



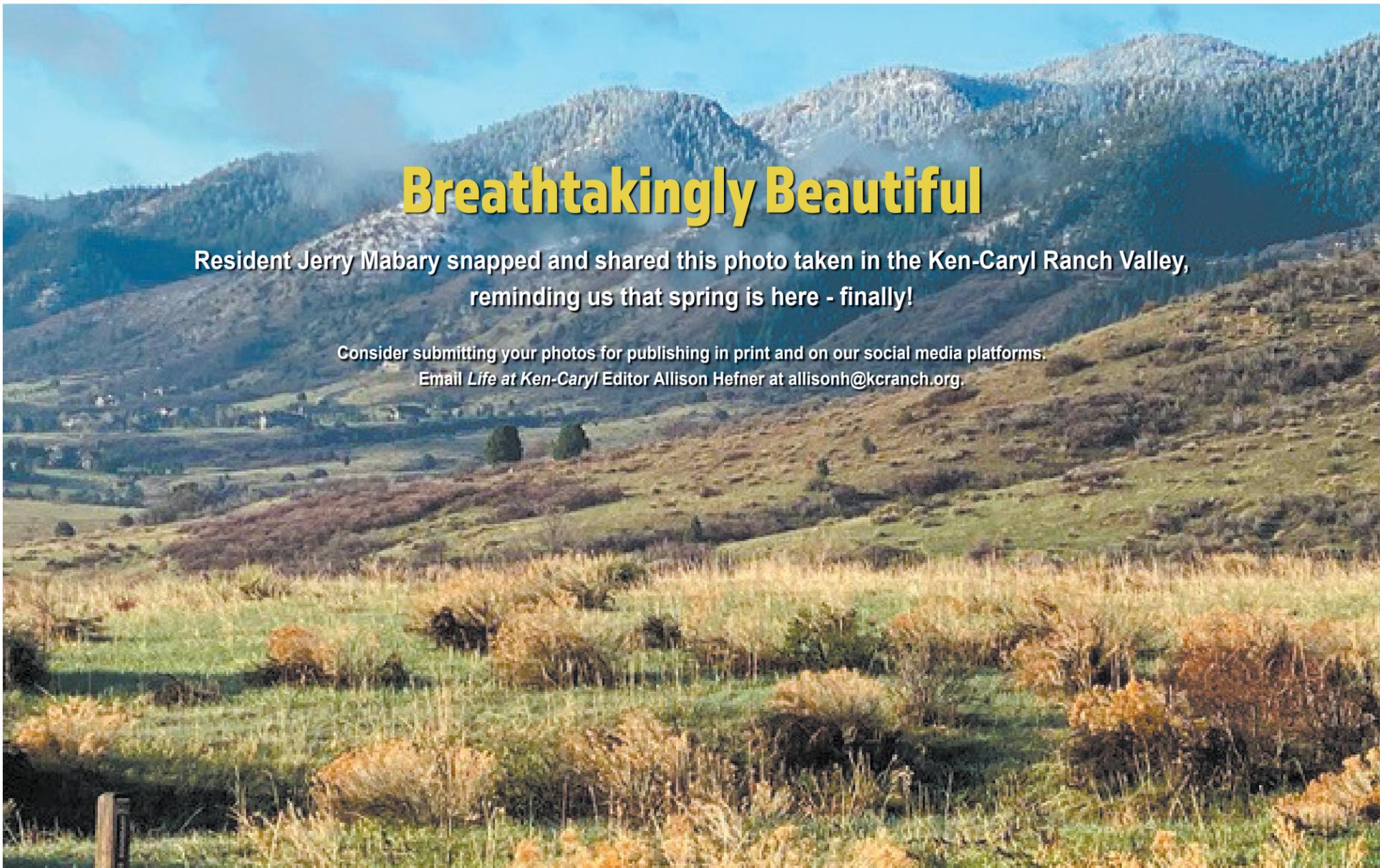
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Resident Jerry Mabary snapped and shared this photo taken in the Ken-Caryl Ranch Valley, reminding us that spring is here - finally!

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We need your feedback! Let your voice be heard by participating in our Community Survey!

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Your Community Survey Arrives Next Week

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We Want You!

By Dave Seagraves, Master Association Board Treasurer

The "I Want You" poster was created as a recruiting poster during World War I. The illustrator, James Montgomery Flagg, at 39 years old, was too old to enlist in the war, so he joined the Division of Pictorial Publicity, which employed famous artists including Norman Rockwell and N.C. Wyeth. Over 4 million copies of this poster were created between 1917 and 1918, and it was very persuasive and effective. Flagg's version of Uncle Sam is the same identity we think of today.

Excuse me for using Uncle Sam to make a point, but this summer, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association is distributing a resident survey to all the Ken-Caryl residents. It has been four years since the last survey, and speaking for all the members of the Master Association Board of Directors, we look forward to hearing from all of you. I appreciate your trust and faith in electing me to serve for another three years on the Board, but I ran with one platform: that my votes on key issues would be guided by the results of the upcoming resident survey. I'm not pro-this or anti-that, and I consider myself pro-community. Most, if not all of the Master Association Board seat elections over the past several years have had participation rates of somewhere around 40 percent of all the homes in Ken-Caryl. As we try to decide what's best for the community, I can't help but wonder what the other 60 percent of the community wants. We often hear from the same hundred or so residents, and I believe that it's unfair that most of the Board's time is spent answering questions and taking direction from these folks. I appreciate their passion and interest, but I serve the entire community, and I seek the input from those residents, who for one reason or another, are silent or disinterested in voicing an opinion. I'm often uncertain after an important vote as to whether my vote is in the best interest of the whole community, or only for a highly organized special interest group. Your participation is important to us, as we use the results of the survey to guide us in deciding the course of Ken-Caryl Ranch in the years ahead. The survey will be broad and inclusive, and I'm sure that most of you will find at least a few questions that are significant and relevant to your family, and to your neighborhood. So please, find the time to fill out the resident survey and to help guide us in moving the community forward. "We Want You"!



WE WANT YOU!

May

*Information regarding audio and video conferencing options for public meetings will be communicated as it becomes available. See website at www.ken-carylranh.org for details. All meetings will be held at the Ranch House unless otherwise noted.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
23	24	25 6 p.m. MD Board Meeting	26	27 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee	28	29 10 a.m. All Three Pools Open!
30	31 Memorial Day Ceremony and Admin offices closed					

June

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 6:30 p.m. MA/MD Joint Study Session	2	3	4 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Community Garage Sale 10 a.m. Story Time	5 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Community Garage Sale 12-5 p.m. Goodwill Drop-off
6	7	8 6 p.m. Open Space Committee <i>*See agenda for details</i>	9	10 7:30 a.m. Architectural Committee	11 10 a.m. Story Time	12
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Where You Going in Such a Hurry?

By Brian Yowell, Community Administrator

Hey Ken-Caryl!

"Where you going in such a hurry?

Don't you think it's time you realized

There's a whole lot more to life than work and worry?

The sweetest things in life are free

And there right before your eyes.

You got to stop and smell the roses.

You've got to count your many blessings every day.

You're gonna find your way to heaven is a rough and rocky road

If you don't Stop and Smell the roses along the way."

We've all heard the phrase many times and some of us might even know the song written by Mac Davis. If 2020 taught us anything, it was to take pause, be patient, appreciate your loved ones and be thankful for everything in your life.

Ken-Caryl Ranch is rich in history, beauty, and spirit and everyone and everything that lives in our community has the right to enjoy it.

As you're going from here to there and everywhere...slow down. Keep your eyes on the road. Keep focused. Be courteous, cautious and respectful. And please, teach your children to do the same.

Please stay on the road and avoid the temptation to go four-wheeling through our open space, green belts and private property.

If you are visiting a neighborhood to access trails, parks, amenities, or pick up/drop off your kids, please be aware of speed limits, speed bumps, street crossings, trail crossings and posted signs for parking.

By slowing down, being actively present and adequately focused, perhaps we can all take a deep breath, "smell the roses" and enjoy our community just a little more than we already do.

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MA Board Meeting Summary

On May 18, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association Board held a regular meeting and discussed the following items:

- The Community Garage Sale will be June 4-5. A new Goodwill donation drop-off event will be on June 5 in the Ranch House and Bradford K8 North parking lots.
- The Community Survey will be distributed at the end of May or beginning of June and will run for three weeks. Results will be presented at the July 6 Joint Study Session.
- Motions to approve Enginuity Engineering Solutions for engineering and design services for the following projects failed:
 - o Plum Thicket Trail improvements at a cost of \$23,516.
 - o Icing mitigation on North Massey Trail at a cost of \$17,551.
 - o Brannon Gearhart Pond project at a cost of \$57,986.
- The following motions passed:
 - o Approve MTN, INC. at a cost of \$27,193 plus a 10% contingency of \$2,719 for a total of \$29,912 for barn structural repairs.
 - o Approve Certapro Painters for Ranch House exterior painting in the amount of \$32,403.
- Dan Mullins, Volunteer Trail Coordinator, presented the Volunteer Trail Coordinator Report and a proposed test area for a modified mowing plan in the open space. Three trail segments, including Massey Draw from the road to Colorow trail, the Manor House connector trail and the eastern leg of Lark Bunting trail, will not be mowed in 2021 as a test to potentially reduce off-trail use and trail-widening.
- Public comment at the meeting addressed topics including community safety related to crosswalks, the Plum Thicket trail improvements, the proposed Stove Prairie trail reroute, icing on the North Massey trail, the Brannon Gearhart pond project and the test area for the modified mowing plan in the open space.



Sign Up for the e-News!

The Ken-Caryl Ranch e-News is a weekly newsletter distributed every Monday via email to all residents who subscribe. It is a great information source and supplement to the newspaper and other forms of communication on Ken-Caryl Ranch.

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Noxious Weed Management in the Open Space

By Liam Cullinane, Park Ranger, Natural Resource Specialist

Springtime has arrived in the Valley bringing longer days and warmer temperatures at last! But with this change in temperature, noxious weeds are starting to pop up in the open spaces, lawns and parks. Noxious weeds are non-native, invasive plants that displace native vegetation and can have impacts on economies and the environment. In Colorado and in Jefferson County, property owners are either required or encouraged, depending on the plant species, by law to manage their noxious weeds. The level of management for specific species depends on how common the plant is within the county. Noxious weed species that are not very common normally require eradication (total elimination) from the property. Noxious weed species that are very common generally are just encouraged to be controlled (e.g., attempt to stop their spread, if possible).



The natural resource rangers have begun their noxious weed management - including herbicide application, hand removal and mowing - in the open space. We take an integrative approach, meaning we use a variety of methods to combat the spread of these plants in the open space. Herbicide applications normally begin in April (weather dependent) and continue into July, with some follow-up spraying in the fall. Mowing operations are scattered throughout the growing season to prevent certain plant species from flowering and producing seed. Hand removal is used on days when herbicide application is not possible (rain, snow, etc.). In addition to the natural resource rangers, a contract herbicide applicator began work in the open space in early May, which will continue into the summer. Please see the accompanying management area map for more information about where herbicide applications will be taking place in the open space. The contractor has already started spraying bare-ground areas like picnic pads, crusher-fine trails and kiosk pads. These areas are treated with a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent weeds from coming up throughout the growing season.

From April to June, the plants that are heavily targeted are mostly biennials. Biennials are plants that complete their life cycle in two years, with the first year being spent in a non-flowering, vegetative stage called a rosette. At this stage (rosette) these plants are more vulnerable to herbicide application due to the increased uptake in nutrients and water. In the second year, the plants shoot up a stem and begin flowering and seeding in June and July. Target biennial species on the open space include scotch thistle, musk thistle and common mullein to name a few.

As spring turns to summer, the target plants shift from biennials to perennials. Perennials are plants that live for three or more years. Each year, the plant flowers, seeds and then goes dormant for the winter. Perennials are usually very deeply rooted plants, so they are difficult to control. One of the most effective strategies is to mow the plants about once a month so they do not flower and go to seed. This will force them to regrow constantly throughout the growing season, so they will not be able to put resources into flowering and seeding. Then in the fall, when they are putting a lot of their nutrients into their roots to prepare for winter, you can spray them with herbicide. This is the most effective treatment for many perennial noxious weeds found in the open space. Target perennial species are Canada thistle and leafy spurge.

The weeds that are managed on the open space are very aggressive invaders that can take over entire plant communities. Priority was given to areas where infestations pose the worst threat to native plant communities and where they are bordering home lots. If you have questions about noxious weed management or the management areas, please contact KCRMA Natural Resource Specialist Liam Cullinane at 720-599-3247 extension 468 or at liamc@kcranch.org.



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JCPL Launches Library Summer Challenge to Offset Learning Loss from COVID and the 'Summer Slide'

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) is kicking off an annual summer event that encourages lifelong learning for every member of the community. The theme for this year's Library Summer Challenge, which includes reading as well as activities, is Wild Ideas! The event runs June 1 through July 31, which is when participants can start logging points and earning prizes. Participants can register ahead of the event and prizes will be available at JCPL's 10 Library locations on June 1.

"Who says that learning only happens inside?" asks Donna Walker, JCPL executive director. "Our programming team has

created a list of dynamic ideas for our Library Summer Challenge that will inspire community members to take a walk on the wild side with new ways to expand their thinking about learning, reading and libraries!"

Whatever it is that sparks your wild ideas—from fantasy to suspense, examples of heroism in non-fiction or activities that introduce you to new ways of doing things—JPL encourages you to read it, do it and log your points. All efforts will contribute to a community goal of donating \$500 to Jeffco Eats, a nonprofit with the meaningful mission of keeping Jefferson County fed.

Participants earn prizes (customized by age range) as they log reading time and complete activities to earn 500 points. Those who earn 500 points after reaching the first 500-point mark will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a new iPad!

While most Colorado libraries host summer programs to prevent the "summer slide," or loss of knowledge between school years, JCPL is pushing beyond the traditional approach with suggested activities for those who learn in different ways. The result is a program that meets the needs of all community members at all

stages of life to stretch the mind and body.

Thousands of people register every year through jeffcolibrary.org, the Beanstack app or by calling 303-235-5275. Read more at jeffcolibrary.org.

Story Time Returns to the Ranch House!

Story Time returns to the Ranch House! We are excited to announce the return of Story Time, in partnership with Jeffco Public Library, on Friday, June 4, from 10-10:30 a.m. It will take place each Friday at the picnic area at the Ranch House.



Community Survey is Coming! Make Your Voice Heard!

Ken-Caryl Ranch leaders and staff are committed to supporting an outstanding quality of life for our residents. Every few years, we conduct a survey to understand your experiences and opinions about our community.

KCR is partnering with Corona Insights, a Denver-based research firm, to conduct this year's community survey. Corona Insights has worked closely with the KCR staff and the Community Planning Committee to develop a unique, interactive and unbiased survey. Topics include amenities, open space management, funding and other community matters. Your input is needed to ensure the results represent the broad spectrum of opinions in KCR.

How and When Will I Receive the Survey?

One survey invitation will be emailed or mailed to every KCR household in late May or early June. If we have an email address on file, the survey will be sent via email. Otherwise, you will receive a postcard invitation. When you receive your survey invitation, please complete it as soon as possible. If you prefer to answer the survey questions on a paper form, you can do so at the Ranch House, just be sure to bring your survey invitation with you.

How Many Surveys Can My Household Complete?

There is one survey per household within the boundaries of Ken-Caryl Ranch. Each household will receive a unique code. We encourage you to discuss the survey with other members of your household so your responses reflect your combined opinions and desired future plans for Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Should I Take the Survey on My Computer or Mobile Device?

The online version of the survey may be completed on a computer or a mobile device, but a computer provides the best experience.

How Long Will the Survey Take? Is it anonymous?

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. All responses will be kept confidential by the survey consultants.

Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions About the Survey?

Email cpc@kcranch.org for more information or any questions you may have.

On behalf of KCR leadership and staff, we appreciate your time and thank you for your participation in the 2021 Community Survey. Your input will help shape the future of Ken-Caryl Ranch!



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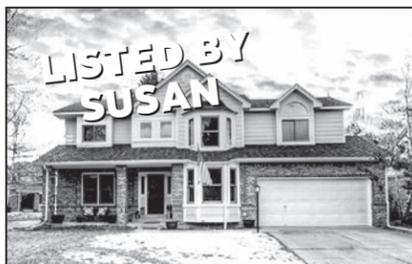
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The Ranch Remembers: KCR Celebrates Memorial Day

Celebrated on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day remembers all those who died in battle while serving in the Armed Forces. Memorial Day became a response to the death of the 620,000 soldiers who died during the Civil War.

Ken-Caryl will be celebrating Memorial Day by honoring those who served our country, and have passed away, across our social media platforms, in *Life at Ken-Caryl* and during a ceremony on Monday, May 31 at the Veterans Monument, across from Shaffer Elementary School. The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 31, promptly at 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Join us as we participate in a nationwide moment of silence for one minute at exactly 3 p.m. to honor those who have died in service to our nation as part of the National Moment of Remembrance to reclaim Memorial Day as the noble event it was intended to be. Wherever you happen to be, all Americans, whether together or alone, are encouraged to take a moment to participate.

The goal of this Moment is to allow those to observe, in their own way, the opportunity to pay respect by pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence to demonstrate gratitude to those who died for our freedom. It also serves to remind all Americans of the importance of remembering those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and to make Memorial Day relevant, especially to younger Americans.

In May 1996, the idea of the Moment was born when children touring Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C. were asked what Memorial Day meant and they responded, "That's the day the pools open!"

May 1997 saw the start of what is becoming an American tradition recognized by the President and Members of Congress -- to put the "memorial" back in Memorial Day. It was initiated by No Greater Love, a Washington, D.C.-based national humanitarian organization. For the first time in U.S. history, on Memorial Day 1997 "Taps" was played at 3 p.m. in many locations and at events throughout America. This effort was repeated again in 1998 and 1999. This simple, dignified form of remembrance introduces a solemn annual moment into our citizen's lives.

The time of 3 p.m. was chosen because it is a time of day when most Americans are likely making the most of the freedoms we enjoy. We invite all residents to snap and share a photo of you and your family during this time on Facebook, using the hashtag #TheRanchRemembers.

Not on social media? Submit a photo of your loved one who bravely served our country to be featured as part of a photo collage that will be printed in the June 9 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*. Email photos to Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch.org by Memorial Day, May 31 at 5 p.m.

The first Memorial Day was celebrated in Waterloo, New York, where businesses were shut down and town residents were given the day to commemorate the dead. Flags were flown half-mast and women decorated wreaths and bouquets to place on gravesites. Many of these practices are still followed today.

Thank you to our friends at Colorado Credit Union for the generous wreath donation for our Memorial Day event!

Resident Artist's Work Featured in Crested Butte Art Exhibit

If you're headed up to the mountains this summer, you may want to stop in Crested Butte for the Colorado Watercolor Society's in-person *A Splash of Colorado 2021* exhibit featuring resident artist Elaine Campbell's painting entitled, "Tramica". Inspired by a girl and her beautiful locks that she was struck by at the airport, her painting was accepted into the show that will run during the month of June at the Center of the Arts Crested Butte.

Elaine was very excited to have her art featured in an in-person exhibit, especially following the art world's move to virtual showings over the last year due to COVID.

"There's nothing like seeing art in person," said Elaine, who has been a Ken-Caryl resident for 29 years. "I am very excited to have my work featured in this live exhibit."

Elaine has also taught art in Jefferson County for 15 years.

"I have had the blessing of teaching many residents and children in my home for many years," said Elaine.

Elaine's art will be featured during the exhibit's run from June 2 through June 27.



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Lights Out Colorado

By Kathy Webster, Resident

This is an addendum to the "Dark Skies Project" article that appeared in *Life at Ken-Caryl* on March 17, page 7, and the "We Must Preserve Our Dark Skies" article in *The Denver Post, The Hub*, on April 8, 2021, page 4K. If you are not familiar with the Dark Skies initiative, please read the aforementioned articles or go to DarkSky.org/light-pollution/night-sky-heritage.

The state of Colorado is initiating an exciting new program in conjunction with the International Dark Sky Association, the National Audubon Society and the Denver Audubon. The new program is called Lights Out Colorado.

Lights Out Colorado is a voluntary program to help Coloradans save millions of migratory birds. Every year in North America, more than 3.5 billion birds travel north in the spring and 4 billion birds travel south in the fall. More than 80 percent of them fly at night, navigating with the night sky, using what is often called "the sunset cue." Patterns of polarized light play a key role in navigation. Nocturnal migrants start their flights at sunset or a little after. Birds use the polarized light patterns to provide information on initial migratory flight directions. The stars, the moon and the earth's magnetic field aid night flying birds as a time independent compass. At sundown and moonset, the birds are left with only the stars, for "stellar orientation." James J. Foster, Department of Biology, Lund University in Sweden stated, "stars are a visual stimulus that conveys directional information."

Throughout history, the sun and the stars have provided humans information about navigating the seas. At night, the seafarers were dependent on certain stars and the constellations to aid in sea faring. This is

also true for our bird friends. Free of daytime thermals, the atmosphere is more stable, making it easier to maintain a steady course. However, night lights disrupt their navigation signals. When they pass over big cities, the bright artificial lights and skyglow can cause them to lose their way, often causing them to collide with buildings or windows. While lights can throw birds off the migration paths, more bird deaths are attributed to the stress and energy expended by the birds flying around and calling out in confusion. The exhaustion can leave them vulnerable to other urban threats and deplete the energy they need for surviving migration and producing chicks during the breeding season.

Lights Out Colorado asks communities to take two simple steps that will have a huge impact on the safety of birds:

- Shield outdoor lights to prevent light from being emitted upwards.
- Turn off before midnight especially during bird migration seasons, (April and May, August and September).

It is particularly important to take these measures as early in the evening, as birds begin their nocturnal migrations at dusk, during the spring and fall migration periods. In addition to helping birds, these efforts have the benefits of reducing energy usage, saving money and opening up the wonders of the night sky for all to see. Look up with me!

Lights Out Colorado offers the "Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting:"

#1. USEFUL:

All lighting should have a clear purpose. Before installing or replacing a light, ask if the light is really needed. Consider how



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the light will impact the area, including the wildlife, the environment and your neighbors. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.

#2. TARGETED:

Light should be directed to only where needed. Use shielding and carefully aim the light to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond the target area, no light trespass.

#3. LOW LIGHT LEVELS:

Light should not be bright. Use the lowest light level, be mindful of surface conditions, which can reflect more light than intended.

#4. CONTROLLED:

Light should only be used when it is useful. Use controls such as timers, motion detectors, shields to ensure light is only available when needed, dimmed when possible and turned off when not being used.

#5. COLOR:

Use softer, warmer color lights (limit the amount of shorter wavelength, or blue-violet light).

Please show your support for this important program that is teaching us how to de-light the night by reducing nighttime light pollution. Lights Out Colorado!

For more information, please visit <https://idacolorado.xyz/lights-out-colorado>.

Parking for Manor House Trail

There is some confusion regarding parking at the Manor House now that there is a gate at the entrance. The gate will automatically open when a car approaches between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. Residents can park in the parking lot during those hours unless there is an event, in which case a sign will be posted. When the lot is closed, residents who wish to access Manor House Trail are asked to park along Ken Caryl Road/North Ranch Road. Also, please be aware that you are never permitted to park on the shoulder of Manor House Road.

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By Sierra Pokorn, Equestrian Center Manager

Hello Neighbors! As the weather improves and COVID restrictions lift, we at the Equestrian Center look forward to seeing all of you visiting the center again! As many of you are new to the community and Equestrian Center, we wanted to reach out with a few safety rules to follow during your visit.

Horses are flight animals. Meaning they panic and run to avoid anything they find scary (and horses find most things scary). When horses go into "flight" mode they have no regard for anyone or anything around them, including people. An average horse weighs 1,000 pounds. You can imagine that 1,000 pounds of panic coming at you could be problematic for you as well as the horse. Our job here at the Equestrian Center is to keep people and horses safe.

While visiting, please adhere to a few simple rules: Do not let young children run, yell and scream. No biking is permitted through the center. Keep pets on a leash. Be aware of riders mounted on horses when entering with strollers. Do not enter a horse's space or stall without permission from staff or horse owner. Do not feed horses without staff or owner permission, as many of these animals have specific dietary needs. Horses are not immune to allergies, just like people, and some allergic reactions may cause them to need immediate medical attention.

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Lady RoughRiders Win 1A Girls Tier II 16U National Title in Overtime

Ken-Caryl Plains resident Abigail Schum and her Rocky Mountain Lady RoughRiders hockey teammates went bar-down in overtime to give the hometown team a 3-2 win over the Philadelphia Little Flyers in the 1A title game of the USA Hockey-Chipotle Girls Tier II 16U National Championships in early May. According to head coach Chris Lockrem, the Lady RoughRiders have been to the national championship the last four years, however, this is their historic first win!

Abigail commented on her experience, saying, "it's a once in a lifetime experience... and in 20 years when I go back to the Sport Stable and see the banner hanging, I'll know I was part of that championship team."



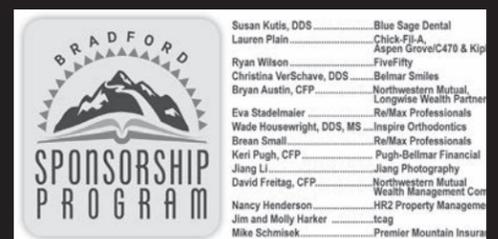
From left, Abigail Schum and a teammate celebrate their championship win.



Please come out Friday, June 4th from 4-7pm for a fabulous meal and to show community support for the **Sean Stephenson Family.**

The Rolling Italian will have 2 food trucks along with online ordering. Long term Ken-Caryl resident and owner, John Vicino, is donating 20% of sales back to the family. You can preorder and view the menu at the following link: <https://rollingitalianonline.square.site>

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a Borgata Crafts a Successful Business!

According to Plains resident and business owner, Pennie Gaudi, who has lived in Ken-Caryl for nine years, "it takes a village to be successful." That's partly the reason behind her store's name, a Borgata, which means 'village' in Italian, and serves to help local artists and craftspeople increase product exposure to customers without increasing their costs to do so.

According to Pennie, who has worked in retail since she was 16-years-old and is a self-proclaimed 'people person', she started her business featuring 16 vendors, which has increased to 250 and features items such as jewelry, photography, candles, soaps, lotions and more!

"a Borgata proves what people want; local hand made products more than ever now," said Pennie. "We made and are still making masks, hand sanitizers, cleaners and even laundry detergent from scratch. Merchandising is my forte and I like making things look pretty in the store. My art is customer service, which is something we have lost in this world!"

Pennie believes in not only supporting local artisans, but also the greater community. a Borgata has served the community through the collection of donations for local food banks, the Humane Society and Mountain Rescue Center, in addition to participating in food drives for the military.

"I am part of the Local High school Lobo Card, which offers discounts in the community and my store," adds Pennie. "I... donate to most of the schools in Conifer and work with the Mountain Resource Center that helps with a food bank and helps to pay bills for folks that are struggling, along with supporting our veterans."

Pennie, her team and featured artisans will be celebrating a time of triumph and strength and the store's 9th year in business with a community celebration on June 5 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Safeway Shopping Center in Conifer, with the support of neighboring local business.

"As most people know it's been a trying time last year, but we were able to help each other through this and survive," said Pennie. "So, we are celebrating the hard work and determination that is essential in keeping a business going even in bad



While owner Pennie Gaudi resides in Ken-Caryl, her store, filled with unique artisan crafts, resides in Conifer.

times. We would like to thank all the customers and the whole community for keeping our doors open and moving forward. Without your overwhelming support of our store, we would have not made it. Thank you!"

Pennie invites all Ken-Caryl residents to come take part in the store's upcoming celebration, which will also feature fun kids' activities. Mark your calendars and support local!



Mia, owner Pennie Gaudi's dog, serves as an official store greeter!



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The struggle is real! Resident Greg Bettinger's photo visually depicts the fight between winter's seasonal grip on spring.



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Local Girl Scout Troop's Cookie Proceeds Support the Jeffco Action Center

By Paige Leonard, Resident

Local Girl Scout Brownie Troop #67358, comprised of third graders from Bradford Elementary, used proceeds from their cookie sales to help the Jeffco Action Center. The girls voted to use their "cookie money" to buy toys for kids less fortunate and donate them to the Action Center. They shopped together at Timbuk Toys, picking out toys for boys and girls of all ages, spending \$500 of their cookie proceeds. The troop also selected GraceFull Cafe in downtown Littleton as their "hometown hero" and donated 200 boxes of cookies to the cafe to give to their patrons, many of which are experiencing homelessness. They were thrilled to sell 3,808 boxes of cookies this year and wanted to sincerely thank our generous Ken-Caryl neighbors for their continued support through cookie season! The troop is so grateful to be able to give back to the Jeffco community and couldn't do it without your support. Congratulations to the girls in the troop for their hard work: Abigail Ninneman, Avery Leonard, Avery Mason, Harper Hollander, Jenna Tedesco, Leah Henderson, Mia Sisneros, Simone Oese, Teagan Olson and Vivian Anderson.



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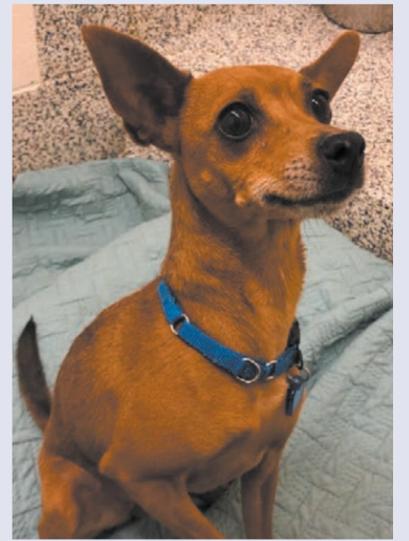
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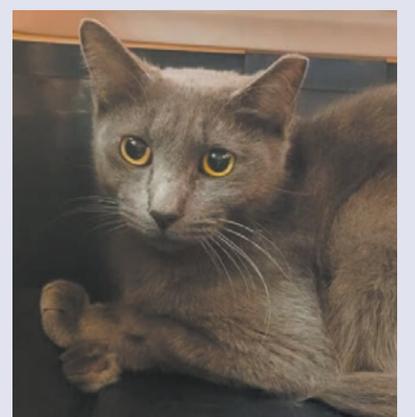
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Tennis & Pickleball

Ball Machine Available to Rent Outdoors!

Ken-Caryl Tennis now has a ball machine available to rent outdoors at the Community Center and is an option for players when you reserve court #1 or #2 online. The cost of the ball machine rental is \$15. The ball machine is in the shed next to court #2. Please return the ball machine to the shed when finished.

Ken-Caryl Ranch Memorial Day Tribute

Ken-Caryl will be celebrating Memorial Day by honoring those who served our country, and have passed away, across our social media platforms, in *Life at Ken-Caryl* and during a ceremony on Monday, May 31 at the Veterans Monument, across from Shaffer Elementary School. The ceremony will take place on Monday, May 31, promptly at 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. Join us as we will be participating in a nationwide moment of silence to honor those lost at 3 p.m. Snap and share a photo of you and your family during this time on our Facebook page, using the hashtag #TheRanchRemembers.

Ken-Caryl Ranch is excited to open all three pools to residents, no reservations required! All pools will open on Saturday, May 29. Residents will need to purchase either a day pass or season pool passes for \$35 per each family member to access the pools all summer long! Children under 3 are free. Passes are now available for purchase online! Visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org to purchase your individual passes!

Additional information is now available on the Aquatics page of our website, including fees, hours and more at www.ken-carylranh.org.

Pickleball Classes and Mixers

Get ready to mix it up with our Pickleball Classes and Mixers on June 13 & June 27, indoors on Sunday (registration opens June 1):

Intermediate Pickleball (rate: \$17 resident, \$20 non-resident): 3 - 4 p.m.

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Intro to Pickleball (rate: \$25 resident, \$30 non-resident): 4 - 5:30 p.m.

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Pickleball Socials (rate: \$10 resident, \$12 non-resident): 6 - 8 p.m.

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COVID restriction levels have changed. As of May 17, use of the weight room and cardio areas at the Fitness Facility no longer require pre-registration. All fitness classes still require pre-registration. If you have any questions, please contact the front desk at the Community Center at 303-979-2233.

Community Garage Sale and Goodwill Drop-off

Host your own garage sale, June 4 - 5, and bring any donations to the Ranch House or Bradford K8 North Parking lots on June 5 from 12 - 5 p.m. at the Goodwill Drop-off event. For more information, to register your sale and to find a list of acceptable Goodwill items, please visit our website at www.ken-carylranh.org.



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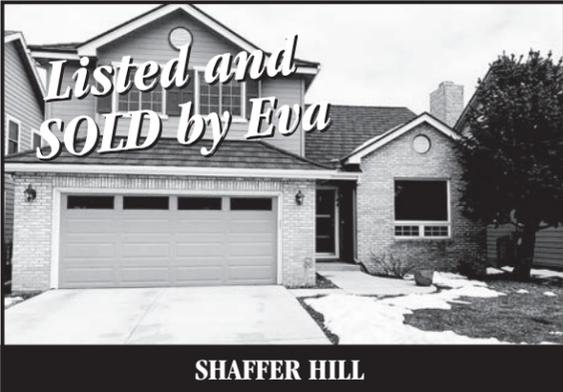
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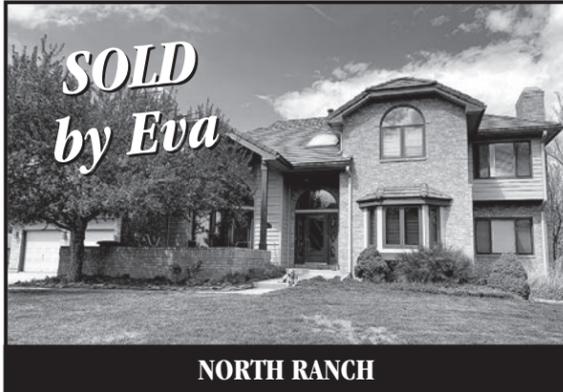


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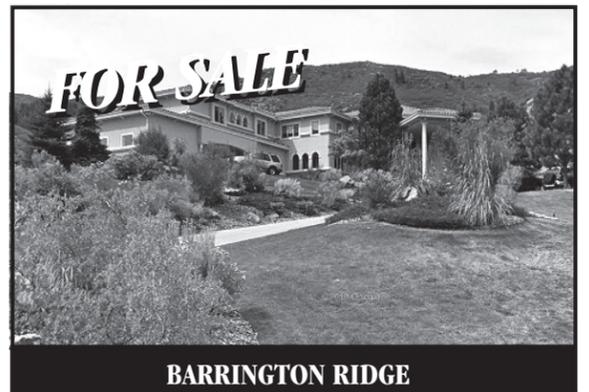
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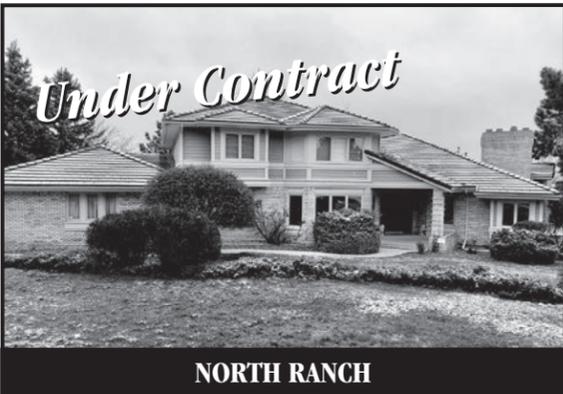
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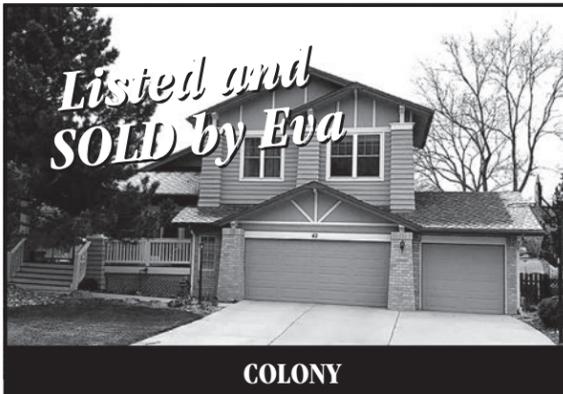
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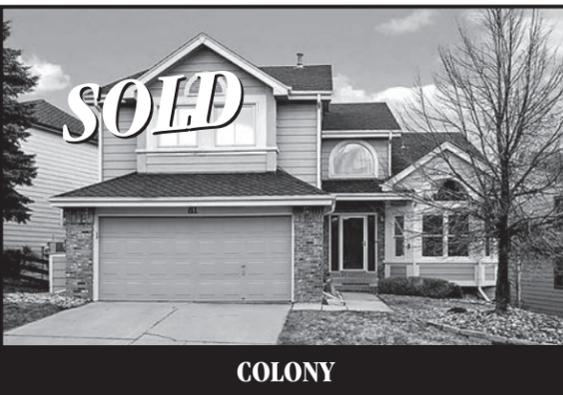
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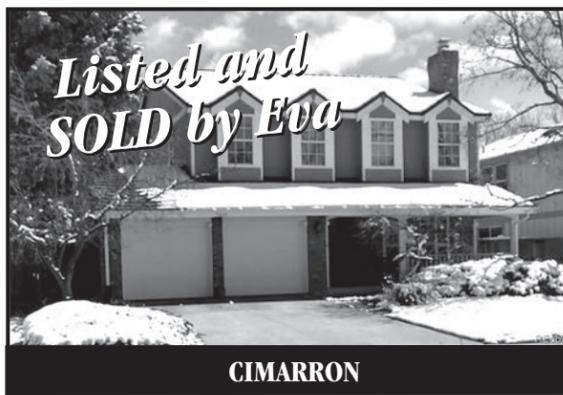
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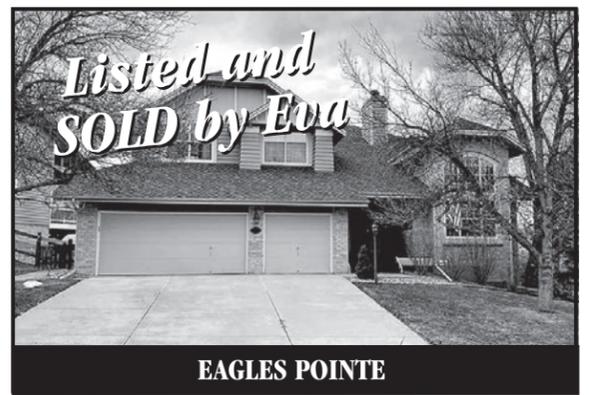
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What Determines Wildfire Behavior?

By Daniel Hatlestad, Ken-Caryl Firewise Committee

All of our homes within Ken-Caryl are within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), an area of increasing risk for wildfire. Multiple factors interact to determine the behavior of wildland fires. Fire behavior refers to the intensity at which a fire burns, the rate of spread and how it moves. General descriptions of wildfire behavior focus on where the fire occurs in the vegetation: underground, on the surface and in tree crowns.

Ground fires are fires that burn below the surface. With the rocky soils of Ken-Caryl ground fires are not common. During surface fires, fuels at or near ground level, such as grass, shrubs and/or fallen leaves and branches, carry the fire. Crown fires burn through the tops of trees. In general, the relative intensity (amount of heat released) of the different types of wildfire increases from ground to surface to crown fires. Firebrands, burning embers which may be carried for a mile or more, may originate from surface fires or crown fires. Structural fires, or burning homes or buildings, are another type of fire that can produce firebrands.

Three factors interact to determine fire behavior in wildland fires: fuels, weather and topography.

Fuels: The primary fuels in wildland fires are living and dead vegetation. During extended periods of warm and dry conditions, all plants will burn if exposed to enough heat. However, plants differ in how readily they ignite and how hot or long they burn. Flammability depends on arrangements of decks and landscaping, plant size, arrangement of branches

and leaves, and the chemical properties of branches and bark. The gambel oak brush common to the Front Range of Colorado and the Western United States burns hot and fast, even when green.

Weather: Precipitation, humidity, wind and temperature are important weather variables that influence fire behavior. Precipitation and humidity, which are influenced by air temperature, directly influence the flammability of all fuels by affecting the moisture content of living and dead leaves, branches and grasses. Plant materials dry out quicker and ignite easier during hot, dry weather. Windy conditions as are seen during Red Flag Warnings on hot, dry and windy days, increase the rate of spread of fires and may increase fire intensity.

Topography: Topography significantly affects fire behavior. Fires move faster uphill than downhill. Slope orientation also influences fire behavior. Forests on southern or southwestern slopes generally have lower humidity and higher temperatures than those on north or northeast slopes because of the path of the sun. Look to the foothills west of Ken-Caryl Valley and notice the density of fuels on the north-facing slopes. Consequently, fire hazard is often higher on south and southwest facing hills.

Of the three factors affecting fire behavior, fuels are the easiest to manage by homeowners to lower fire hazard.

Strategies to Reduce the Risk of High Intensity Fires

Homeowners: Homeowners in high fire hazard areas can reduce the risk of high intensity fires affecting their property. An important concept for homeowners living



in hazardous areas is that of defensible space. Defensible space is defined as an area of modified vegetation between wildland fuels and homes that allows firefighters to protect the home or, in the absence of firefighters, allows the home to better survive on its own. The most extensive modification of vegetation should occur within an area of at least 30 feet around the house. Beyond this area, additional modification of landscaping creates a larger buffer from an approaching wildfire and further decreases the risk of damage, as well as giving your family and neighbors more time to evacuate during an approaching wind-driven wildfire.

Create and maintain a defensible space by removing the lower branches up to 10 feet from the ground on large trees, separating beds of landscape plants and removing flammable vegetation from within 30 feet from your house. Homeowners living on a steep slope or hillside should maintain a larger primary zone of defensible space on the area below the home.

Landscape your yard with Firewise plants with the following characteristics: slow growth with little accumulation of dead vegetation, high moisture content and low concentrations of oils or other flammable chemicals in the leaves and branches (e.g. succulent plants), and an open and loose branching pattern. If natural areas exist on your lot, you can reduce the intensity of an approaching fire by:

- (1) removing highly flammable shrubs and trees;
- (2) reducing overall tree density by removing small trees (called thinning); and
- (3) reducing the continuity of ladder fuels.

Now is the Time for Mitigation

When wildfires occur near homes, homeowners often feel powerless to protect their property. An approaching fire may seem unpredictable and difficult for trained firefighters to control. However, with an understanding of the concepts of fire behavior outlined in this paper, you can anticipate the intensity and movement of a fire by considering several key conditions: fuel structure, local weather and topography. Furthermore, by altering the conditions around your house, such as decks and outdoor furniture, you can influence the movement and intensity of fires, and consequently, improve the survivability of your home.



Calling all KC Photogs! We're Hosting a Contest to Feature your Photos at the Ranch House and Dakota Lodge!

In March, several resident photo submissions were selected to adorn the walls of the Bradford Room at the Ranch House. From bobcats and bears to beautiful vistas, we were pleased to showcase several resident photo submissions that visually articulated Ken-Caryl Ranch living! Merging form and function, these photos served to not only beautify the space, but were printed on special sound-proofing panels to help with the room's acoustics.

We are looking to add to our acoustically aesthetic collection by hosting a community-wide contest for additional submissions! We are asking residents to submit their favorite hi-resolution photos that depict Ken-Caryl living by Friday, June 18 at 5 p.m. to be considered for our next round of sound-absorbing wall art panels to be featured at the Ranch House and Dakota Lodge. We will once again be working with Audimute on creating these panels. The acoustic art panels are 1.5" thick and have a 0.95 NRC rating, absorbing on average 85 percent of sound waves that contact them.

Submit your photos to *Life at Ken-Caryl* Editor Allison Hefner at allisonh@kcranch.org by the deadline to be considered for print. Administrative staff will then select the winners of the contest by Friday, June 25. Contest winners will be notified and announced on our social media platforms and in the July 7 edition of *Life at Ken-Caryl*.

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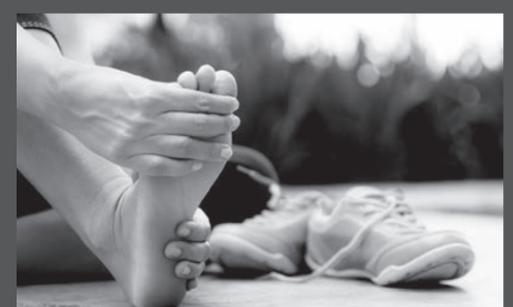
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New Volunteer Patrollers Complete Training!

By Matt Owen, Park Ranger Supervisor

Recently, seven new KCR Members completed a two-and-a-half-hour training to become volunteer patrollers. I want to thank Michael, Cheryl, Kurt, Matthew, Tony, David and Shannon for spending a Saturday morning with me and welcome to the team! We have a total of 32 volunteers patrolling the open space for the 2021 season!

If you are recreating on the trails, you may be contacted by one of these volunteer patrollers at a trail intersection, or passing by on the trail. Each will be wearing a blue vest, with a patch that reads "Open Space Patrol". An ID will also be displayed to indicate they are working on behalf of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Park Rangers. Mountain bike volunteers will also have an orange placard visible on their handlebars stating "Volunteer Bike Patrol".

This program is in its tenth year and the volunteers are a tremendous help to the rangers assisting patrol of the trail system. The volunteers cannot issue contact notices for rule violations like park rangers, but are a great resource in viewing any trespassing, dog off leash and other rule violations taking place in the open space. Volunteers also report any obstacles across the trails or other problem areas and if a pattern of rule violations develops in open space.

I want to also remind users to please be courteous to these volunteers as they will be stopping each trail user that passes by to confirm KCR residency/membership, unless a user is displaying an approved Trail Crew/Willow Springs (reddish orange, black text) or KCR ID (orange, white text) Bracelet. In order to acquire the KCR ID Bracelet, visit www.ken-caryl-ranch.org and click on the Open Space tab. Fill out the registration form and submit. After approval, the KCR ID Bracelets will be mailed to your residence. Bracelets are good for three years. If you already have orange bracelets, no need to register.

There is no cost and bracelets are issued two per household and can be temporarily used by house guests when not accompanied by the member in the private open space. All other colored bracelets have expired. It is not mandatory to have an ID bracelet when using Ken-Caryl Ranch private open space, but if you have one easily displayed on your wrist, bike handlebars, or your dog leash, you can enjoy your activity without answering questions about membership from the Volunteer Patrollers or Park Rangers. Any trail user viewed with an expired tag will be stopped and membership checked by the rangers. If you have any questions, please call the rangers at 303-979-1876 ext. 170.



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Email to allisonh@kcranch.org. Deadline for June 9, 2021 issue: Friday, May 28 at 5 p.m.

Dear Editor,

We had a very unfortunate experience with a recommendation from a carpet company for our hardwood refinishing (I won't mention the name of the company). To remedy the damage they did, we used Dan, who advertises in your paper, for hardwood refinishing and he did the most amazing job correcting our floors, we can't thank him enough! Also, we used John Gee, who advertises in the paper for painting to sand, prime and repaint all of our baseboards that were so damaged by the original hardwood refinishers.

I would like our residents to know what a wonderful job both of these men did - there was just no comparison to the skill and the pride they took in their work, which was totally absent from the company we first hired.

Heidi Gesso, Resident

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Ken-Caryl Ranch for nearly 18 years. One of the long-term overriding concerns among residents has been the encroachment of non-residents into KCR trails and other amenities. Outsiders contribute nothing to the maintenance of KCR facilities, amenities and opportunities. Such are entirely supported by residents. Yet we (KCR is a nominally private entity) would seem to accrue all liability, legal and otherwise.

What you have done, Ms. Hefner, is provide a free, nearly full-page advertisement in *Life at Ken-Caryl* for an organization which invites non-residents into our facilities, at a ratio of up to 5 to 1, and charges those non-residents up to \$750 for the privilege. At the same time that organization compensates Ken-Caryl Ranch not a penny.

I recognize that *Life at Ken-Caryl* is a newsletter, not a newspaper. Still, is it unreasonable to expect some level of objectivity, some balance, at least some skepticism? Accordingly, you will understand that I am very disappointed.

Geoffrey N. Coleman, Resident

Editor's Note: Life at Ken-Caryl has profiled many community groups in this publication over the years, including KC Little League and area Boys/Girl Scout troops and activities to fully represent all of the community groups associated with Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Dear Editor,

Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent KCRMA Board election, of which I was a candidate. Even though unsuccessful for a second time, the election results were very encouraging. The other four candidates had impressive credentials and I personally like and respect each person. My campaign emphasized the importance and urgency of environmental concerns, safety on our trails and caution concerning aggressive mountain biking including the folly of reintroducing racing in KCR. Dave Seagraves won by a substantial margin and prior to his first candidacy in 2018, I was impressed by his introductory letter. I was also very pleased that Phillip Varley was elected. He is deeply committed to finding compromise solutions to the hot topic of ecosystem and wildlife preservation balanced with efficacious open space recreational use. He is the right person to bring the other Board members and the community together on this incredibly controversial issue. I was also pleased with my fourth place vote count which increased by 50% over the previous election and fell less than 100 votes from being elected. Thank you for your support and the growing interest in the future of your KCR open space.

Topic #2. Elections and Surveys have

consequences: There were conflicts and four serious mountain biking accidents on our trails that we know of and it was reported that one non-resident mountain biker almost lost his life.

1. Taking no action is not an option.
2. As one recent letter stated: flattening trails is not necessary for hikers.
3. Hikers and runners can easily navigate around natural barriers.
4. Paradigm Shift: Focus almost exclusively on pedestrian use when constructing or maintaining dirt trails.
5. Don't flatten the trails which facilitates aggressive mountain biking.
6. Save money annually: Reduce using contractors to remove large rocks and boulders.
7. Managing this more natural trail surface would be less laborious.
8. Think about a trail system that would efficiently take everyone, including equestrians, to observation points of interest. It would look much different. Think about the money that could have been saved if this concept were adopted ten years ago.

Jim Fodor, Resident

Dear Editor,

I empathize with Alexis McDowell and her pain from the trail incident with her son. All moms are anxious that their teenagers find a place where they can develop self-esteem and friends. Some find it in Scouts, others find it on teams of some sort. My son was a mountain bike racer as well, while my daughters found their lifelong friends in their volleyball clubs, also 501c3 nonprofits.

Several resident concerns not answered by the Avout article: Nowhere did it mention the fees that Avout pays for the wear and tear on the trails. The participation in the trail cleaning events should be a fun, giving back to the community event, not payment in kind. For example, I don't expect the Weed Warriors to be demanding payment for their work in eradicating noxious weeds. Likewise, the Eagle Scouts who have done various sign projects around the trails.

I also noticed that the actual percentage of Avout members who are non-residents was left off the stats list; I've heard that it's over 50 percent of the Juniors; is that so? Perhaps non-resident fees could be charged that could go to the Community for additional trail upkeep fees. Another concern is the actual time and place of the practices. I admit, having a group of nine bikers descend upon me on the trail is disconcerting, especially at the time of evening after work when I can go for a walk. Instead of being on the popular walking trails like the Colorow, could they go on the more biker friendly Cougar trails? What days are the scheduled practices so people know what to expect?

I welcome kids learning to mountain bike on the trails, as I do all outdoor activities. With COVID, people have been using the trails more than ever, and we see the results in the trails' deterioration. If Avout wishes to further use the trails for their practice, I don't think it unreasonable to request a fee for trail maintenance to keep our Valley beautiful.

Deb Beckmann, Resident

Dear Editor,

Preliminary planning for the building of the South Docmann backcountry trail, now called the Wildcat Ridge Trail, is already underway. This proposed new trail would be in the far reaches of the SW corner of Ken-Caryl open space, a 10-mile+ roundtrip. This remote and sensitive area is likely habitat to the rare, flammulated owl and is certainly within the foraging range for our neighboring Golden Eagles. This pristine area deserves to be preserved in

its natural state. The MA Board has not yet approved the \$100,000 funding for this trail. They were waiting on the results of the KC Community Survey to guide their decision making on whether or not to approve this trail.

All KC households will receive the Community Survey by the end of May. Unfortunately, there will not be a specific question relating to the Wildcat Ridge Trail on this survey. Instead, there will be a general question about supporting or opposing building new backcountry trails in the open space. The MA Board wants to know if residents support or oppose any new trails, not just if they want the Wildcat Ridge Trail. Your responses to this more general trail building question will be guiding the MA Board's decision on whether or not to approve the Wildcat Ridge Trail.

Survey responses are needed from most all residents to ensure that the Survey results are valid and truly represent the entire KC community. The MA Board is relying on sufficient resident input on the Survey to help them make informed decisions regarding not only new trails, but our entire community. Let's give them the data they need by participating in the Community Survey. Your participation is vital! Participation supports your community and let's your wishes be heard.

Let's not disturb this last, undeveloped section of our open space with a new trail. Please participate in the Community Survey and put an end to new trail building once and for all! 45 miles of trails is plenty to maintain and patrol! It's time to stop the proliferation of new backcountry trails at your expense. We have enough trails now!!

Linda Metzger, Resident



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CELL PHONE - As a Court Appointed Advocate for Jefferson County, I mentor a 16-year-old who is in a foster home. He needs a cell phone to communicate with his court team and apply for jobs. If you have one that is in good working order and wiped clean, he would be so appreciative. Please text Heidi Gesso at 303-906-6220.

GOODS & SERVICES

YARD WORK/GENERAL LABOR - Looking to help neighbors with yard work and other jobs they need help with. Examples: move rock, yard clean-up, and general labor. My name is Eric and I am 19. Please contact me at 720-369-7671.

AUTO/RV DETAILING - Your/my garage. Full detail \$200. 720-318-5411.

JUNK REMOVAL & property clean outs. 50% off. Call Taddy at 303-525-5421.

PAMELA'S PERSONAL SERVICES - Here to help! Offering pet care, concierge services, grocery shopping, misc. errands, downsizing, organizing, networking. 303-929-0387.

NEW BABY, NO SLEEP? - Contact certified birth/postpartum doula, and KC resident, Liz Gallant to provide overnight/daytime support or one-time consultations. Specializing in infant care/soothing, home transitions and wellness. You are not alone. 303-517-8864.

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TUTOR - Colorado School of Mines grad. First 1/2-hour session is free. www.DigitalMathTutor.com. Online only using Zoom. Algebra, Geometry, Trig, Pre-calc, Calc, SAT/ACT prep. David Cowan, 10 yr. Ken-Caryl resident, 303-949-1989.

FENCE REPAIR, INSTALLATION & STAINING - Call John 720-384-7851.

QUALITY PAINTING & DECK RESTORATION AND STAINING - 30 Yr. Ken-Caryl Resident. Interior/exterior. 25 yrs.

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PLUMBER - 40+ years - KC resident. No job too small. Fee Estimates. Call or Text 720-612-3353.

OB PAINTING - \$300 off Exterior / \$300 off Interior. 10% off cash discount / Military discount. Call today: Rob 303-908-9063

PATRIOTS CARPETS - Carpet installation, repairs, and restretches. Over 25 years' experience. Locally owned. Free Estimates. 303-903-5190. email: rydoh@msn.com.

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A HARDWOOD SPECIALIST - Install, repair, refinish, free estimates, insured. Over 20 years' experience and Ken-Caryl Resident. ahardwoodfloors1@gmail.com. www.ahardwoodspecialistdenver.com Dan 303-570-7930.

LOCAL GENERAL CONTRACTOR - Kitchens, basements, bathrooms, decks and pergolas. Big jobs and small. Licensed & Insured. Call or text 303-960-6859. Email: gcdavisllc@gmail.com.

MASTER ELECTRICIAN - Residential specialist for over 26 years. KC resident. Free estimates. Ask for discount with ad. Redman Electric 303-356-1968.

DOG WALKING & PETSITTING - Affordable, reliable. Pets2us.com. Chris 303-902-8128.

Teen Services

This listing includes Ken-Caryl teens who babysit, mow lawns, house or pet sit, or shovel snow. To be included on the list, teens should email their name, number, age, neighborhood and list of services offered to Allison Hefner at AllisonH@kcranch.org or call 303-979-1876, ext. 108.

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

Name	Phone	Services	Age	Neighborhood
Olivia Anderson	303-902-5026	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows
Jade Atkinson	720-616-0063	P	15	Aspen Meadows
Katelyn Atkinson	303-916-7666	B, P	18	Aspen Meadows
Sierra Baliko	303-809-1117	B, P	18	Traditions
Colette Bennett	720-415-0311	B, P	16	North Ranch
Preston Bennett	303-520-4411	S	13	North Ranch
Piper Blarr	720-255-6877	B, P	16	Colony
Aliza Bochner	319-338-4414	B, P	16	North Ranch
Eva Bochner	319-338-4414	B, P	14	North Ranch
Adam Brandland	720-376-1987	L, S	14	Settlement
Abby Burton	720-616-1333	B, P	13	Aspen Meadows
Bridget Cassidy	720-244-1359	B, P	16	Stratford Farms
Hope Cuttitta	303-517-8864	B, P	15	Deer Creek
Ella Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	14	Village
Quinn Daugherty	303-591-2004	B, P	13	Village
Brooke Ellis	720-988-9162	B, P	16	Heirloom
Megan Ellis	720-290-2033	B, L, P, S	14	Heirloom
Ella Famariss	303-588-4130	B, P	17	North Ranch
Kyla Fouts	303-668-0581	B, L, P, S	13	Mountain Gate
Abbie Gallant	303-517-8864	B,P	15	Deer Creek
Lila Garcia	303-475-0888	B, P	14	Legacy
Marcus Garcia	303-704-9796	L, P, S	16	Legacy
A.J. Giles	303-883-6303	L, S	17	Colony
Kyra Goudzwaard	720-552-0175	B, P	15	Barrington Ridge
Karmin Groom	720-980-9088	B, P	14	Sunset Ridge
Nicole Guarino	303-720-3036	B	17	Bradford Place
Cameron Guider	303-868-7198	B,P	12	Aspen Meadows
Will Guider	303-868-7198	L,PS	12	Aspen Meadows
Kara Hammond	720-979-4069	B, P	13	Carriage Hill
Keegan Hardesty	720-484-9557	B, L, P, S	14	Cimarron
Michael Hefner	303-359-9052	P	11	The Spread
Trisha Henderson	732-915-1214	P	17	North Ranch
Reed Hershey	720-828-3245	B, L, P	12	North Ranch
JJ Heupel	720-372-9476	B, L, P, S	16	Endave/Traditions
Natalie Himmel	720-788-3419	B, P	15	Eagles Pointe
Kellen Hodges	720-496-6113	B, L, P, S	17	Saddlewood
Maddox Hodges	720-472-2003	B, L, P, S	14	Saddlewood
Reece Hodges	303-667-2606	L, P, S	12	Saddlewood
Gunnar Holmes	720-505-6764	L, S	15	Carriage Hill
Amelia Hopping	720-626-7750	B, P, S, L	14	North Ranch
Erin Hurley	720-600-8261	B, P, S	12	Aspen Meadows
Afton Jones	720-705-9797	B	16	Manor Ridge
Aubrey Jones	720-971-6680	B	16	Manor Ridge
Austin Karchut	970-217-7240	B, P	16	Bradford Place
Tyler Karchut	605-641-5672	P, L	13	Bradford Place
Harrison Kauffman	303-520-4819	L, P, S	17	Wynterbrooke
Salome Kekelia	801-201-1183	B	13	Territory
Eva Kiebler	303-478-6050	B, P	11	Cimarron
Sierra King	720-582-3334	L	14	Heirloom
Kellen Lay	720-629-5566	L, S	12	Wynterbrooke,
Cadence Leal	303-725-9042	B, P, S,	12	Sunset Ridge
Ethan Lehrke	720-295-2156	L, S	17	Cimarron
Andrew Lerudis	303-523-0765	L, P, S	13	Village
Daniel Lobelo	720-203-2912	L, P, S	14	Deerwood Vista
Payton Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	15	The Spread
Rachael Lott	720-415-3486	B, L, P, S	15	The Spread
Hadley Marx	720-380-4671	B, P	18	Shaffer Hill
Hannah Marx	720-380-4670	B, P	16	Shaffer Hill
Hayden Marx	720-588-7486	L, P, S	15	Shaffer Hill
Eric McCabe	720-951-9467	L, P, S	17	Heirloom
Mitch McGatlin	703-850-0642	B, L, P, S,	16	Legacy
Riley McGatlin	703-244-8558	B, L, P, S	14	Legacy
Raleigh Rose McMahon	720-375-3352	B, P	13	Stallion Pointe
Janey Millstone	720-668-1029	B, P	12	North Ranch
Hannah Mote	720-305-8757	B, P	14	Stallion Pointe
Hayden Nash	303-895-8117	B, P	12	Cimarron
Kellan Nash	720-630-5764	L, P, S	13	Retreat
Catherine Newsom	303-325-5232	B, P	15	Legacy
William Newsom	303-325-5232	L, S	18	Legacy
Ethan Pankow	720-217-8175	P	14	Heirloom
Samara Pirozzi	720-818-2203	B, P	16	Traditions
Lillian Pool	720-985-1667	B, P	14	Bradford Place
Alec Prinzi	303-810-3221	B, L, P, S	12	Shaffer Hill
Nathan Rector	720-506-5616	S, L	12	Sunset Ridge
Joshua Reisinger	303-973-2469	L, P, S	14	Eagles Pointe
Seth Reisinger	720-525-0078	B, L, P, S	17	Eagles Pointe
Alessandra Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S,	13	Village
Paulina Roberts	720-394-3910	B, P, S,	11	Village
Max Ruskowski	720-517-9066	L, P, S	17	Stallion Pointe
Sebastian Ruskowski	303-960-9883	L, P, S	13	Stallion Pointe
Nic Sarkisov	720-470-1486	P, S	15	Heirloom
Megan Schuster	720-587-7265	B, P	18	Heirloom
Nicholas Schuster	720-990-7465	B, P	16	Heirloom
Ava Secondo	303-883-2592	B, P	15	Cimarron
Jacob Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
John Seybert	303-668-5987	L, P, S	16	Saddlewood
Maria Seybert	303-668-5987	B, P	15	Saddlewood
Austin Skeffington	720-308-8704	L	17	Wynterbrooke
Tristan Smith	720-323-4019	L, P, S	12	Barrington Ridge
Ian Soukup	303-482-6465	B, P, S	16	Eagles Pointe
Cameron Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	12	Aspen Meadows
Wesley Sternberg	303-949-3691	P	14	Aspen Meadows
Seumas Stevens	720-210-6065	B, L, P, S	14	Bradford Place
Abby Szabo	720-745-1339	B, P, S	15	Aspen Meadows
Ben Szabo	720-413-3072	L, P, S	17	Aspen Meadows
Maddy Szabo	720-768-5452	B, P	15	Aspen Meadows
Cole Torgerson	720-291-9022	B, L, P	19	Legacy
Jack Torgerson	303-981-7617	B, P	16	Legacy
Zane Tweedie	720-688-9440	L, P, S	15	Deerwood Vista
Aiden Tyler	720-448-7638	P, S	15	Cimarron
Catie Watkins	720-705-1656	B, P	14	Manor Ridge
Charlotte Webster	703-655-4428	B,P	16	The Spread
Judah Webster	703-655-4428	B,L,PS	13	The Spread
Ella Widmann	720-318-7927	B, P	17	Territory
Ava Yaley	970-946-8955	B, P	13	Carriage Hill

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11882 ELKHEAD RANGE RD. - \$459,900

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WILLOW SPRINGS

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3,400 SF. 3 Bed, 3 Bath! Finished walkout with recreational room with Bedroom & Bath! Wet bar plus wine tasting & storage room! Backs to open space with breathtaking, unobstructed Mountain View! Large covered deck! Three car attached garage! Upgraded throughout! Professionally landscaped!



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