open a new pizza and Italian restaurant at C-470 and Bowles.

Antonio's is truly a family-owned and family-operated restaurant. Husband and wife, Roland and Ty Wayment, run the restaurant while their daughter, Taylor, and mother, Mimi, take orders at the counter and Ty's brother, Darren, is managing things behind the scene. The fun family atmosphere is contagious – you may even get a hug from Mimi as you walk out the door.

Roland Wayment, owner/partner, has lived in Ken-Caryl with his family since 1995 and has worked in the restaurant industry since he was 15 years old. After years in the corporate restaurant world, he decided to start his own independent

restaurant. Roland is thrilled to have the "freedom as an independent owner to connect with neighbors and the community."

He partnered with Antonio Sarlo, founder of the original Antonio's restaurant in Parker, to bring traditional, Neapolitan style pizza and classic Italian dishes in a quick, casual dining experience. Their menu ranges from traditional pizza to savory specialties including lasagna and steamed artichokes served with lemon butter sauce. You can finish your evening with sweet treats such as homemade tiramisu, cannoli, or puffed pastry covered with Nutella, fresh strawberries, bananas, and chocolate syrup. And if you don't have time to dine, you can grab one of their take-out specials or use their catering menu as well.

Antonio's: Pizza, Pasta and Wings opened on Nov. 5. They are located at 5925 S. Zang St. in the Coal Mine Center plaza at C-470 and Bowles. More information is available at <https://antonios-pizza-pasta-and-wings.business.site/>.

Editor's Note: Do you know of a Ken-Caryl resident or business that might make an interesting story? Staff would love to hear your story ideas! Email Kristen Peterka at kristenp@kcranch.org.



Roland Wayment, left, and Antonio Sarlo outside their new restaurant, Antonio's: Pizza, Pasta, and Wings, near C-470 and Bowles.



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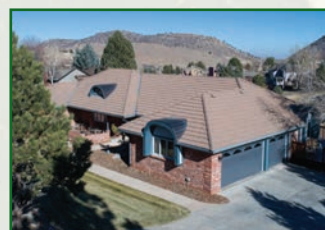


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How to Register for Classes & Events

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● Tennis & Pickleball



Lined Pickleball Courts

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January/February Tennis Registration

Tennis lesson schedules for January/February lessons are posted at www.ken-carylranh.org. Registration dates are as follows:
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Winter Break Camps

Looking for fun, engaging activities for your kids over winter break? Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District offers school-age camps at the Ranch House and preschool mini-camps at the Community Center. Check out the website at www.ken-carylranh.org under Programs & Activities for details and registration information!

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 Location: Ranch House
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● Youth Programs

Family Story Time and Baby Story Time at the Ranch House

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

Dates: Thursdays, Aug. 16 - Dec. 20
 Time: 9:30 a.m. Baby, 10:15 a.m. Family
 Location: Ranch House
 Fee: Free

● Sports & Athletics

Taekwon-Do at Dakota Lodge

Foothills Taekwon-Do has been in existence for over 40 years, and the Ken-Caryl instructor, Julie Jablonski, has 35 years of experience in the art. Taekwon-Do is a hard-style Korean martial art known for powerful hand and foot techniques. In addition to being an effective form of self-defense, the practice of Taekwon-Do is an excellent way to condition both body and mind.
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Chatfield Boys Basketball Holiday Youth Camp Dec. 27-28

The Chatfield Boys Basketball program will hold its annual holiday basketball camp for boys currently in 4th 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 Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27 and 28 at Chatfield Senior High School and will be led by CSH coaches. Grades 4-6 will attend from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on both days, and grades 1-8 will attend from 12 to 2 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$50 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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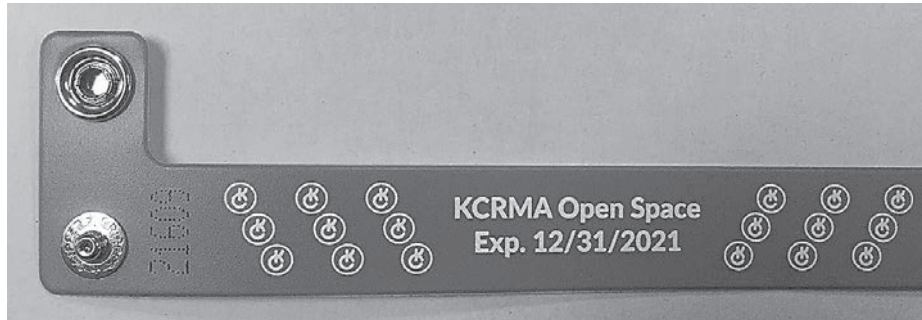
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There is no cost. Bracelets are issued only two per household and can be temporarily transferred to house guests ONLY. It is not mandatory to have an ID bracelet when using Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space, but if you don't have an ID bracelet, be prepared to stop and answer questions from a Park Ranger or Volunteer Patroller.



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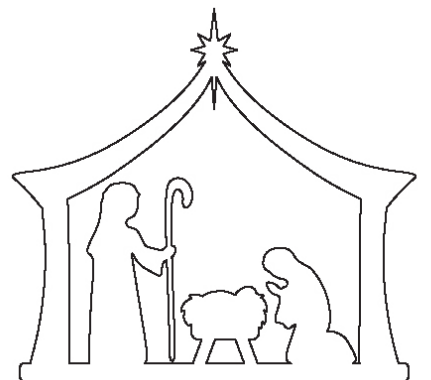
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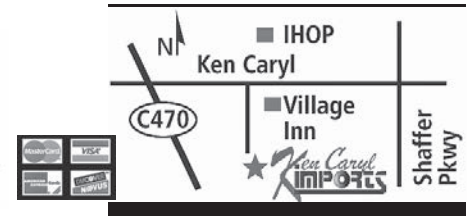
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Volunteer Patrollers help educate in the open space.

KCR Volunteer Patroller Program – Open Registration

By Open Space Ranger Matt Oven

Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers started the Volunteer Patroller Program in 2012 with three volunteers. It has since grown to 26 volunteers in 2018 with over 400 hours volunteered on the trails! I personally want to thank each one who volunteered their time to assist the Park Rangers in protecting the private open space!

Open registration for the 2019 Volunteer Patroller Program begins Dec. 1 and runs through Feb. 28.

The Volunteer Patrollers serve as an extension of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association's Park Ranger Staff. Volunteer Patrollers provide rules education, trail use guidelines, and open space information. Volunteer Patrollers strive to achieve and maintain a positive relationship with different user groups and present a professional image. To be accepted into the program, you must be a Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association member in good standing and submit a signed application and letter of commitment. A short phone interview and a two to three-hour training in the month of March will complete the process. A date and time of the training will be determined on number of applications received.

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Drilling Potential on Ken-Caryl Ranch

By John Fosholt, Ken-Caryl Resident

Editor's Note: Ken-Caryl resident John Fosholt is a retired journalist who has researched mineral rights for a report to the Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards.

The right to drill and mine in Ken-Caryl Ranch does not belong to the residents, to the Master Association, or to the Metropolitan District. Rather, the minerals beneath our feet are owned by corporations and ranching heirs.

The same is true in communities north and east of Denver, where drill rigs have been popping up with increasing frequency. Homeowners there have discovered that their "open space" is also open to oil and gas exploration.

The difference in Ken-Caryl Ranch is what geologists call a "reverse fault" which, eons ago, laid hard granite-like rock over petroleum-bearing material in the Ken-Caryl Valley. As a result, it's unlikely that a driller could find profitable oil or gas there.

Geologist and geophysicist Jeff Lyslo, a Ken-Caryl resident, said oil and gas is more likely to be found on the Ken-Caryl Plains, east of the Dakota Hogback. In fact, exploratory wells once found petroleum south of Deer Creek near Chatfield Reservoir. Jeff said there also is an old drill site at C-470 and Quincy Ave., where oil was commercially produced. Both drilling locations are similar to the Ken-Caryl Open Space east of the Dakota Hogback.

Johns-Manville Corporation obtained half the mineral rights in the Ken-Caryl Plains and Valley in 1971, when it bought the ranchland for development. Ranching families kept the other half of the mining rights, but they agreed in the 1971 deed

that Manville and its successors had "the exclusive right" to decide whether to drill or dig. Manville, in turn, promised home builders that it would never drill or disturb the surface of the land, including in the open space now owned by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association, on the west side of the Ken-Caryl Valley.

The exception to the no-drilling deal is the Metropolitan District's open space along the South Hogback and near the Community Center. The new prairie dog town at C-470 is on the east side of this land, and the Cathy Johnson Trail lies on the west side. The mineral rights here were once owned by the Union Pacific Railroad, which sold them to the Anadarko Corporation about 20 years ago. Anadarko, the current owner, is the biggest oil and gas developer in Colorado. Jeff and other geologists suggest that this South Hogback area is the most likely place for future oil and gas exploration.

Anadarko is temporarily prevented from drilling on the hogback by a lease to Johns-Manville and its Ken-Caryl Ranch successors. Real estate records show the 50-year mineral lease expires in 2024/2025, at which time Anadarko will take over and could begin drilling.

A spokesman for Anadarko said the company might discuss an extension of the lease as it nears its end. Ken-Caryl Ranch also might be able to purchase the mineral rights permanently, as Jefferson County did when it established parks in Deer Creek Canyon in 1992. The Ken-Caryl leases involve about 300 acres of land, and Manville paid \$125 a year for all of it back in 1974. Today's cost of purchasing or renewing the lease could vary greatly; recent petroleum leases on state land have gone for annual fees ranging from \$2 per acre in northwest Colorado to \$1,000 per acre in the red-hot drilling fields north of Greeley.

Another alternative for Ken-Caryl Ranch would be to simply let the lease expire, assuming that nobody will drill in the hogback open space. However, Debra Higley of the U.S. Geological Survey warns that some companies drill in areas with little probability of success. For example, there's no history of oil and gas production near Rocky Flats in northern Jefferson County, yet a British company recently filed for permits to drill more than 30 wells there. The exploration plan was dropped after community groups raised fierce objection to drilling near the Wildlife Refuge and former Nuclear Weapons Plant.

A final option for the South Hogback area would be for the Master Association and Metropolitan District to retain the mineral rights and to allow petroleum exploration for a fee. Such lease arrangements provide income to state and local governments around the western USA.



The South Hogback Open Space along the Cathy Johnson Trail. Drilling rights in this area are owned by the Anadarko Corporation.



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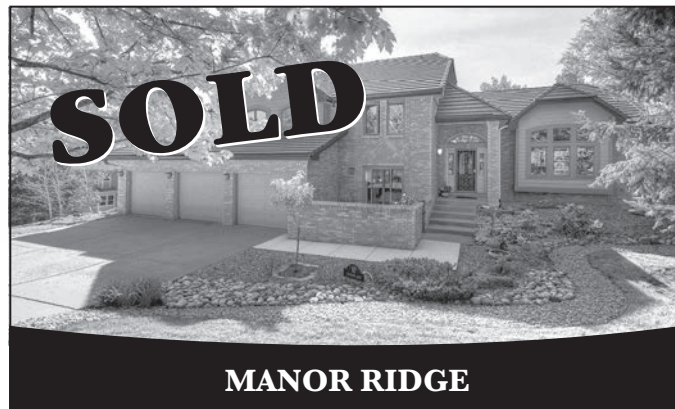
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Email to victoriad@kcranch.org. Deadline for Dec. 26 Issue: Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

Dear Editor:

The defeat of 6G was very disconcerting. Mainly because it speaks to a much larger issue that often gets lost in politically-weighted debates. Simply stated, the question becomes: If everything in our world is going up — costing us more (i.e. houses, food, gas, utilities, etc.) — how can we continue to expect the SAME amenities at the same rate? It's a simple question.

I reread the "Factual Summary Nov. 6, 2018 Election For Voter Authority To Increase Property Tax Revenue" that was printed in the Sept. 19, 2018 issue of Life at Ken-Caryl. Under "Arguments Against The Proposal" it stated that "For voters who support less and smaller government, the District's increase in tax revenues may be contrary to this objective."

Frankly, I am getting very tired of this argument. This cliché phrase: "We need less and smaller government" becomes a panacea statement that allows one to think they are speaking to an issue when in fact they are stating nothing of substance that will actually fix the problem! The harsh reality is there are certain things that cannot be maintained if we do not allow for relative increases required to do so!

I found it discouraging that within our community many preferred to make this a political issue in order to justify basically doing nothing to correct an obvious and potential problem going forward. This was an opportunity to be proactive — to anticipate a real need that everyone could contribute to that would ensure a positive outcome. In this same posting it stated "the

following projected increases in property taxes to homeowners: \$400,000 Residence = \$19 per month; \$600,000 Residence = \$29 per month; \$800,000 Residence = \$38 per month."

I'm sorry folks, but for most of us living in Ken-Caryl Ranch, we spend more than \$38 per month on our Starbucks! It is my hope that both as a community and as a nation we will begin to recognize that we are all in this together. It is time to start forging "Win-Win" scenarios. We will ALL benefit.

Helen Peoples
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I wanted to thank the KC Trails Club for a festive end-of-the-year party at the Blue Spruce Brewery. This is a fun group of neighbors that I got a chance to meet, and it was even more enjoyable with fantastic craft beers. Poncha Pass Pecan Brown Ale and the Marmot Brown Ale were simply delicious. Great brewery right outside the Valley.

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Christopher Davis
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

After attending the Nov. 27 MA Board meeting, I sent the following email to Chris Pacetti and Victoria DeSair. I cc'd all the MA Board members, and almost a week later haven't received any comments back from the Board.

Subject: last night's meeting
Chris and Victoria,

First, I'd like to compliment you both on always being diplomatic and polite no matter what your feelings are at these things.

I felt though, respect for others was totally lost last night!

Chris, you mentioned staff is like the police and then the board like the jury. So how is it that Erlinda Stafford with all her inner-sense feelings and Andy Lydens could vote on last night's issue? Isn't that a conflict of interest?

Erlinda with stating all she had were these inner senses about an individual clearly has a preconceived idea and feeling about that resident!

Also, as far as representing our community as Erlinda was so very concerned about, Erlinda and Seth Murphy should look in the mirror. In Seth's case stop being so rude to other residents and in Erlinda's, was she thinking about what the community would think and that she represents the community when a few months ago during Jerry's fence presentation she stomped out of the room like a little girl in junior high?

Our community members, no matter how our views might differ, deserve respect.

Heidi Werth
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

At the Nov. 27, 2018 MA meeting, there was a discussion about a volunteer patroller. After listening to the patroller's responses to the complaints against them, and the Board's responses, it was very obvious that this was a "witch hunt" against this patroller. It was stated that there have never been any complaints against any other patroller until this person. If this is a truthful statement, shouldn't this situation have been handled only by Matt Oven and Sean Warren in the Ranger Office, rather than at a public MA Board meeting?

Erlinda Stafford (Board member) said that she could SENSE the hostility from this person upon approaching and Andy Lydens (Board member) said that the patroller was anti-mountain bike. (This patroller hikes when patrolling.) There are many people that take their volunteer jobs seriously and do the absolute best that they can. Isn't this what we want in our volunteers? Erlinda Stafford said that this person didn't represent the community well. Erlinda even solicited on the Trail Club Facebook page for more complaints against this patroller. The attitude that Seth Murphy, Erlinda Stafford, and Andy Lydens showed in the discussion time was totally unacceptable, rude (to attendees and to this volunteer patroller), and THEIR tone and words were not a good representation of the community! Respect is a two-way street and tonight the MA did not show respect to anyone there.

Tonight was also an example of conflict of interest, that was not acknowledged as such by the MA. Erlinda Stafford and Andy Lydens were involved in this conflict with the patroller, and yet voted for the removal as a patroller. Seth Murphy ignored a resident who said that this was a conflict of interest and that Erlinda and Andy should abstain from voting. Please review for yourself the Conflict of Interest Policy document (on the KCR website) and make your decision.

Let's be civil in our discussions by not making things personal or showing that someone's personality is what you have a problem with. We are all supposed to be adults, and many tonight needed to act like it.

Rilla Reinsma
Ken-Caryl Resident



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Teen Services

This listing includes Ken-Caryl teens who babysit, mow lawns, house or pet sit, or shovel snow. To be included on the list, teens should email their name, number, age, neighborhood and list of services offered to Kristen Peterka at kristenp@kcranch.org or call 303-979-1876, ext. 109.

Services: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling

Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood
Ava Ahrenholtz	720-546-7365	B, P	12	Cimarron
Jade Atkinson	720-616-0063	P	13	Aspen Meadows
Katelyn Atkinson	303-916-7666	B, P	16	Aspen Meadows
Sierra Baliko	303-809-1117	B, P	17	Traditions
Charlie Beelaert	720-688-1597	L, P, S	13	Colony
Kiera Bierstedt	720-937-2102	B, P	14	Traditions
Piper Blarr	720-255-6877	B, P	14	Colony
Adam Brandland	720-838-1032	L, S	14	Settlement
Abby Burton	720-616-1333	B, P	13	Aspen Meadows
Bridget Cassidy	720-244-1359	B, P	14	Stratford Farms
Hope Cuttitta	303-517-8864	B, P	14	Deer Creek
Ella Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	13	Village
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	11	Village
Brooke Ellis	720-988-9162	B, P	16	Heirloom
Ella Famariss	303-588-4130	B, P	16	North Ranch
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate
Abbie Gallant	303-517-8864	B, P	14	Deer Creek
Lila Garcia	303-475-0888	B, P	14	Legacy
Marcus Garcia	303-704-9796	L, P, S	16	Legacy
Erin Giles	303-885-8787	B, P	17	Colony
Karmin Groom	720-980-9088	B, P	14	Sunset Ridge
Nicole Guarino	303-720-3036	B	17	Bradford Place
Kara Hammond	720-979-4069	B, P	12	Carriage Hill
Trisha Henderson	732-915-1214	P	17	North Ranch
JJ Heupel	720-372-9476	B, L, P, S	14	Enclave
Aubrey Jones	720-971-6680	B	16	Manor Ridge
Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	B	13	Territory
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	11	Cimarron
Ethan Lehrke	720-240-3980	L, P, S	15	Cimarron
Andrew Lerudis	303-523-0765	L, P, S	13	Village
Payton Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	14	Spread
Rachael Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	14	Spread
Hadley Marx	720-380-4671	B, P	18	Shaffer Hill
Hannah Marx	720-380-4670	B, P	16	Shaffer Hill
Hayden Marx	720-588-7486	L, P, S	15	Shaffer Hill
Holly McCollough	720-492-0288	B, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe
Hayden Nash	303-895-8117	B, P	12	Cimarron
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	15	Legacy
William Newsom	303-325-5232	L, S	17	Legacy
Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	14	Heirloom
Alec Prinzi	303-810-3221	B, L, P, S	12	Shaffer Hill
Joshua Reisinger	303-973-2469	L, P, S	13	Eagles Pointe
Seth Reisinger	303-973-2469	B, L, P, S	17	Eagles Pointe
Kylie Richards	720-414-0008	B, P	15	Settlement
Max Ruskowski	720-517-9066	L, P, S	15	Stallion Pointe
Nic Sarkisov	720-470-1486	P, S	15	Heirloom
Megan Schuster	720-587-7265	B, P	16	Heirloom
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	14	Heirloom
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	13	Cimarron
Jacob Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
John Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
Maria Seybert	303-668-5987	B, P	15	Saddlewood
Austin Skeffington	720-308-8704	L	17	Wynterbrooke
Ian Soukup	303-862-5756	B, P, S	14	Eagles Pointe
Abby Szabo	303-915-3730	B, P	13	Aspen Meadows
Ben Szabo	720-413-3072	L, P	15	Aspen Meadows
Maddy Szabo	303-915-3730	B, P	13	Aspen Meadows
Lauren Thorp	303-995-5551	B, P	17	North Ranch
Cole Torgerson	720-291-9022	B, L, P	16	Legacy
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	13	Legacy
Zane Tweedie	720-688-9440	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista
Olivia Vangels	720-292-6727	B, P	13	Village
Charlotte Webster	703-655-4428	B, P	14	The Spread
Genevie Webster	703-655-4428	B, P	16	The Spread
Judah Webster	703-655-4428	B, L, P, S	11	The Spread
Ella Widmann	720-318-7927	B, P	16	Territory

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