

Life at Ken-Caryl

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Cat-to-Cat Conversation

Ken-Caryl resident Sharon Seemann snapped this photo of her housecat and a bobcat in mid-February in the North Ranch. The cat-to-cat encounter lasted a good half hour! As summed up by Sharon, "Pretty special place we live in."




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Master Association Board Election Results Posted Online

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board election ended on March 5, which was after this issue of the paper was printed. Election results are posted at www.ken-carylranh.org and on the Ken-Caryl Ranch official Facebook page. The results will also be published in the March 20 issue of Life at Ken-Caryl.

Huge thanks go out to the two candidates, Scotty Martin and Seth Murphy. Dedicated volunteers are the backbone of the community, so thank you for stepping up!

If you have any questions about the election, contact Chris Pacetti at chrisp@kcranch.org or Victoria DeSair at victoriad@kcranch.org or call 303-979-1876.

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Let's Focus on the Positive

By Communications and Assistant Executive Director Victoria DeSair

Ken-Caryl Ranch is a special community for several reasons - great people, diverse wildlife, beautiful open space, lush parks, abundant recreation opportunities, and many more. Let's celebrate the positive aspects of our community.

Do you have a family member who recently accomplished something? Has your neighbor done something amazing? Do you have a new business you would like to highlight? Send me your story ideas! I am always looking for positive community interest stories to include in the paper. Staff can write the article, or you can have a moment in the spotlight as a budding reporter.

You can also submit positive Letters to the Editor. Sometimes I get feedback from residents regarding negativity in the Letters to the Editor. Only the residents can change the nature of those letters. Do you want to thank a volunteer in the community? Write a letter! Have you



noticed a staff member or resident doing something positive? Write a letter! I'm not saying that we shouldn't have negative letters, but I would love to see a balance. There are so many great things happening in this community, so let's celebrate them. I can be reached at victoriad@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 122.

◆ Open Space

Updated Trail Map

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space Trail Map was recently updated and is available online or hardcopy at the Ranch House, Community Center, and Dakota Lodge. To access the electronic version, go to www.ken-carylranh.org and click on Trails & Maps under the Open Space tab.



March

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3	4	5 7 p.m. Master Association Annual Meeting 7:30 p.m. MA/MD Joint Study Session	6	7 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	8	9
10	11 7 p.m. Community Planning Committee	12	13 1 p.m. Historical Society	14 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	15	16
17	18	19 6 p.m. Master Association Board	20 4:30 p.m. Covenant Committee	21 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	22	23 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Archaeology Artifact Day
24	25	26 6 p.m. Metropolitan District Board	27 7 p.m. Open Space Committee Dakota Lodge	28 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee 10:15 a.m. Family Story Time	29	30
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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.

◆ Giving Back

Ken-Caryl Kindness Crew

Do you need some support during a life transition, illness/surgery, new baby? A ride? Help with a household task? 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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Master Association

On Feb. 19, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular business meeting and discussed the following items:

- A motion passed to sign a service agreement with Jefferson County to authorize probate estate for Account #34158 with a retainer up to \$2,500. The Association would be responsible to pay the costs of opening the estate and the appointment of the public administrator but could seek these costs as part of its lien in any foreclosure action or sale of the property. Currently the property is unoccupied.
- The Board further discussed the process to identify a new Executive Director for the Master Association. The Board will move forward with an external candidate search and plans to have someone on board in November. The Board wants to discuss the makeup of the hiring committee at the March business meeting.
- Chris Pacetti reported that Anchor Network Solutions will take over management of IT Services for the Master Association and Metropolitan District.
- Jim Antes, Chairman of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society, gave an overview of the Historical Society's 2018 Annual Report, which is posted online.
- Open Space Manager Sean Warren gave an overview of the condition of Brannon Gearhart Pond and Trail. There are algae problems in the pond, the aeration system is not able to completely address the situation, and dredging is recommended. There are also drainage issues on the asphalt trail near the pond, causing ice buildup in the winter. The Board wants to move forward with converting the trail from asphalt to concrete but wants to hold off on pond dredging due to the cost.

◆ Covenant Clips

Planning Major Renovations? Here's What You Need to Know

By Community Standards Administrator Jenny Bernal

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association requires residents to submit to their Architectural Committee for approval for all exterior improvements. Interior improvements don't require approval however they can overlap with exterior improvements and covenants.

An example of an interior improvement overlapping an exterior is with window replacement. Windows are often perceived as an interior improvement because we most often see them from the inside. However, windows require exterior improvement as well because of grid styles, frame color, etc. A scenario where an interior project overlaps with covenants, typically in stored items or unsightly violations, can be a resident doing a DIY bathroom remodel where they use a popular alternative to dumpsters, the Bagster, for demolition debris. If a Bagster is reported to be in place for more than 10 days, the Community Standards Administrator may have to send a reminder letter have it picked up.

In recent months we have had requests for information on re-building a property from the ground up due to the age and condition of the property. We have also had circumstances where a small DIY project exposed a bigger problem resulting in a more extensive project. We have seen on-going work from disaster recovery like fires and floods, which can experience delays with insurance. We do our best to work with the residents in these circumstances and field the calls from neighbors as best we can with the information we have without having to reach out to the resident during a stressful time. On an exterior project approved by the Architectural Committee, it's pretty easy to answer because we are aware of the work being done and the estimated time for completion and can see work in progress. Interior projects may require some communication and in some cases collaboration with the Master Association.

What can you do?

- Submit for approval for any exterior improvement on your property whether or not it's visible from the street. Visit our website's home improvement page found under the Residents tab for more information.
- Talk to your neighbors. If you are starting a project that you think may be a disruption, reach out to your neighbors directly to let them know what's going on and about how long they can expect the activity. This is the most common and

most successful way to lessen neighbor concerns.

- Prioritize your project plans to ensure the visual impact from the outside is as minimal as possible. Remove stored items or construction debris in a timely manner.



- If you have an internal project that is taking a financial priority to an exterior need, for example, your driveway is cracked, and you received a letter to repair it but you have to fix your heaving basement first, communicate with the Community Standards Administrator to discuss a reasonable timeline to replace the driveway.
- If your project requires demolition and a Bagster is your best option, please be sure to place it in on your property, rather than in the street, and have it picked up within 10 days. Waste Connections is the trash service for Ken-Caryl, and they will not pick up Bagsters. Waste Management offers Bagsters, and their pick up must be scheduled separately.
- If you are embarking on a large-scale interior project that requires storage pods, dumpsters, portable toilets, etc. email me at jennyb@kcranch.org, or if you are in a subassociation, reach out to your management company. Ken-Caryl Ranch does not require approval, nor are timelines imposed for dumpsters in place for the purpose of construction. A description of the work being done and an estimated time those articles will be present can go a long way in helping us to help you.
- If you start a project, internal or external, and experience delays or the project exposes a bigger issue that takes priority, communicate with the Community Standards Administrator for your neighborhood so we can work together to lessen the impact on the neighborhood while we wait for the delay to release and you can get back to work. Leaving a project or construction materials indefinitely can be very challenging for a neighborhood. We want residents to make improvements on their properties inside and out. These improvements can positively affect the property values throughout the community. Communication and collaboration with association management can be a beneficial partnership. I can be reached at jennyb@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 113.

- The Board discussed proposed changes to the Volunteer Trail Coordinator Program. Sean Warren will update the document for final approval from the Board.
- The Board supports moving forward with the Ranch House Pool Replacement project at the \$3,600,000 budget level as a Master Association project. The Board will discuss the project further with the Metropolitan District at the March 5 Joint Study Session. Pool plans will be presented to the community in March.
- A motion passed adopting the updated Equestrian Center Operational Guidelines & Facility Rules as recommended by the Equestrian Center Task Force with updates as noted for Addendum C & D.
- Resident Rilla Reinsma expressed concern with horses on concrete trails and equestrians not cleaning up horse manure on concrete. She also expressed concern about night-time use of the open space and motorized scooters on the trails.
- A motion passed authorizing the establishment of the 2019 Equestrian Center Task Force and adopting their job description.
- A motion passed approving Singletrack Trails as the contractor for the 2019 trail maintenance program.
- A motion passed authorizing the Association's attorney to pursue an injunction for account #31750.

Metropolitan District

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board held a regular meeting on Feb. 26 and discussed the following items:

- The Board recognized Leslie Davis, 35-year tennis pro for Ken-Caryl Ranch. She was recently awarded the Bud Robineau Award for Service from USTA Colorado.
- The Board discussed bids for a South Hogback Biological Survey. 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. The purpose of the biological survey is to identify the location of rare plants, animal habitats, and historical or archaeologically sensitive areas on the hogback. After hearing public comment and concern, the Board tabled the motion to accept proposals for the survey. Staff will gather more information, and the Board will discuss the surveys again at the March meeting.
- The Board discussed the design and funding status of the Ranch House Pool Renovation, which is budgeted at \$3,600,000. The Board will discuss the project further with the Master Association at the March 5 Joint Study Session. Pool plans will be presented to the community in March.
- Staff provided an update on the Community Strategic Plan. Staff and the core planning team are developing community forums to gather feedback from residents. More information on meetings and opportunities to provide input will be available in March and April.
- Staff discussed the ADA Transition Plan Update with the Board. Staff are working through the plan to note the progress that was made through the bond projects.
- Staff gave an overview of the feedback received from the Question of the Month – 6G: What was your vote and why? The Board talked about a March Question of the Month.



Staff Highlights: Gary Norton Park Ranger

My name is Gary Norton, and I am one of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers. I work for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Open Space department, but I also work for the public open space parcels owned or leased by the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District. Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space (KCROS) covers approximately 4,800 acres and for the most part is located west of highway C-470. KCROS is dominated by natural vegetation, harbors a diverse range of wildlife, and has over 45 miles of hiking trails.

In November 2018, I celebrated my 20th anniversary working at Ken-Caryl Ranch. I was hired on in 1998 as one of the Park Rangers. My duties included: Trail Construction and Maintenance, Noxious Weed Management, Forest Management, Rough Cut Mowing, Patrol, Wildlife Management and General Open Space Maintenance. Prior to working at Ken-Caryl Ranch, I had worked for four years with various open space agencies along the Front Range. For the City of Boulder I conducted rare plant inventories and participated in tall grass monitoring. I assisted with the creation of the City of Boulder Forest Management Plan and conducted the understory vegetation surveys for the plan. At Jefferson County Open Space, I was a forestry technician. I was involved in the felling and hauling operations for forest stand improvement projects. During my tenure at Boulder County Open Space, I was on the wildland fire mitigation team and also was part of the Northern Colorado fire crew. I was afforded the opportunity to fight fires throughout the country and also larger fires on the Front Range including the Bobcat and Eldorado Canyon fires.

My job duties have changed over the years, and I now work the Sunday-Wednesday shift and spend 50% of my work week working independently concentrating on patrol, wildlife, and responding to calls from residents. Here is a list of my primary duties throughout my work week.

Natural Resource Management & Patrol

- Develops the noxious weed work plan.
- Hires, trains, and supervises seasonal technicians and patrol rangers.
- Develops work plan for restoration projects in grasslands, forests, and riparian areas.
- Conducts habitat and rare plant inventories to assess open space ecological health.
- Implements Forestry Stewardship Plan and Fuels Management Plan.
- Prunes and/or removes hazardous or dead trees in the open space.
- Coordinates hazardous fuel assessments for residents upon request.
- Serves as liaison to West Metro Fire and the Colorado State Forest Service. Responds to medical emergencies and wildfire incidents.
- Chairs the Safety Committee.
- Collects data in the field and adds

information to ArcGIS program for maps. Along with my primary duties, here is a list of shared duties on the staff:

- Answers questions about behavior/biology of wildlife and conflicts with wildlife.
- Euthanizes injured or sick deer with a rifle and removes dead carcasses.
- Provides contractor information for removal of wildlife in private homes.
- Patrols more than 45 miles of parks, greenbelts, and trails including open space areas.
- Writes articles for the Life at Ken-Caryl newspaper.
- Helps with open space maintenance.
- Attends Open Space Committee and Board of Directors meetings when directed.
- Removes snow at Dakota Lodge, Ranger Office, Equestrian Center, and problem areas.
- Posts permits for Bradford Fire Pit, Community Park, and Ranch House.
- Posts fire danger and wildlife informational signs.
- Executes Community Christmas Tree Harvest and coordinates sale with volunteers.

Over the years I have appreciated the variety of opportunities given to me at Ken-Caryl Ranch and look forward to the future challenges. If you have any questions about my job duties, feel free to contact me at 720-599-3265 or Garyn@kcranch.org.



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Ranch House Pool Project Open Houses

The Master Association and Metropolitan District Boards are moving forward with a new pool at the Ranch House! The project is budgeted at \$3.6 million, of which \$2.25 million will come from Plains Metro District lawsuit settlement funds designated for pools. The remainder of the funding will come from Master Association Reserves and Operations. Initial pool plans were presented to the community in 2018. Revised pool plans, incorporating feedback from the community, will be presented to the community at the following open houses:

- Monday, March 11 from 5-7 p.m. in the Ranch House Shaffer Room
- Wednesday, March 13 from 8-10 a.m. in the Ranch House Bradford Room

Stop by any time during the two-hour block to review the plans. The plans will also be posted on the website and feedback can be submitted via email to melissad@kcranch.org. Pool construction will begin in August 2019, and the new pool opening is planned for early summer of 2020.



◆ Scholarship

Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation Scholarship

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Foundation is soliciting scholarship applications from Ken-Caryl residents in their senior year of high school. This year, one student will be awarded \$1,000 to help defray the costs of higher education.

Applications must be turned into the Ranch House by Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m. For eligibility requirements or to download a scholarship form, visit www.kencarylrancheoundation.org.



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Tennis Pro Receives Top Honor

Leslie Davis, Ken-Caryl Ranch Tennis Pro, has been recognized by the Colorado Tennis Association for her outstanding contributions to the tennis community. She was awarded the Bud Robineau Award for Service. Leslie has been teaching tennis at Ken-Caryl for more than 35 years.

"She is an amazing instructor," said Judy Anderson, Tennis Supervisor. "She is able to make a personal connection with every student in her class. She gets to know them, their family, where they are from, and she finds a personal connection."

Leslie loves "getting people to play better and helping people form friendships amongst themselves." Her exceptional skill with a racquet, combined with her warmth and contagious enthusiasm, have enabled her to develop friendships, build community, and inspire lifelong tennis players of all ages in our community.

Congratulations and thank you, Leslie!



Leslie Davis has been teaching tennis at Ken-Caryl for 35 years.



Ken-Caryl tennis staff join Leslie Davis as she receives the Bud Robineau Award for Service.

Beautiful Junk Sale

Colorado's Largest Rummage Sale for a Cause returns to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Friday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Buy One, Get One FREE General Admission: \$5* Bring a friend and they get in FREE with your paid admission. Children 16 and Under are FREE. *No Other Discounts Apply.

Find the best deals before the doors open with Early Bird Admission: \$30. Doors open on Friday, March 15 at 7 a.m. and receive free admission Saturday with Early Bird Ticket.

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Voices West Chorus Presents Music for Passiontide

Please join Voices West, the Colorado Chamber Orchestra, and Soprano Michelle Diggs for a breathtaking new work, Richard Burchard's The Seven Last Words of Christ. The concert will be Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St. This moving and ethereal piece is thoughtful, colorful, and lush in its depiction of the last words of the suffering Christ, proving very meaningful during the season of Lent. As a counterbalance, the concert program will conclude with pieces of comfort and hope, featuring the Vocalise by Sergei Rachmaninoff, Franz Schubert's Mass in G Major, and Song of the Universal by Ola Gjeilo.

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Deerwood Drive home before fire mitigation efforts from the Firewise Committee.



Deerwood Drive home after fire mitigation efforts.

New Captain at West Metro Tackles Wildfire Mitigation

By Kristen Peterka, Master Association Staff

Dustin Horn, a new Captain at West Metro Fire Rescue Station 13, is striving to prepare Ken-Caryl Ranch for the upcoming wildfire season. As the new Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator, Captain Horn is partnering with local fire stations and the surrounding communities to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to homes and neighborhoods.

Captain Horn has connected with our community by becoming an active member of the Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee, one of the most active Firewise organizations on the Front Range. Captain Horn was pleased to find that "Ken-Caryl has taken a proactive approach with fuel mitigation in open space and greenbelts. The wonderful Firewise Committee has helped the community members reduce their risk."

In 2018, the Firewise Committee received grant funding to complete two wildfire mitigation projects. In partnership with West Metro, they removed slash and branches from the Open Space in Bradford. They also trimmed trees and shrubbery at a house on Deerwood Drive to make the home more fire resistant.

The key to wildfire mitigation, says Captain Horn, "is for homeowners to think about what they can do at the individual level. The goal is to create a home that is wildfire resistant and can withstand on its own until after the flame front has passed."

Captain Horn strives to break it down into manageable pieces for homeowners. His suggestion is: "Start with the roof and work your way down." He offers three examples of things to look at:

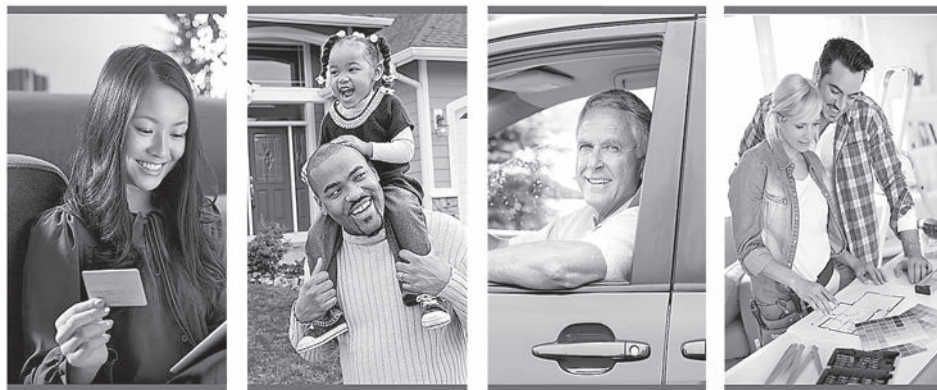
- Roof: Remove pine needle accumulations next to the shingles and stuck in the gutters.

- Trees and shrubbery: Trim any plants that overhang or touch the home. Keep leaf and plant debris from touching your home.
- Gable and eave vents: Cover vents with a fine metal mesh or screen to prevent fire intrusion.

Captain Horn says wildfire mitigation is "a marathon, not a sprint. Start doing something to make your home fire resistant. It will be an ongoing process while you live here."

Additional information about wildfire mitigation is available from the Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee at www.ken-carylranh.org.

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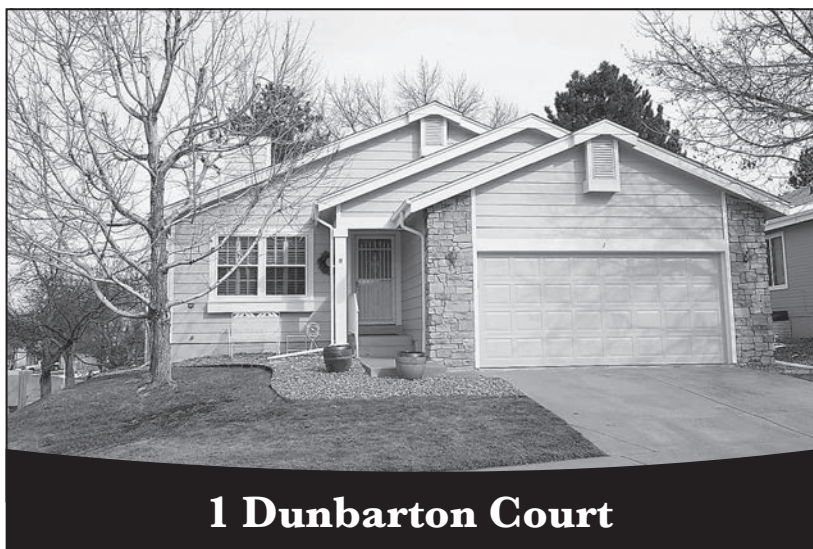
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C-470 Express Lanes

Want an update on the C-470 Express Lane project? Check out the CDOT project website at www.codot.gov/projects/C470ExpressLanes for updates and current status of the project.

The Colorado Department of Transportation kicked off the C-470 Express Lanes project in the fall of 2016. This \$276 million project will increase mobility and user choice along 12.5 miles of C-470 between I-25 and Wadsworth Boulevard. In the westbound direction, two Express Lanes will be built from I-25 to Colorado Boulevard and one Express Lane from Colorado Boulevard to Wadsworth. In the eastbound direction one Express Lane will be constructed along the length of the project between I-25 and Wadsworth Boulevard. Two general purpose lanes in each direction will remain free for motorists.

The project also includes full reconstruction of existing pavement, the addition of auxiliary lanes at select locations, on-and off-ramp improvements, realignment of substandard curves, widening of existing bridges, replacement of the bridges over the South Platte River, and installing tolling equipment.

When the C-470 Express Lanes project is complete, motorists will have the option to use the Express Lanes for a faster, more reliable commute, or the two free general-purpose lanes. Construction is expected to conclude later in 2019.

◆ **EquiNews**

Equestrian Summer Camps

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Equestrian Center’s Picnic with the Ponies and Summer Camp registration day is coming up in March! Picnic with the Ponies is for ages 6-8, and Summer Camp is for ages 8 and up. Registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration opens at 7 a.m. on Friday, March 15 at the Equestrian Center Main Office. Be sure to pick several top choices, as camps fill quickly, and we only accept six kids per camp. Must be present to register; no registration forms will be accepted earlier. Camp dates, fees, and registration forms are available on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website at www.ken-carylranh.org under Parks & Facilities then Equestrian Center.



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New Store Helps Women “Do What They Do Best”

By Kristin Peterka, Master Association Staff

Far from the big-box stores, tucked in a pleasant corner of Ken-Caryl, is a shopping experience like no other. The newly remodeled Trendz 'n Trinkets does not just sell women's clothes and accessories – they create experiences for every person that walks in the door.

Nancy Marquez, founder of Trendz 'n Trinkets, re-opened her business in February in the Marketplace at Ken-Caryl shopping plaza at the northwest corner of Kipling and Chatfield. After 10 years of co-owning Trendz Boutique, Nancy redesigned the business to have a more intimate feel.

“It's like Cheers, where everybody knows your name. It's not just shopping, it's an experience when you come into Trendz. You walk in the door, and it's like no other store. You immediately have that sense of community, that sense of comfort.” Her business card, with the title “Retail Therapist and Relationship Expert,” sums it up perfectly.

The store is designed to connect women with a style that makes them feel great. Professional stylists, in the store at all times, help customers find the right look and feel from the unique brands of casual, contemporary, business, and athletic clothing. Nancy's goal: “help women look cute and feel comfortable so they can go out and do what they do best.”

The newly updated Trendz 'n Trinkets also carries girlfriend gifts and hostess gifts. Clever wine glasses, charming baking dishes, or witty tea towels are all available for that “hard-to-shop-for” friend.

In addition to building strong community inside the store, Trendz 'n Trinkets is reaching out to support the local community through charity events. They offer fundraisers for school groups, nonprofit organizations, sports teams and other groups including private parties where 20% of the proceeds go directly to the organization. They are partnering with their neighbor, The Garlic Knot, to offer joint fundraisers on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. where groups can eat at The Garlic Knot and shop right next door to benefit their organization.

The Trendz 'n Trinkets Spring Fashion Show is Tuesday, March 19 at Q's Pub at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. Their online store will also open in March. More information is available on Facebook by searching for @Trendzntrinketscolorado.



Trendz 'n Trinkets is located in the Marketplace at Ken-Caryl shopping plaza at the northwest corner of Kipling and Chatfield.



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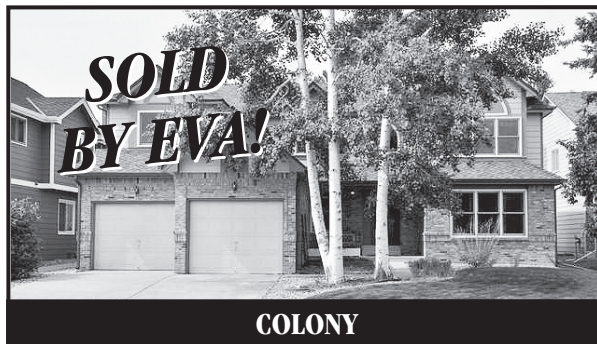
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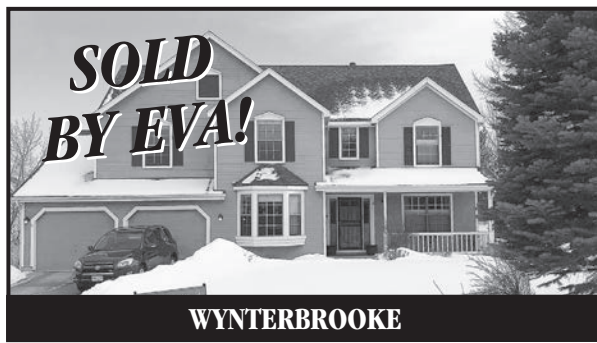
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Begins April 8, 2019

Summer Camp Lottery
March 11-15 at 6pm

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Summer Camp Lottery

Can you believe it's time to start planning for summer?! Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District offers a wide variety of summer camps for preschoolers and school-age kids. There are camps at the Ranch House, Community Center, and Dakota Lodge. Summer camp registration is handled through a lottery system. The lottery dates are March 11-15, so make sure to download the forms on the Ken-Caryl website at www.ken-carylranh.org. Questions about the lottery? Call 303-979-4070.



Archaeology Artifact Day March 23

Have you ever found an old-looking object on your property or while hiking in Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space and you wanted to know more about it? Perhaps it looked ancient like an arrow, spear point, or stone tool, or maybe you found something closer to our time like a historic artifact from the early settlers.

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society would like you to bring your ancient and historical artifacts to its Archaeology Artifact Day event on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ranch House. The Historical Society will have experts on hand to tell you more about your artifact.

The Historical Society can help you know more about your artifact, and they would like to photograph and document it for archival purposes. If you don't want to keep your item, you are welcome to donate the artifact so the Historical Society can add it to their permanent collection for future study. Donating the item is completely optional. For more information, contact the Historical Society's Archaeology Committee Chair, Jack Warner, at jackeagle@aol.com.

District Dimensions Catalog Online March 8

As the weather warms, the Metropolitan District is getting ready for spring and summer. The District's new summer program catalog, District Dimensions, will be available online at www.ken-carylranh.org March 8.

Residents get a week of priority registration before registration opens to the public. This year, Resident Registration begins Monday, April 1 followed by public registration starting Monday, April 8. Please note that summer camp registration is handled separately through a lottery. The lottery dates are March 11-15.

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This photo of a mountain lion was captured by a trail camera on Cougar Trail (how appropriate!) on Oct. 15, 2017.

The Lions Outside Our Living Rooms

By Environmental Education Coordinator Alex Shermot

As residents and recreation enthusiasts of the Colorado front range, we benefit from the many offerings of the mountains and foothills - incredible scenery, diverse flora, and abundant wildlife to name a few. However, with all good things come certain challenges. One of these challenges can sometimes be large predators, which, notably, have been living in Colorado much longer than humans have. Because we have moved into their territory and continue to increase human population and activity in once wild areas, we must learn effective strategies for coexistence and appreciate the predator's incredible significance in our shared ecosystems.

Currently, the top predator of conversation is the mountain lion (also referred to as a cougar, puma, panther, or catamount) because of the early February attack on a trail runner in Fort Collins, Colorado. This is only one of 20 physical human-mountain lion encounters since 1990 in Colorado (according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife) with only three of those 20 instances resulting in human fatalities. In this case, the trail runner survived to tell his story of a very rare chance meeting between human and lion. Most people in Colorado will never see the estimated 3,000 to 7,000 mountain lions living across our state.

While I haven't personally seen a lion, I've encountered evidence that they've been in the same area as me. Twice this past year, once in Evergreen, Colorado, and once in Staunton State Park near Conifer, Colorado, I've stumbled upon a mountain lion cache (a recent kill) with my husband while hiking. I knew from previous conversations I've had with my coworkers and ranger friends at the City of Boulder to get away from that area as quickly as I could (because some of them had actually seen lions). A lion cache can be a lion's food source for up to 10 days (according to the National Park Service), so I didn't want to provide any reason for a lion to come investigate me.

I've also seen fresh cat scat (more colloquially, poop) on trail, which is one of the ways they mark their territory. It was especially interesting to see scat with teeth while hiking on trail (although this particular scat wasn't seen in Colorado). These instances make me consider the mountain lion populations around me and how important it is to learn about them instead of fear them because ultimately, we're both roaming around the same areas.

Mountain lions are elusive, large mammals whose presence is noted across the Western Hemisphere from the Yukon to

the bottom of South America. They require large territories to thrive, 13 times as much area as a black bear or 40 times as much area as a bobcat, according to the National Wildlife Federation, and can make their home anywhere there is shelter and prey. Prey are usually deer and elk, which is one of the reasons why they are so key to our ecosystems. But mountain lions can also misinterpret small children and pets to be prey as well (especially younger lions who aren't accustomed to hunting yet). Because of the latter, it is important we all do what we can to make appropriate choices when in lion country.

While no official studies have been performed to determine the best response when meeting a lion, from the few encounters that have occurred, individuals have noticed certain patterns of behavior and responses. This being said, every situation is unique. No choice can guarantee absolute safety from any variety of wildlife, including mountain lions, but smart choices can make outings safer. Colorado Parks and Wildlife suggests the following to help keep humans and lions safe:

- Avoid being out at dusk or dawn in habitable areas. This is when lions are most active. So if you normally run alone on trail at the break of dawn with a tiny dog, maybe consider waiting a few hours for you and your pup's safety.
- Go in a group. If you're walking, hiking, biking, or with a pet, go with some friends and keep small children close to you! Also, be noisy. This will reduce your chance of surprising a lion.
- Do not approach a lion. Most mountain lions want to avoid conflict; don't corner them or approach them. Provide a way for them to escape.
- In the rare case you encounter a lion, stay calm, be big, and back away slowly. Talk calmly and firmly to the lion while backing away safely (if you can). Running away will stimulate predatory instinct and no human can outrun a lion. Raise your arms, open your jacket if you're wearing one, or raise your backpack above your head. Pick up small children so they don't panic or run.
- If the lion begins to act aggressively, throw things at the lion that are within arm's reach without crouching or bending down. If the lion attacks, fight back! Remain standing or try to get back up if you've been forced to the ground.

In the rare case you have encountered a lion or an attack occurs, immediately contact the Ken-Caryl Park Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife at 303-291-7227. For any after-hours wildlife emergencies, you can contact Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-

4501. This information can be very valuable to organizations in maintaining safety for both the animals and humans in the area. In some cases, lions may be relocated or areas of high activity may be temporarily shut down. In all cases, knowledge is power in creating safe spaces for both people and lions.

As human populations continue to increase and recreation areas continue to expand into lion habitat, remember that you and the choices you make can keep humans and lions safe. Without these key apex predators, unchecked prey animals like mule deer can eliminate retaining plants and new growth along rivers and streams contributing to erosion of

waterways. Erosion can affect the balance of riparian areas (areas near water) and floodplains. It can cause population booms in prey animals which leads to increased animal traffic, overgrazing, or even the spread of disease. Then these imbalances can cascade throughout an ecosystem, impacting species like fish, lizards, butterflies, and ultimately humans. Everything exists in a delicate balance and mountain lions are part of that balance. Through continued efforts and education, we can coexist with the lions outside our living rooms.

For more information about lions, see <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion1.aspx>.



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Sunday	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

How to Register for Classes & Events

Online: Go to www.ken-carylranch.org and click on Register for Classes at the top to get started.

Phone: 303-979-4070 or 303-979-2233.

In-Person: Walk in to the Ranch House or Community Center.

For those paying for programs with a credit or debit card, you will now see an increase of 4.25% per transaction, which will help offset \$90,000 the District pays in card processing fees each year. Payments made with cash or check will not be subject to the increased fee. The District has consulted its legal team and other professionals in the credit card industry to determine that as a governmental entity, it is exempt from the law that prohibits charging patrons for credit card fees.

◆ Youth Programs

Fencing Classes at Dakota Lodge

The Olympic sport of fencing is returning to Ken-Caryl Ranch! Beginner-level classes will be held at Dakota Lodge for ages 7-17. These classes will be taught by Gregg Bramblett or Tom Strzalkowski from Fencing Academy of Denver.

Dates: Tuesdays, March 5 - May 14
Time: 5-5:45 p.m.
Location: Dakota Lodge
Fee: Resident: \$180
Non-Resident: \$216

Course #47130

Spring Break Camp

Join us for fun-filled camps each day of spring break, March 25-29! There are school-age camps at the Ranch House and Dakota Lodge, and preschool mini-camps are at the Community Center! Public registration is now open. Check out www.ken-carylranch.org for details!

◆ Youth Programs

Before & After Care for Fall 2019

Registration for 2019-2020 Before & After Care starts March 25! The Ranch House program serves Shaffer Elementary. Bradford families have the option to choose between the Community Center and the Dakota Lodge programs. For registration forms and more information, see www.ken-carylranch.org.

Summer Camps and Classes

Summer Camp registration is processed through a lottery system. Camp registration forms will be posted online March 1, and the lottery will be held from March 11-15. These forms can be sent in or turned in during this week only and are due by 6 p.m. on March 15. Registration for specialty classes, including teen camps and specialty one-week programs, will begin April 1 for residents and April 8 for non-residents. Camp and class information can be found at www.ken-carylranch.org.

Young Engineers Lego STEM Program

Build amusement park rides, simple machines, robots, and more! The Bricks Challenge program introduces elementary-aged children to the basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) through storytelling and building exclusive motorized models with LEGO® bricks. You can sign up for multiple weeks, one week, or even just drop in. Register at <https://littletoncolorado.e2youngengineers.com/locations/>.

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Dates: Wednesdays, Jan. 16 - April 24
Time: 4:30-5:45 p.m.
Location: Ranch House

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This course is designed for 11-13 year olds, to give the knowledge necessary for the first-time babysitting. The skills covered are: pediatric CPR/first aid 2-year certification, personal safety, growth and development, discipline, injury and illness prevention, and basic childcare such as diapering, feeding, and bathing. Bring a sack lunch and drink. You must stay for the entire time to become certified.

Date: Saturday, March 9
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Ranch House
Fee: Resident: \$70
Non-Resident: \$85

Course #46523

◆ Youth Programs



Family Story Time at the Ranch House

We are partnering again with Jefferson County Libraries to offer family fun while sharing our love of children's literature. Family and Baby Story Times are combined into one Family Story Time for all ages. The program is free, and no registration is required.

Dates: Every Thursday
Time: 10:15 a.m.
Location: Ranch House
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◆ Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate the holiday with thousands of eggs, a raffle, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Date: Sunday, April 14
Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Ranch House

◆ Special Events

Earth Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, April 27
Time: 12-4 p.m.
Location: Dakota Lodge

Community Recycling & Cleanup Event

Date: Saturday, May 4
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Ranch House



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Date: Monday, May 27
Time: 10 a.m.
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Littleton Symphony Orchestra

The Littleton Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Jurgen de Lemos, announces their next concert of the season: Music from New York, Friday, April 12 at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St. in Littleton.

Join the Littleton Symphony for this concert featuring cellist Matthew Zalkind performing the Dvorak Cello Concerto in B minor, one of the two most-performed of all cello concerti in the world. Also on the concert: Gershwin's colorful Cuban Overture, Griffes' lovely White Peacock, and the rousing Buckaroo's Holiday from Rodeo by Aaron Copeland.

More information and tickets available at www.littletonsymphony.org or by phone at 303-933-6824.

Water 4 Life in Colorado

A Symposium of Art, Music, and Dialogue

Genesis Church, 5707 S. Simms St., will present a community open house Sunday, April 7 from 1-4 p.m. to discuss serious water issues that face Colorado. There will be a special art and photography exhibit, music, refreshments, and a panel discussion. Experts in the field of water resources management will share ideas on how to ensure water for all in Colorado.

Foothills Colorado Crop Hunger Walk

The 2019 Foothills Colorado Crop Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 5 at Clement Park in Littleton. The walk starts at 1:30 p.m., and registration and activities begin at 1 p.m. You can register to walk or donate to the walk online at www.crophungerwalk.org/littletonco.



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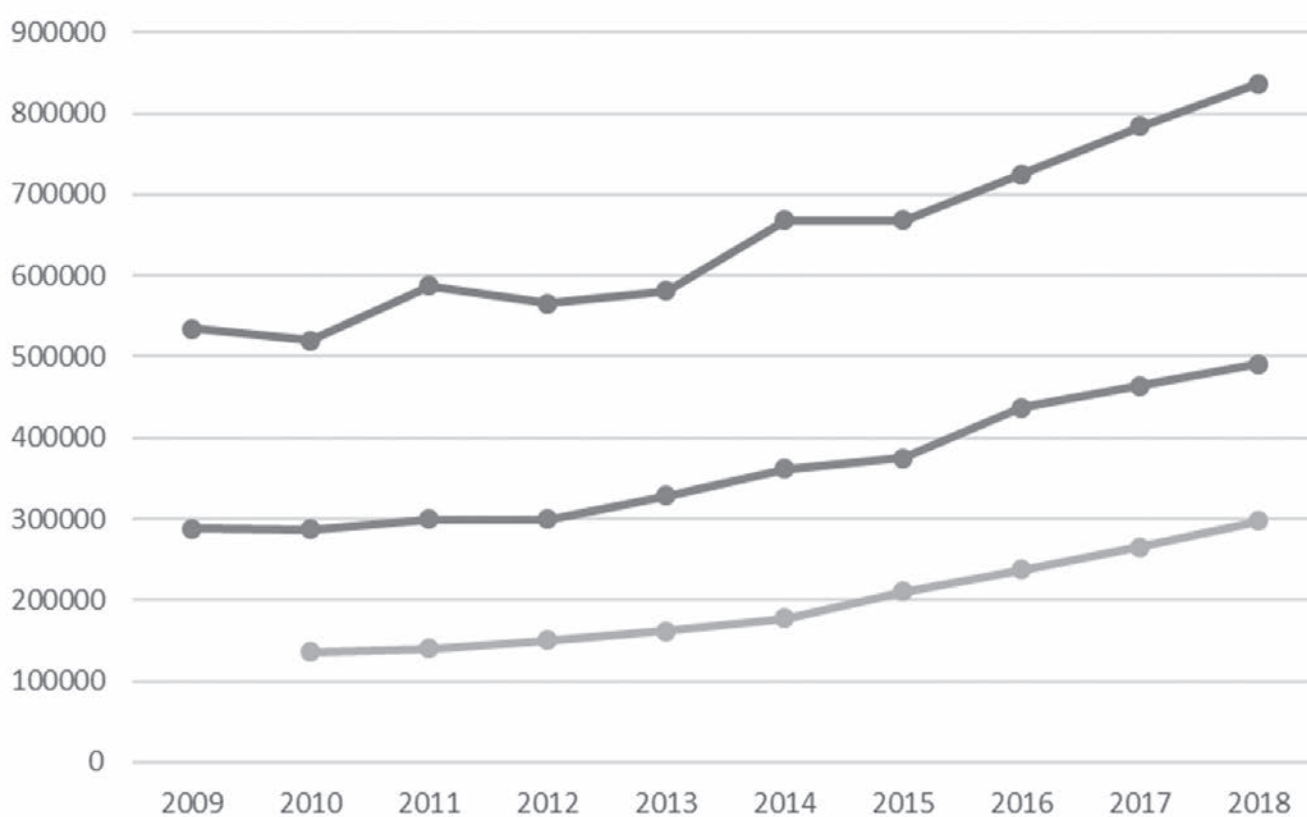


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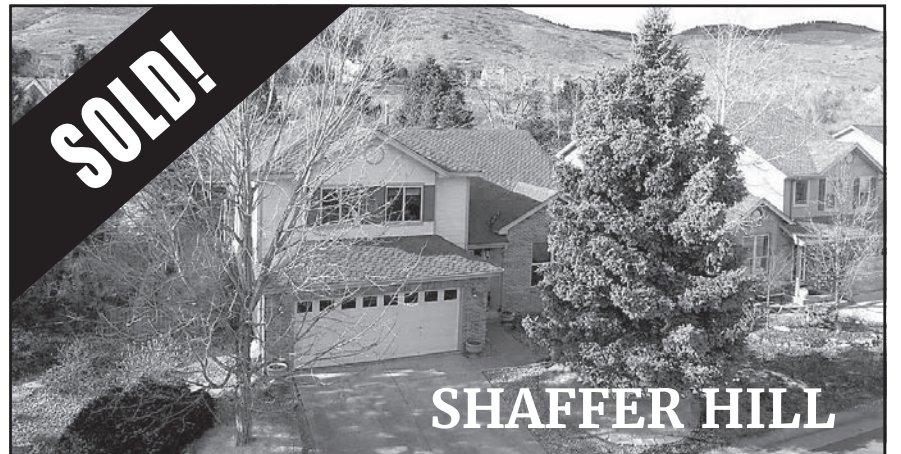
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Powerful Windstorm Blows Through Ken-Caryl

On Feb. 13, a windstorm took out trees and scattered debris throughout the Ken-Caryl community. Lisa Seybert, a Ken-Caryl resident in the Saddlewood

neighborhood, took this photo of a downed evergreen. Some other residents reported missing patio cushions and trash cans. Loose papers were also

strewn about the street. To help keep our community clean, please bag your trash, particularly papers, before placing it in trash bins.



Coyotes are Active in this Area

All Front Range communities, including Ken-Caryl Ranch, are home to coyotes! Coyotes in populated areas are less fearful of people. They have been known to attack pets and approach people too closely.

Your Home & Coyotes:

- Never Feed Coyotes!
- Remove attractants from your yard, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders, and fallen fruit.
- Secure trash in a container with a locking lid or put trash out on the morning of pick up.
- Deter coyotes with a 6-foot privacy fence.
- Never approach wildlife. If a coyote approaches, yell, throw rocks or sticks at it, spray with a hose, or bang pots and pans.

If a Coyote Approaches You:

- Do not run or turn your back.
- Be as big and loud as possible.
- Wave your arms and throw objects.
- Face the coyote and back away slowly.
- If attacked, fight back.

Protect Your Pets:

- Keep pets on a short (6-foot) leash.
- Use extra caution dusk through dawn.
- Avoid known or potential den sites and thick vegetation.
- Do not allow dogs to play or interact with a coyote.
- Pick up small pets if confronted by a coyote.
- Always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn or dusk.
- Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
- Don't leave pet food outside.
- If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully-enclosed kennel.

Be Prepared!

If you have concerns about an encounter with a coyote:

- Recreate during daylight hours.
- Walk with a walking stick.
- Keep a deterrent spray handy.
- Carry noise makers or rocks to throw.

Questions or Concerns?

If you are experiencing problems with coyotes, contact the Ken-Caryl Park Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170. If you have an emergency situation involving coyotes, contact the nearest Colorado Parks and Wildlife office, which is located in Littleton, at 303-791-1954. For an after-hours emergency, call the Colorado State Patrol at 303-239-4500.



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Preparing for Fire in the Ken-Caryl Wildland Urban Interface

By Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

Dangerous wildfires burning across the western United States forced the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people, burned thousands of homes, and killed hundreds of residents in 2018. Homeowners were forced to flee their homes, some with little time to prepare. It is never too early to plan for a potential evacuation, even if you're not in an area immediately affected by the flames. Wildfires can quickly travel great distances and move erratically — especially when driven by the wind.

Ken-Caryl Ranch and Valley reside in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), where homes and rapidly burning fuels meet for a volatile mix. The wildfire season now extends into all months of the year. Ken-Caryl residents must be prepared for a rapidly growing fire threatening their homes and families. Here are some suggestions to prepare for such an emergency.

Before the Fire

Make a Plan: Families should set a meeting point in case they are not all together at the time of evacuation. Someone should be responsible for grabbing the emergency kit from your home. Designate an out-of-area friend or contact, and let that person know that the family is evacuating and to where. If family members are separated, or phone systems are overloaded, sending a text message to the contact might be the only way to let others know you are safe. Map at least two evacuation routes and practice evacuation through those routes in the dark of night as smoke may quickly darken the skies.

Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit: Think beyond a flashlight, batteries, food, and water. Imagine you're going on a camping trip for a week - what things would you have to take with you? Consider gathering a three-day supply of nonperishable food and three gallons of water per person. Also pack a change of clothes, prescription medications, and extra eyeglasses or contact lenses. If you have pets, do not forget about pet food and medication.

Identify irreplaceable family photos, jewelry or heirlooms, and make room for them in the evacuation kit as well. Keep important documents together. Gather birth certificates, property titles, insurance records and other crucial paperwork. In addition to being difficult to replace, some of the documents could be needed to file claims with insurers or FEMA after the fire. Keeping a digital copy of the files, either on a hard drive in the emergency kit or available online, is also wise.

Families that have time to plan might consider sending older photos and videos to an outside company to scan and transfer to a DVD. The DVD can then be stored in a bank safety-deposit box or mailed before the fire to a remote family member.

When the Fire Approaches

Prepare Your Home: If you have time, remove flammable items like wood piles, brush, and propane tanks at least 30 feet away from your house. Patio furniture and umbrellas should also be placed at the same distance. Attach garden hoses to spigots to give firefighters a water source if they need it, but don't turn the water on. Shut all windows and doors, but leave them unlocked once you evacuate so firefighters can get in. Turn on outdoor lights so firefighters can see the house through the smoke. Shut off the gas at the meter and turn off the air-conditioning.

• Fuel up. Keep the family car topped off with gas to avoid any delays.

- Go to the ATM. Cash is key after emergencies. Keep your credit cards handy, too.
- Tune in to local media and monitor social media.

Once You Decide to Evacuate

You don't need to wait for an order. If your home is threatened by fire and you're able to leave, there's no need to wait for warnings. Recent fires have demonstrated that those who leave the earliest often fare the best and provide the safest evacuation for their families. Roads may be jammed, and firefighters have little space to move. When you decide to leave, dress in pants, long sleeves, and sturdy shoes.

Grab your Electronics: Cellphones, personal computers, backup hard drives, and chargers should all go into the car, along with the emergency kit, personal documents, family keepsakes, cash and credit cards. Don't forget the pets. They will be scared.

Be Smart in the Car: Close your windows and use recirculated air-conditioning.

Tips and Resources for Seniors

Seniors are one of the most at-risk age groups when a wildfire comes dangerously close. If a wildfire is in the area, here are some tips to follow for seniors who live alone:

- Consider early evacuation. Back the car into the garage in the direction of escape. Be sure to shut the doors and windows.
- Arrange temporary housing should you be evacuated.
- If you are advised to evacuate, wear protective clothing like sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, long sleeved shirts, gloves, and a handkerchief.
- Take your disaster supplies, which should include medications, money,

- water, and food.
- Lock your home and inform someone of where you are going.
- Plan a route that heads in the opposite direction of the fires. Wildfires can devastate environments, families, and homes. It is important to be prepared when a natural disaster occurs. Making pre-evacuation plans, preparing your home and loved ones, and

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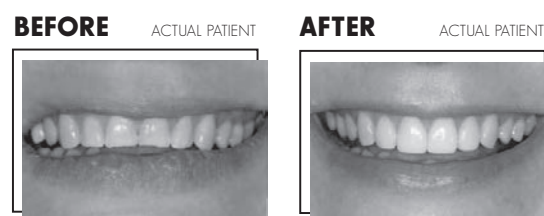
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Email to victoriad@kcranch.org. Deadline for March 20 Issue: March 11 at 5 p.m.

Dear Editor:

We have all been mesmerized by the account of trail runner Travis Kaufman's account of being attacked by a mountain lion. In his telling he recounts "he heard pine needles rustling and a twig break." This may have saved his life because he turned around in time to meet the attack. He was following an old trail mantra "be aware of your surroundings." However, what I observe is many trail users doing just the opposite. They are tuning out with their buds creating a self-induced nirvana (Beethoven no doubt) that takes them out of their environment.

We here on our great KC trails are aware that bears, mountain lions, and rattlesnakes are part of our outdoor experience. Fortunately, we have not had any encounters like Travis'. I'm always surprised to see someone with buds going onto a trail, knowing the risks. Our hogback area is replete with rattlesnakes. It's said that the rattlesnake is the gentlemen of snakes because they're the only poisonous snakes on the planet that warn you before they bite you. However, that warning will be lost on some who choose to listen up and tune out.

Happy Trails.
Joe Breheny
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Charlie Meyers was Colorado's "true conservation hero." He advocated for "Colorado's true, enduring treasure: our wildlife... we need to preserve habitat in

order to protect and maintain healthy wildlife."

Locally, whose responsibility is it to manage and protect wildlife and preserve habitat? We rely on four Rangers.

Recently, JeffCo opened a new trail, Black Bear Trail. The trail is for shared-use recreation. However, the county land managers are not ignoring the needs of wildlife. The managers informed users that there would be "Stay on Trail" signage and there would be "seasonal trail closures for nesting raptors and unfavorable conditions on the ground."

Jefferson County Open Space posted on their website: "Seasonal wildlife closures protect wildlife at sensitive times in their lifecycles." "Portions of the Black Bear Trail, Clear Creek Canyon Trail, Deer Creek Canyon, Hildebrand Park, and Cathedral Spires will all be closed Feb. 1 to July 31 to protect raptor nesting territory. In addition, North Table Mountain will be closed to protect nesting raptor territory and ground-nesting bird habitat. Crown Hill will be closed to protect nesting and brooding waterfowl. Elk Range Trail will be closed February through June to protect elk during their calving season. JeffCo uses Federal, State, and local laws and guidelines and knowledge of wildlife populations to delineate closure areas and times. Violations result in fines or imprisonment."

The pressing and obvious question is why haven't any of our Rangers initiated seasonal trail closures on our private Open Space in order to protect raptor nesting territory, ground-nesting birds, and elk/deer during calving season? The Docmann and Cougar Trails would qualify as "sensitive areas" because there is a documented active Golden Eagles' nest and hunting territory in close proximity, and deer calve there in the spring. It seems irresponsible that our Rangers are not

following the example set by the county. Who is protecting Ken-Caryl's enduring treasure: our wildlife, our land?

It is not our Rangers. Sean Warren refused to consider seasonal trail closures. Could it be as Recreation Director for the Trail Club/MA, his allegiance to the environment and wildlife takes second place?

Kathy Webster
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Annual season closures (Feb. 1 through July 31) in Centennial Cone Park (north of US 6 and west of Hwy 93) and South Valley Park, both in JeffCo, and Highlands Ranch in DougCo have been enforced for years to protect Golden Eagle nesting areas. Yet, in spite of requests to have annual season closures for our Golden Eagles during sensitive nesting seasons, residents have been told that this is unwarranted as the "area is outside the recommended buffer zone" (CO Parks & Wildlife).

"Recommended" means guideline. Each nest is unique. Highlands Ranch closes their private Wildcat Mountain Trail System (January-August) protecting eagles from human disturbances. South Valley Park adjoins KCR property to our south and east of the Lockheed Martin building, and has been closed annually for years. Why do our Rangers and Open Space Committee feel that closing an area outside the buffer zone is unwarranted?

The Federal Eagle Act states "a variety of human activities can potentially interfere with bald eagles (and golden eagles), affecting their ability to forge, nest, roost, breed or raise young." This constitutes a "disturbance" prohibited by law. It also can carry a fine of \$250,000.

This, to me, shows the Ranger staff and continued on page 18

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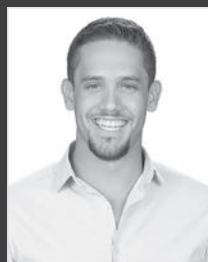
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OSC are not concerned about the wildlife in KCR. Wildlife was here first and should be given consideration in our open space to protect them and their offspring. KC documents regarding open space are clearly written with an extremely detailed focus on the preservation and protection of the ecosystems and wildlife in regards to appropriate human activities and human access. Staff actions/words show the opposite.

A justifiable reason has not been given as to why K/C's sensitive areas do not qualify for seasonal trail closures in order to protect raptor nesting territory. JeffCo and Highlands Ranch have been closing their areas for years; we should be doing the same. Once the eagles are gone, they're most likely gone for good. We already have lost a wonderful elk herd due to development in their habitat; let's not lose any other wildlife due to KCR's lack of concern.

Rilla Reinsma
Ken-Caryl Resident

Editor's Note: The editor reached out to Open Space Manager Sean Warren regarding seasonal trail closures. He said seasonal trail closures are sometimes used when a trail is located in proximity to known raptor nest sites. The Docmann Trail was built well outside the Colorado Parks and Wildlife recommended half-mile nest buffer zone for Golden Eagles. Potential impacts of the trail to the South Valley eagle nest have been reasonably mitigated by placement of the trail outside this buffer zone, and a seasonal closure of the trail is unwarranted.

Dear Editor:

A big shout out to our two amazing candidates who are running for the MA Board! Both Seth Murphy and Scotty Martin are excellent choices for our Board.

Seth has served six years and has done a fantastic job at carefully considering the issues, voicing his concerns or support, listening to all the residents, Board members and experts, and making good decisions for our community.

I have also known Scotty for several years and he, too, would make an excellent Board member. He has a strong background that will help him in understanding the complex issues that face our community. He's very personable, reasonable, and always listens to what you have to say with all ears. It's too bad there aren't two seats open this year. As a community, we can't go wrong with either of these guys, and I'm thrilled to call each of them a friend and neighbor. Thank you both for your willingness to serve our community and take precious time away from your families to do so!

Anna Gardner
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Editor Victoria DeSair, you are the best. My concerns as a Mountain Biker. There was a letter written by Amy Lehman in the Jan. 23 issue. She writes about an adult male biker who was harassed by a man driving a car. He objected to the biker riding on a trail before dawn. In the past open space was closed from dusk to dawn, but unfortunately, the MA Board changed the rule. Using an automobile to intimidate is totally unacceptable and dangerous. People who intimidate should either justify their behavior or apologize.

This brings attention to a much broader rift in our KCR community. People are concerned about the erosion of our commitment to the preservation of the open space and wildlife habitat. I agree and feel there has been too much trail construction with the wrong type of trails

and too many mountain bike incidents. Please refer to the Letters to the Editor in our KCR newspaper dated Feb. 20 and read how Seth Murphy has been on the other side of this issue. Read how he has treated residents with opposing views. I have attended the vast majority of MA Board Meetings since 2014 and can attest to many of these embarrassing incidents.

As I read nine Letters to the Editor versus the one supporting him, I feel the pain of these residents rather than animosity. The one letter supporting Mr. Murphy was written by Mike Miro, and I know Mike to be an upstanding and decent person. Mike and I differ about the mountain biking activity. In his article Mike Miro states "I'm able to attend a handful of meetings each year." My response is: Mike, you have not come close to the number I have attended and not witnessed what I have observed. The election will be over before this letter is in print. The business block-vote is substantial and because of the mountain bike advocate influence I think Seth Murphy will win. With patience a time will come when the residents will correct the imbalance on this Board and limit this dangerous mountain bike activity.

Jim Fodor
Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I was very disappointed to read the letter submitted by Mr. Esbenschade who was trying to enlighten me about the impartiality of the Rupert Murdoch owned Wall Street Journal, which evidently published an article listing President Trump's 27 accomplishments since being elected.

I was under the impression that Life at Ken-Caryl was intended to be a forum for relevant local issues; think Docmann Trail. After checking the Letters to the Editor Policy, I was wrong, and so I can't blame you – the Editor, for allowing this transgression. Unless Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who was pardoned by Trump and listed as one of his 27 accomplishments, is a resident of Ken-Caryl Ranch, it appears Life at KC has become just another piece of the never-ending, over-hyped partisan news puzzle we find ourselves trying to solve every day. From my perspective, another sad day in local journalism.

However, on a more positive note, since apparently letters can address any items of interest (to the author) I offer your readers the following link from the Adirondack Daily Enterprise. It is a newspaper I helped deliver as a boy way back in the day. The link provides information on local sports. I suggest reading about the Second Annual Snow Shoe Race held in Saranac Lake, NY this past weekend. Hopefully, some will find it enjoyable albeit equally as irrelevant as national politics in Life at KC.

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John Rodell
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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
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood
Reece Hodges	303-667-2606	L, P, S	12	Saddlewood
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
Bethany McCollough	720-749-0298	B, P, S	16	Stallion Pointe
Holly McCollough	720-492-0288	B, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
Hayden Nash	303-895-8117	B, P	12	Cimarron
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	15	Legacy
William Newsom	303-325-5232	L, S	17	Legacy
Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	14	Heirloom
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	14	Traditions
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 Ruszkowski	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
Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows
Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows
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
Genevieve 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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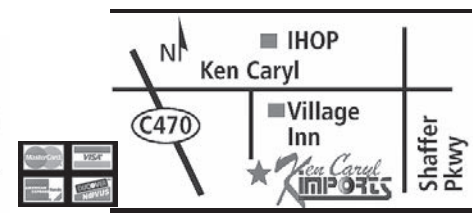


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