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Meeting Date: Thursday, March 9 **Time:** 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Bradford K-8 North, 2 Woodruff Please join representatives from Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District and Jefferson County Schools for an informational meeting

County Schools for an informational meeting regarding proposed ball fields at the Bradford K-8 North School (formerly called Bradford

Intermediate). The purpose of the meeting is to gauge the community's interest in the ballfields and their use. Childcare will be available. This will serve as a special meeting of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District Board. An agenda and project fact sheet will be available online prior to the meeting. A meeting summary will be available online at www.ken-carylranch.org the day after the meeting.



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Project Update

By KCRMA Executive Director Chris Pacetti

As part of our daily activities, the bond projects are beginning to fade in the mirror. Hopefully you are enjoying the many enhancements that are the result. However, that does not stop our continuing efforts to maintain and improve the assets of the community.

Our partners at Lefever Building
Systems and Century Electric are finishing
up work on the reconstruction of the
riding school barn at the Equestrian
Center. Winter was a difficult time to
complete this project, but we wanted to
get it finished in time for spring/summer
use and are on schedule to do that. Sierra
Pokorn, our Equestrian Center Manager,
and her team will be working now to
build out the interior of the barn and

reconstruct the school horse boarding pens on either side of the structure.

Work is scheduled to begin on the 2017 fence replacement project in the Aspen Meadows community this week. The new playground and landscape changes at the Dakota Lodge are also scheduled to be underway this week, again for a spring completion so as to allow for community enjoyment as soon as the weather improves. The cottonwood trees at the corner of South Valley Road and the Valley Parkway were trimmed over the winter in an effort to enhance the view as we enter the Valley.

We enjoyed some unseasonably warm February weather allowing a bit of a jump on spring outdoor activities that I hope will cause an even better than usual spring look to the Ranch.

Coffee and Conversation with the Managers

Have you connected with us lately? Or shared your great ideas for the community with your neighbors? Join Metropolitan District Manager Melissa Daruna and Master Association Executive Director Chris Pacetti for Coffee and Conversation.

Date:Wednesday, March 8Time:9:30-10:30 a.m.Location:Ranch House Bradford

Room

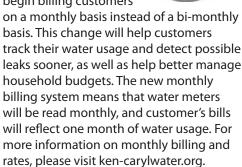
Master Association Board Election Results

As of press time, the Master Association Board election was still underway. The election ended March 7 at 5 p.m., and results are posted at www.ken-carylranch.org.

• Water District News

Water District to Convert to Monthly Billing

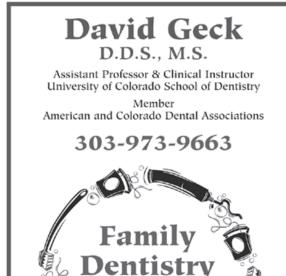
Starting on April 1, Ken-Caryl Water and Sanitation District will begin billing customers





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Wed. Fri. Sun. Mon. Tues. Thurs. Sat. 5 6 7 8 10 11 7 p.m. Master 9:30-10:30 a.m 7:30 a.m. Coffee and Architectural Association Conversation Committee Annual Meeting Managers 9:30 a.m. Baby Time 7:30 p.m. MA/MD 10:15 a.m. Joint Study Story Time Session 7-8:30 p.m. Informational Community Meeting: Bradford Ball Fields Bradford K-8 North 12 14 17 18 16 4:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Parks Advisory Covenant Baby Time Committee Committee 10:15 a.m. 7 p.m. Story Time Equestrian Center Task Force Dakota Lodge 22 23 24 25 20 21 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Summer Summer Summe Summer Summer Programs Programs **Programs Programs Programs** 6:30 p.m. 7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.

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Committee

9:30 a.m.

Baby Time

10:15 a.m. Story Time

Committee

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7 p.m. Community Planning

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9:30 a.m.

Baby Time

10:15 a.m.

Story Time

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

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District Board

Construction of Community Center Tennis Courts 1 and 2

Demolition of tennis courts 1 and 2 at the Community Center began in late February. The Metropolitan District is replacing these courts with new post-tension courts. The new courts will be available for tennis in June. If you have any questions about the project, contact District Manager Melissa Daruna at melissad@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 136.

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Xeriscape!



By Community Standards Administrator Jenny Bernal Ken-Caryl Ranch, nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Rockies, inspires us every day. More and more residents want their yards to blend in to the beautiful

surroundings and to be friendly to the environment. A great way to do this is through Xeriscape.

So what is Xeriscape anyway? Pronounced zeer-ehscape, it is a set of gardening principles that help to save water, time, and money and provide beautiful landscape alternatives. Xeriscapes have rocks, watersaving plant life, indigenous trees, succulents and

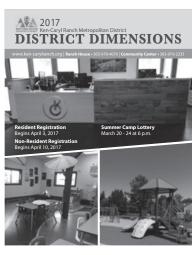
more. There are so many options and opportunities for great style to showcase your home and yard without breaking the bank. When planning your design keep in mind the "winter look" of your garden, choose some plants that are hearty in winter to keep your yard looking its best all year long! A good landscaper can help you make the right choices. Check out our Contractor Reference Database on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org under the Residents tab. Check out some great examples at coloradowaterwise.org, denverwater.org or simply Google "Xeriscape."

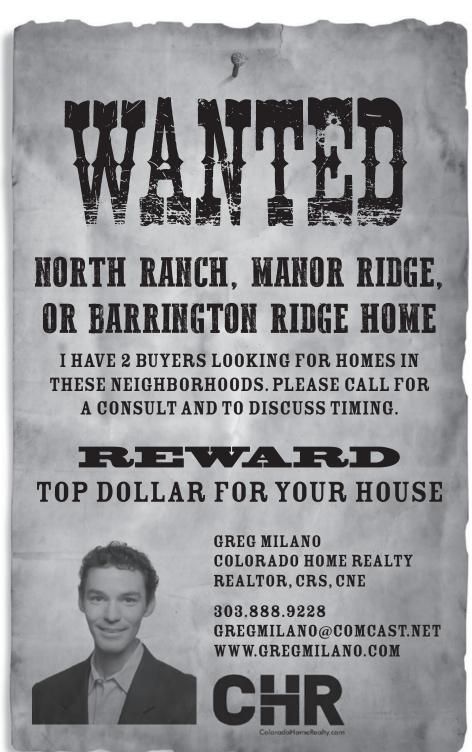
Many residents have been asking to see examples of Xeriscape on the Ranch. If you have or know of a fabulous Xeriscape yard in your neighborhood, please send me a snapshot that we can share with other homeowners for ideas. Email pictures to jennyb@kcranch.org.

District Dimensions

Recreation Course Catalog Online March 13

The District Dimensions Summer
Recreation Course Catalog will be available
exclusively online starting March 13. The
2017 catalog features program information
for Aquatics, Tennis, Early Childhood, School
Age, Teen/Pre-Teen, KC Nature, Fitness,
Sports and Special Events. This catalog
will be your ultimate guide for summer
recreation programming, and the recreation
staff wants to make browsing your many
program offerings an easy, one-stop shop.
The catalog will be available online starting
March 13 at www.ken-carylranch.org under
the Programs & Activities tab.





Master Association Board

The following is a summary of items from the Feb. 21 business meeting of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board:

- A resident spoke about the neighborhood signage policy and turned in the Heirloom neighborhood sign petition.
- The Open Space Manager gave a brief overview of the proposed Manor House Open Space Restoration Project.
- The Volunteer Trail Coordinator updated the Board on recent activities and plans for 2017.
- A Board member reported on the potential replacement of the irrigation system on Greenbelt E.
- The Open Space Manager presented the 2016 patrol and wildlife call log data.
- A motion passed authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with Ed Galisewski for a one-year trial of beekeeping in the open space.
- A motion passed authorizing an expenditure of up to \$3,366 from the 2017 Contingency line item for electrical work in the Shed Row at the Equestrian Center. Motion contingent on \$800 donation from boarders.
- A motion passed renaming Lower Question Mark Peak Loop Trail the Golden Banner Trail.
- A motion passed appointing Chris Figge as Secretary of the Board.

Metro District Board

On Feb. 28, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District held a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and discussed the following items and took the following actions:

- The Board received an update on the prairie dog relocation and a request to fill empty boroughs. The Board will discuss the proposal in more detail at future meetings when the topic is on the agenda.
- Staff presented an overview of the Fitness Center contract with Elevation Corporate Health.
- The Board reviewed and approved the updated rental space policy and fees.
- Staff gave an update on the construction of Community Center Tennis Courts
 1 and 2. The old courts are now demolished, and construction of the new courts will begin soon. The courts are expected to be playable in June.
- The Board received an updated on the Veterans Monument.
- Several residents came to the meeting to discuss the proposed ball fields at Bradford K-8 North. Residents are encouraged to attend the March 9 community meeting at 7 p.m. at Bradford.



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Coyote Sightings in the Plains

By Open Space Ranger Gary Norton

Source: Information from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Fact Sheet: Most Commonly asked questions about urban coyotes.

The Ranger Staff has recently received several calls about coyotes being sighted in the urban areas on the Plains side of Ken-Caryl Ranch. Sightings are on the rise but coyotes are commonly found in residential areas. Residential areas provide habitat (food, water, shelter and space) for coyotes. Plentiful food sources exist such as mice, rabbits, squirrels and voles. Urban coyotes have also learned to take advantage of the ample human-associated foods, such as garbage, pet food, bird seed and compost piles. Some coyotes have also learned that unattended pets are an easy food source. Shelter and water can be found in parks, yards and natural areas.

Cases have been reported and confirmed of residents feeding coyotes in the past. Illegal feeding could lead to the increase in coyote activity and the loss of their natural wariness of people.

Unfortunately, one person in your neighborhood leaving attractants out or intentionally feeding coyotes or other wildlife can create "bad" behavior. Coyotes that associate humans with food may become demanding, aggressive and unpredictable. Habituated coyotes that are in close proximity to humans without negative consequences can lead to conflicts with coyotes.

So far the coyotes being seen have not exhibited bad behavior but hazing coyotes is always a good idea to insure that coyotes in the area continue to interact with people in a proper way. Hazing reduces the comfort level that coyotes can develop in urban areas. If a coyote is sighted, make loud noises, clap, or throw sticks and rocks at the coyote. Hazing is not intended to harm coyotes so if you have any questions about proper hazing techniques contact the Ranger staff for information.

Spring is around the corner and coyotes can become more active and defensive during mating season. Dogs can be seen as a threat to coyotes. Always supervise your pets outside, especially at dawn and dusk. If you must leave your dog outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel. Keep your pets on a short leash and never let them

interact or play with wildlife. Avoid known or potential den sites and thick vegetation where coyotes may seek cover. Pick up small dogs when coyotes are visible.

We live in a state with rich and diverse wildlife resources -- that's why many people choose to call Colorado home. Coyotes live statewide, so whether you live inside or outside of the city, you may see or encounter a coyote. Having a general understanding of coyotes and other urban wildlife may help minimize some of the fears you may have.

If you have additional questions or concerns about wildlife, or to request additional information, contact CPW at 303-291-7227. You can also visit their website at www.wildlife.state.co.us. The Ranger staff also monitors coyote activity. To report unusual coyote activity, call the Ranger staff at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

Parks and Wildlife Volunteers to Help with Coyote Education

Over the next few weeks, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is sending volunteers to Ken-Caryl Ranch to walk the greenbelt near Shaffer Elementary and the Ranch House to educate residents on coyotes. There have been several coyote sightings in this area over the last couple months. The volunteers will be wearing clothing that says Colorado Parks and Wildlife Volunteer.

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The Thermometer is Dropping and the Snow is Falling – Perfect Time to Gather Your Family in Front of the Fireplace and Talk About Wildfire

Submitted by Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

The calendar says mid-winter, but the humidity is low, the winds are gusting and the top brush is already dry. A wildfire could occur today.

The Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee encourages you to be prepared in the event of a wildfire. Always be vigilant. Ready, Set, Go is an important program designed to help you and your family stay safe. Here is the latest on how you can be prepared:

Are You Ready?

The most unpredictable and dangerous fire you're likely to encounter is a wind-driven wildfire. As winds change intensity and direction, a wildfire can either lay down and smolder, or it can turn into a roaring freight train. Knowing how to protect your home, your family, and when to leave in the event of a wildfire will be essential if you are to remain safe when disaster strikes. To help the Ken-Caryl community better understand the issues related to preparing for a wind-driven wildfire, everyone needs to understand and practice "Ready, Set, Go."

Ready!

Using these three words, you can prepare your own Wildfire Action Plan and be prepared should a wildfire threaten your home.

You can help protect your property by creating defensible space around your home. Be sure there are no tree limbs hanging over your house and the roof and gutters are free of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Make sure ornamental shrubbery is set back from the sides of your home and that leaves under them are cleared away. One of the most common dangers in a wildfire is free-falling embers landing in these places and igniting your home. Winter may not be the best time to work on the exterior of your home, but you

can begin to plan.

Assemble emergency supplies and prepare a list of the things you want to take with you if you need to evacuate. Remember to think about things like cash, medications, phone chargers, computers and food for your pets. Plan your escape routes; you should know at least two different ways out of your neighborhood.

Pack a Wildfire Evacuation Kit

- Water at least one gallon daily per person for four days
- Food at least enough for four days
 - Non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices
 - · Foods for infants or the elderly
- Snack foods
- · Non-electric can opener
- Cooking tools and fuel
- Paper plates and plastic utensils
- Blankets, pillows and sleeping bags
- Clothing seasonal, rain gear, sturdy shoes and gloves
- First-aid kit, medicine and prescription drugs
- Special items for infants
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- Moisture wipes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio battery-operated and NOAA weather radio
- Cash banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods
- Keys
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents in a waterproof container
 - Insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Document all valuables with videotape if possible
- Tools keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled

- · Pet care items
 - Proper identification and immunization records
 - · Ample supply of food and water
 - Carrier or cage
 - Medications
 - · Muzzle and leash

If a wildfire threatens your neighborhood, act immediately. Back your vehicle into the

driveway with the hood (front) facing the street. Next, roll up the windows, and load your vehicle with everything you want to take with you. Make certain your valuables are either in your vehicle or are safely stored in a (fireproof) safe.

Remove flammable materials from around your house. This includes patio furniture, firewood, decorations and anything else that could catch fire. Then monitor the news for information regarding the fire.

Go!

The latest information suggests that you should not wait to be told to leave. Go early!

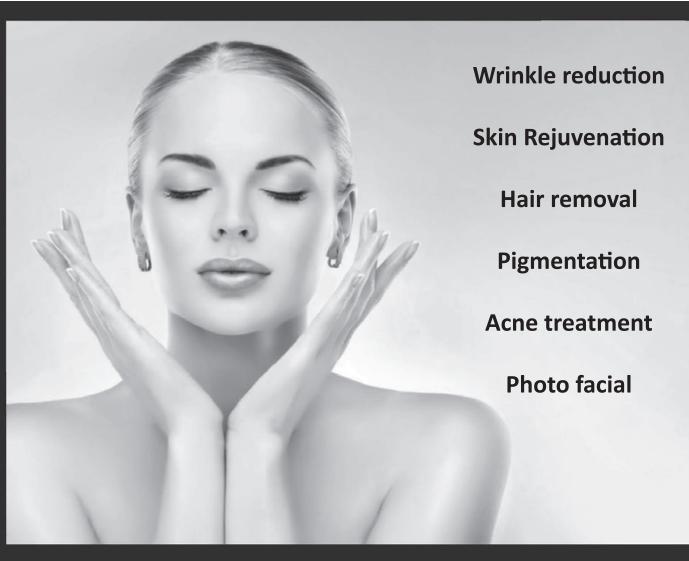
Firefighters need room in which to work. By leaving, you give them the best chance to protect your property.

Think Clearly!

Leaving your home when a wildfire is approaching is a difficult and emotional decision. Many people believe that by staying behind, you will have a better chance of saving your home. The experience gained in past California wildfires makes it clear that the "stay and defend" concept may sound reasonable on paper, but is extremely dangerous in real-life. People decide to stay before the fire front arrives. When it does, many people change their mind (or panic) and decide to leave - and at that time, it's too late. Many fatalities that have occurred in wildfires around the world are the result of people leaving their homes too late.

It's up to you to be prepared in the event of a wildfire. We urge you to learn, adopt and practice the Ready, Set, Go initiative.





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Community Garden Registration

Submitted by Harriet Camp, Community Garden Volunteer

Spring is definitely in the air! Recall the 80-degree day on Feb. 10? It may be snowing or raining by the time you are reading this, however now is the time to start planning your summer activities.

Are you intrigued by growing your own food for a healthy, organic and green lifestyle? Come play in the dirt and grow fresh, organic vegetables, fruits and herbs in a beautiful setting near your home. Get the kids off the screens and teach them where their food actually comes from, which is not really the grocery store or a big box delivered by UPS! So, why not give the Ken-Caryl Community Garden a try this year?

Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow gardeners who will freely share growing tips throughout the summer. If you are new to gardening, have no worries. We have a Master Gardener from the CSU Extension Service that visits our garden each spring and explains what to grow, how to grow and where to grow. You will also be invited to attend our social events which range from "Pancakes in the Garden" to Thursday night "Happy Hour." This year we may have a "Wine, Beer and Salsa" contest night!

The garden is located directly behind the new playground at the Community Center. It costs \$75 for rental of a large plot and \$50 for a small plot. While the large plots are already reserved, there are still a few small plots available. In addition, a \$50 deposit is required, which is fully refundable if you fulfill your volunteer assignment.

We do require you to attend one mandatory meeting in April to get acquainted with the garden details and meet your garden neighbors.

Ready to join the fun? Simply go to the Ken-Caryl Ranch website. Click on the Community and News tab at the top of the page. Choose Community Garden, click to our website and read more about the garden. There is a link on the right side which will take you to the registration site. Or call Harriet at 720-261-5252. Happy Gardening!



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• Recreation

Daddy Daughter Date Night

Thank you to the 70+ residents who came to the Ranch House for Daddy Daughter Date Night on Feb. 25! The '50s-themed event was a blast for everyone!





• Open Space

New Trail Now Has Official Name: Golden Banner Trail

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space Committee recently called for nominations for a new trail name for Lower Question Mark Peak Loop Trail, which was completed in 2016. Twenty people responded with a variety of interesting nominations. The new trail is located in the southern section of the Foothills Open Space. The trail forms a 1.7-mile-long loop south of the upper reaches of Massey Draw and High Meadow Trail.

After reviewing the nominations, the Committee voted in favor of Golden Banner Trail. To make it official, the Board approved the Committee's recommendation at their Feb. 21 business meeting. Staff will update future editions of the Open Space Trails Map and install new signs on the trail segment to reflect the name change. Thank you to everyone who provided nominations and to Dan Mullins for coming up with the winning name.



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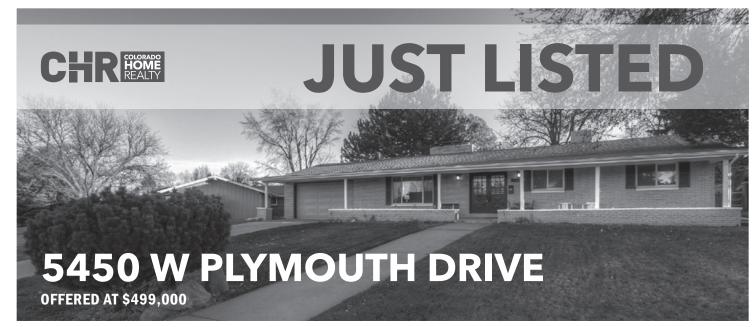
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- Dominic and Bailey Rivera

New Playground at Dakota Lodge

A new playground, shown here, will be installed at Dakota Lodge this spring. Demolition of the old playground began March 6, and then the site will be prepared for the new equipment. Throughout construction, a small section of the parking lot will be used for staging equipment. The new playground is scheduled to open in May. If you have any questions, contact District Manager Melissa Daruna at melissad@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876,



Columbine Library Events

Columbine Library Remodel Public Meetings

Jefferson County residents are invited to join Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) for an update on the upcoming Columbine Library remodel. Community update meetings will be held at the Columbine Library, 7706 W. Bowles Ave. in Littleton, as follows:

- Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 15, 6-8 p.m.

The meetings will cover the final design drawings and proposed construction

timeline, as well as information on how residents can access alternative services while the library is closed for construction.





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Historical Society

Save the Date: Rocky Mountain Fur Trade **Presentation by Michael Schaubs**

Submitted by Rose Lewis, Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society

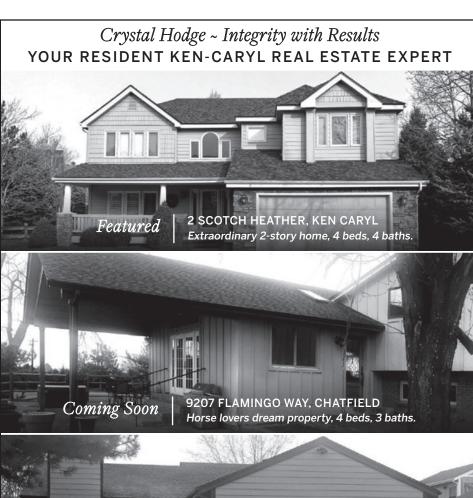
We have all heard about the Gold Rush that brought tens of thousands of people into Colorado, but did you know that decades before the Rush fur trappers and traders traveled up the Front Range creeks in search of beaver, perhaps even across Ken-Caryl and up Deer Creek?

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society is pleased to host Michael Schaubs, living historian and authority, who will present "The 1837 Fort Jackson Trading Camp Inventory: A Typical Outfit for the Plains Indian Trade." The program is based on the actual inventory of a trading party along the Arkansas River. Typical

trading protocols will be discussed and reproductions of typical trade goods will be displayed.

Michael has given his interpretation of mountain man life at more than 200 events since 2003, has mentored at the Bent's Old Fort Living History Workshop for several years, has published articles in the "Journal of the Early Americas," and has a website dedicated to the fur trade (www.

Please join us on Thursday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Ranch House for this fascinating program.





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Creativity Salon Explores the Artistic Spirit

Submitted by Ronnie Seagren, Ken-Caryl Art Guild

What is creativity? Who has it? How do you nurture it and protect it from the cruel and mundane world? What about creative block? An artist recently lamented, "If you're not feeling creative, it's hard to create."

Last fall, panelists at the MileHiCon science fiction convention were asked, "How important is creativity in art/writing/other creative pursuits, how can you get into/stay in a creative mood, how can everyone bring more creativity into their everyday life?" Led by author Corinne O'Flynn, among others, panelists responded with insight, sensitivity and, yes, creativity, exploring everything from just what makes us creative to how do we handle criticism.

Answers may seem obvious at first glance, but can follow surprising paths to hidden realms of inspiration.

On March 9, Corinne will guide members of the Ken-Caryl Art Guild through a



Corinne O'Flynn will lead the discussion at the March 9 Art Guild meeting.

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recreation of that experience. To lead off the discussion, Ronnie Seagren will read her short story "Ice Dancer," inspired by her photo. The story will be one thousand words. After all, that's what a picture's worth.

Corinne is a New Yorker now living in Colorado who wouldn't trade life in the Rockies for anything. She is the author of at least four book series and enjoys experimenting with short and flash fiction as well. She's a member of Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime. You can find her online at her website, Facebook, Twitter @CorinneOFlynn, or blogging at corinneoflynn.com

Join Corinne and the Ken-Caryl Art Guild as we explore this wellspring of energy that makes what we do possible. The Art Guild meets at the Rox Bar and Grill, C-470 and Ken-Caryl Ave. The March 9 program starts at 7 p.m. following the business meeting, and visitors are always welcome.



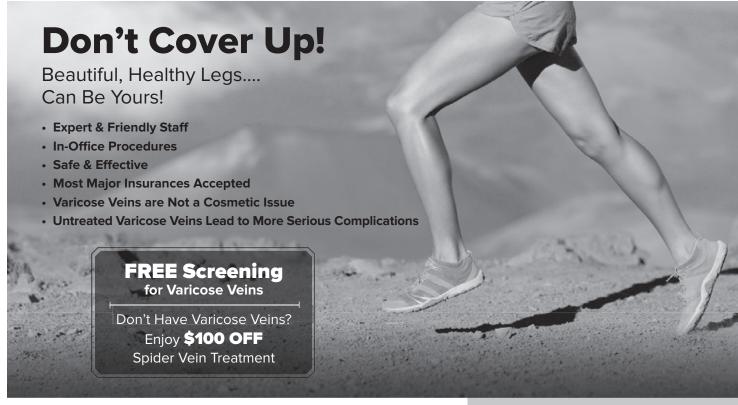
Art begets art. "Ice Dancer" by Ronnie Seagren inspired a short story by the same name.

Water: Don't Waste What You Don't Have

Water is critical to sustainable development. Water supplies have been stretched to the limit in Colorado and worldwide for years, principally by population growth and poor water management. In an updated report, the Jeffco League of Women Voters looks briefly at global water challenges and describes what the Colorado River Basin is experiencing. It addresses water sources, water use, and the problems ahead, as well as possible solutions for better future water management.

These topics will be covered at the League's six public unit meetings March 14-16, including the Chatfield Unit, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at St. Phillip Lutheran Church, 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. in Littleton. Call Tina at 303-797-7559 for information. An evening meeting also is available; call 303-972-4238 for details.











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Master Association Board Approves Beehives in Open Space

Ken-Caryl resident Ed Galisewski approached the Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space Committee in late 2016 with a request to install beehives in the open space. Ed, who will supply the hives, the honey bees and fencing for the project, is interested in beekeeping as a hobby but is also interested in bolstering declining honeybee populations. The Open Space Committee and the Master Association Board both approved Ed's request.

"My wife and I have lived in Ken-Caryl Valley for 25 years and have so enjoyed being a part of this community. I recently did research into the state of the honey bee population within the United States and found that they are struggling to thrive. They have a very delicate balance to their survival. Yet, they are so important to the health of our trees, shrubs, flowers and so many food plants. Without honey bees, many aspects of our horticulture system

would suffer. I was looking for a hobby as I get closer to my retirement years and thought I could bless the KC area with more pollinating potential and hopefully do some educational programs for the youth who are part of the summer camps. It is my first chance to give back to this community that has given so much to me and my family."

Open space staff met with Ed to look at several potential locations for the hives, and an ideal location was found in the North Hogback Open Space. Staff drafted an agreement that spells out the responsibilities and expectations. The project will be supported on a trial. one-year basis with an option to continue in future years if both parties agree. The project is expected to start later in the spring. If you have any questions, contact Open Space Manager Sean Warren at seanw@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 163.

• Tennis News

Valentine's **Day Tennis** Match

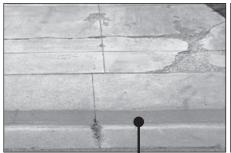
Three Ken-Caryl tennis players participated in the South Suburban Valentine's Day tennis tournament. Kim Rachwalski and Teresa Granath were 2nd place winners in 3.0 doubles and Stacy Creel was the 1st place winner in 3.0 singles. Congratulations!



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Whether someone serves on the Board of Directors, works on a committee, maintains a trail, helps at events, preserves our history, donates to charity, maintains a garden, or contributes to the community through countless other ways, Ken-Caryl Ranch wouldn't be what it is today without volunteers.

This issue of Life at Ken-Caryl is dedicated to the countless volunteers on Ken-Caryl Ranch who devote their time, talent and resources to this amazing community. Below, we've listed members of the Boards and committee members. These names are just a few of the people who volunteer, and this center spread shows photos of volunteers throughout the community. Thank you to everyone who makes this community a great place to live, work and play! Interested in volunteering? Future volunteer opportunities will be listed in Life at Ken-Caryl as they come up, so keep an eye out!

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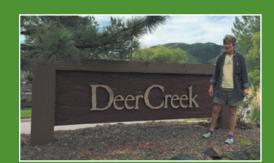
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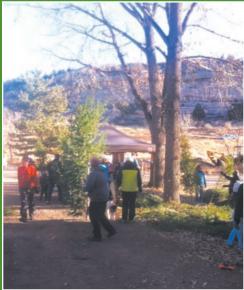


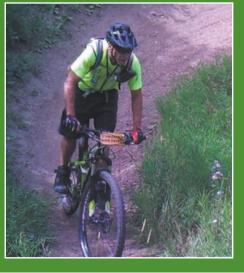


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Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Sunday Closed

Community Center 303-979-2233

Monday - Thursday 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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8 a.m.-8 p.m.

How to Register for Classes & Events

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan
District has a new online registration
system through Active Network. This is
a new registration system, so your login
information from the old system will
not work. You will need to set up a new
account. Go to www.ken-carylranch.org
and click on Register for Classes at the top
to get started.

• Fitness Center

March Annual Membership Special

Throughout the month of March, when you purchase an annual membership to the Ken-Caryl Ranch Fitness Center, you will get a free ½ hour personal training session! Stop by the Community Center or call 303-979-2233 for details.

Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness

Ken-Caryl has partnered with SilverSneakers to offer benefits to qualified members of AARP, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Humana, Kaiser Permanente of Colorado and United Health Care. Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness program is also an insurance benefit included in more than 65 Medicare health plans. Through SilverSneakers, health plans and group retirement plans provide a gym membership to their insured at no additional cost. It only takes a few seconds to see if you qualify for a free gym membership to the Community Center. Stop by and we can put your name, address and birth date into the database to see if you qualify, or you can contact your insurance provider. For more information, please call the Community Center at 303-979-2233.

• Tennis & Pickleball

Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is a fast, fun, fitness workout that includes quick tennis rotations and running. Please observe levels.

Fees: Residents: \$10 Non-Residents: \$13

DaysTimesLevelsInstructorTuesdays7-8 p.m.3.5-4.0MarkFridays8-9 a.m.3.5-4.5John/LeslieFridays9-10 a.m.2.5-3.0Mark/Leslie*Saturdays8-9 a.m.3.5-4.5VariesPre-registration required by calling303-979-2233 after 5 p.m. (unless specified)the night prior. Cancellations less than twohours in advance will be charged.*Call by 6 p.m. Thursday

Adult Programs

Acrylic Painting

You will discover techniques for developing textures and visual interest, including collage, mono printing, acrylic and pastel, and so much more. You will learn how to experiment with underpainting, color, composition and symbolism for expression. Instructor Tracy Lynn Pristas is represented by galleries nationally. You can find out more about her at www.painterpristas.com.

Ages: All levels 18 years and over Dates: Saturdays, March 18 - May 6 Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Ranch House Colorow Room
Fee: Resident: \$128

Non-resident: \$145 Course # 44973

Dream Interpretation Class

If you have ever wondered what your dreams mean, then this interactive, exciting and hands-on class is for you. By learning how to use Universal Dream Language, you will be able to interpret the symbolic messages behind your dreams, as well as help your children and friends interpret theirs! Instructor Heidi Gesso is certified in Dream Interpretation and has an M.A. in Education.

Ages: 18+ years old

Dates: Thursdays, March 23 – April 27

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Ranch House Colorow Room

Fee: Resident: \$65 Non-Resident: \$78

Course #44651

• KC Nature

Hike at Staunton State Park

Join us for an easy to moderate hike in Staunton State Park. Each hike will be focused on what birds we can spot or the wildflowers that are in bloom, but this will not limit the discussion on other surroundings. Please wear proper shoes and layers, bring a day pack with water, sunscreen, a sack lunch, and binoculars if you have them. Meeting area is Dakota Lodge where we will take the shuttle to our destination.

Ages: All ages; Children under 7 years must be with a

auardian

guardian

Date: Saturday, March 18 Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Davis Pond Loop, Staunton

State Park

Adult Resident: \$5
Adult Non-Resident: \$7
Youth Resident: \$3
Youth Non-Resident: \$5
Family of 4 Residents: \$10
Family of 4 Non-Residents: \$14

Course #45029

Fee:

Spring Break Nature Camp

Join the KC Nature Environmental Education staff for a fun week of camp during Spring Break. You can sign up for camp all of Spring Break from Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31 or pick individual days. There are full-day and half-day options. See www.ken-carylranch.org for registration information and other details.

Theme: Nile River Spring Break Camp Ages: 5-11 years

Dates: Monday, March 27 –

Friday, March 31
Times: Full Day 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Half Day 6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Location: Dakota Lodge. Field Trip

Friday to Denver Aquarium. Field Trip Time: Generally 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Exact time will be listed in

your confirmation packet. Full-Day Fee: \$40/Day Resident, \$48/

Day Non-Resident. All field trip costs are included.

Half-Day Fee: \$26/Day Resident, \$31/ Day Non-Resident.

What to Bring: Lunch, two snacks and appropriate attire for

activities.

Youth Programs

Hip Hop Dance Class

Hip-hop classes are very popular, highenergy classes! Taught by local favorite and dance phenom Zachary Hall, this fun class integrates many different styles of hiphop including pop and lock, street style, and break dancing. Students will learn the trendiest moves they see in the current pop culture.

Ages: 5-12 years

Dates: Tuesdays, April 18 - May 16

Time: 4-4:50 p.m.
Location: Community Center
Fee: Resident: \$60
Non-Resident: \$70

Course: #45009

Fencing Classes at Dakota Lodge

Beginner/intermediate level fencing classes will be held at Dakota Lodge for ages 6 and older. These classes will be taught by Gregg Bramblett or Tom Strzalkowski from Fencing Academy of Denver. Owner Tom Strzalkowski was a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic fencing

team.

Fee:

Ages: 6-14 years

Dates: Wednesdays, March 22 – May 17 (No class March 29)

Time: 5-5:45 p.m. Location: Dakota Lodge

> Resident: \$120 Non-Resident: \$140

Course #45010

At Home Alone

This course is designed for the 10-13 year olds who will be left home alone for short periods of time. Outlined in course: safe decision making, constructive time management and personal safety. The basics of first aid treatment and prevention for burns, cuts, fractures/sprains and choking will be covered.

Ages: 10-13

Date: Saturday, March 11
Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: Ranch House
Fees: Residents: \$40
Non-Residents: \$50

Course #44567

School-Age Spring Break Camp

Sign your kids up for Spring Break Camp at the Ranch House! Campers will go on a different field trip each day. Registration online at www.ken-carylranch.org.

Ages: Grades K-6th
Dates: Monday, March 27 -

Friday, March 31

Fee:

Times: 6:45 a.m. – 6 p.m. Field Trip Times: Generally 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

> Exact times will be listed in your confirmation

packet.

Location: Ken-Caryl Ranch House. We will travel each day.

Resident: \$40/Day Non-Resident: \$48/Day

All field trip costs are included.

What to Bring: Lunch, two snacks and

appropriate attire for activities.

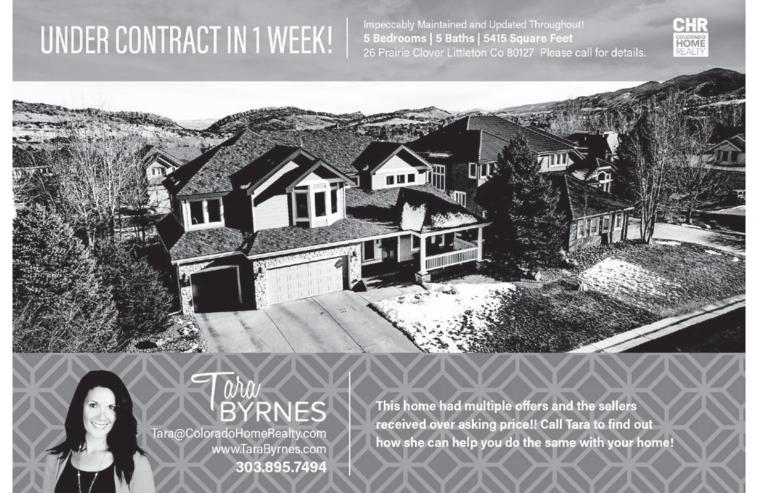
Spring Break Mini-Camp for Ages 3-5

While school is out for spring break, you can register your preschooler for one day or the entire session of our fun-filled mini-camp. There is a half-day and a full-day option. We will be exploring bugs and blossoms, learning about pollinators, flowers, and everything in between.

Register online at www.ken-carylranch.org.

Ages: 3-5 years old and toilet-

trained



Youth Programs

Dates: March 27-30; NO CAMP on

Friday, March 31

Times: Half-Day 7 a.m. - 12 p.m., Full-Day 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Community Center Half-Day Fee: Resident: \$20 Non-Resident: \$25

Non-Resident: \$37 What to Bring: Lunch, two snacks and

appropriate attire for

activities.

Resident: \$32

Story Time & Baby Time

Full-Day Fee:

We have partnered again with Jefferson County Libraries to offer family fun while sharing our love of children's literature. Story Time is geared toward the preschool age group, but all ages are welcome. Baby Time is for children up to 2 years old, although older siblings are welcome to join the fun. No registration is required for either program.

Baby Time

Ages: 0-2 years

Dates: Every Thursday (not Dec. 29)

Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Ranch House
Fee: FREE!

Story Time

Ages: All ages

Dates: Every Thursday (not Dec. 29)

Time: 10:15 a.m. Location: Ranch House Fee: FREE!

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt with hundreds of eggs, raffle prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Date: Sunday, April 2
Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: Ranch House Park
Fee: Free!

Spring Fling

Come celebrate Earth Day with exciting outdoor recreation and education activities! More details will be available

soon!

Date: Saturday, April 22 Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: Ranch House Park

Fee: Free!

Recreation

HawkQuest Entertains and Educates with Raptors

HawkQuest visited Dakota Lodge on Feb. 24 with special guests: a Harris's Hawk, Eastern Screech Owl, a Peregrine Falcon and a Bald Eagle. If you didn't get a chance to see the program, please come to the Spring Fling on Saturday, April 22 to see more live Raptors from HawkQuest and learn about their importance to our ecosystem.







School News

5K9 for a Cure

Who: Chatfield, Dakota Ridge and Columbine communities through American Cancer Society.

What: A 5K where you can bring your SOCIAL DOG to raise money for

the fight against cancer.
When: March 11 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

(registration starts at 8 a.m.)
Where: Chatfield Senior High School

We all know someone who has been affected by cancer, so let's raise money so no one has to face

the fight again.

Fee:

Only a \$20 registration fee that includes a shirt to the first 150 participants, your entrance to the 5K, and a goodie bag for you and your dog. Register at the event; no online pre-registration.

• Employment

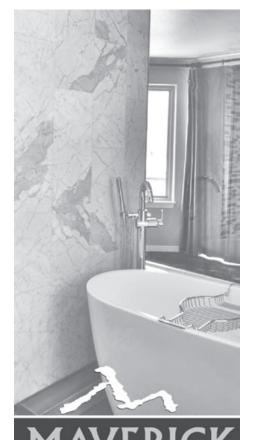
Ken-Caryl Ranch Job Openings

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District and Master Association have several job openings. Visit www.ken-carylranch.org and go to Employment Opportunities under the Administration tab to see details about these positions:

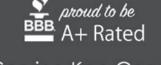
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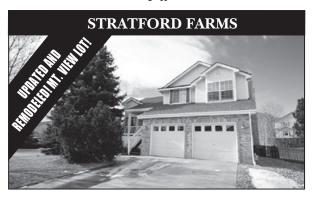


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11625 Elkhead Range Rd. • \$325,000



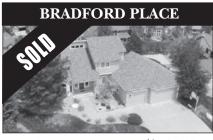
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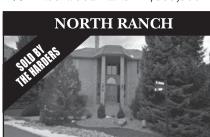
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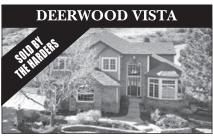
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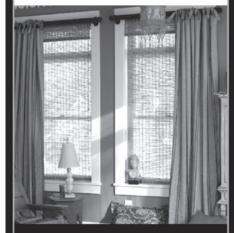
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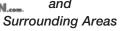
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Equestrian Center Task Force Update

An Equestrian Center Task Force comprised of both boarders and non-boarders of the Ken-Caryl community has been formed to develop recommendations for short-term and long-term facility improvements. The goal of the EC Task Force is to gather community input from those with horses at the facility and those of the broader community.

As a first step, the EC Task Force sent a survey to boarders to gain feedback on areas of interest for improvements to the facility. Once that analysis is complete, the EC Task Force will survey the broader community for input.

Community members of the task force are: Harlan Cleaver, Sandra Devin, Art Freitas, Michele Heupel, Ian Holtum, Thomas Krowl and Scott Lemberger. Other members are: Equestrian Center Manager Sierra Pokorn, Master Association Executive Director Chris Pacetti and Master Association Board Liaison Erlinda Stafford.

Look for further updates from the EC
Task Force and a survey coming to you in
the near future.

Equestrian Center Summer Camp and Picnic with the Ponies

The Equestrian Center offers Summer Camps and Picnic with the Ponies sessions. Onsite registration is March 24 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Equestrian Center. This will open registration for the 2017 camp sessions, and only after this date can we accept mailed or dropped off registration forms. Registration forms are available to download at www.ken-carylranch. org under the Facilities & Parks tab, then Equestrian Center, or they can be completed in the Equestrian Center Office. Please note that the camp sessions are first come, first served, so if you need a certain date please come to the Equestrian Center Office the morning of Friday, March 24. Call 303-972-8456 or email eqschool@ kcranch.org for information.

Picnic with the Ponies

Ages 6-8 Years

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Dear Editor:

As a dog trainer, I work with many clients here in KC. Recently some of my clients have asked me what they should do in cases where their dogs are being approached by off-leash dogs, and their efforts to tell the other dog's owner to please leash them up is met with rudeness and in some cases, cursing and verbal abuse.

Most people assume that a dog who acts aggressively on leash (barking, lunging, etc.) is aggressive, dangerous or unsocialized. However, this behavior often stems from fear. This type of situation requires careful training to build trust between dog and owner. Every time a fearful dog is approached by an off-leash dog, their trust and confidence in their owner disappears, making it a three steps forward, two steps back situation where training is concerned. You cannot socialize a fearful dog by forcing other dogs on them; in fact, you will make the problem worse for the dog and its owner.

Please remember the following etiquette when out walking your dogs:

- 1- Not all dogs are dog-friendly, and that is okay.
- 2- Keep your dogs on leash at all times, for their safety and the safety of others. Just because your dog likes everyone, doesn't mean that everyone feels the same. Offleash dogs should be limited to designated dog parks.
- 3- Retractable leashes shouldn't be used unless your dog is under strict voice control. Allowing a dog to run up on others because

it's not possible to reel them back in fast enough is never okay.

4- If you see someone with another dog up ahead and they're obviously trying to work their dog's behavior, don't allow your dog to walk up on them. Ask for permission first.

5-There is no poop fairy! CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS! KC has convenient poop bag locations and disposals all around our beautiful trails.

Sandra Elvenholl

Ken-Caryl Resident

Owner/Trainer, Family Dog U

Dear Editor:

Over a year ago a number of us Ken-Caryl Ranch residents began a class called Dream Interpretation offered by our Metropolitan District. Heidi Gesso was the instructor, and today we are on our third series of classes about this fascinating subject. Almost all of the original students are still with us and Heidi continues to bring new and interesting material to each class. I speak for the group in saying that Heidi has stretched our imagination and made this seldom thought about subject both engaging and exciting. Heidi will be teaching more classes if you are interested.

Also, I would like to give a shout out to Gina Hawk, the Recreational Classes Supervisor. Her hospitality brings a nice touch to the classes offered. She provides refreshments and snacks for all the classes, and you can tell that she is genuinely happy that you are there.

Thank you to Heidi and Gina for providing a nice change of pace from our busy lives. **Bill Hobstetter**

Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of "Life," the Trails Club did a nice job of getting their members to send in letters of support for our DIRT trails. There is no doubt, the dirt trails are some of the best. The question is at what cost?

Let's crunch some numbers. In 2014, the Master Association's open space budget was \$498,000. The 2017 budget is \$632,000. That's an increase of \$134,000. In 2014, we spent \$9,000 on outside contractors to do trail maintenance. That same year, we spent \$57,000 using our own employees for trail maintenance and construction. The 2017 budget calls for outside contractor trail maintenance and construction totaling \$133,000 while the in-house budget shrinks to \$12,000. Have we reached critical mass with too many trails we can't maintain?

For years, the Trail Club has promoted new trails and the maintenance of existing trails by saying that there would be nominal cost to the residents. This was made possible because each Club member is required to perform 10 hours of trail work each year. In the past, no one has complained because the Trail Club has built and maintained the dirt trails at little cost to the homeowners. So, what has changed? Why do we need to hire an outside contractor (\$133,000) to do the work the Trail Club used to do?

I contacted them and asked for a roster of active members. The response was (in a nutshell): We do not make that information public. I know of no other Ranch sponsored group that will not share the names of their members or disclose their financial condition. If you get a chance, take a look at the rules governing the Trail Club on the Ranch website. It reads like a secret society where no one is allowed to discuss Club business outside of the governing body. So, who are these people? They are the ones that run the Open Space Committee as well as being members of the MA and MD Boards. They are the ones that need to write a complete explanation of their actions in this paper.

Clarke Omdahl Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

A few recent letters to the editor suggested that new trails should not be constructed in our open space, and suggest that only a handful of vocal KCR residents desire new trails. The data says otherwise.

The 2012 survey shows that 85 percent of the community regularly walks and hikes on dirt trails and 41 percent of the community enjoys mountain biking on trails. The results of the 2012 survey also indicate that the single most desired improvement to our amenities is "additional backcountry trails per the Trail Master Plan." This item had the highest positive response rate of all questions. The community has already chosen to improve many of our other amenities with much less positive support... Why? Because our community leaders have recognized that it is the combination of supporting the interests of ALL residents that make this a great community. We chose to replace the tennis courts, even though only a small percentage of the community plays tennis (27 percent), and we chose to improve Dakota Lodge, even though it was supported by only 28 percent of residents.

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If decisions were based on a majority of residents wanting that improvement, we would do nothing, as no single activity has majority support. Of all activities, trails have the largest support for continued development.

Our open space is special. It is special because we have great trails that allow residents to be close to nature. The development of new trails gives residents more options when they take a hike or go for a ride. Options allow users to have a unique trail experience each time they venture on to the trails, while reducing the overall impact and use of any single trail. The Trails Master Plan was specifically developed in 2009 to provide a stacked loop trail system, with this goal in mind.

It is recognized that trails have a minor localized impact on the environment, but the proposed trails provide reasonable access while minimizing impacts to sensitive resources. I encourage the MA Board and Open Space Committee to continue to prioritize the development of new trails per the Trails Master Plan.

John Brant Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

There have been several letters recently about Ken-Caryl trails, and there have been some questions about maintenance that we thought we could address for the community.

Some of the community may not be aware that we (Jeff Lyslo and Dan Mullins) are Volunteer Trail Coordinators, and that we facilitate the efforts of trail maintenance and construction in Ken-Caryl Open Space, as well as answer community questions about trails. We work closely with staff, the Open Space Committee and the MA Board.

In 2016, the Master Association hired a contractor to perform extensive trail maintenance on the lower trails. This type of systematic trail maintenance had never been done, as evidenced by many areas of trail that were cupped and had erosion issues. The MA Board, Open Space Committee and many residents had been requesting better trail maintenance for many years. The \$68,000 spent in 2016 greatly improved the condition of the lower trails. In 2017, the MA Board has approved trail maintenance funding of \$118,000, with \$108,000 of that going to provide extensive maintenance of trails in the foothills. Several heavily used trails, such as Massey Draw Canyon Trail and Lost Canyon Trail will see significant improvements and repairs this year. Because this comprehensive level of systematic trail maintenance has never been done, there is a lot of catch up to do, and as such, the cost is higher than typical annual maintenance will be in the future. We expect that future maintenance costs will be less than \$40,000 annually for the entire trail system. With proper use of the



future maintenance funds, the trail system will remain in good condition, and large future expenditures are not expected. Our goal is to allow residents that use Ken-Caryl Ranch trails to have a great experience on the trails.

New trails added to the trail system will require less maintenance than existing trails because new trails are built using sustainable design practices to reduce erosion, and reduce future maintenance costs. We estimate that future maintenance costs of new trails will be approximately \$1,250 per mile, annually.

You can contact us at any time with trail questions, comments or concerns at trails@kcranch.org.

Dan Mullins and Jeff Lyslo Ken-Caryl Residents Volunteer Trail Coordinators

Dear Editor:

The idea of having a **Nature Preserve** in KCR Open Space came up at a Board Meeting. This would be a great accomplishment and something that we as a community could look upon with great pride. A preferred area would be located farthest from our homes and would be relatively pristine. Ideally, it would contain resources to support some special species of flora and fauna. Such a habitat does exist and was mentioned. It has a considerable abundance of small prey animals which supports a large concentration of various birds of prey and it is close to a Golden Eagle nesting area.

The area comprises about 1/10 of our total open space, which is large enough to be significant but not overwhelming. The northern boundary would begin at the

southernmost tip of the new Cougar Trail and would be bordered on the east, west and south by the KCR Open Space boundary line (Re: KCR Open Space & Trails Map). Both Jefferson County Open Space and Lockheed Martin property lie to the east, and a popular observation area is available for people who are interested in raptor activity.

There is one problem: the Open Space Trail Plan calls for the Docmann Loop Trail to be constructed (in 2018). The good news is that this trail has yet to be approved by the MA Board, but approval could come soon. Some of the biological surveys can be found on the KCR website but some are not available. You can read how potentially destructive and reason how unnecessary this Docmann Loop Trail would be. Due to the wide area of encirclement along with the numerous switchbacks, the fragmentation affect will be significant. The loss of small prey animals along with additional human activity may cause nest abandonment by the Golden Eagles as described in the literature.

Hopefully, the Master Association Board will take steps to designate this area as an official KCR Nature Preserve thus keeping it trail-free and pristine for future generations. Actually, it was a KCR Trail Club Member who influenced me to get interested in this idea.

Jim Fodor

Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I urge all residents to attend the March 9 meeting at Bradford North (7 p.m.) to voice their opinions regarding field development. They want to form a resident committee already, but we are nowhere near that. Neighbors deserve answers and a dialogue well before that.

First, it should be clear this is NOT a Master Association issue (read your HOA

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dues). This is driven by the Ken-Caryl Metro District (KCRMD) (read your taxes) and their attempt to settle a 12-year lawsuit with Plains District. This is important because as public officials they are held to the duty of care standard. It is therefore their responsibility to review past legal from Caplan and Earnest on the issue and to abide by the restrictions that were placed on them once before by the Board of Education. Nothing has changed since.

It appears you either have to be for or against ballfields. That is a false choice. The issue at hand is whether KCRMD has to "schedule" the proposed fields. They do not. There is precedence with the North Ranch Park agreement dated Nov. 28, 1995: "the District will not schedule any organized sports activities; i.e. games or practices ...but will leave the park open ...on a first come, first serve basis." Why does North Ranch get this treatment while Bradford does not?

Further, Jeffco Public Schools (JPS) and Sam Palamara are trying to do good for the school by allowing KCRMD to build the fields. Most adjacent neighbors applaud their efforts. But JPS could care less whether KCRMD is allowed priority access to the fields. As taxpayers, we should question why \$900,000 of a \$3.1 million settlement is proposed to be spent on fields. And why put them on land we do not even own (JPS and the County own it)?

KCRMD: settle the lawsuit by spending more money on the Ranch House Pool. Get the \$140,000 for the tennis courts. Then use the balance to improve existing fields, but don't schedule them. On balance, most everyone would be fine with that, too.

Mary McGee Pete Collegio **Ken-Caryl Residents**

Dear Editor:

If you're following the Bradford ball fields issue, here's a story for you in 350 words or less. Characters: KC Ranch Metro District, Plains Metro District, Bradford North/Jeffco Schools. It's a sequel, and hard to follow, but here's the condensed version:

Our Ken-Caryl Metro District is in the final stages of legally settling with the Plains Metro District to collect on a judgement they won in a 13-year lawsuit against the Plains (Jeffco District Court case #88CV482). The final judgement was for Plains to supply Ken-Caryl with ball fields, among other great stuff like a pool and tennis courts.

Focusing on ball fields ... 13 years took

its toll. We don't own land for new fields and haven't since, well, forever! Plains says they don't either, yet they did when this all started. Hmmm?

So, how to collect? An idea was sparked, initially by Ken-Caryl and then carried way too far by Plains (plot twist coming), to build those fields at and for Bradford to support their new concept, K-8. But alas - the real stakes - Ken-Caryl requires the right to schedule competitive sports on those fields after school and on weekends to complete the deal.

The twist? It's not our land. KC had already asked the landowner, Jeffco Schools, if they could build nice fields (not a mini Rockies complex, but regular sports fields attached to the school) and schedule them after school and weekends. Between 2000-2002 they said NO several times (too many reasons to state here). In fact, in 2002 the Board of Education stepped in and officially said no with backup from their attorneys. Fields are fine with them, competitive scheduling is not.

There are many more plot shifts including bad blood left over from the first episode, too much for the new resident to grasp quickly. The bottom line is whether we like it or not, Bradford was promised fields by people who didn't have them to give. The Plains has known this all along (another storyline). Now we all do.

Attend KC Ranch Metro District meetings. Ask for the rest of the story.

Robin Scott

Ken-Caryl Resident

Editor's Note: Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District has made no promises or entered into any agreements relating to the terms of the settlement, including development of ballfields at Bradford K-8 North. Settlement negotiations are ongoing.

Dear Editor:

Great turnout in support of trails in the last edition! I agree with most talking points supporters used. I also love trails—a prime reason I moved here in addition to the natural open space. I also appreciate the work (though haven't always agreed with the process) put into our trails. I agree with the writer about Massey Draw—also my favorite mostly because I know cyclists won't come barreling past me, which unfortunately some do. A BIG thank you to those who slow to the speed of the person you're passing, which is consistent with the meaning of "yield" and internationally accepted MTB guidelines.

Many residents seek an appropriate balance between recreation and conservation. Generally—while topography and vegetation matter—the higher density of trails, the less "natural" an area is; and the lower the quality of the backcountry experience. We have around 35 miles of trails on 7.5 square miles—a "density factor" of 4.6. Other examples for context: Jeffco Open Space in total has a 2.7 trail density and Mt. Falcon has a 3.4. We pay for biological studies for proposed trails to determine what disturbances a new trail would create, and the community should decide whether the need for more trails outweighs the impacts to the natural landscape and its inhabitants. This step is where our process is lacking, according to the biologist for the original Trails Master Plan.

The Trail Club (which in general appears to be behind the push for more trails without welcoming discussion of tradeoffs) has maybe 150 members out of the 4,000+ households in this community. But to their credit, they are organized, write letters, volunteer their time and have held a majority of the Open Space Committee and Master Association Board seats for some time. So in theory the process is fair, but more effort into facilitating community education and discussions about the conservation/recreation balance and tradeoffs would be greatly appreciated. We can have both a good trail system and a feeling of a "wild Ken-Caryl," if we're thoughtful, inclusive and transparent with the process.

Susan Johnson Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

Regarding the potential Bradford North ballfields, let's paint a picture to the community on what a new typical Saturday and Sunday might look like:

Three fields. At least three games per day. Both Saturday and Sunday (ignoring weekdays for now). Average of 15 kids per team. That is 30 kids plus 30 parents. Add another 30 proud grandparents or relatives. That is potentially 60 vehicles per game, PER FIELD. Multiply by three games on the

Don't care about 550-600 cars coming in and out of Bradford on a Saturday and again on Sunday? Not going to affect you?

How about noise from such activities - Jeffco noise ordinance says "sound from a non-vehicular source located in

a residential zone shall not exceed 55 decibels." According to ANSI, "a sound intensity of 60 decibels is comparable to a conversation that takes place in a public place, such as a restaurant." What will 200-300 people per booked session sound like?

Ever tried to make a left turn out of North Ranch onto the Parkway on a normal day? Let's make that worse by inviting everyone into our neighborhood, on the weekends

How about taking your pet for a walk across the field? Or just a stroll along the Parkway without fear of being hit? Not as likely anymore.

And if none of those have teeth, try adding a significant amount of cars waiting for the light at Valley Parkway and Ken Caryl intersection. Again, on weeknights AND weekends.

Let's consider parking. There are 63 spaces at Bradford North. There are potentially another 70 along the road next to the school (Woodruff) up to the crest of the first hill. After that? Oh yes, they'll be parking in cul-de-sacs, behind the school along Blue Sage and potentially illegally along the Parkway or adjacent neighborhoods.

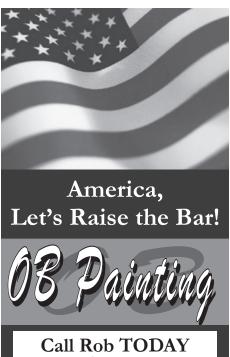
KCRMD does not have to build fields and invite scheduled guests for Bradford to be successful. But if constructed, make them first come, first serve, just like North Ranch. The Bradford kids still win. Isn't that what this is supposed to be about?

Mark J. Celusniak Jr. Ken-Caryl Resident

Dear Editor:

I want to add my voice to those calling for a balance in recreation and conservation in Ken-Caryl. Both are reasons I value living

Jerry Mitchell Ken-Caryl Resident



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Categories: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling **Services** Neighborhood Name **Phone** Age 303-550-6528 Mickey Ahearn 15 Colony Kai Allen 720-299-2485 L 15 Wynterbrooke North Ranch **Bridget Antreasian** 626-487-1968 В 13 626-487-1968 L, P North Ranch Ryan Antreasian 18 303-489-7195 Ρ Aspen Meadows Jade Atkinson 11 Katelyn Atkinson 303-916-7666 B, P 14 Aspen Meadows B, P Traditions Sierra Baliko 303-809-1117 14 Kiera Bierstedt 720-937-2102 B, P Traditions 11 Christina Bigger 720-256-3180 B, P Deerwood Vista 16 Josh Blarr 720-318-4605 L, P, S 15 Colony Madeline Byerly 720-785-3784 14 Wynterbrooke В L, P, S 720-530-9272 14 **Bradford Place** Nolan Byrnes **Bridget Cassidy** 720-244-1359 В 13 Stratford Farms 720-626-0375 Andrew Cohen B, L, P, S 14 North Ranch 720-988-9162 **Brooke Ellis** B, P 13 Heirloom Christina George B, P **Bradford Place** 303-934-2612 16 B, P Erin Giles 303-885-8787 15 Colony **Bradford Place** Matthew Guarino 720-981-7322 L, S 15 **Bradford Place** Nicole Guarino 720-981-7322 В 15 Raquel Gunkel 303-909-5090 В 15 Spread Chuck Henderson 720-231-6068 L, P, S Deerwood Vista 16 B, P, S Kate Henderson 732-446-2801 16 North Ranch 303-948-2895 B, P 15 Colony Kiera Hess B, P, S Cassandra Higgins 720-618-5248 13 Settlement 303-999-8686 Saddlewood **Emma Hodges** B, P 16 Kellen Hodges 720-496-6113 L, P, S 14 Saddlewood Maddox Hodges 303-667-2606 L, S 11 Saddlewood 720-660-6697 B, P, S Anna Howell 15 **Escape Apts** Sean Hursh 303-972-1762 12 **Bradford Place** P, S B, P, S Alexandra Jensen 303-815-6046 15 North Ranch 303-815-6046 Gabby Jensen B, P 13 North Ranch 720-879-1445 Hannah Johnson B, P 15 **Bradford Place Taylor Jones** 720-940-5043 16 Manor Ridge В Harrison Kauffman 303-590-8992 L, P, S Wynterbrooke 13 608-217-6317 15 **Eagles Pointe** Corrin Kevlyn В 720-415-3486 B, L, P, S 12 Payton Lott Spread 720-415-3486 B, L, P, S 12 Rachael Lott Spread Emma Martin 720-539-6952 13 Deerwood Vista Julia Martin 720-539-6944 Deerwood Vista 11 720-380-4671 B, P Shaffer Hill Hadley Marx 15 Holly McCollough 720-492-0288 B, P, S 14 Stallion Pointe Matthew Murray 303-579-5322 13 North Ranch B, L, P, S Ryan Murray 303-579-5322 16 North Ranch Robby Nelson 303-904-8886 B, L, P, S 16 Spread Alexandra Newsom 303-325-5232 B, P 16 Legacy 303-325-5232 L, S William Newsom 14 Legacy B, P Lauren O'Connor 720-499-9602 15 Sunset Ridge Kellan Oldershaw 303-718-7624 B, P, S 13 Settlement 303-261-7797 Lexi Orr B, P 12 Retreat **Grey Ottenstein** 720-210-7485 L, P, S 13 Barrington Ridge **Ethan Pankow** 720-217-8175 12 Heirloom B, P Territory Rhiana Parker 720-877-5570 15 B, P Micaela Pollard 303-904-8488 13 Cimarron 720-838-3042 B, L, P, S 15 **Eagles Pointe** Christian Rapp 303-973-2469 Seth Reisinger B, L, P, S 14 **Eagles Pointe Kylie Richards** 303-420-6675 B, P 12 Settlement Paige Rodgers 303-438-0271 B, P 13 **Barrington Ridge** B, P Anya Schroeter 720-415-5112 13 Quail Ridge B, P Megan Schuster 720-587-7265 14 Heirloom Jacob Seybert 303-668-5987 L, P, S 16 Saddlewood 303-668-5987 Saddlewood John Seybert L, P, S 15 Maria Seybert 303-668-5987 B, P 13 Saddlewood B, P James Shanley 303-913-0347 17 Stallion Pointe B, P, S 13 Kathryn Shanley 720-376-2323 Stallion Pointe **Evan Shook** 720-822-3120 Carriage Hill Ρ 14 **Austin Skeffington** 720-308-8704 Wynterbrooke 15 L Jamie Smith-Logan 720-917-4864 B, L, P, S 13 Spread Eagles Pointe **Quaid Solarte** 303-478-2623 B, P 16 B, L, P, S Wyatt Solarte 303-478-2623 **Eagles Pointe** 16 303-862-5756 Ian Soukup B, P, S 13 **Eagles Pointe** Elly Spinney B, P 303-502-7990 17 North Ranch Cameron Suchomel 720-323-8903 L, S 17 **Bradford Place Bradford Place** Jason Suchomel 303-932-1580 Ρ 15 770-605-1279 B, P 17 North Ranch Morgan Sullivan Lauren Thorp 303-995-5551 B, P North Ranch 15 303-933-9988 B, L, P, S Cole Torgerson 15 Legacy 303-257-1406 B, P, S 13 **Avery Turney** Spread . Deerwood Vista 303-856-4717 L, P, S Zeke Tweedie 15 Genevie Webster 703-655-4428 B, P 14 Spread Charlotte Webster 703-655-4428 B, P 12 Spread 303-424-4712 B, P 13 Territory Ella Widmann

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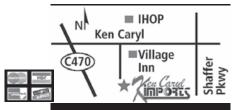
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