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# Veterans Monument Bricks for Sale Just in Time for Veterans Day!

As of the printing of this issue, only six Veterans Monument Honor Bricks remain and

are available for purchase to become a permanent part of the monument. These Honor Bricks 'serve' to recognize and honor all who have ever served, as well as those on active duty or reserves in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. A tax-deductible donation of \$300 is requested for each brick. You can download an Honor Brick order form from our website. Each brick will be personalized with the name of the person, rank, branch of service and dates of service or conflict. Visit www.ken-carylranch.org for details.



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# Taking the MD Budget into Account

By Metro District Manager Traci Wieland

Similar to the Master Association and agencies across the state and nation, the Metropolitan District is entering budget season. The budget process is an opportunity to engage in direct conversation about priorities for spending that change how we do things, why we do things and what we can do better. This year's conversation is a substantially more challenging one than in previous years as we are coming off a very difficult six months of reduced revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also forced to think into

the future about the estimated 17 percent reduction in the Residential Assessment Rate for fiscal year 2022, which would likely result in double the impact that COVID had in 2020. This is in addition to grappling with the ongoing increased cost of providing services.

These many challenges make the next two years of budget development critical to our operations as we think about how to provide the highest quality service for the most efficient cost as possible. These are difficult conversations that the public will be invited to participate in via a series of public hearings. The Metropolitan District's budget process is slightly different than that of the Master Association. As a public agency, the District is mandated to conduct a public hearing, appoint budget officers, adopt a fees schedule and numerous other requirements. The public hearing portion of the process will be conducted over the course of the next three months and will begin with the Oct. 27 meeting and conclude Dec. 1 when the budget is adopted.

If participation in board meetings does not fit your schedule or lifestyle, feel free to contact me via email at traciw@kcranch.org or 303-979-1876, ext. 136 to discuss your particular feedback or ideas. Also, be sure to keep an eye out on the website for updates throughout the process!

#### Dues Information

# **Master Association Board Draft Budget** Online

**Bv Master Association Executive Director** Victoria DeSair

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board reviewed a draft of the 2021 Budget at its Sept. 15 meeting. The current budget draft proposes keeping the same dues level as 2020. A large portion of the 2020 budget included funding for the Ranch House Pool and minimal funding is needed for the pool in 2021. With this funding need behind us, the Board will be able to fund some operational increases as well as several one-time projects in 2021 without raising the dues.

Some operating cost highlights in 2021 include:

- Increased Ranger Staffing
- · Trash/Recycling Contract Increase
- Water Utility Rate Increase
- · Drainage Repairs
- Irrigation System Repairs
- Increased Security Patrols
- Cost of Living Adjustments for Staff In addition to these operational expenditures, the Master Association Board is considering, but has not yet committed to, funding the following projects in 2021:
- Parks Maintenance Cost-Sharing with the Metro District
- Icing Mitigation on North Massey Draw
- Soft-Surface to Hard-Surface Trail Conversions
- Easement/Right-of-Way Archive Project
- Picnic Tables Open Space
- Biological & Cultural Survey S. Foothills Open Space (Docmann South)
- Ranch House Pool Shade
- Ranch House Pool Furniture
- Website Redesign
- Security Cameras at Bradford Security Cameras at Dakota Lodge
- Median Enhancement
- Community Survey
- **Bear-Proof Trash Cans**
- Sand Volleyball Court
- **Bradford Room Update**
- Metro District Deferred Capital: Ranch House Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Metro District Deferred Capital: LED Lights at Ranch House Tennis Courts
- Metro District Deferred Capital: Hard-Surface Trail Along South Valley Road; 1st Phase
- Metro District Deferred Capital: Parks **Equipment for Mowing and Snow Clearing**

# • Improvements to Brannon Gearhart Park

• Structural Repairs to Barns

The Master Association's draft budget is posted online at www.ken-carylranch. org under Administration then Budgets & Reports. If you have any questions or comments about the draft budget, contact Executive Director Victoria DeSair at victoriad@kcranch.org or submit feedback directly to the Board. Board member email addresses are listed on the website under Administration, then Master Association Board.

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# Community Calendar

# **October**

All meetings and activities are at the Ranch House unless otherwise stated.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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4	6	6	•	8 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee	9	10
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18	19	6 p.m. MA Board Meeting	4:30 p.m. Covenant Committee	7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee	23	9 a.m. Halloween Hustle 5K Dakota Lodge
25	26	6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	7 p.m. Open Space Committee Online	29	30	Happy Halloween!

\*Information regarding audio and video conferencing options for public meetings will be communicated as it becomes available.

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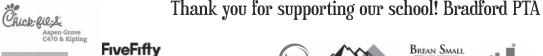
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# Won't You Be My Neighbor?

By Brian Yowell, Community Administrator

Unlike Mister Roger's Neighborhood and his Neighborhood of Make-Believe where everything is seemingly perfect, we know good and well that it takes a lot of work to keep our homes, our parks and our open space in good condition.

While we work on our homes and go about our daily lives, please keep in mind the impact we may have on our most valuable assets – our neighbors. Now, I know life is not make-believe and that we don't always have perfect relationships with all our neighbors. We may not agree with

their viewpoints, their politics, the pattern they leave when they mow their lawn or their choice in front door color. However, I hope we can all agree to be neighborly and be good stewards of Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Before embarking on a project (previously approved, of course), performing maintenance, or just out for a stroll, take pause and consider your impact on others. Although, I am sure that we all have the best of intentions, sometimes our actions affect others in ways we didn't even imagine.

Are you putting in a new fence? I highly recommend you talk with your neighbors and make sure everyone is on the same page before work begins. Do you need access to their yard for the work to be completed? Do you need permission to access open space to bring in materials and/or remove debris? Do you border a greenbelt and need to coordinate work to be done so that lawn mowing or watering isn't affected?

How about trimming trees and bushes? Even if they are your trees and bushes, make sure that debris doesn't land in neighboring properties or cause damage during the process. If the trees and bushes are not yours, I highly urge you contact the owner of those trees and bushes and together come up with a maintenance and pruning plan. They may prefer to have somebody come in and professionally trim the entire tree or bush to not only address your concerns, but ensure the health and aesthetics of the tree or bush are taken into consideration. You know how much X the Owl from Mr. Roger's own neighborhood loves his trees!!

Walking your four-legged best friend? We all know that when you need to go, you need to go, and dogs are no exception—well, except they can do their business outside without being arrested. Be a good neighbor and a responsible owner and be prepared to pick up after your pet. Be aware that not everyone wants dogs peeing in their yards and on their prized begonias. Please keep your pup on a leash and teach him/her how to be a model resident. This will not only keep them safe, but also your fellow residents happy!

I think you get the point. Be kind. Be aware.

King Friday, Daniel and Lady Elaine Fairchilde all thank you very much.

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. So, won't you please, won't you please... please, won't you be my (good) neighbor?

Thank you, Ken-Caryl! At your service, **Brian Yowell** 



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GREG MILANO CHR



# Master Association Sept. 15 Board **Meeting Summary**

On Sept. 15, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular meeting and discussed the following items:

- · Victoria DeSair reported on Ranch House pool construction, social media growth and the Architectural Committee decision to keep the existing temporary signage rule.
- The Board reviewed the 2021 Draft Budget and discussed potential onetime projects. An updated draft budget will be presented at the October meeting.
- A motion passed adopting the 2019 Master Association audit.
- A motion passed appointing Jerry Jones to the Historical Society Hall of Fame.
- · A motion passed approving Harris, Kocher, Smith to complete the surveying of the exterior boundary of Ken-Caryl Ranch at a cost of \$15,920.
- A motion passed approving Valles Construction for the Valley Parkway Crossing Project between Woodruff and Manzanita at a cost of \$20,000 and the soft surface to hard surface conversion at a cost of \$10,000.
- · A motion passed approving \$20,000 for a crossing beacon at the intersection of Ken Caryl Ave. and South Valley Road.
- Dave Seagraves reported that the Water Board has postponed the construction of the water line at the Ranch House. The Water Board will be adding two additional fire hydrants at the Ranch House.
- Resident Tim Berg expressed concerns regarding the North Ranch Sub Association and expressed support for construction of trailhead gates in the North Ranch.
- Resident Jessica Mullins shared the benefits experienced by youth on the Avout Racing Juniors Bicycle team.
- Resident Jim Fodor expressed concerns about the safety of mountain biking and the impact of mountain biking on the environment. He requested additional funding in the 2021 budget for tree replacement.
- Residents Elizabeth Allison, Jim Fodor and Rilla Reinsma requested that the biological and cultural survey of the South Foothills Open Space not be funded in the 2021 budget.
- Resident Diane Hagre requested that the proposed volleyball court not be funded in the 2021 budget. She also requested that the court not be located at the Ranch House.
- Resident Eric Mercer expressed support for the proposed volleyball court and offered resources to support the construction of the court.
- Resident Joel Pankow expressed support for funding full-time ranger staff in the 2021 budget. He also expressed support for the pedestrian activated crossing beacon on Valley Parkway and shared information from the Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering Department and the Jefferson County Sherriff's department.
- Resident Jerry Sullivan expressed concerns about the safety of street crossings in the Plains and the safety of the proposed crossing beacon on Valley Parkway.

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# Wildlife Trapped in Window Wells

By Matt Oven, Park Ranger

Every year, the KCRMA Rangers experience several calls from residents regarding wildlife accidently falling into open window wells. This may seem like an unusual occurrence, but it happens more than you think. The hard part is trying to remove the wild animal when it is confined to a small area, possibly injured and scared as their survival instinct makes them unpredictable.

Some window wells at homes may be only a few feet deep and some have depths as much as eight feet. This means the average animal that falls into the well cannot easily remove themselves. The problem is the window well texture itself. The metal that is used in the construction is ribbed, but smooth and an animal's claws cannot grip the metal. In addition, the angle is so extreme that the animals slip while trying to escape and stay inside. If the animal cannot exit the well on its own, it can become exhausted and eventually starve to death. There have also been several examples on the Ranch over the years in which deer have fallen into window wells, thrash around breaking glass trying to escape - injuring themselves while running around the basement looking for an exit!

I have, along with other park rangers in the past, removed yearling deer from window wells. A few times park rangers have had to lower themselves down into the well to capture the animal for release, which can be dangerous both for the animal and the park ranger. One of the easy methods to assist an animal trapped in a window well is to place a long board or two (best with rope/grips attached) inside the well at an easy angle. This allows the animal to gain a grip and climb outside to ground level. For removing snakes, a long pole or shovel with a bag on the end in addition to a board will help to catch and release them.

A great way to end any future concerns regarding wildlife and your open window well is to spend the extra money and install grate covers. The grate cover serves two purposes, one by allowing wildlife to pass safely over and around your home, and two, are equally safe for young children who could accidently fall into the window well and injure themselves.

If you have any questions call the rangers at 303-979-1876, ext. 170.

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# Ken-Caryl Rangers and CPW Stepping Up Efforts to Keep Residents and Bears Safe

The KCRMA Rangers, in conjunction with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), have begun ramping up efforts to help educate homeowners to the dangers of potential bear conflicts due to residents not abiding by recommendations, rules and regulations to help keep the community and wildlife safe.

Reports of bears entering open garages and rummaging through trash put out the evening prior to scheduled pick-ups has been encouraging bears to search for food within our neighborhoods, increasing the likelihood of bear attacks, damage to property and harm to wildlife.

As a result, CPW and our own ranger staff are conducting drive-throughs around the neighborhoods on several evenings and make note of any trash or recycling put out the night before and/or not secured properly, in addition to noting any open garage doors. CPW will contact that homeowner directly to address this issue and offending streets and neighborhoods have been posted, along with photos, to Nextdoor.



As part of their on-going efforts to educate residents on the danger of potential bear conflicts, CPW is now photographing offending residences and posting photos, like this one, to Nextdoor.

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# Hurry to Register for Ken-Caryl's Halloween Hustle 5K Family Fun Run!

Calling all goblins, ghosts and ghouls for this year's Halloween Hustle on Oct. 24 beginning at 9 a.m. at Dakota Lodge! Get in the 'spirit' of the season and register for this spook-tacular 5K run that encourages participants to dress in costume for some socially-distanced family fun! For added safety, the event will feature four heats for runners to safely participate. Dogs and strollers are welcome! Pre-registration is required. All participants who register prior to Oct. 15 will receive a special 'treat' bag with the event's logo to commemorate their participation in this year's Halloween Hustle.

Registration for this event will go faster than a scream queen being chased on the silver screen, so be sure to sign up today! For more information, including registration fees, event details and to register, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranch.org!

A big howl to Platinum Sponsor Rob Stewart with State Farm and Gold Sponsor Susan Kutis, D.D.S. with Blue Sage Dental!

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# Staff Spotlight

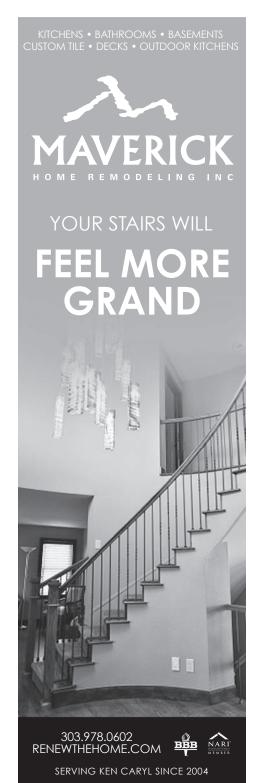


# Get to Know Community Administrator Brian Yowell:

# **Two Truths and a Lie**

Can you tell fact from fiction? Get to know Community Administrator Brian Yowell in this issue's Staff Spotlight by playing Two Truths and a Lie. Turn to page 13 for more information and to learn about Brian!

- 1. Recently, Brian worked as the interior designer for the home, guest house, and pool area for Shirley Temple's original home in California.
- 2. Brian has been the director of several television commercials.
- 3. While living in New York City Brian wrote articles for *The New York Times* on restaurant reviews.



# • Our Community

# Ken Caryl Local Brings Resident Businesses Together to Support Each Other and the Community

In a time of uncertainty and divisiveness, several local business owners are coming together to support one another in a way that truly embodies Ken-Caryl Ranch's spirit of community.

Spearheaded by local Ken-Caryl business owner Molly Thorne of Serasana, Ken Caryl Local formed in early September under the shared mission to create partnerships, to be of service to the community and to work together on synergistic marketing efforts.

"We want the community to know that we are here for them," said Molly. "Ken-Caryl has given so much to all of us as business owners and has taken care of us. We want to the community to know we are here to take care of them."

Molly is quick to point out that the group differs from a more traditional Chamber of Commerce or business roundtable in that its mission isn't simply to network or to

"When it comes to Ken Caryl Local, our mission is more of 'what can I do to help others and fellow businesses, not what's in this for me, that is the difference," explains Molly.

Current members include: Biomend Aesthetics and Wellness, CrossFit Ken Caryl, Determinations, LLC, Frenchies Modern Nail Care, Ken Caryl Living Magazine, Living the Colorado Life, Serasana, Stylish Nikki, Upslope Brands Marketing and new culinary kid on the block, Hi Low American Eatery, which is slated to open later this fall.

"I am all about supporting fellow Ken-Caryl local businesses," said Nikki Muhammad, resident and owner of Stylish Nikki, who offers personalized styling services and closet edits to her clients. Nikki offered to help other local businesses by using her well-established social media presence to support and promote fellow community businesses.

In the spirit of inclusion, the group doesn't limit or impose restrictions on the same type of business from joining Ken Caryl Local. Instead, each will focus on a unique aspect of their service lines to promote so as not to compete with each other to ensure their main focus remains on providing valued services to the community.

"I believe in the spirit of collaboration over competition," said Kristen Coleman, Ken-Caryl resident and owner of Biomend Aesthetics and Wellness. "While our businesses may be similar, if I can help support the IV Lounge by educating clients on the benefits of their unique offerings, like their hydration services, and in turn have them do the same for my company's wellness objectives, then I would consider that a win-win for us as collaborators and for our clients in that they have many options and resources to help

During a recent meeting on Sept. 16, the group began hammering out the details on an innovative and 'out of the box' approach to offering a wide variety of services and products to the community, just in time for the holidays—so, stay tuned!

According to Molly, the spirit of inclusion and community is alive and well in Ken-Caryl's business community and she encourages other businesses to reach out and make meaningful connections. If you are a like-minded local business or resident small business owner interested in joining Ken Caryl Local, please email Molly at molly@serasana.com.



From left, Molly Thorne, owner of Serasana; Chris Calabro, owner of Upslope Brands Marketing; Rebecca Matkins, partner and owner of Living the Colorado Life; Kristen Coleman, owner of Biomend Aesthetics and Wellness; Leigh Mattson, owner of Ken Caryl Living Magazine; Nikki Muhammad, owner of Stylish Nikki; Greg Schule, owner of Hi Lo American Eatery; and Matt Deheiux, owner of Determinations, LLC.

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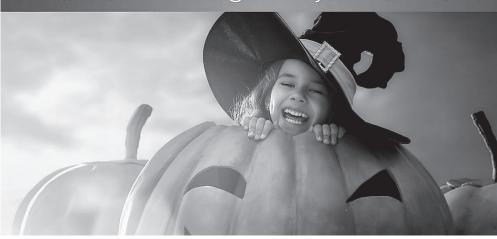
# Community to Host Fourth Installment of Social Justice Discussion

An informal discussion of race, inclusion and social and legal justice will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. in Heirloom Park, located on Club Drive, two blocks south of the Ken-Caryl Community Center.

This gathering is the fourth in which neighbors are asked to come together to discuss social justice issues and racism in America. Debbie Jackson, a long-time resident of Ken-Caryl Valley, will facilitate the meeting. Social distancing will be observed. Please wear a mask and bring a chair and something to drink.

For more information, contact Gwen Thornton at gwen.thornton42@gmail.com or Debbie Jackson at deborrahjj@aol.com.

# Trick-or-treating isn't just for kids.



# **Fall Festivities** Brought to You by **Brookdale Senior** Living

Do you fall for fall? If you look forward to fall foliage, cooler temps and pumpkinspiced, well, everything, then you'll want to mark your calendars for Brookdale Senior Living's upcoming fall-themed events:

#### **Candy Dish Virtual Craft Workshop**

Create a cute holiday-themed craft from the comfort of your own home! Great for connecting with kids and grandkids! Crafting materials will be safely shipped or delivered to your home. Registration required.

When: Oct. 8 from 3-4 p.m. Where: Online Ages: All

RSVP to Dee Townsley at 303-948-0900 or via email at dtownsley@brookdale.com by Oct. 1.

# Spook-tacular Halloween Trick-or-Treat

This Halloween, enjoy a trick-or-treat parade around Brookdale where kids of all ages can delight in trick-or-treating around the outside of the building for contactless candy collection to ensure resident and visitor safety. Registration is recommended, but not required.

When: Oct. 31 from 2-3 p.m. Where: Brookdale Senior Living, 8271 S. Continental Divide Rd., Littleton, CO 80127 Ages: All

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#### **Virtual Caregiver Support Group**

Are you a family caregiver struggling with feelings of isolation? Brookdale is hosting a virtual caregiver support group to help. Connect with others to share stories, tips and stress-management techniques.

When: Oct. 15 from 6-7 p.m. Where: Online

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# Picture This! Seasonal Switch

Many residents were left scratching their heads at the winter storm that suddenly blew into Ken-Caryl Ranch on Sept. 8. Temperatures plummeted from the '90s to the '30s overnight, forcing students to trade their sneakers for snow boots in preparation of their first day of in-person learning at area schools.



Photo submitted by resident Dean Insalaco.









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# Featured Creatures: Helping Pets Find Their Furr-ever Homes

There's no better time than right now to find the purr-fect fur-ever home for a deserving pet! Here are the latest adoptable pets from Foothills Animal Shelter:



## Koda (#224012):

Koda is a two-year-old, male Shepherd mix. Boasting a handsome tan-'n'-white coat and energy to burn, Koda is a rescue dog who is very eager to find an active, outdoorsy family that will indulge his love of catching Frisbees and take him for long hikes on one of Colorado's many hiking trails. During in-processing, he displayed loose, wiggly and jumpy behavior; and with patient, loving training (using positive reinforcement techniques), Koda will quickly learn basic manners and socialization, and that it's okay to remain calm.



## Clyde (#224106):

Clyde is a three-year-old, male cat. Abandoned by his original owner, this handsome and laidback tabby is known as a Secret Admirer who is usually off hiding and observing you from afar, becoming your best friend once he becomes comfortable with you. During in-processing, Clyde allowed all handling and restraint and thoroughly enjoyed slow petting. He is best suited for a calm, guiet household that will allow him to easily transition to new surroundings and become the best companion imaginable.

Adoption fees include pet spay or neuter, vaccinations, microchip and a health check. Visit www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org to find out more about Koda, Clyde and other deserving pets in need of good homes.

# • Our Rising Generation

# Resident Ethan Pankow "Caches" the Thrill and Fun of Geocaching

By Ethan Pankow, Resident

"Congratulations! You've just found a geocache - intentionally, or not." If you are lucky, you too may soon be reading this message! Geocaching is using GPS coordinates to locate some sort of hidden container. In our area, these containers are more likely to be found in nature-wilderness caches.

Another popular category is finding them in urban environments - urban caches.





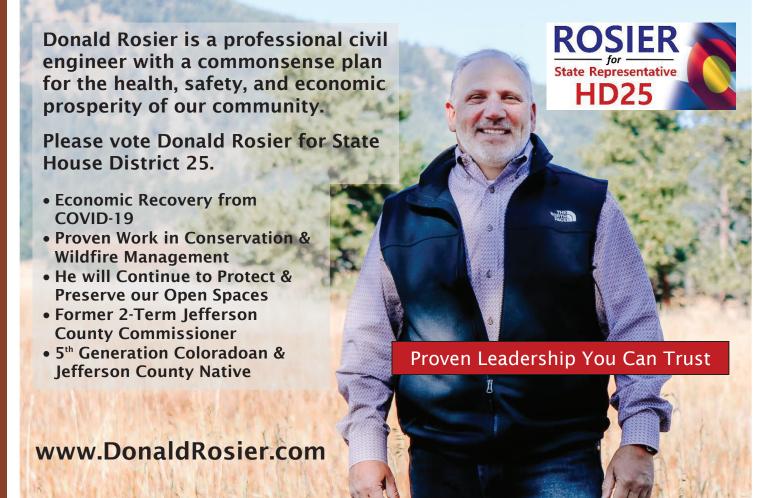
You may be thinking, what would I even do if I find one of these? Simple! Sign the log book so you can always be a part of this cache and take a prize (if past finders or the cache owner were kind enough to leave you one). Just try to put a prize back if you take one - that's just good caching etiquette! Something you might find inside may include a little Lego man or pop tabs from cans of Bubly sparkling water and often reflect fellow geocacher's interests.

Sound cool? Here's how you get started:

- Make a geocaching account. This can be accomplished with ease at geocaching.com.
- 2. Download the geocaching app onto your phone. (This requires mobile data and location services).
- 3. Sign into the app with the account you made and you're good to go!
- 4. Now it's time to decide on a cache that you want to find! I actually have two of them here in the Valley that are beginner-friendly: "Picnic, anyone?" and "Crevice 1". But don't limit yourself to our own area there are 16 geocaches in a two-mile radius from the Valley!
- 5. Time to go "hunting"! The app will only lead you to a general area around where the cache actually is. The maximum distance away can still be up to 0.1 miles. The actual distance varies for each hide and is displayed on the map screen as you search for it, something like "+/- 900 ft". From there, it's completely up to you to find the treasure!
- 6. Be respectful of the area and put the cache back in its hiding spot just like



Example of a geocaching 'treasure.



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## • Our Rising Generation (continued)

you found it so the next person can experience the thrill you just did.

7. Can't find it, no worries! You can still leave a note on the log page on the app, and many times (I always try to) the owner will write you a personal message and either offer a clue or actually go check and make sure the cache hasn't gone missing.

Once you have a few under your belt, you can hide one too! Find a good location, make sure that geocaches are allowed in that location (in Ken-Caryl, they are allowed without need for special permit in any irrigated park/greenbelt) and submit your idea to the Hide a Geocache page. A volunteer reviewer will look at your listing, provide any feedback/ questions, and if everything is correct, will publish your cache! Remember, taking care of your newly published cache isn't a one-time deal. You'll need to check on it from time to time, replace filled log papers, add prizes and review the online log page to see if anyone made any special comments for you!

Geocaching can be enjoyed almost year-round, and is perfect for a time when people are encouraged more than ever to recreate outside in place of indoor activities. It's family-friendly, can be a good source of exercise, and who knows... maybe you'll walk away with a prize and some laughs from a good time!

#### Our Community

# Current Signage Rules to Remain in Effect

After soliciting community feedback via the newspaper, e-News and Facebook on the Temporary Signage Posting Rules, and the request for approval to post signs reflecting current social issues, it was voted to keep the Temporary Signage Posting Rules as they currently stand. In fact, 91.5 percent of the feedback received from the community was to keep the current Temporary Signage Posting Rules as they are, with 8.5 percent of feedback received to change the rules as written.

The current rule states that no sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view without the approval of the Architectural Committee. The purpose of the rule is to avoid clutter, maintain uniformity and create harmony throughout the community and public spaces of Ken-Caryl Ranch.

The Committee will be reviewing and updating the rules to include home security signs, no soliciting signs, invisible fence, decorative signs, safety signs and no trespassing signs and will develop parameters surrounding the posting of said signs, such as placement, aesthetic and size restrictions.

Additionally, residents will have another opportunity to address this rule in the 2021 Resident Survey. We will be including a Temporary Signage Posting Rules question to gain additional community feedback regarding this topic.

Additional questions or feedback can be sent directly to Brian Yowell at briany@kcranch.org.



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That's it! You're on your way to becoming a competent geocacher! If you need any help, don't be afraid to reach out - you'll find me as TheZoom21 on geocaching.com!

Editor's Note: Geocache/Letterbox site locations are only allowed in Irrigated turf areas, i.e. parks and greenbelts. They are not allowed on private and public open space due to social trails becoming established and damaging natural resources. For more information, including Ken-Caryl's rules regarding geocaching, please visit our website at

https://ken-carylranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Geocaching\_ Letterboxing-Guidelines-for-SOPs.pdf.







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# RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

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Due to the rapidly changing nature of programming during the pandemic, please visit www.ken-carylranch.org for up-to-date Recreation Program information.



Special Events

Brenna LeBlanc Aquatics Coordinator brenna@kcranch.org 303-979-1876, ext. 131

#### Halloween Hustle 5K

Calling all goblins, ghosts and ghouls for this year's Halloween Hustle on Oct. 24 beginning at 9 a.m. at Dakota Lodge! Get in the 'spirit' of the season and register for this spook-tacular 5K run that encourages participants to dress in costume for some socially-distanced family fun! Pre-registration is required. Fees, registration and event details available on our website at www.ken-carylranch.org.



Amy Lear Recreation Director Amyl@kcranch.org 303-979-1876, ext. 119

# **SkyHawks Enrolling for Fall 2020**

There's something new kickin' off each week with SkyHawks this fall! Your kiddos can enjoy a combination of physical education, sports and playground games. Examples may include speed, agility, baseball, basketball, flag football, soccer, track and field, volleyball, dodgeball, kickball, ultimate and much more. For more information and to register, visit www.skyhawks.com/colorado.

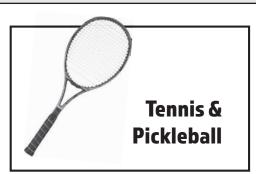
## **SuperTots Offers Fall Programs**

Got a 'budding' young athlete at home? SuperTots is now accepting registrations for their SoccerTots and 1stDownTots programs! Class sizes will be limited and safety protocols in place to protect all participating tots! For more information and to register, please visit www.supertots.com/colorado.



# **Sign Up for the e-News!**

Go to www.ken-carylranch.org and fill out the e-News sign-up form on the home page.



Robert Campbell Tennis Program Supervisor robert@kcranch.org 303-979-2233, ext. 102

#### **Permanent Court Time**

Permanent Court Time (PCT) began on Sept. 8, but there are still slots available! Monthly payments will be automatically drafted from your credit or debit card kept on file.
Email robert@kcranch.org to inquire about available spots.

#### Serve's Up!

Enjoy cooler temperatures on the court with the start of Fall Tennis at the Community Center! Adult registration opens to the public on XXX, Junior Team Tennis (JTT) registration opens on XXX. There will be no lottery registration, all tennis registration will be online. For more information and to register, visit us online at www.ken-carylranch.org.

## **Cardio Tennis**

Cardio Tennis is back on Friday and Saturday mornings at the Community Center! Pre-registration required. You can sign up 48 hours in advance at www.ken-carylranch.org.

# **Tennis Court Reservations**

Outdoor tennis court reservations are now being taken online three days in advance. Reservations are limited to two hours, per court, per day, and can be completed at www.ken-carylranch. org. Type "tennis court reservations" in the search box.



KC Fitness

Janet Robbins Fitness Coordinator janetr@kcrach.org 303-979-2233, ext. 185

# Fitness Classes and Personal Training

Small group fitness sessions are now available and the gym is open! New hours are Mondays – Fridays, 6 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 5:15 – 7:30 p.m., (60-minute pre-registered time slots). Pre-registration is required. Membership includes pre-registration at no additional cost. Visit www.ken-carylranch.org for schedules and to pre-register.

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Youth Programs

Lizz Brock Recreation Supervisor-Youth Programs lizzb@kcranch.org 303-979-1876, ext. 132

# Advanced Care CPR Babysitting

This course is designed for pre-teens and to help prepare them for those first babysitting opportunities. Students will learn to identify their own responsibilities and personal safety. Basic child care including feeding, bathing, and diapering will be covered. Participants will also learn basic child development and be able to provide activities for the many developmental stages. Also stressed will be home and fire safety and prevention and treatment of common injuries. This is an online course only. Ages: 11 - 14 years. Register at

# Advanced Care Home Alone with First Aid

www.ken-carylranch.org.

Is your child ready to be home alone? Then, channel their inner Kevin McAllister – without all the mischief – and sign your child up for our Home Alone course, designed for the 10-13-year-olds who will be left home alone for short periods of time. Outlined in the course is safe decision-making, constructive time management and personal safety. The basics of first aid treatment and prevention for burns, cuts, fractures/sprains and choking. This course is offered online only. Register at www.ken-carylranch.org.

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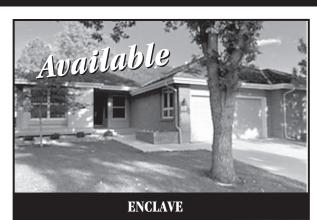
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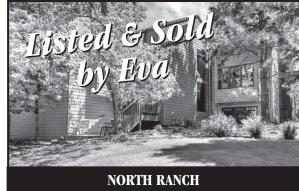
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## Our Community

# Preparing for Wildfire in Ken-Carvl

By Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise

If the thick pall of smoke on the horizon that has blanketed the foothills hasn't make you realize the realities of fire danger, it should. As of the printing of this paper, there have been more than 10 wildfires ravaging Colorado's landscape this season and serve as a reminder that fires can happen anywhere where dry conditions exist, even here in Ken-Caryl. Our community is located within the Wild Urban Interface (WUI), where homeowners enjoy the beauty of the environment, but face the very real danger of wildfire.

Every year across the U.S., some homes survive — while many others do not after a major wildfire. Those that survive almost always do so because their owners had prepared for the eventuality of fire, which is an inescapable force of nature in fire-prone woodland areas.

Wildfires often begin unnoticed. These fires are usually triggered by lightning or accidents, but may be started by human activity. They spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes, pushed by high winds and low humidity. Reduce your risk by preparing now — before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area. Follow the steps listed below to protect your family, home and property.

#### **Wildfire Preparedness Checklist**

- Make a disaster supply kit and have a family emergency plan.
- Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind: select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it.
- Use fire-resistant or noncombustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling, or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with fire-retardant chemicals evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees (for example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees).
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order.
- Use 1/8-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- · Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm on each level of your home, especially nea bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries at least once each year.
- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire-resistant drapes.
- Clear items that will burn from around the house, including wood piles, lawn furniture, barbecue grills and toys. Move them outside of your defensible space.
- Identify and maintain an adequate outside water source such as a small pond, cistern, well, swimming pool or hydrant.
- · Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.



• Install freeze-proof exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property. Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S. and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. Nearly 45 million homes abut or intermingle with wildlands and more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property - and their neighborhood - much safer from wildfire.

# Please Join the Trail Club for Their Semi-Annual Clean-up Day on Oct. 11

Mark your calendars! Please join the Trail Club for their semi-annual clean-up day on Oct. 11! The club's original Adopt-a-Road segment is on South Valley Road from Valley Parkway to Lockheed Martin. Additionally, the club has officially adopted a second segment on Shaffer Parkway between Safeway and the Post Office. The group will be cleaning up both segments and other parts of the neighborhood that day.

Who: All community members are welcome, including families.

Small children will need to be with their parents for safety along

the roadway.

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11. When:

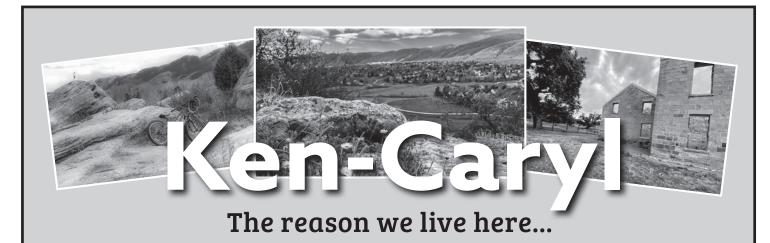
Where: South Valley segment or Shaffer Parkway segment

What to bring: Gloves, sunscreen and water What is provided: Orange safety vests and trash bags

**RSVP:** Please email the Trail Club at kctrailclub@gmail.com to receive the

SignUpGenius link in order to select your volunteer location.

Plan on two hours for the full event, but volunteers don't necessarily need to stay for the duration of the event. Any amount of time you can be there is great! Volunteers 16 years and up can count 50 percent of their time towards annual Trail Club hours. Please adhere to social distancing and current health guidelines during this event.





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# Get to Know Community Administrator **Brian Yowell:**

# Two Truths and a Lie

(Continued from page 5)

Did you correctly guess which one of Brian's statements on page 5, was the lie? Well, if you guessed, #3, you may want to consider also playing the lottery. While Brian resided in New York City and enjoyed the Big Apple's culinary culture and reading one of its famous periodicals, he has never actually authored any articles for The New York Times.

Brian is a native of Colorado and graduated from Chatfield Sr. High. He attended college at CSU in Fort Collins where he studied business management, communications, interior design and statistics. He graduated in 1996. He is a color specialist and understands what colors work together in harmony and what emotions and feelings colors can provoke. Brian has enjoyed a very varied, rewarding and fulfilling career in film, advertising, communications, marketing and interior design prior to joining the Master Association in the spring.

Brian has been a long-standing resident of Ken-Caryl Ranch. His parents built their home in Aspen Meadows back in 1979, moving from Breckenridge into the home in 1980. About 12 years ago, he purchased the house from his parents and renovated it. Enjoying Ken-Caryl so much as an adult, he and his family moved into the Valley and are now renovating their new home with the help of his three Labradors!

Brian began working for the Ken-Caryl Master Association in May of this year. Wanting to make an impact in the community where he both lives and works, Brian loves his new position as Community Administrator.

"Although it's a challenging position, I love being a part of the community I care so much about," said Brian. "It's a way to give back and keep Ken-Caryl looking amazing. I love finding solutions to potential problems and working with residents on exterior improvements that make their homes even more beautiful, functional and enjoyable."

Stay tuned for more Two Truths and a Lie staff profiles in future issues of *Life at* Ken-Caryl.

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## Letters to the Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED from any Ken-Caryl resident in good standing or from any elected official or political candidate. Letters should be concise — no letters over 350 words—and must be received by 5 p.m. on the published deadline date, which is typically the Monday of the week prior to the edition date, but the day can vary due to holidays. Deadline dates can be found at www.ken-carylranch.org.

At present, the method for submitting letters to the editor is by email to Allison Hefner at Allisonh@kcranch.org. A response will be sent via email when a letter or article is received. If you do not receive a response, call 303-979-1876, ext. 108, to confirm receipt.

We do not print anonymous letters. Letters must include name, address and phone number (daytime), but only the author's name and "Ken-Caryl Resident" or applicable government office will be printed in the paper. Residents may submit up to eight letters to the editor per calendar year. More than one letter per resident may be published in a single issue of the paper provided that the letters are not about the same subject. Letters will be printed on a space available basis and may be edited. Editor retains right to appropriateness and content. Letters will be published with plain text; use of all caps, italics, bold or excessive exclamation points will not be allowed.

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Email to allisonh@kcranch.org. Deadline for Oct. 14 issue: Oct. 5 at 5 p.m.

#### Dear Editor:

My Safety Concerns as a Mountain Biker: Someone else, a resident mountain biker reported being run off a trail by a second mountain biker, a non-resident, and his team members. Words were exchanged. It was a confrontation between two mountain bikers, plus a cycling team group.

Why are cycling teams with nonresidents practicing on our trails? This is a dangerous activity and it tears up the trails. More light was brought on this subject at the August MA Board meeting. A Ken-Caryl resident who is a cycling team coach apologized for the behavior of a team member. He said the entire team is divided into groups of six to eight mountain bikers. It was composed of about 35% residents and the rest (65%) were non-residents. KCR is attracting racing teams. Is this what the controversial trail plan of a decade ago created? If it looks like a duck, it quacks, it is a mountain bike race course.

What ever happened to the concept that our multi-use trail system was for residents and quests to reach points of interest? There was supposed to be a balance with preserving nature. When did it change to supporting the sport of mountain biking with a trail system to match? Why are trails being widened and vegetation removed near blind curves? This further

scars the landscape and encourages speed and faster moving mountain bikers endangering pedestrian users.

What can be done? First: I would like to appeal to our tax-paying Business Community partners to take an active role in preserving at least a portion of KCR Open Space. The area south of Massey Draw adjacent to Lockheed Martin is bountiful with biodiversity including rare/unusual fauna and flora. It had been designated as a 'Potential Conservation Area' by two biological surveys. This area is perfect for hikers and equestrians exclusively, (similar to the Wilderness Act of 1964), and would provide a safe haven. Second: bicycle racing practice should be banned. The KCR business community has the leadership talent to organize, attend meetings, and make a significant difference in saving our Foothills Open Space.

Jim Fodor, Resident

#### **Dear Editor:**

A letter to the editor in a recent edition of our paper about community safety and crosswalks as well as the recent e-news mentioning discussion of crosswalk safety at the recent MA/MD joint session reminded me that primary responsibility for crosswalk markings, etc. falls on Jefferson County Transportation & Engineering. About a year ago, just by asking, I was successful in getting improved road markings and a sign placed at the crosswalk at W. Ken Caryl Ave. and Valley Road that leads to the traffic signal. (This crosswalk will now be used all the more due to the Lyon's re-route). I had the same experience when I approached them about the dangerous exit off C470 onto W. Ken Caryl where two "Yield - No Merge" signs were at least finally placed. (A proper merge area was denied due to supposed lack of funding and reported accidents.) I would encourage those concerned about

crosswalk safety at numerous crosswalks both in the Valley and Plains, or improving safety such as the C470/W. Ken Caryl exit to take a few moments to submit a request via a convenient web form found here: https://www.jeffco.us/formcenter/ Transportation-Engineering-20/Service-Request-Form-84.

I would also encourage both boards to submit official request letters as well. I am told by this department that failing approval for such items due to county funding, we can submit a waiver and fund items ourselves such as flashing signs, activated beacons and the like but let's voice our joint concerns first before we may in fact have to do so.

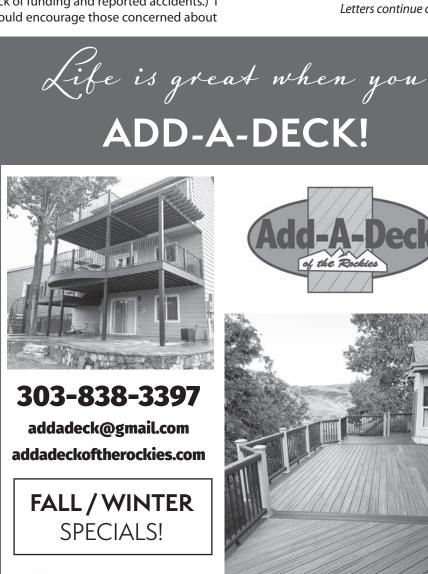
Sometimes, all you have to do is ask. Also, as a reminder and in line with crosswalk safety, this department also determined that over 2/3 of traffic along Valley Parkway is exceeding the 35-mph speed limit. As stopping distance is "thinking" distance plus actual braking distance which both dramatically increase with speed (see NHTSA.gov for example), please be mindful of your speedometer to immediately improve our crosswalk safety by simply slowing down to give yourself time to spot waiting pedestrians/bikers and stop.

Joel Pankow, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

Every year, I am saddened by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) arbitrary decisions to euthanize wild animals under the guise of "people safety." As of Aug. 2020, 72 bears have been euthanized in Colorado this year. These officials kill animals who are just trying to survive because humans have usurped their habitats through overdevelopment and infringed on their natural environment

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for recreation. Also, the effects of climate change have resulted in a drought that makes it more difficult for them to find enough food before hibernating. These animals are killed because of human ignorance, carelessness and lack of consideration for what bears do naturally, which is hunt for food. Humans leave out unsecured garbage, leave vehicle doors unlocked, hang out bird feeders; all activities that attract bears. Then when a bear shows up, what do humans do but call CPW, which is the same as issuing a death warrant on the bear. CPW shows up and hunts for any bear in the area without knowing for sure if that was the bear in question. They want to make you feel better or feel safer. Of course, this is at the expense of the bear. Thus, a bear gets relocated or euthanized. Often this leaves orphan cubs that must be sent to a sanctuary. Two calls to CPW and the bear is dead.

This problem can be solved by never contacting CPW. Educate yourself on how to live with wildlife. Don't you live in Colorado because of the chance to co-exist with our magnificent wildlife? If you see a bear, don't call attention to the animal with crowds and cameras. Keep your distance. Don't attract them with food, birdseed, or garbage cans. Allow the animal time to return to the wild. By all means, resist the urge to call CPW. We have the power to save animals' lives. Educate yourself to co-exist and never call Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

By Kathy Webster, Resident

#### Dear Editor:

I've put temporary signs in my yard to reflect the craziness that is this past year. I supported our first responders, I celebrated two of my kids hitting milestones that we didn't celebrate in person by their graduations from college and high school, and I lastly supported social change with support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

My family enjoys privilege but I have an adult son with a disability and his inability

to comply with instructions barked by a stranger is likely given the news will be

My yard sign supporting Black Lives Matter was cited by the HOA for noncompliance with the temporary signage language in the covenants.

Many other HOAs have adapted to embrace social change, but with the overwhelming support for the status quo, ours chose not to change.

I've given up my 18" x 24" temporary sign to comply, but I'm flying a 3'x5' flag from a flag pole not exceeding 6' attached to the first floor of my home that is just as easily found from Amazon as my yard sign with the same message without a letter from the HOA.

My flag is HOA legal, but my lawn sign isn't. If you are looking for a way to show support for social change, consider the flag....as long as you follow the covenant guidelines.

Personally, the temporary yard sign is much more aesthetically pleasing and maybe this issue shouldn't fall under the survey for 2021 and be addressed by our current board to be proactive with social issues and not leaving it to a few volunteers giving up their every other Thursday mornings for half an hour approving paint colors, but rather than those that face election to address this socially relevant issue with community input beyond next year's survey.

Sometimes we need to move faster to keep up than next years' survey.

Laura Marrs, Resident

# Dear Editor:

I see you Ken-Caryl. I see you in your masks, waving rather than venturing forth for a hug or chat. We have been hit hard and while social distancing keeps us apart, we can come together on a path forward.

Yes, I am reminding you to vote.

We need strong leadership now more than ever and that's why I'm voting Mary Parker for House District 22.

Mary and husband have been small

business owners and know the challenges that come with getting a start-up off the ground. She worked as a Systems Engineer at Hewlett-Packard for 20 years and experienced the massive layoffs that occur when big corporations merge. Her background gives her good insight into the difficult decisions that must be made to protect workers without unnecessarily burdening employers.

For the past 13, years Mary has been a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for neglected and abused children in Jefferson County. As a certified parent educator, she taught hundreds of parenting classes to helicopter parents, tiger moms, and parents trying to regain custody of their children. She has also worked with truants and teenagers aging out of foster care. Her driving passion is truly in supporting families and children.

Mary is also a gun owner and this is in fact how she and I met. We have a common interest in the issue of gun safety and I can promise you she believes strongly that gun rights come with responsibilities. Mary will fight to keep us all safe while respecting the rights of gun owners. Mary is a member of Gifford's Colorado Gun Owners for Safety, supporting common sense laws that keep guns out of the hands of children and dangerous people.

During this pandemic it is more important than ever to focus on public health and economic safety. We need to use the exceptional resources and expertise that is available in our country to get through these challenging times. Mary will work to get Colorado back to "normal" as soon as possible.

Laurie Langley, Resident

## Dear Editor:

I just wanted to bring some attention to the corner of Valley Parkway and Club

I used to walk my children to school at Bradford Elementary passing through this intersection twice a day for several years. My kids go to Bradford Intermediate School now. But, I do walk by here regularly still and of course, other kiddos still walk to and from school every day through this intersection.

I am concerned for all the kids and adults who pass by here on foot and even in cars - and I know that I am not the only one. When I asked the question to the community, people shared stories of having to jump out the way of cars who didn't see them as they turned, or of cars speeding by them as they walked across the crosswalk, etc.

I am mostly concerned with the kids that walk to and from school.

I was wondering how we can make the intersection safer for our children when they cross the street. There are some tiny little ones crossing there without aid, and I am concerned that it is just a matter of time before tragedy strikes.

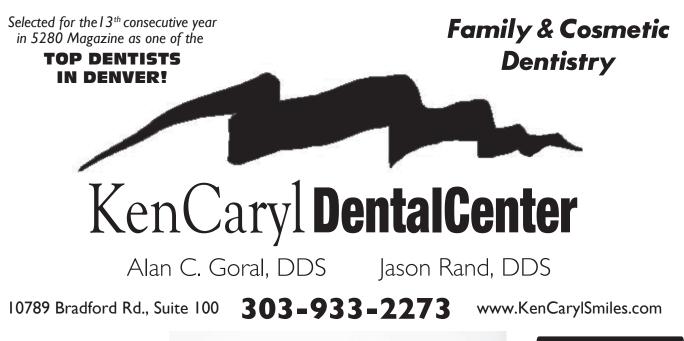
An idea I had was to use the flag holders that are already attached to poles at the corners. These are to hold flags that the kids hold as they cross the street. Crosswalk flags are what I think they are called. This at least lets people see them as they are walking. I saw (and used) something similar to this in Avon this summer to cross a busy street where there was no light.

Or, perhaps a blinking light that flashes for the kids instead? Or maybe Jeffco T&E has better ideas? I don't know all the options that might be available.

Also, if possible, can they merge the two lines into one lane on Valley by the time they reach the stop signs? A four-way stop with six lanes is very confusing for people in cars and who are walking.

Thank you for your consideration of our kid's safety.

Alexis McDowell, Resident



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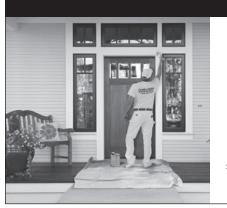
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Meet resident Chris Erin Long's dog Matilda, this year's Doggie Dip Day VIP (Very Important Pup)!





