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Grass Fire on  
North Hogback

Thank you to crews from West Metro Fire for containing the three-acre grass fire early Saturday, March 11 on the North Hogback in the Valley. As of press time, the cause of the fire was still under investigation, but natural causes have been ruled out. This serves as a good reminder to prepare your home using Firewise principles. Information can be found at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please also see the article titled “Recognizing Wildfire Risk” on page 5 of this issue.







Springing into Spring

By KCRMD District Manager Melissa Daruna  
 As the weather warms, the Metropolitan District is getting ready for spring and summer. This time of year is exciting as staff prepares for the busiest seasons for programs and service. You will begin to see information about our summer programs, and our program catalog, District Dimensions, is now available online. Residents get a week of priority registration before we open programs to the public. This year, resident registration begins Monday, April 3, followed by public registration starting Monday, April 10. We offer a variety of programs for all ages and we hope you join us for something this summer. Don’t see a program you’d like us to offer? Please let us know! We are always interested in exploring new options. Also, don’t forget that the summer camp lottery ends March 24 at 6 p.m. Check out details at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org). You may also see staff prepping the parks and outdoor facilities. Staff will soon be out readying the pools and getting set up for the start of the swim season. We

will be preparing the tennis courts and ballfields for summer play, practice and tournaments. Plant materials have been ordered for the garden beds, and staff will be focusing on cleaning up and replanting in the coming weeks. Irrigation systems will be tested, greenbelts picked up, and before we know it, mowers will be out. Staff is continuing to work on tree trimming, felling when necessary and planting new trees.  
 I always really enjoy this time of year because it starts to be busier. We get to see more of you out enjoying the parks and visiting the facilities. Providing all the programs and services in the summer also means bringing on more staff. Many of our seasonal staff return each year, but we also hire new people. We have a variety of positions posted on our website, all of which are guaranteed to get you outside and in the community this summer.  
 We look forward to longer days, fun special events and enjoying the outdoors with the community. Be sure to keep an eye out on the website, Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates on spring and summer activities!

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, April 5  
**Time:** 3-4 p.m.  
**Location:** Ranch House Bradford Room

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Waste Connections is the trash and recycling service provider for Ken-Caryl Ranch. Service is included as part of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association monthly dues. Waste Connections can be reached at 303-288-2100 or [www.wcdenver.com](http://www.wcdenver.com).  
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**Auto-Dial Service:** Waste Connections offers an auto-dial service called Call Fire to notify customers of any changes in trash pickup days. You can sign up to receive a phone call online at [www.wcdenver.com/contact/](http://www.wcdenver.com/contact/). Complete the required information, click on Residential Trash Service, then in the comment section say you are a Ken-Caryl resident seeking to sign up for the Call Fire service.



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## Bradford Ballfield Meeting Summary

On March 9, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District held a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors regarding the proposed ballfields at Bradford K-8 North. It is estimated that more than 200 residents attended. The KCRMD Board will discuss the ballfields at their next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Ranch House. If you have any questions or comments, please contact KCRMD District Manager Melissa Daruna at [melissad@kcranch.org](mailto:melissad@kcranch.org) or 303-979-1876, ext. 136. Following is a summary of the meeting:

- Metropolitan District Board Member Bob Generoli gave the formal presentation regarding the ballfields.
- The ballfields are tied to the Plains Metro District (PMD) vs. Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District (KCRMD) lawsuit that has been ongoing for 13 years.
- A judgment in favor of KCRMD was finalized in 2015. Per the judgment, PMD is obligated to provide the following recreation facilities to KCR: two tennis courts, pool facility, and three multi-purpose ballfields.
- KCRMD and PMD are now negotiating the settlement terms of the judgment. The settlement will contain the details that the parties agree will satisfy the judgment.
- The proposed ballfields at Bradford K-8 North are one possible piece of the settlement.
- KCRMD has not entered into any agreements with anyone regarding the proposed fields, but both parties are exploring the viability of the concept.
- KCRMD will not go forward with this proposal if there is not community support.
- The ballfield proposal includes constructing two multi-purpose grass sports fields that can be used for a variety of sports such as soccer, lacrosse, rugby, etc. The proposal also includes improving the existing baseball field to game-worthy condition.
- The proposal does not include lighted fields, bleachers, restrooms, or a snack bar.
- Bradford is now a K-8 school and needs fields to provide recreation opportunities for older kids.
- The proposed ballfields would benefit Bradford PE and athletic programs and the KCR community by providing more opportunity for organized sports (youth or adult).
- PMD would finance the construction as part of the lawsuit settlement.
- Jeffco Schools would supply the land.
- KCRMD would be allowed to use/ schedule the fields during non-school hours via a long-term contract called an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). KCRMD is not interested in pursuing this ballfield proposal if the fields cannot be scheduled to some extent.
- A topographic land survey and soil studies were completed to determine the feasibility of ballfields on the land.
- A preliminary site plan has been developed. A site plan is not a blueprint for construction.
- The next phase in the process would be detailed design, which would yield construction documents (aka “blueprints”). Detailed design has not begun.
- Next steps if there is community support:
  - Determine IGA Details: Limits on scheduling to mitigate traffic, noise, etc., who pays for water, who maintains/mows the fields.
  - Jeffco School Board Approval
  - Detailed Design
  - County Planning Review/Approval

- Bid Process
- Construction
- KCRMD will not go forward with this proposal if there is not community support.
- KCRMD Board Member David Banning spoke about sports trends in the U.S. He said there is growing popularity of certain sports such as lacrosse that we don’t currently have fields for on the Ranch.
- A task force may be formed if the KCRMD Board decides there is room for compromise regarding the ballfield proposal. To determine task force membership, there would be an application process open to all residents.
- The meeting was opened up to questions followed by a comment period. Multiple residents asked questions and signed up to speak during the comment period.
- While there was some support for scheduling the ballfields outside of school use, the majority of attendees expressed opposition to the scheduling. Community feedback at the meeting was largely in support of the school and fields for school use but not the scheduling.
- The Board is not interested in putting the settlement funding toward the project if the fields cannot be scheduled to meet the community needs for fields.
- No decisions were made at the meeting. The Board will discuss the topic more at the March 28, 2017 business meeting.

◆ Covenant Clips



## Home Improvements on the Ranch

By Community Standards Administrator Jenny Bernal

It’s that time of year where we emerge from our winter cocoons and start to look at making improvements to our homes! When making improvements to your home’s exterior, you have to submit to the Architectural Committee for approval. Exterior improvements may include paint, windows, landscaping, fences, sheds, decks and so much more. The committee meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month, and submittals are reviewed at that time.

Do you wonder what a “plot plan” is or where to find it? What is that doo-dad on top of the fence post called? Need help finding a contractor? Can’t find the form for a garage door? I’m happy to help! There are many rules and regulations over multiple governing documents associated with this process, all of which are available on our website [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org). Some subassociations have their own Architectural Committees and have a separate process, so I can direct you where to go. Don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions you have, and I will help guide you through the process. The better prepared your submittal, the easier it can be reviewed and approved so you can get to work on your project!

## Vandalism in Bradford Park March 12

A large amount of vandalism occurred in Bradford Park and other areas of the Valley on the night of March 12. The red rocks, trees and some electrical boxes were spray painted. Thank you to the Parks Department and Open Space Ranger Staff for cleaning up the vandalism. If you have any information about the incident, please contact Chris Pacetti at [chrisp@kcranch.org](mailto:chrisp@kcranch.org) or 303-979-1876, ext. 116.



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## Landscape Projects in Spring

- By Open Space Ranger Matt Oven
- The month of April is a great time to start your projects. Adding plants, mulch and other material will help add value to your property and give you a sense of satisfaction that your home is inviting to visitors. While you are completing your projects on your property, remember to respect your open space areas. The following are examples of rules violations and how they impact the resources contained in open space.
- Dumping**
- Grass clippings, branches, potted plant soil and other yard waste including construction debris
  - Dog feces
- Harm to the open space includes yard waste containing seeds of non-native plants that can germinate and crowd out native and other desirable plants in the open space. Dump piles can provide habitat for rodents and snakes that you may not want living close to your house. The open space is not a public dumping area, but is shared by everyone to enjoy.
- Driving in open space**
- Contractors using open space to access owner's property, transportation of materials, bobcat/machinery or any other unauthorized vehicles in open space.
- Harm to the open space includes destruction of property, bare spots that are susceptible to weed invasions (expensive to fight noxious weeds), unsightly scars left in the open space and erosion of bare soil.
- Excessive mowing**
- Mowing beyond the allowed 10-foot wide swath where private property meets open space.

- This helps homeowners' concerns regarding snakes and reducing fuels for fire. Harm to the open space includes: excessive mowing prevents seed development of native plants not allowing them to reseed; some native plants can be killed by excessive mowing; variations in excessive mowing creates an unsightly mosaic of the private property/open space boundaries.
- Structures**
- Retaining walls, stone pathways or trails and extension of private landscaping
  - Birdfeeder/house, play equipment (swing sets, trampolines, etc.)
  - Fences including invisible dog fences
  - Structures of any kind
- The use of open space for personal benefit is unfair to other property owners.
- Planting in open space**
- Trees, shrubs, non-native vegetation or any other non-approved plantings.
- Planting non-native species can compete with native species. Plantings, if not cared for, can die and become a hazard. If you would like to know more information about the approval process for plantings in the open space, contact the Ranger staff.
- Another serious concern that I experience often is the lack of communication between a homeowner and their contractor regarding the open space. Taking the time to communicate with your contractor/field staff and knowledge of your property line is the correct way to begin a project. This means your project will be completed correctly the first time, and you will not have to contact the company to return to the site and restore damaged open space or relocate material from the project, incurring added cost.
- The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board of Directors adopted a strict enforcement policy regarding rules violations. If a rules violation occurs, the Rangers will issue a contact notice and direct the damage to be mitigated in the open space. A second contact notice may include a notice of hearing to appear before the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board of Directors with a potential fine and/or loss of privileges. If you have any questions, call the Rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

## Master Association Board Election Results

- Congratulations to Chris Figge and Erlinda Stafford on their re-election to the Master Association Board. They each will serve another three-year term. Thank you to the other candidates, Angela York, Tammy Malone and Alan Greenhalgh, for stepping up and running for the Board.
- Full Election Results**
- Chris Figge: 931 votes  
 Alan Greenhalgh: 174 votes  
 Tammy Malone: 222 votes  
 Erlinda Stafford: 579 votes  
 Angela York: 368 votes
- Write-Ins: 2 individual write-in candidates
- In addition to the two new members, Seth Murphy and Dan Mullins will continue their terms on the Board. In mid-January, Master Association Board Member Andrew Roberts resigned from the Board. Per the bylaws, the Board will appoint someone to fill the remainder of his term. The Board is planning to discuss Andrew's replacement at the March 21 Master Association Board meeting. Thank you to all the candidates for stepping up to serve your community through your candidacy for the Master Association Board.

## Four Local Schools Win John Irwin School of Excellence Awards

- Four local schools recently won the prestigious John Irwin School of Excellence Award. The John Irwin Awards are given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement. On the three-year school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the academic achievement indicator. Congratulations to these schools on their award:
- Bradford Intermediate School
  - Bradford Primary School
  - Deer Creek Middle School
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Recognizing Wildfire Risk

Submitted by Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

How do you know if you're at risk from wildfire? A home on the edge of a woodlot or in a field of overgrown grass is easy to identify. But homes within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) are also at significant risk. The WUI can be anywhere along the suburban fringe. Many densely developed suburban neighborhoods, such as Ken-Caryl, with four-lane streets and stoplights are at significant risk from wildfire. It's hard to say exactly where the risk ends, but having undeveloped woodlands and fields in and around a neighborhood means that residents should know how to prepare their homes for wildfire.

Two types of wildfire – surface and crown fires – can affect homes. Surface fires burn materials laying on or immediately above the ground, including pine needles, leaves, grass, downed logs, stumps, tree limbs and low shrubs. This type of wildfire can surround a home and slowly find vulnerable spots to ignite. Crown fires move through the canopy of a forest stand, burning from one treetop to the next. They can have extremely high flame lengths, which often start spot fires far ahead of the fire front. Surface fires throw embers as well, although typically not as far as crown fires.

Crown fires can catapult embers onto your property, including your roof and gutters. Crown fires are the most destructive of all wildfires, able to kill

mature trees and shrubs, and can move over large areas in short periods of time. Some surface fires, especially grass or marsh fires, can move very fast in the high winds, which occur frequently across the Front Range and cause great injury or even death when they are underestimated. Surface fires can become crown fires in stands where there are "ladder fuels" (i.e. branches that extend to the ground and allow a fire to climb up a tree to its crown).

**The Home Ignition Zone:** Homeowners in the WUI should be paying the most attention to producing a safety zone immediately surrounding the home. Wildfire researchers have created the term Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) to describe the area around a home. Characteristics of the HIZ determine a home's potential for being ignited by a wildfire. A well-managed HIZ will cause a crown fire that is approaching the property to decline in intensity due to reduced fuels. As the fire continues to get closer to a home, it will move from the crowns of the trees to the ground and slowly diminish due to a lack of flammable materials. The fire might continue to burn around the HIZ, but the home can remain intact with minimal damage. It is unlikely that we can prevent wildfires from occurring. The goal of a firewise approach is to improve a home's chance of surviving a wildfire with little or no damage.

Foundation to Immediate Landscaped Area:

Experts recommend keeping the first 3-to-5 feet around the base of the house and any outbuildings completely free of any fuel for a fire. It's easy to understand why tall grasses or evergreen shrubs near the house are risky – when ignited, they could put hot flames directly against the siding and eaves. However, other materials can ignite when dry and should also be kept away from buildings. These include things such as leaves, pine needles, straw bales and organic landscaping mulch. These materials can host a smoldering fire long after the main fire has completely passed. In fact, a high percentage of homes lost to wildfire ignite well after the most intense portions of the wildfire have passed.

Moving farther away from the house, landscape trees, shrubs and plants should be managed to ensure that any fire in this area remains on the ground and burns quickly (i.e. no smoldering) and with low intensity. That means keeping the lawn clean of fallen pine needles and leaves. All vegetation should be well manicured, green and healthy.

**Topography and Slope:** Wildfires are typically most intense on sloped ground, particularly at the top edge of a hill, because fire burning uphill heats and dries the fuel in its path, causing those fuels to burn more rapidly and intensely. Because of this, the tops of slopes are dangerous places to build a house. Even small changes in topography can have significant impacts on fire behavior. If your house is built on, next to, or closer than 30 feet to the edge of a slope, the HIZ will need to be wider and extend farther downhill, away from your home. This will



create a larger, reduced fuel area that the fire will have to move through as it burns uphill toward your house. The longer and steeper the slope around your house, the more the landscaped safety zone should be expanded.

Different weather such as wind and humidity, topography and fuel conditions lead to the final outcome on every fire. And sometimes homes that appear relatively prepared for wildfire burn, while those that look ready to burn are spared. A large part of this risk reduction has to do with creating defensible space—the area around a home where natural and manmade fuels are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire.

There is no magic bullet to protect a home from wildfire, but if you take the necessary steps, the odds increase that firefighters will be able to successfully defend it. Although firefighters aren't always able to protect every threatened home, addressing defensible space also will make structures better prepared to survive a wildfire on their own.

The Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee urges you to talk with your family about wildfire, prepare and practice an evacuation plan, and create defensible space around your home.



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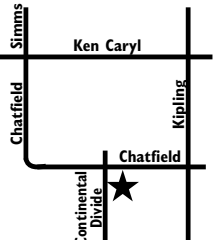
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**Teen Writing Group**

4 p.m., Thursday, March 23  
Teen writers of poetry, short stories, and novels...gather! Being in the company of like-minded people is a great way to find your voice, and our Teen Writing Group is just that! We have writing prompts, exercises, workshops and maybe the occasional special guest to help you realize your potential as a writer. Suitable for teens (with the write stuff).

**Sweet and Savory Grain-Free Baking**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 25  
Show of hands: Who wants better sleep, less bloating and sharper thinking? Many people who follow the grain-free eating style experience these health benefits and do so without giving up their favorite meals. Enjoy this session at the Columbine Library with a certified nutritionist from Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage who shares expertise and recipes for savory and sweet grain-free baking. Try some gluten-free samples, too! Suitable for adults.

**Family Movie Time**

2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 25  
It's time for a Saturday family matinee. Bring pillows and settle in for a good time! Today's feature is The BFG [PG]. "Tells the unlikely friendship between a lonely orphan named Sophie and the 'Big Friendly Giant.' Together they explore Giant Country and collect dreams." Suitable for all ages.

**Spring Break Fun**

Make time for fun activities at the library during Spring Break. Every day brings something different, so do drop in! Suitable for all ages.  
**Nature Crafts:** 1 p.m., Monday, March 27  
**Bunny Buddy Recycle Crafts:** 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 28  
**Catch the Wind Handheld Kites:** 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 29  
**LEGO® Play and Build:** 1 p.m., Thursday, March 30

**Game Central**

4 p.m., Tuesday, March 28  
Games teach strategic, tactical and logical thinking. They're also fun. Each month we try something new, so feel free to bring your favorite games to share with others. March 28 theme: Party Games. Sometimes you just need a no-brainer game where everyone is laughing. Not a whole lot of strategy, just a lot of fun. Suitable for teens.

**S.T.E.A.M. Power: Superhero Science**

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 29  
S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Power encourages kids ages 7 and up to explore,

enhance education and also make the occasional mess. Ever wonder how Iron Man, Storm and Spiderman get their powers? Discover your own superpowers and learn some science as we make magnetic slime, rain clouds in a jar, and sticky spider webs. Suitable for ages 7 and up.

● **Water District News**



**Water District to Convert to Monthly Billing**

Starting on April 1, Ken-Caryl Water and Sanitation District will begin billing customers on a monthly basis instead of a bi-monthly basis. This change will help customers track their water usage and detect possible leaks sooner, as well as help better manage household budgets. The new monthly billing system means that water meters will be read monthly, and customer's bills will reflect one month of water usage. For more information on monthly billing and rates, please visit [ken-carylwater.org](http://ken-carylwater.org).

**District Dimensions Recreation Course Catalog Now Online**

The District Dimensions Summer Recreation Course Catalog is available exclusively online at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) under the Programs & Activities tab. 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. Resident registration for summer programs (excluding camp) begins April 3, and non-resident registration begins April 10. The summer camp lottery runs March 20-24, ending at 6 p.m. on March 24.



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March 22, 2017



# HEY KEN-CARYL!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Ranch House Park

## Spring Fling

Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ranch House Park

## Community Recycling Event

Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Ranch House

## Community Garage Sale

Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn more at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org)



## Area Spotlight

## Shop 'Til You Drop at the Beautiful Junk Sale

The Action Center's eclectic Beautiful Junk Sale returns this spring on March 24 and 25 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. With 10,500 square feet of jewelry, collectibles, vintage odds and ends, sporting goods, holiday decor and a vast array of household items, there's something for everyone at the Beautiful Junk Sale.

The main event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 24 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Admission is \$4 for everyone 15 and older. Bring two or more non-perishable food donations and receive \$1 off admission!

On Friday, March 24 there is an Early Bird Sale for bargain hunters who want first dibs on shopping. The Early Bird Sale begins at 7 a.m. on Friday morning. Admission is \$30 and Early Bird Shoppers will get in FREE on Saturday!

All proceeds from the Beautiful Junk Sale will benefit programs that assist individuals and families in need at The Action Center. For more information about The Action Center or the Beautiful Junk Sale, visit [www.theactioncenterco.org](http://www.theactioncenterco.org) or 303-237-7704.

## Voices West Chorus of the Front Range Presents: April Fools A Cappella Concert

What better day on the calendar to present a cappella music about laughter, life and love than April Fools' Day? Voices West of Littleton will explore a wide array of unaccompanied choral pieces from the Renaissance through the present with a wink of an eye and the tip of a cap!

Advance tickets are available at [voiceswest.org](http://voiceswest.org) or in limited quantities at the door.

- Adults \$18, Seniors/Students \$15, Children 12 and Under Free
- April 1 at 1:30 p.m., Littleton United Methodist, 5894 S. Datura St., Littleton
- April 1 at 7:30 p.m., King of Glory Lutheran Church, 10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada

## Meadows Women's 9-Hole Golf League

There is a ladies' 9-hole golf league on Tuesday mornings at Meadows Golf Course, 7007 Meadows Golf Club Drive in Littleton. For information, email Leslie at [LJC@mac.com](mailto:LJC@mac.com). You can register at [www.ghin.com/eclub/Meadows\\_WGA9/](http://www.ghin.com/eclub/Meadows_WGA9/).

## Meadows Women's 18-Hole Golf League

The women's 18-hole league at the Meadows Golf Course is accepting membership applications for the 2017 season. The Meadows Golf Course is located at 7007 Meadows Golf Club Drive in Littleton. The league plays Tuesday mornings from late April through October, with fun game days for prizes every week, a variety of tournaments, and interclub play. Applications are available at the Meadows Golf Course or at [www.mwga18.yolasite.com](http://www.mwga18.yolasite.com). You can contact Lynn Kelleher at [ljelleher@msn.com](mailto:ljelleher@msn.com) for more information.



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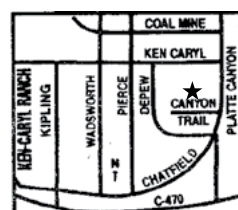
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## KCR Volunteer Patroller Program

Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers are seeking any residents who would like to join the Volunteer Patroller Program for the 2017 season. The program was started in 2012 and has grown to 19 patrollers in 2016 donating 109.5 hours last year!

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

The basic requirements are to perform at least two trail patrols per month, either hiking or biking mainly from May through October but can also be outside of these months. Must be 25 years of age or older, attend trainings and be willing to make routine contacts checking residency and provide basic rules education.

Patrollers will receive all related training and will be supplied with a yellow vest, volunteer ID, first-aid kit, and a packet with brochures, patrol log and quick reference sheet. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Matt Oven at 720-599-3261. You may download the application and letter of commitment from our website at [ken-carylranh.org](http://ken-carylranh.org). The deadline for all applications is April 15 by 5 p.m. They may be dropped off at the Ranch House, Ranger Office or scanned and emailed to [matto@kcranch.org](mailto:matto@kcranch.org).



## Community Garden Registration: Corrected Plot Fees

Submitted by Harriet Camp, Community Garden Volunteer

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 at the Ken-Caryl Community Garden. The garden is located directly behind the new playground at the Community Center.

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!

Please note that incorrect fees were published in the March 8 issue of the paper, and the correct fees are: \$100 for rental of a large plot and \$75 for a small plot. In addition, a \$50 deposit is required, which is fully refundable if you fulfill your volunteer assignment. While the large plots are already reserved, there are still a few small plots available.

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 at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org). Click on the Community & News tab at the top of the page, then choose Community Garden. Or call Harriet at 720-261-5252. Happy Gardening!



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If you receive a CodeRED call, the voice on the line will let you know it’s a message from the Sheriff’s Office. Also, your caller ID should display our agency’s name and a call-back number. The CodeRED system works with all phones that have a TDD line (for the hearing impaired). If you have a telephone zapper used to block out telemarketers, or if your phone is blocked to unknown callers, you will not receive CodeRED calls.

The CodeRED system calls numbers from two databases. One is the county’s 911 database, with all listed and unlisted landlines. If you have a landline, it is automatically included in this database.

The second is a database of mobile phone and VoIP numbers whose owners have opted in to receive the calls. If you don’t have a traditional landline phone, or would like to receive a cell phone call in addition to the call on your landline phone, please register for this free service at <http://jeffco.us/sheriff/emergencies/code-red/>.



# 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-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.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](mailto:eqschool@kcranch.org) for information.



**Picnic with the Ponies**  
Ages 6-8 Years  
Fee: \$225 Per Two-Week Session  
During this fun camp, younger children will learn different aspects of horse care and horseback riding. We strive to offer a wonderful horse experience while learning to be safe around horses. We are offering four, two-week sessions held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12-2 p.m. Maximum of six children per session. Parents are welcome to come the last day of the camp (2nd Thursday) at 1:15 p.m. to watch their children ride. Please bring a packed lunch. (See required gear for each camp below.)  
Session 1: June 6-8 & June 13-15  
Session 2: June 20-22 & 27-29  
Session 3: July 11-13 & July 18-20  
Session 4: July 25-27 & August 1-3

**Summer Camp**  
Ages 8 & Up  
Fee: \$225 Per Session  
In this camp, students will learn many aspects of horse care, including handling, body language and psychology, tack cleaning, grooming, feeding, and, of course, horseback riding! They have a wonderful horse experience while learning to be safe around horses. Kids attend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and may ride either English or Western in any of the camps. These camps are appropriate for kids with a variety of horse experience. Each day of camp includes 1.5 hours of horse contact, including an hour of actual riding. Maximum of 6 kids per session. Parents are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. to see their kids show their talent on horseback. (Please see required gear for each camp below.)  
Session 1: June 5-8  
Session 2 June 12-15  
Session 3 June 19-22  
Session 4 June 26-29  
Session 5: July 10-13  
Session 6: July 17-20  
Session 7: July 31-August 3  
Session 8: July 24-27  
Session 9: August 7-10

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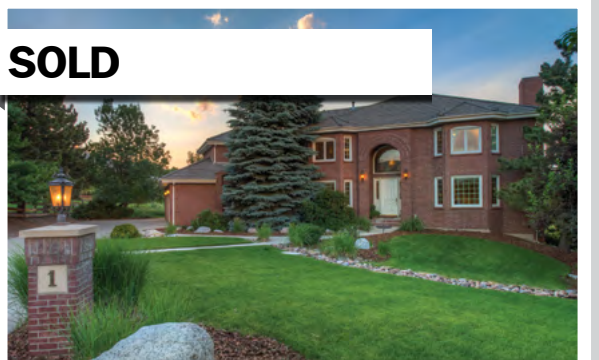
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Saturday	Closed
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<b>Community Center</b>	
Monday - Thursday	303-979-2233
Monday - Thursday	5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m.-8 p.m.

**How to Register for Classes & Events**  
The Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District's online registration system is through Active Network. If you are registering for a class for the first time, you will need to set up a new account. Go to [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org) and click on Register for Classes at the top to get started.


**Summer Camp Lottery**  
The Youth Programs Summer Camp Lottery is going on now! The lottery closes March 24 at 6 p.m. Find out details at [www.ken-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).

## ◆ Fitness Center

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## ◆ KC Nature

**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-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.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, high-energy classes! Taught by local favorite and dance phenom Zachary Hall, this fun class integrates many different styles of hip-hop 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  
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**Course: #45009**

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## ◆ Youth Programs

**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.  
Ages: 6-14 years  
Dates: Wednesdays, March 22 – May 17 (No class March 29)  
Time: 5-5:45 p.m.  
Location: Dakota Lodge  
Fee: Resident: \$120  
Non-Resident: \$140  
**Course #45010**  
**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-carylranh.org](http://www.ken-carylranh.org).  
Ages: Grades K-6th  
Dates: Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31  
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.  
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Ages: 3-5 years old and toilet-trained  
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  
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Full-Day Fee: Resident: \$32  
Non-Resident: \$37  
What to Bring: Lunch, two snacks and appropriate attire for activities.

**Story Time & Baby Time**  
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  
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**Story Time**  
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Ⓢ Life at Ken-Caryl March 22, 2017



◆ **Special Events**

◆ **Historical Society**



**Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt with hundreds of eggs, raffle prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Sponsored by Hawk Construction, Chick-fil-a and KCRMD. See details on page 6.  
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! Bring your dog on-leash for an activity with the TRAILS youth committee, ride your bike for a free tune up from Bicycle Village, wear your swimsuit for a paddleboard demo with Avid 4 Adventure and bring your appetite for the Reef food truck! There will also be a nature art fundraiser with Patrick Maxcy to help fund the wildlife displays at Dakota Lodge.  
Date: Saturday, April 22  
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Location: Ranch House Park  
Fee: Free!

**Rocky Mountain Fur Trade Presentation  
April 6 at Ranch House**

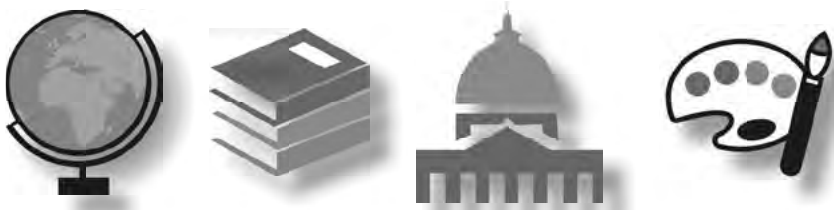
Submitted by Rose Lewis, Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society  
We have all heard about the Gold Rush that brought tens of thousands of people into Colorado, but did you know that decades before the Rush fur trappers and traders traveled up the Front Range creeks in search of beaver, perhaps even across Ken-Caryl and up Deer Creek?  
The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society is pleased to host Michael Schaub, 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.mman.us).  
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## Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Offers Drug Take-Back Day

Twice a year the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office joins law enforcement agencies nationwide to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation’s medicine cabinets. The Drug Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

The next Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Sheriff’s Office will accommodate collections at three sites in the county:

**Sheriff’s Office Headquarters** (200 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden)

**Conifer High School** (10441 Co. Rd. 73, Conifer)

**Dakota Ridge High School** (13399 W. Coal Mine Ave., Littleton)



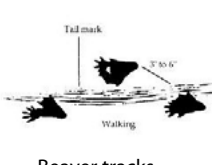

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

- The program is anonymous.
- Prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications, (tablets and capsules) are accepted.
- Intravenous solutions, injectables, needles and oxygen containers will not be accepted.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative.

## Muskrat vs. Beaver


By Recreation Supervisor Gabrielle Chisholm



Muskrat <i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	Both	Beaver <i>Castor canadensis</i>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vole-like: approximately 2 pounds and 2 feet long</li><li>• Rat-like tail serves as a rudder to swim forward and backward</li><li>• Grasses, cattails, bullrushes are their favorite food</li><li>• Known territory at Dakota Lodge pond</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Native to North America and range throughout, in ponds, streams and wetlands</li><li>• Have the same mate for life</li><li>• Very territorial: use a musk sent to mark territory</li><li>• Webbed back feet</li><li>• Historically trapped by humans for soft, warm pelts</li><li>• Active year-round</li><li>• Predators include: mink, coyote, owl and fox</li><li>• Can be victims of floods</li><li>• Dig tunnels and build lodges</li></ul>  	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Largest rodent in North America- up to 55lbs. and 3ft. long</li><li>• The large flat tail helps balance while chewing on trees, store fat over the winter, and slap on the water to warn against predators</li><li>• Large orange incisors that never stop growing–these powerful tools help with gnawing on trees</li><li>• Willows, cottonwoods and aspen are their favorite food</li><li>• Besides humans, beavers manipulate the land more than any other animal</li><li>• Known as a “keystone” species, the ponds beavers construct can be vital to many other species</li><li>• Known territory along Deer Creek Canyon Road, South of Cathy Johnson trail</li></ul>

Source: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

- The prescriptions should be removed from the original containers and placed in a plastic bag prior to drop off. Also, a MedReturn Drug Collection Unit is available at the Jefferson Center for Mental Health south entrance on the second floor (9485 West Colfax Ave.) Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. At this location, unwanted, unused and expired household medications, including prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs, are accepted. For more information, call 303-432-5925.




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# Blue Sage Dental

By Communications Director Victoria DeSair

Dr. Susan Kutis may be a “new” resident, but she’s certainly no stranger to Ken-Caryl Ranch. Dr. Kutis, who owns Blue Sage Dental in the Ken-Caryl Business Center, lived on Ken-Caryl Ranch from 2006-2013, but then moved to her hometown of Chicago. She moved back to Ken-Caryl Ranch in 2016 and purchased the dental practice of the late Dr. Elizabeth Hill.

Dr. Kutis grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, where she attended Loyola University of Chicago for undergraduate and University of Illinois College of Dentistry.

“I have always been drawn to the mountains, and I decided to do a General Practice Residency at the University of Colorado, where I gained greater training



Dr. Susan Kutis of Blue Sage Dental.



Blue Sage Dental in the Ken-Caryl Business Center is owned by Ken-Caryl Ranch resident Dr. Susan Kutis.

in IV sedation, implant placement and restoration, along with more complex cases on medically compromised patients,” said Dr. Kutis.

“I was honored to be selected to be the director of the same dental resident program following my graduation. I also became an Associate Professor of the University of Colorado Dental School. After several years of teaching, I wanted to further my experience in the private sector. One of the reasons for the move back to Chicago was an opportunity to work along my old mentors in a high-end cosmetic practice located on Michigan Ave. This allowed me the opportunity to hone my dental skills in the cosmetic and full-mouth reconstruction world.”

Dr. Kutis has practiced dentistry for the past 11 years. At Blue Sage Dental, she offers a wide range of dentistry from fillings to ceramic crowns and implants to cosmetic cases and full-mouth rehabilitation.

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Dr. Kutis’ staff members worked for the previous practice. This longevity creates



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When asked her favorite thing about her job, Dr. Kutis said, “Building lifelong relationships one patient at a time and creating beautiful functional smiles that keeps them smiling for life.”

Blue Sage Dental is located at 10354 W Chatfield Ave. #100 and can be reached at 720-316-8371. You can find out more information at [www.bluesagedental.com](http://www.bluesagedental.com).

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The staff of Blue Sage Dental.



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**Dear Editor:**

This is Dr. Susan Kutis, the owner and dentist of Blue Sage Dental. I wanted to send out a message of sincere gratitude to the Ken-Caryl community. I was involved in a serious skiing accident on Super Bowl Sunday, and while my recovery has been long and difficult, I was completely overwhelmed by the love, support and compassion I have received from friends, family and complete strangers from near and far and also within my community of Ken-Caryl.

One of my neighbors, Cheri, deserves so much credit for starting a meal train, and my family and I have been so blessed to receive amazing meals from my neighbors, some that I know really well and most that simply say hello as they walk past my home. Yet they have found it in their hearts to help me. Thank you also for all the prayers, cards and flowers. I knew this community has always been wonderful with its endless open space trails, horse stables, community pools and events, but it’s really the people that reside within this community that really make this place so special. I feel so humble and blessed to both live and practice within this magical place.

**Dr. Susan Kutis**  
 Ken-Caryl Resident

**Dear Editor:**

We, as affected neighbors, are writing to voice our opposition to proposed ballfields at the Bradford K-8 North campus. We attended the March 9 KCRMD meeting during which it was very apparent that the adjacent and affected neighbors are against such development. We are quite concerned about the increase in traffic and trash that would result from any proposal of scheduled use of the ballfields.

Although we support activities that enhance the programs for children at Bradford K-8 North, we are not in favor of actively scheduled game fields for children or adults at any time, nor are we in favor of using the lawsuit settlement with the Plains Metropolitan District to build competitively scheduled fields at Bradford. Such scheduled activities and the resultant increase in traffic and trash would pose significant hazards to the safety of the entire Ken-Caryl community and the wildlife in the area. Plus, we are concerned about the detrimental effect such activities would have on the environment, especially since we learned that the proposal does not include any restroom facilities.

We were intrigued to learn from the KCRMD Board that a cash settlement was an also option. What other options might be possible? We strongly encourage the

KCRMD Board to evaluate other options, ones that would not have such a negative impact on the community we know and love.

**Diane Sanelli and Tim Redmond**  
 Ken-Caryl Residents

**Dear Editor:**

I do not support the development of the proposed ballfields at Bradford Intermediate School. The meeting at the school on Thursday, March 9 was attended by several hundred residents with only a handful in favor of the development. This turnout demonstrated our feelings to KCRMD and Jeffco School Board. This issue has been addressed in the past with the same result. I am asking that the agreement of 1996, not allowing anything on this space that would be a neighborhood nuisance, be honored.

Our neighborhood would be negatively affected by increased traffic, noise, trash, possible vandalism and impossible parking problems. The safety of our neighborhood children, walking and riding their bikes, would be impacted by the increased traffic. The area in question is too small for this proposed setup.

Homes around the fields would see a significant decrease in values. It is unfair to change the character of the neighborhood now. We purchased our homes because of the quiet location. If we wanted to live close to ballfields and other scheduled recreational areas, we would have purchased in a different neighborhood where those amenities are already established. I have driven my daughter, and now my granddaughter, to sports and activities all over Jeffco and other parts of town. This is expected when signing up for these activities.

We use this area now for informal games, bike riding, dog walking and play space for our children. It would be wonderful to have better outdoor fields for the children who attend Bradford Intermediate. But it would not be beneficial to the neighborhood to have fields that are used by others for scheduled games.

**Bobbi Grieco**  
 Ken-Caryl Resident

**Dear Editor:**

We are writing to address the recent initiative regarding the sports fields at Bradford North. I was on the committee ~15 years ago when we proposed constructing the Jerry DiPoto field, which many of the opposition still have engrained in their mind today. I understand the recent meeting on Thursday, March 9 resulted in the vast majority vehemently opposing the newest proposal for multi-purpose fields, which

doesn’t surprise me. For the record, our children are grown and off the payroll.

I’m writing to break this down to the lowest common denominator, addressing just the baseball field. The infrastructure that is currently in place at Bradford North is tired looking. My recommendation is to simply allocate some of the funding from the lawsuit to make the current field Little League-compliant...PERIOD! Secondly, there are enough smart and savvy tech people in this community to develop an effective and efficient platform to schedule games. We are not advocating for concession stands or a new parking lot, just a Little League-ready field for the kids in our community to enjoy.

One thing I think we can agree on as a community is that we enjoy a picturesque, family-friendly community. Our neighbors to the east in Denver’s inner city, poor neighborhoods had a couple of Little League-quality baseball fields built by the help of generous donors. Needless to say, their kids are thrilled and this helps to unite their community. Let’s unite ours!

To those that are empty nesters or have long tenure in the neighborhoods, allow us to leave you with this thought. Wouldn’t you rather see our youth outside playing organized or pick-up baseball games rather than on their couch playing video games, texting and snap chatting on their cell phones? Folks, let’s invest in the future of our youth, without touching your wallet! Let’s play ball!

**John Losasso**  
 Ken-Caryl Resident

**Dear Editor:**

Living in one of the immediately affected areas of the Bradford North ballfields, we are very concerned about the newly proposed “scheduled” ballfields. We fully

support field updates for the school itself, but are not in favor of any “scheduled” KCR or Jeffco games. We fully understand that the club sports in Jeffco are lacking fields, but we have many concerns if “scheduled” fields are placed here at Bradford North.

Everyone who has moved into the Valley or North Ranch moved here knowing they would always have to drive their kids to other places for club sports. We live on the outskirts of the Denver Metro area for a reason. We like the quiet country-like feel of this less crowded community (even if it is a big suburb).

These proposed “scheduled” ballfields for children and adults would drastically change our area on evenings and weekends.

- More traffic means bigger safety concerns – for the Valley and North Ranch.
- Adjacent and affected neighborhoods (the center of the Valley) would see a loss of property values.
- No trash or restroom facilities would lead to a mess for us to clean up.
- It would be louder – disrupting the peace.
- Estimated water costs of \$20,000/per year (which is on the low end) would mean scheduling would probably increase over time to keep up with inflation.
- Should a fire break out in the middle of the day, our already tight evacuation routes would affect 2,032 households in the Valley and North Ranch. It might seem like a long shot, but we just had a brush fire in the middle of the night right at the entrance to the Valley.

Therefore, we strongly oppose scheduled ballfields at Bradford North.

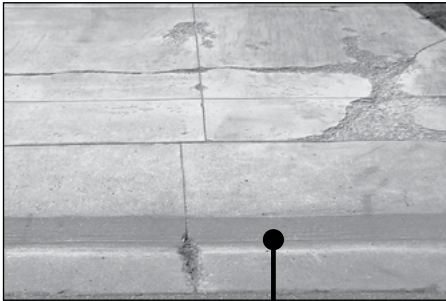
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Categories: (B) Babysitting; (L) Lawn care; (P) Pet or house sitting; (S) Snow shoveling

Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood
Mickey Ahearn	303-550-6528	L	15	Colony
Kai Allen	720-299-2485	L	15	Wynterbrooke
Bridget Antreasian	626-487-1968	B	13	North Ranch
Ryan Antreasian	626-487-1968	L, P	18	North Ranch
Jade Atkinson	303-489-7195	P	11	Aspen Meadows
Katelyn Atkinson	303-916-7666	B, P	14	Aspen Meadows
Sierra Baliko	303-809-1117	B, P	14	Traditions
Kiera Bierstedt	720-937-2102	B, P	11	Traditions
Christina Bigger	720-256-3180	B, P	16	Deerwood Vista
Josh Blarr	720-318-4605	L, P, S	15	Colony
Madeline Byerly	720-785-3784	B	14	Wynterbrooke
Nolan Byrnes	720-530-9272	L, P, S	14	Bradford Place
Bridget Cassidy	720-244-1359	B	13	Stratford Farms
Andrew Cohen	720-626-0375	B, L, P, S	14	North Ranch
Brooke Ellis	720-988-9162	B, P	13	Heirloom
Christina George	303-934-2612	B, P	16	Bradford Place
Erin Giles	303-885-8787	B, P	15	Colony
Matthew Guarino	720-981-7322	L, S	15	Bradford Place
Nicole Guarino	720-981-7322	B	15	Bradford Place
Raquel Gunkel	303-909-5090	B	15	Spread
Chuck Henderson	720-231-6068	L, P, S	16	Deerwood Vista
Kate Henderson	732-446-2801	B, P, S	16	North Ranch
Kiera Hess	303-948-2895	B, P	15	Colony
Cassandra Higgins	720-618-5248	B, P, S	13	Settlement
Emma Hodges	303-999-8686	B, P	16	Saddlewood
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	L, P, S	14	Saddlewood
Maddox Hodges	303-667-2606	L, S	11	Saddlewood
Anna Howell	720-660-6697	B, P, S	15	Escape Apts
Sean Hursh	303-972-1762	P, S	12	Bradford Place
Alexandra Jensen	303-815-6046	B, P, S	15	North Ranch
Gabby Jensen	303-815-6046	B, P	13	North Ranch
Hannah Johnson	720-879-1445	B, P	15	Bradford Place
Taylor Jones	720-940-5043	B	16	Manor Ridge
Harrison Kauffman	303-590-8992	L, P, S	13	Wynterbrooke
Corrin Kevlyn	608-217-6317	B	15	Eagles Pointe
Payton Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	12	Spread
Rachael Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	12	Spread
Emma Martin	720-539-6952	B	13	Deerwood Vista
Julia Martin	720-539-6944	P	11	Deerwood Vista
Hadley Marx	720-380-4671	B, P	15	Shaffer Hill
Holly McCollough	720-492-0288	B, P, S	14	Stallion Pointe
Matthew Murray	303-579-5322	P	13	North Ranch
Ryan Murray	303-579-5322	B, L, P, S	16	North Ranch
Robby Nelson	303-904-8886	B, L, P, S	16	Spread
Alexandra Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	16	Legacy
William Newsom	303-325-5232	L, S	14	Legacy
Lauren O’Connor	720-499-9602	B, P	15	Sunset Ridge
Kellan Oldershaw	303-718-7624	B, P, S	13	Settlement
Lexi Orr	303-261-7797	B, P	12	Retreat
Grey Ottenstein	720-210-7485	L, P, S	13	Barrington Ridge
Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	12	Heirloom
Rhiana Parker	720-877-5570	B, P	15	Territory
Micaela Pollard	303-904-8488	B, P	13	Cimarron
Christian Rapp	720-838-3042	B, L, P, S	15	Eagles Pointe
Seth Reisinger	303-973-2469	B, L, P, S	14	Eagles Pointe
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Paige Rodgers	303-438-0271	B, P	13	Barrington Ridge
Anya Schroeter	720-415-5112	B, P	13	Quail Ridge
Megan Schuster	720-587-7265	B, P	14	Heirloom
Jacob Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
John Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	15	Saddlewood
Maria Seybert	303-668-5987	B, P	13	Saddlewood
James Shanley	303-913-0347	B, P	17	Stallion Pointe
Kathryn Shanley	720-376-2323	B, P, S	13	Stallion Pointe
Evan Shook	720-822-3120	P	14	Carriage Hill
Austin Skeffington	720-308-8704	L	15	Wynterbrooke
Jamie Smith-Logan	720-917-4864	B, L, P, S	13	Spread
Quaid Solarte	303-478-2623	B, P	16	Eagles Pointe
Wyatt Solarte	303-478-2623	B, L, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe
Ian Soukup	303-862-5756	B, P, S	13	Eagles Pointe
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Cameron Suchomel	720-323-8903	L, S	17	Bradford Place
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Lauren Thorp	303-995-5551	B, P	15	North Ranch
Cole Torgerson	303-933-9988	B, L, P, S	15	Legacy
Avery Turney	303-257-1406	B, P, S	13	Spread
Zeke Tweedie	303-856-4717	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista
Genevie Webster	703-655-4428	B, P	14	Spread
Charlotte Webster	703-655-4428	B, P	12	Spread
Ella Widmann	303-424-4712	B, P	13	Territory
Eli Yeagley	720-363-6440	B, L, P, S	15	Carriage Hill
Sam Yeagley	720-363-6440	B, L, P, S	18	Carriage Hill

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