

Q11 Please share any thoughts, ideas, concerns, suggestions or improvements for the Equestrian Center.

***Participant names/identifiable information have been removed.**

Answered: 249 Skipped: 311

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	For my grandson's birthday made arrangements for he and his sister take a horse back ride. Unfortunately, my grandson got sick and we had to cancel. Tried to reschedule but never received a call back. Went to Chatfield stables instead, where they had a wonderful time and additionally witnessed the staff offering guided trail rides. KC equestrian center definitely missed an opportunity for us to enjoy the center.	11/20/2023 9:21 AM
2	There is nothing like driving through the valley and seeing horseback riding, the stables, the deer, etc. most beautiful valley - peaceful and serene.	11/20/2023 7:40 AM
3	I do not use the equestrian center and I do not like the fact that any of my hoa dues goes to support it. I think they should get rid of it and turn it into a dog park that most of the residents could use	11/19/2023 2:01 PM
4	should be run by horse lovers, get the MA out	11/18/2023 5:21 PM
5	I was employed as a ranch hand there within the last 6 months. There is plenty wrong with the manner in which it is run which starts with the person in charge with the day to day operation. Too many young teenagers are unsupervised and burdened with the responsibility of prioritizing the daily chores. It becomes a social event for them rather than a job. Watch for yourself and see two or more of them performing a task that only takes one person to do. And, why is a teenager given supervisory responsibilities over an adult employee who experience is greater than theirs? And you employ the handicapped to work there because "everyone needs a chance"? The ranch is too political. Horse owners were targeted by the administration and severely punished for "doing what is right". Clean house, please.	11/18/2023 9:05 AM
6	It would be nice to include the entire community in the Equestrian Center. After seeing how much the entire community attributes to the center financially we should include more events there and it would be great to include more options for younger kids to be involved and begin learning about horses. Our family would love to have more opportunities to ride and take care of the horses, however there is not a lot offered for younger children to start learning and developing that passion for horses.	11/18/2023 7:58 AM
7	Varied terrain for horses . I saw them just sitting in mud after a rainstorm . Get a volunteer program going for education , service hours and vested interests. Have write ups on horses and education on horses in Ken-Caryl life newsletter to great awareness . Donate extra change for hay or treats.	11/18/2023 7:34 AM
8	I like the presence of the EC. Its unique adds an ambiance to the neighborhood. It's nice for those who own horses. I would like for it to remain in the neighborhood if possible. Clearly from what I hear, it needs better resources and management.	11/18/2023 7:32 AM
9	Please invest in and support this amenity which is a huge part of our community's identity.	11/18/2023 7:11 AM
10	We would like to see site improvements, updates and generally clean up, we frequent the facility on walks and runs and it seems to be lacking in care over the last several years. We enjoy having the facility in our community and would like to see it kept up.	11/18/2023 5:51 AM
11	I'm glad to see recent improvements. rates should continue to be raised to reflect market values. Rates here should be much higher than other barns. Boarders have access to this facility within their community and direct access to trails. Prices should reflect that. The neighborhood HOA fees should not be used towards this facility. It should support itself financially.	11/17/2023 11:17 PM
12	I care about the equestrian center and value it as a part of the community.	11/17/2023 10:40 PM
13	Equestrian center should pay its own way as far as horses and boarding go. Some subsidy for the community building and offices is reasonable.	11/17/2023 9:28 PM

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14	If you want the real Colorado to remain, then do everything you can to keep/maintain the horse barn. If you are in implant, you don't care. How much money was put to the "trails" when the board was voted in by bikers?	11/17/2023 8:33 PM
15	I think it's quaint but considering expenses, I could do without if we are paying more for it when we don't use it personally. Like, I would rather get weekly recycling. Maybe keep the original barn as a historical feature. I'm tired f getting nickeled and dimed over amenities I use.	11/17/2023 8:19 PM
16	The equestrian center is a very special place in our community. My girls have grown up there meeting horses and neighbors. We have loved having this as part of our community and was part of the reason that we moved here. When they are older they will participate in camps	11/17/2023 6:36 PM
17	I left due to having to go there every day to meet the basic needs for my horse.	11/17/2023 6:25 PM
18	It needs some maintenance and I wouldn't want it to fail.	11/17/2023 6:16 PM
19	The non-resident boarders have more say in decisionmaking than resident boarders. If a non-resident horse that is in the most desirable areas does, they can just put a new horse in, instead of allowing a resident from the waiting list take the place. It does NOT pay for itself - the arena footing was supposed to be paid for by boarders and that never quite worked out that way. The EC behaves like they are exclusive and so not welcome outsiders. Anyone asking questions or making comments is attacked.	11/17/2023 5:51 PM
20	Poor transparency. We need an operations manager that knows about horses and how to verify hay quality. Boarders do not say anything to management for fear of being kicked out. Like what has been done to several people so far. It is very uncomfortable. Lack of oversight. Hope it improves.	11/17/2023 5:24 PM
21	I like the center and the what it provides to the community.	11/17/2023 1:15 PM
22	The riding school needs an overhaul if it is to remain successful. And it could generate some income. We need to invest in hiring more staff to be able to attract riders of all levels and abilities, and not just people at higher levels with trainers. Years ago I took a great group class for adults, but I haven't seen anything like that in a long time offered. Things like that keep the community involved and word of mouth goes a long way.	11/17/2023 11:44 AM
23	I think the Equestrian Center could use some TLC... it feels a bit neglected.	11/17/2023 9:49 AM
24	The equestrian center is a valuable, iconic piece of Ken Caryl. It has been around forever and would be a shame to lose it! As a horse lover, finding convenient boarding is more and more difficult and the equestrian center is a valuable asset to the community! But should be PART of the community, not a independently run entity that happens to sit in our community.	11/17/2023 8:30 AM
25	I would love to see more options for adults. Lessons, trail rides, etc. Most everything is geared towards children.	11/17/2023 8:17 AM
26	N/a	11/17/2023 8:09 AM
27	If the cost is becoming a resident expense then we should look at making that space something else that us more self sustaining.	11/17/2023 8:01 AM
28	I understand residents have funded \$140,000 out of their dues during 2021 and 2022 for Equestrian Center budget shortfalls. This tells me the Center is not well run and fiscally managed. My family shouldn't have to subsidize relatively affluent horse owners. To say nothing of the lost benefit to homeowners for other purposes; it's outrageous.	11/17/2023 7:32 AM
29	More effort needs to go into cleaning the XXX in the lot and healthy conditions for the horses. Offer opportunities for kids to volunteer time at the facilities and with the horses. Get creative and think of new ways to draw more people to the facilities, beyond lessons.	11/17/2023 6:19 AM
30	Have more children classes to increase growth and revenue. Hire more staff to do so to make a profit. Communicate more in community to get involvement. Would be nice to offer an older person class to learn to ride much like our tennis program. I would love to learn during school hours as a stay home mom. Never had the chance or opportunity and shy to start to learn.	11/17/2023 5:33 AM
31	I don't know much about the equestrian center, but have noticed that it's in a bit of disrepair. I noticed you used a picture in which there isn't a gaping whole in the main structure. I do not ride or care for horses so I don't have input other than please keep it looking nice. We don't want a large eye sore in our neighbor hood. I have also wondered if the horses actually have	11/17/2023 5:32 AM

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enough space and time running around for such large animals as it often looms depressing to me. I see the same sad horses standing in the same small spaces looking like they need grooming.

32	Make it pay for itself. Residents should not be subsidizing horseboarders through HOA dues. Turn Dakota Lodge into a sports betting facility, host a Kentucky Derby party, use the kitchen to host pancake breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.	11/16/2023 9:15 PM
33	Bring in a high paid, experienced management staff & overhaul the budget before it's too late.	11/16/2023 4:12 PM
34	It is definitely in disrepair and needs a facade update, if nothing else. It's sad to see the state of the EQ, as if has decreased substantially over time.	11/16/2023 4:08 PM
35	The Equestrian Center supports a very small percentage of the Ken Caryl community. For me it is an interesting community novelty but not relevant.	11/16/2023 3:35 PM
36	Needless to say, my biggest concern today is the 37% increase in boarding costs that I was told of yesterday. That is a huge amount of money in this economy especially when someone is looking at after tax dollars. Additionally, although we anticipated an increase similar to last year, a \$268 increase per month that starts in 45 days puts your boarders in an untenable situation. It would have been far better to have the detailed conversations with the boarders on the anticipated increase, reason for it, and give your boarders adequate time to budget for it, prior to the manager submitting the request to the MA for a vote. It is my understanding that the Board took a vote on this one day prior to the boarders being told the actual numbers. The lack of transparency is not something I ever would have expected from this community and I am very disappointed in this process flaw. Please know that we have been blessed to be a part of this community for over 10 years and truly appreciate the opportunity to have our horse there and spend wonderful times with the community members. Your new management has done a nice job cleaning up the piles of horse manure that were all around the property after Rojillio passed and it is clear they want to improve the facility for everyone and that is greatly appreciated. Did want to also mention in passing some concerns we have had over the past months - the bad quality of the hay (moldy), which we have been told will be addressed, an indoor waterer that continues to run into our stall even though it has been "fixed" by staff multiple times. We have loved being a part of this community for the past 10 years and remain hopeful that we can all work through this difficult situation that is before us presently.	11/16/2023 2:30 PM
37	I don't think we are fairly represented or that our concerns are properly addressed at the facility currently. I understand that managing a facility this large is very difficult, but I would have no confidence in my horse's care if I were not around to supplement it. Although we are going to be paying a near full-care rate in 2024, what we receive is subpar at best. Bad quality hay, inconsistent shaving schedule, and dirty/ill maintained property just scratch the surface. I spend multiple hours every day trying to fulfill needs that this barn doesn't provide. I always clean up after myself and other people. I look out for other boarders' horses and make sure that there is extra hay when it is all gone. Why is this facility the only one where you have to do the work (like retrieving hay, sweeping up the wash rack, and mucking a poop-filled arena) that should be covered in the fees you pay? The new rate increase is also unacceptable. The fact that we were not prepared for an increase of this magnitude is so unfair. I was expecting an increase but I could've never imagined it being this significant. It would be one thing if we were receiving the value that we paid for. It's entirely different when we are paying more for a run down facility that can barely cover the basics. Our barn's rate cannot be increased to match other barns in the area. Our "amenities" are not nearly as nice and are not well maintained. A heated indoor is not the same as our dust-bowl filled one. Nor is a clean well populated pasture the same as our "scraped once a month" dirt lots. It is so disappointing as I have been at this barn for almost 10 years. It was a huge part of my formative years and I have so many wonderful memories. However, at this point in time it has become more stressful than enjoyable. The only reason I have stayed is because of trainer loyalty and location convenience. I don't think I'm asking too much when I just want good quality hay, fresh water, clean/safe living conditions, and competent staff. Especially for nearly \$1000 a month. I recognize that running and working at the equestrian center is a tough job. Conditions have been worse in the past. I respect all the staff and appreciate their work. However, there are too many glaring issues about how this barn is run.	11/16/2023 2:26 PM
38	The equestrian center has a great community. It would be wonderful for the larger Ken-Caryl Community to participate in the equestrian center community. Non-boarders, always seem to enjoy meeting the horses and walking through the equestrian center grounds. Also, Ken-Caryl trail users have stated multiple times to me that they enjoy seeing horses on the trails. The trail club and rangers have done an excellent job with educating trails users re: trail etiquette	11/16/2023 9:00 AM

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with the horse, hiker, biker triangle right of way messaging. Thanks. [Name / phone removed]

39	The equestrian center is a unique and valuable piece of the Ken-Caryl community. Though there has been improvement in how the center has been utilized, there is still room for improvement. With some facility upgrades and planning/execution of events, the center could be a huge benefit to the community.	11/15/2023 9:48 PM
40	I absolutely love that we have an equestrian center. I've signed my niece up for lessons in the past and my son. I love the history of the facilities and that they are available in our community. I also enjoy just walking down to the barn with my young son and watching the horses. I've also come by and grabbed a handful of discarded baling twine in the past for bundling yard waste. Just love that this is part of our home.	11/15/2023 8:49 PM
41	As long as I dont have to pay for it, fine with me. Otherwise, I don't really care nor see it affecting my home value nor connection to community.	11/14/2023 6:51 PM
42	I see the equestrian center as a huge benefit to life in KC. I love to walk by it and enjoy stopping to watch the horses. I always take visitors who enjoy it immensely. I'm a huge horse lover yet at 81 will sadly not own a horse of my own. I'm wondering if it would be feasible for occassionally have a day to meet the horses. I realize this requires owners to be open to it. I think getting to know some of the horses, learning their names and giving residents a way to connect to them, can increase the respect and enjoyment of these beautiful animals.	11/14/2023 11:20 AM
43	Thanks for trying. If I could say anything, I do NOT understand why we have to pick up after dogs but I have to step over (where possible) huge piles of horse manure. There are ways to take care of that and I feel if horses want to be accepted, more effort should be made to address the issue.	11/14/2023 10:22 AM
44	My kids have enjoyed riding lessons and camp at the equestrian center with very positive experiences. It would be great to have more opportunities for school aged kids	11/14/2023 10:21 AM
45	The equestrian center feels inaccessible to non-boarders. Community outreach is important to address this shortcoming.	11/13/2023 10:29 PM
46	Management should proactively address the issue of recurring car break-ins by implementing a comprehensive enhancement of our security system. It is imperative to prioritize the safety of our children by not only strengthening existing security measures but also considering additional improvements. This could involve restricting public access to certain areas, ensuring a more controlled environment.	11/13/2023 9:35 PM
47	My daughters really enjoy the summer camp program. I am not aware of other activities they can participate in outside of that, beyond private lessons.	11/13/2023 9:20 PM
48	We love going to visit the Equestrian Center and feeding treats to the horses. It is so peaceful and a great amenity for the KC Valley and its residents.	11/13/2023 8:24 PM
49	We've enjoyed taking our now 3y/o to see the horses since we moved to KCV in 2021. We'd love to become more involved in equestrian related events when he's older!!	11/13/2023 7:59 PM
50	Very cool barn should be remodeled and used as some kind of community facility (I think it's just used for storage now). For example, indoor pickleball, event center, indoor bike park, etc.	11/13/2023 7:00 PM
51	We love horses and would really appreciate some options for riding horses (for adults and kids).	11/13/2023 7:00 PM
52	Concerned about the ice in the parking lot by the main barn throughout the winter. It would be terrible if someone fell and got hurt. I know it doesn't get sun there. Maybe regular sun/gravel spread there after storms?	11/13/2023 5:30 PM
53	There doesn't seem to be a cohesive vision for the Equestrian Center that boarders and the community can get behind. From a budget standpoint the EC has always seemed to be the "neglected stepchild" in the community. Historically and visually the EQ is an extraordinary facility that lends a unique identity to Ken Caryl as a community. It really should be a key hub and focal point for the community to gather around. It could also use a facelift to make it more attractive to horse-riding and non riders. Make it more "park like"...a place where people could picnic and gather. The riding school could also offer more group riding instruction and structured activities like Cavaletti courses which some of the independent instructors offered years ago when I was taking riding lessons. A group of us more "mature" women had our	11/13/2023 4:28 PM

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weekly group lesson that was a fun riding and social activity. I don't know if there are classes offered like that anymore. Maybe part of the school director's responsibility is to organize regular group activities. Overall, it's good to see that this survey is at least a start to giving the EC some much needed love.

54	Horses stink up the valley and leave poop everywhere. It is only a value to a small fraction of the community.	11/13/2023 4:24 PM
55	Please keep the equestrian center here and running; it's such an important part of our family's lives! It is an attractive feature for the community that feels safe and fits right in with all of the other outdoor activities and open space we have here!	11/13/2023 4:04 PM
56	A number of years ago we owned 5 horses and trailers that were boarded elsewhere. However they were a part of our family since 1988. Even though now everyone has grown and moved away I still have an affinity for horses. They are a way that in today's world we can still connect with the west of old. That is a connection that is still needed. It's who we are!!	11/13/2023 3:58 PM
57	Carriage Rides Though it's been a while since my family or I have participated in events about/around/for or at the equestrian center, this does not represent our desire to see it go. Likewise, we have never participated in any event, used any of the vast number of tennis courts Ken Caryl Ranch has to offer over the many many years we have lived here, and would not like to see them go either.	11/12/2023 8:03 AM
58	The community is known to be an Equestrian community. I also hear comments and compliments from non-members passing by or visiting.	11/12/2023 7:17 AM
59	It is difficult to get dependable ranch hands for daily care. The amount that KC pays is too little to attract good, dependable people to these positions. Members of the staff quit unexpectedly, call in sick regularly or work at a slow pace and don't get their tasks done. This is not acceptable for a horse care facility. Paying a wage that reflects the difficulty of the job and the commitment it requires is key to getting good workers and maintaining an efficient daily schedule. It is too difficult to manage the facility without a competent and committed staff.	11/11/2023 8:44 AM
60	We would love for our Kiddo to do riding lessons there but you don't start them until 6, which is unfair when she had been riding since 2...maybe access each potential rider before just turning them away. We do visit often to pet the horses.	11/11/2023 7:01 AM
61	This is an important part of the community. I look forward to improvements and enhancements.	11/10/2023 11:31 AM
62	The equestrian center is vital to our community. It offers history and fun all together.	11/10/2023 10:45 AM
63	I work at the Equestrian Center and love it! It was one of the attractive amenities that drew us to want to live here and one of the first things we saw as we entered the valley.	11/10/2023 9:50 AM
64	I love the tradition and history of the Equestrian Center and its facilities.	11/10/2023 8:05 AM
65	We'd like to see more classes and rides offered. We live in the perfect location to have guided horse rides on the trails.	11/10/2023 6:39 AM
66	Understanding how much of each household's dues subsidize the equestrian center would help me have a more informed response.	11/8/2023 7:20 PM
67	We don't have a horse but my kids and I love walking by and near the stables and seeing the horses up close. It's very special to have this right in the valley.	11/8/2023 3:34 PM
68	As a resident that does not use the facility as it is now, we would be open to exploring other options of this area for community use and only if the changes would involve more participation of the area by residents than it currently does. We under NO CIRCUMSTANCES want any new development of houses on this land.	11/8/2023 8:26 AM
69	Although I have not actively been connected with the Equestrian Center, my daughter and I rode, took lessons, and did trail rides in the past. I am strongly in favor of keeping the Equestrian Center open and available to residents - especially if they can rent a horse for lessons!	11/7/2023 2:50 PM
70	I would absolutely LOVE if we could go on horseback rides on the trails! My family would sign up for those all the time! We'd also love to take trails courses as well!	11/7/2023 1:48 PM
71	Adding more community-centered activities for Ranch residents only might entice people to take more interest in the Equestrian center as a whole.	11/7/2023 10:41 AM

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72	Take better care of the outdoor riding areas & the pens the horses are in.	11/7/2023 9:51 AM
73	We bought in this area because of the trails and equestrian center it shouldn't be changed with a survey. It would require a vote to change the direction and amenities of Ken Caryl Ranch	11/7/2023 9:51 AM
74	more events inviting the public	11/7/2023 6:42 AM
75	Offering trail rides would be awesome for those of us that love horses but can't afford one.	11/6/2023 9:03 PM
76	While I value the center, it seems overcrowded, and the paddocks and open area are either really muddy, or super dusty.	11/6/2023 8:38 PM
77	Greater access and programs for adults. Things like dinner carriage rides would be fun. Or events like brews at the barn.	11/6/2023 7:32 PM
78	I would be interested in volunteer opportunities that would involve encounters with the horses even though I do not have my own horse.	11/6/2023 7:09 PM
79	The different types of places the horses can live ...ie. barn, shed row, pipe pens need to b renovated. Same for the indoor arena. Money needs to b allocated for the poop in the pasture to b picked up @ least every other week. Pastures should NOT have as many horses living in them as they do. Overall the equestrian center is more than likely the least well maintained amenity of KCR. But I'm guessing it also receives the least amount of funding from the HOA.	11/6/2023 6:43 PM
80	Not nearly enough lessons, classes, trail rides etc for residents who don't own a horse. Mostly just an amenity for private boarders. Please add more events/ lessons/ riding open to residents. Ps - even though I don't use it I walk by almost every day and love that it is there.	11/6/2023 6:33 PM
81	Would like to see more drop in classes offered for kids' horseback lessons. Also opportunities for guided riding trails throughout the Valley.	11/6/2023 5:16 PM
82	I am an adult with horse experience very interested in somehow getting plugged in with equestrian activity but have had difficulty. I don't have time to own or do long term lease, the only lessons for adults are on a day I work, etc. I don't personally know anyone who can clue me in on how I could somehow getting involved, such as trail riding (on my own or in a group), jumping lessons, etc. I have a good amount of horse experience but would like to work toward the next level—jumping.	11/6/2023 5:01 PM
83	Having owned horses, the equestrian center is close to my heart. However upon many visits to watch classes and just hang out being it is so beautiful, I have been shocked by the instructors on their phones during lessons, no encouragement, even after witnessing several students being thrown, and overall no positivity in conversations, not only with students, but also how unfriendly instructors are to one another. We need more upbeat, joyful, encouraging and professional instructors. I love the equestrian center and it could truly be the best in our area if staff was more friendly, engaged and worked together because they enjoy their jobs and the phenomenal complex where they work and serve the community. Thank you for the opportunity to share.	11/6/2023 4:50 PM
84	My family used the enter for 10 years. We were involved in lessons, jumping and shows here and at the facilities. It was a great time and experience for us.	11/6/2023 4:19 PM
85	I don't have a horse or young children so this doesn't really apply to me. I think it's a great resource for the people who use it, but it's not valuable to everyone. My only concern would be the costs covered by the homeowners who don't have a use for it and whether the expenses could be better used elsewhere in the Ranch.	11/6/2023 4:10 PM
86	Not a popular discussion item but I have a hard time with the community effort that goes into picking up my dogs' waste but having to dodge horse poop on many walkways and trails. Love the equestrian center, love walking around it and thru it, but if the survey and community is considering expanding trail riding, should there be discussion about horse waste mitigation? Designated trails, collection, riding only on single track dirt trails? I know the arguments, decomposition, etc but you cannot make the argument to clean up after your dog, when then the trail in front of you has multiple horse droppings on it or on the sides .	11/6/2023 4:02 PM
87	Seems too crowded - it should be scaled back somewhat. It adds to the character of our community but we should not subsidize this activity too much.	11/6/2023 12:46 PM
88	Great piece of Ken-Caryl history and an integral part of what makes KC KC. Would love to see it continue to improve and become a beautiful part of the aesthetics of the community...for	11/6/2023 12:45 PM

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	those who use the facility or those who simply enjoy it's beauty.	
89	I'd love to be able to rent a horse to ride on the trails.	11/5/2023 7:39 AM
90	The history and ambiance of having horses in the valley is priceless	11/4/2023 7:57 PM
91	Not happy when hiking or biking and come across large piles of horse poop. I get that it is grass product but still.	11/4/2023 2:16 PM
92	We have lived in the KC Valley for 20 years and have boarded 2 horses over the years. It has been a wonderful experience - my daughter fell in love with horses from the time she was a kid and did the picnic with the ponies one summer -- that led to riding lessons and to owning our own horses. It eventually led to my daughter falling in love with hippotherapy (horseback riding as a therapeutic or rehabilitative treatment for people needing OT, PT or psychological care) and going to graduate school. It is such a beautiful place, the horses are well cared for and the staff has been great. It is a wonderful part of our neighborhood for everyone to enjoy - from lessons, owning a horse to just coming to feed carrots to the horses!	11/3/2023 11:27 PM
93	Would love trail rides to be offered	11/3/2023 7:52 PM
94	The historic value of the buildings is very high and should have been included as part of this survey	11/3/2023 6:47 PM
95	My daughter took lessons with the Center. When she wanted to move to more advanced lessons, there was only 1 option with XXX who is a verbally abusive women that spends most of the lessons on her phone or ordering around assistants instead of actually coaching the kids. I witnessed several awful incidents that impact rider safety. As a result we were forced to leave our neighborhood barn to find something better, which was not difficult considering the low standards at Ken Caryl.	11/3/2023 5:31 PM
96	It would be great if there were a way for "casual" riders without a horse to connect with owners to exercise their horses occasionally.	11/2/2023 3:10 PM
97	I have been at the equestrian center for over twenty years and the facility is better cared for and offers more opportunities for riders than it ever has. Both Amy and Carl have improved the community value of the equestrian center by a tremendous amount.	11/2/2023 1:32 PM
98	The equestrian center is in the best condition that it has been in over the 25 years that we have had horses there. The current management is the best we have ever had - by a significant amount.	11/2/2023 12:42 PM
99	It's one of the many reasons I moved to KenCsryl	11/2/2023 9:51 AM
100	More promotion of public events There don't seem to be many anymore	11/2/2023 9:38 AM
101	The smell. Dear God, the smell.	11/2/2023 8:33 AM
102	I think it would be great to have programs that can involve community members who aren't wealthy enough to own or board a horse there, yet still love animals and horse culture in general. I love the idea of meet and greets there!	11/2/2023 6:38 AM
103	We are grateful and love the equestrian center.	11/2/2023 6:25 AM
104	Is this facility operating as a loss? If so why?	11/2/2023 5:15 AM
105	As horse owners we are appreciative of the facility and the amenities. The staff does their best with the limited resources they have. Our only complaint is the quality of the hay, which is crucial to the wellbeing of our horses. I personally would be willing to pay more for higher quality hay and alfalfa. For the last year it has been ok at times but there are times our horses are fed old, moldy and dusty alfalfa and hay. It seems like they hold on to old stock and feed it on occasional to get rid of it rather than throwing it out or selling it to cattle ranchers. We love the facility but not the feeding program.	11/1/2023 10:45 PM
106	Over the 40 plus years I have had a horse there it's changed drastically, not necessarily for the better. The prices have become insane, the care is hit or miss, it's inundated with jumping horses and a extremely unprofessional jumping trainer who seems to have priorities over boarders. Too many horses, poor hay quality and underpaid employees. It's a beautiful facility and a beautiful group of people but it's lost it's "peace" and it's authentic feel.	11/1/2023 10:17 PM
107	It's an asset to Ken Caryl	11/1/2023 10:03 PM

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108	How much of our HOA dues go to support this equestrian center that serves the few elite? You had it right when you stated our RICH and diverse community. What happens if we get rid of the Equestrian Center? Will more homes be built there? It's so expensive to board a horse there.	11/1/2023 9:28 PM
109	The corrals need upgrading. They are basically a pond/mud bath in Spring with horses up to their knees in water and mud. Out of town visitors comment negatively on it. Horses also seem bored out of their minds because there's nothing for them on the corrals (no grazing, no salt licks, no real shade, just dust and mud)	11/1/2023 7:07 PM
110	Gus & I LOVE KCEC Amy, Kirsten, Emma, Amelia and the rest of the incredible staff!	11/1/2023 6:51 PM
111	The equestrian center is one of the core reasons I moved back to Ken Caryl. Riding horses is one of the best activities for children to develop a great work ethic, patience, and respect for animals. I don't feel like we've had a platform to speak to the management so that is more of a failure in the website, newsletters and board members vs the center itself. The horses provide such a beautiful and meaningful aspect to Ken Caryl!	11/1/2023 6:31 PM
112	Employees should get Service oriented Training.	11/1/2023 6:26 PM
113	My understanding is that the equestrian center is an expense to the community. Moreover, it is not a service that even a small fraction of the community uses. The combination of the two points above makes me question why we should not utilize the land to create an amenity that is either budget neutral (or positive?) or more people would enjoy.	11/1/2023 5:09 PM
114	My daughter took riding lessons a few years ago. The teaching staff wasn't great at that time...lots of turnover and unreliable teachers.	11/1/2023 4:46 PM
115	I would love to see more give back days to the special needs community, which is extremely large! My daughter has done lessons there, one instructor was terrible but the next we found, Janae, was simply amazing. A partnership with the SSN Program at Chatfield and/or the JTS (transition program) at Dakota Ridge ridge would be an amazing give back to the community!	11/1/2023 4:23 PM
116	As a non-horse rider, I realize the value for people who do own and ride horses is high. However, the cost for maintenance, the fact that many users are non-residents and the need for significant updating does not seem worth it to me as a community member.	11/1/2023 1:53 PM
117	Equine therapy would be a nice offering.	11/1/2023 1:40 PM
118	I had horses growing up (not here in Ken Caryl) & have concerns about the fact that the equestrian center isn't very profitable. There are a lot of horses there for the amount of space & feel like there are lots of things perhaps not being utilized to make it profitable.	11/1/2023 1:08 PM
119	The equestrian center is not well managed, the care is below standard. Getting calls returned is next to impossible. I would like to see more time and effort put into cleaning up the property and more professional management. The equestrian center used to be a premier facility and it now has more of a reputation of being a backyard/low end facility.	11/1/2023 12:42 PM
120	Affordable daytime group class for families that homeschool	11/1/2023 12:22 PM
121	I love seeing the horses when we drive into the valley. Love walking down there to pet the horses. It does take up a lot of space though, so I'd be open to shrinking the footprint of it if there were another amenity which would similarly benefit the community. Maybe a fishing pond stocked with trout? Something that isn't gross like the pond by Dakota lodge.	11/1/2023 12:10 PM
122	I think the equestrian center looks nice when you are driving Up and it seems like a well run place. I just get frustrated with the money that keeps getting dumped into it and it only serves a small fraction of ken Caryl residents.	11/1/2023 10:56 AM
123	I've lived in KC since 2003. I had a horse from 2003 through 2017. I was on the wait list for boarding for 7 years. Meanwhile non residents got in to board immediately. The previous mgmt was so crooked and not transparent. I know management has changed but it was so poorly run for so long I have have a bad taste.	11/1/2023 10:42 AM
124	Having been a boarder at the EQ for the last 11 out of 15 years until my last horse passed away and then working as the head of the riding school for several years until 2020, I have enjoyed all of the amenities of the barn and it's community. I have heard about offering trail rides for the community and while I can see this being a very cool offering for residents ONLY, I think it will present problems, least of which is the fact that our school horses are not varied	11/1/2023 10:29 AM

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enough, seasoned enough, or sound enough for trail rides, nor can they accommodate all sizes of riders. I also would be worried to open up trail rides beyond the residents, due to the already large amount of people illegally using our trail system. It would invite them to "come back" for illegal hiking after seeing how amazing our KC open space is in the Valley and being shown our trail system. I love our barn and our community! I hope the barn continues to be supported as an amenity! All the best, [Name/address removed]

125	I'm not sure the large outdoor pastures are a positive reflection on Ken Caryl. We've been concerned about the poor drainage in the large outdoor pastures and how it affects the hoof health of those horses. Also have seen some stables that have covered feeders rather than throwing the hay on the wet ground.	11/1/2023 8:50 AM
126	The Equestrian center is what makes Ken Caryl so unique. I smile every day when I drive by.	11/1/2023 6:43 AM
127	It's a unique and very Colorado amenity even though we don't use it I'm happy it's here	10/31/2023 10:57 PM
128	I am new to the area and have no experience in this but my 9 yr daughter would love to get into learning about horseback riding so beginner lessons /information would be most useful for my family	10/31/2023 10:06 PM
129	I feel that people who do not live in the community should have to pay a premium to board horses. Also residents should get discounts for horseback riding. When I looked into the program for riding for my kids it was very overpriced.	10/31/2023 7:37 PM
130	The owners of the horses are so kind to share their knowledge when I bring my young grandkids through the stable area. It is impacting their love of horses. Almost old enough for a riding class!	10/31/2023 3:49 PM
131	Advertise equestrian teachers and their specialities	10/31/2023 3:11 PM
132	While I haven't used the equestrian center yet - it is a nice feature. But if it's more expensive to keep up/use, perhaps it can be used in an add'l way (or land shared for dog park?)	10/31/2023 3:06 PM
133	I love the idea of guided trail rides and I think it would be very popular for those of us who like to ride but don't own a horse.	10/31/2023 2:24 PM
134	We love the Equestrian Center so much! It is beautiful, the location is perfect, and what a valuable commodity it is. We are one of two HOA's in the country that has an equestrian center... We are so lucky!	10/31/2023 11:39 AM
135	Perhaps more advertising is needed for how kids can volunteer at the Equestrian Center to encourage their participation at the site.	10/31/2023 11:17 AM
136	Please never close the equestrian center. It is one of the reasons we bought in the valley. Love love passing it every single day. Watching the horses being fed in the paddock (?) is a favorite!!!	10/31/2023 10:28 AM
137	Love the idea of guided trail rides!!! As my kids grow older we may enjoy lessons, just not to that age yet. I also do not feel that the opportunities are marketed well. Beyond the Halloween event, I never hear anything about the equestrian centers offerings.	10/31/2023 10:19 AM
138	I think the Equestrian Center is fine, but wouldn't want any additional funds to go to it when I believe there are many other aspects of the community that would benefit a larger number of people that could use more money/resources/attention	10/31/2023 10:13 AM
139	Our kiddos are still little but I look forward to introducing them to horse riding in the future. It's something I always wished I had the opportunity to learn as a child	10/31/2023 9:46 AM
140	The current staff at the Equestrian Center is not pleasant or easy to work with. There is animosity between staff members and a negative attitude that squelches interest especially in the children and young people's training. Children are leaving for other training facilities instead of remaining local.	10/31/2023 9:37 AM
141	I like the presence of the horses in the community - this coming from a horse lover tho. I like to walk thru and 'visit' the horses. Would I attend more events at this stage of life? Not certain but it can't hurt to let the community know they are invited to the grounds. And, I did love buffalo days back in the day - mutton busting and I think also there were dog competitions - I'd think ppl here would get into that! Up in Dillon at the marina, they have an end of year dog party where ppl dress up their dogs and they do little competing events and I thought it was a	10/31/2023 9:21 AM

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hoot to watch. I would consider coming down to watch our local athletes compete or train if I knew I was welcome.

142	We love seeing the horses and love when we see riders on the trails and we love going to the Equestrian Center to visit the horses.	10/31/2023 9:13 AM
143	I've had my daughter (4) in 2 classes, one of which was when she was three. I've inquired numerous times about getting her in a regular group or private class. I've connected with other parents who want the same. The response from the staff is that they don't do anything like that, that they have never offered a private lesson for her age and won't in the future (which we did, so I don't know why they're telling me we never participated in something like this), that they will keep me informed of class opportunities (which they never did). I understand staffing is an issue, but I'm at the point where I am clueless on how to connect with and use this amenity without owning our own horse. The latest event at the equestrian center I would have loved to participate, but again, everything is for people who have a horse there. Why would I bring my 4 year old, who wants nothing but to ride horses, to an event where everyone is on a horse except her? And we can't even get her in a classes? I live down the street from the equestrian center and honestly it has been a big disappointment. We just want to participate.	10/31/2023 9:06 AM
144	We are concerned about horses that appear to be outside in freezing weather.	10/31/2023 8:40 AM
145	Two complaints about trail riders: 1) they destroy our trail by riding when they are too wet (yet I never see them volunteering with the trail club to improve our trails) 2) they never clean up after their horses. It's disgusting, especially on paved trails (which they aren't even supposed to ride on) Our HOA / MD dollars should provide zero funding to the equestrian center. Make it a profitable entity or get rid of it. I have zero interest in subsidizing their hobby.	10/31/2023 7:41 AM
146	I think many people look at it as a place to board horses only. Offering more schooling horses and classes opens it up to the community. Community events designed to bring people in and learn about horses benefits everyone.	10/31/2023 7:28 AM
147	The Equestrian Center is a valuable asset to Ken Caryl. The difficulty with this survey is there is no financial information presented. People probably don't know that the EC has to balance it's budget and the boarders pay for most things. This survey feels "fluffy"	10/31/2023 7:27 AM
148	Within the EQ ctr there is a very strong sense of community and care. It was the best place for our daughter to grow and thrive. More community engagement thru events helps share that with the rest of KC. A stronger relationship with the trails club would be beneficial as many eq riders also use the trails. And it works both ways to get help with slash collection etc at the barn.	10/31/2023 7:12 AM
149	I thought the Equestrian Center activities were primarily only for horse boarders. I didn't realize monboarders could take lessons.	10/31/2023 7:01 AM
150	Honestly, I thought the community only owned Dakota lodge and the horses were off limits/private owned. I would LOVE more availability for kids riding classes or events. The summer camps fill up in less than 5 minutes. Short guided family rides on our trails would be an incredible amenity if we have enough horses to make something like that happen. Dakota lodge is nice, but it is a shame that most people don't see a connection between the two. FYI my survey results about attending classes and events is related to Dakota lodge not actually the equestrian center. I've never even been inside the barn and don't feel welcome.	10/31/2023 6:29 AM
151	Would be curious if there are other options out there in replace of the equestrian center.	10/31/2023 6:07 AM
152	I've lived in Ken Caryl my whole life. I grew up here and I own a home here. It's so iconic to the valley and the community that seeing it go would be the biggest mistake. Anything can be improved if that's the goal here, but it will take dedication and hard work to make it successful. I hope it stays for generations to come.	10/31/2023 5:07 AM
153	I would love to see the equestrians become more involved with the Trail Club	10/30/2023 10:57 PM
154	Care of facility has gone downhill since Sierra left - owners are left to do their own repairs of stalls. Broken gates, light bulbs out, poor pen cleaning, lack of filling in holes in pens, broken boards that are dangerous to horses, etc. Submitted three separate work order requests on KC website was told after waiting some time they were never received despite getting email receipt it was successfully submitted? Current manager is unresponsive.	10/30/2023 10:43 PM
155	Wish there was something for adult new or non riders. I'd like to try it!	10/30/2023 10:39 PM

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156	We highly value the equestrian center. Our kids ride, and we've leased for years. Gets our kids off the electronics, teaches responsibility, Nd provides a great way to connect with our neighbors and community.	10/30/2023 10:06 PM
157	The equestrian center in an integral part of the community. It is beautiful and a symbol of all that is Colorado. It would be good to better integrate the community with the center.	10/30/2023 10:03 PM
158	I do feel like it's old and needs some updating. There is so much deferred Maintenance on the barn and the grounds. Barn siding is falling off and just looks so bad. There needs to be permanent projects that can help improve the grounds and facility. It would go a long way to help better the whole place.	10/30/2023 9:38 PM
159	I feel like the barn used to be more family friendly . It is no longer a place that makes you feel welcome if you are not an owner/renter . However I also understand the times have changed . We didn't have people coming through 5 years ago cutting tails off and ransacking cars .	10/30/2023 9:12 PM
160	I would love to see more uniformity in the aesthetic of the equestrian center. It often seems to be the recipient of items people wouldn't want in their homes (ie old bar stools, lawn furniture, etc.), so why would we want them at the equestrian center?!!! The equestrian center has improved greatly over the past year & 1/2. We just need ranch hands who are invested in pride of place, do their job with excellence & takes ownership for the facility they're maintaining.	10/30/2023 9:04 PM
161	How do we make it smell less?	10/30/2023 8:52 PM
162	As a casual observer I worry that there are too many horses in too small of a space. I know nothing about the care of horses though.	10/30/2023 8:48 PM
163	This could be a source of revenue for the community.	10/30/2023 8:48 PM
164	Offer more riding lessons at a more affordable price. It's really too high for most families to take advantage of.	10/30/2023 8:48 PM
165	More trail riding opportunities, especially for families, would be really nice :)	10/30/2023 8:39 PM
166	Please listen to those who know equestrian center management before making any decisions.	10/30/2023 8:35 PM
167	My family has taken advantage of this great resource for many years. I hope that even if there is a majority of people who answer who do not use the equestrian center, that the value that it does provide to its patrons is highly considered. It's a specialty practice, but because a majority of people don't use it doesn't mean it's not highly valuable.	10/30/2023 8:03 PM
168	Love visiting all the horses	10/30/2023 7:39 PM
169	Waste of money and resources. We would get better use if it was a mountain bike center or ice rink.	10/30/2023 7:28 PM
170	Open house/tour of facility that includes orientation: history, services and facilities, personnel and classes	10/30/2023 7:27 PM
171	The Equestrian Center loses money each year. I'd rather see something that brings in revenue for the community rather than costing the community's taxpayers dollars when it's such a small percentage of KC.	10/30/2023 7:27 PM
172	Class availability is very limited	10/30/2023 7:23 PM
173	Love of center. Grateful for everyone that helps at the center. Thank you	10/30/2023 7:21 PM
174	Love the cats to help manage the rats and stuff in the barn.	10/30/2023 7:21 PM
175	My vote is to get rid of it if it's costing me any money	10/30/2023 7:07 PM
176	I think the Equestrian Center is fine for the community but not to put any money from the homeowners that have nothing to do with it. It should be self sustaining from the people that use it.	10/30/2023 7:01 PM
177	Our daughter enjoyed the few years she did Picnic with the Ponies at the Equestrian Center. We've had a couple issues with assistant horse staff not treating the horses kindly but feel the staff took our concerns seriously.	10/30/2023 6:49 PM
178	The Equestrian center IS the heart of Ken Caryl	10/30/2023 6:45 PM
179	I like having the Equestrian Center available to walk around, see the horses etc. would like to	10/30/2023 6:37 PM

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see some riding tours of the ranch. My understanding is no horse rental and all horses are privately owned.

180	I am looking forward to someday soon having another horse and will board it at Ken Caryl. Lovely facility and definitely contributes to the neighborhood	10/30/2023 6:28 PM
181	Don't know if the equestrian center is profitable or if we are having to fund it through HOA	10/30/2023 6:12 PM
182	Would love to have a way to have access to a horse without owning the horse and have volunteer opportunities for my daughter who is 22.	10/30/2023 6:04 PM
183	In other neighborhoods, the trainers and boarders are neighborhood only. The trainers are high quality and they host shows and are certified. I feel there is too much guesswork, too many outside trainers with old-fashioned skills, and trainers have wayyyy too many spots and horses. It isn't the culture I would enjoy. It should be Ken Caryl only, no outside trainers and their horses (unless brought in by the boarder for personal lessons), oversight of hay purchase and quality, and the lesson program through KC should have better horses and trainers, or none at all. I've seen way too much happen, and I'm glad there are new managers, but I see the same non KC trainers and their horses who use the facility because it's cheap. I don't think trail rides and meet and greet adds value. I think sanctioned horse shows for youth, etc. Pony club, etc. Would be popular and add value. I do love having the center, I just think there is a lot of doing the same things and expecting new results. Good luck!	10/30/2023 6:03 PM
184	The poor state of the barn along with the high high staff turnover continues to be a huge issue for me. So many things that should be expected when boarding at a facility are not taken care of. Amy is trying her best and has been a great addition, but she can only handle so much. The EC is in need of some very serious improvements even just to fulfill basic horse care needs.	10/30/2023 6:03 PM
185	So wish I could participate in this survey but I literally bought my house in Ken Caryl today! Moving from out of state, the equestrian center definitely gave this community a more esthetic and desirable feel for us! Excited to check it out once we move into the neighborhood!	10/30/2023 6:02 PM
186	I have a family reunion this summer 2024 with novice to experienced riders and I'd love to have activities that include riding through KC trails and also lessons for all ages of novice riders to take together.	10/30/2023 6:01 PM
187	The Equestrian Center isn't really my thing. I still want to introduce my son to it in case it's something he enjoys. I think people enjoy it but I don't know anyone first hand. I don't want to hurt anyone who enjoys it. I hope the stats give what you need. We enjoy going to events there and want to show our son the horses. We have only met friendly staff while exploring. I think we'd go see some horse based events should that be a thing.	10/30/2023 5:50 PM
188	If there was one digital location to find connections to people boarding, riding, teaching with specific information, it would help connect people who are not otherwise connected. It's very difficult to get information about what's happening. It can be a forum that people can volunteer their information and what they need/want/participate/experience.	10/30/2023 5:33 PM
189	We don't have any relation to the equestrian center other than having walked through it to look at the horses with kids. Wasn't sure if we could even do that because have not seen any information from the center on how it works or what's allowed. Haven't noticed helpful signage there or anything from the neighborhood about how it works either	10/30/2023 5:30 PM
190	It would be nice if the Equestrian Center had a purpose for those of us who don't own a horse. I would appreciate having opportunities for every resident to be able to take advantage of the Center. Providing horse back riding opportunities for non owners etc. would connect non owners to something that is "sold" by realtors as a benefit to living in Ken Caryl.	10/30/2023 5:23 PM
191	Very much need to train horse riders that the concrete path behind the stables is marked "NO HORSES" and to keep the horses off of it. If the riders want to ignore those signs and guidance, that's fine, but when a horse poops all over the paved path and no one cleans it up, it's a massive eyesore to the community and really sad for our disabled residents in wheelchairs and kids that want to use the path. There is a small percentage of Equestrian Center riders that are pretty much the worst human beings on the planet and I wish those people would go away. Stop being XXXXXXXX to everyone not on horses. Clean up after your horse if it poops on a paved path that disabled people and kids use, and stop thinking you're better than everyone. This will of course never be addressed, not get any better, and eventually lead to the downfall and closure of the Ken Caryl Stables. The small percentage of	10/30/2023 5:22 PM

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people that board/ride their horses THAT ARE COMPLETELY HORRIBLE PEOPLE will ruin this for everyone.

192	Are non horse owners able to sign up and pay for their parents/family members for a horseback riding tour/experience of some kind, or is it all privately owned?	10/30/2023 5:22 PM
193	Would like them to involve the community with more horse activities for residents.	10/30/2023 5:14 PM
194	I don't have much experience as I am new to the area but when I looked into lessons it seems like there is very little opportunity because there is a waitlist for kids and few openings for adults. It seems like a wonderful place but difficult to get the opportunity to participate. I think it is a wonderful part of the community, I look forward to more fun times there. The end of summer party was so much fun.	10/30/2023 5:13 PM
195	My family doesn't have a horse, but I enjoyed trail riding as a kid at camp, so I think offering programs gear towards adults and the guided trail rides could be a great way to get the community more engaged with the equestrian center for the casual horse enthusiast especially adults as the programs seems more geared towards kids.	10/30/2023 5:04 PM
196	I am an equestrian and would love to see the management of this amenity improved! The equestrian center is always in disrepair/unkept and there are far too many horses in such a small space. the layout/space planning could be greatly improved. There are also too many private lesson programs and the riding school could be better (improve access to residents- the wait list is too long and also prioritize space for riding school versus private lesson horses). The office space is underutilized for parties and events. Why not offer pony club/4H there for more access to equestrian education for young residents? Other ideas: prohibit turnout in riding areas, scheduled lesson blocks where only lessons can occur to limit chaos in rings, heated indoor arena, better tack storage and overall better use of space.	10/30/2023 5:00 PM
197	From my experience the EQ seems to only offer classes for young kids and beyond that it's basically a private facility for people who board horses there.	10/30/2023 4:58 PM
198	Pave the road going down to the center. Too many pot holes and poor road maintenance. We go there a lot due to before and after care.	10/30/2023 4:47 PM
199	The equestrian center is such an important part of Ken Caryl history and community. Our family would support more activities and classes. We understand that there have been some internal changes in staff recently.	10/30/2023 4:40 PM
200	Chili Cook-off :-)	10/30/2023 4:39 PM
201	I had a horse but it was not economical to board or keep my two trailers there. I put my name on the waiting list and in the 30 years I have lived in the valley I have never been contacted. I perceive the waiting list is 'rigged' for a lack of better words. I sense it is a 'who you know' situation in terms of openings for boarding your horse.	10/30/2023 4:37 PM
202	As a former horse owner from childhood until ~8 years ago, I'm happy there appears to be the out, but the lack of grass for grazing isn't good. Given the small size compared to number of horses, I'm guessing it's simply not an option given the mud and conditions, but I've wondered if any of the green space adjacent to the pastures could be used and horses rotated to attempt to grow grass???	10/30/2023 4:37 PM
203	Invest in making it better. Paint it, fix the rotted wood, build more stalls as part of shed row replacement. Plant more trees on west side of arenas and put up some bleachers...as were there 20 or so years ago.	10/30/2023 4:35 PM
204	Having more inviting observation areas (chairs, tables, shade) and perhaps exhibition type shows for the riding school and the trainers' students could help foster connection with the community. Who wouldn't love to sit at a lovely little table under a tree and have a glass of wine and watch some jumping or barrel or dressage demonstrations on a Friday evening in the summer?	10/30/2023 4:28 PM
205	Improving the fencing around the pastures they need updates.	10/30/2023 4:21 PM
206	Would like to get it fully up to date with maintenance and upkeep. Seems to have gotten better over the past 12 months or so, but for sure takes a lot of work and money.	10/30/2023 4:19 PM
207	I'm not involved with the center, but I do walk past the horses. They don't seem that well cared for - or is that me not understanding how things work? Anyway, I think the stables contribute to	10/30/2023 4:19 PM

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	the overall look of the area. Too bad rides aren't offered for a fee - my granddaughters might like to go for a ride.	
208	Grounds appear to be in poor shape. Host more events for boarders to improve the grounds.	10/30/2023 4:17 PM
209	We were excited to have the equestrian center as a resource when we moved here years ago, but it just seems to be something separate that we can walk by occasionally. Even when I have looked, it's been hard to see what resources are available to the public.	10/30/2023 4:17 PM
210	I'm not really clear on how you can take the horses there on trails - can you? Or do you have to own the horse? It would be so wonderful to be able to do trail rides but I don't own a horse!	10/30/2023 4:15 PM
211	The Equestrian Center is the best part of KC! Never forget the Colorado roots of western horses and cowboys! LOVE seeing the horses out on the trails!	10/30/2023 4:14 PM
212	I think that the equestrian is a very valuable part of our community. We do not own a horse, but we love having them here. They contribute much to the identity of the neighborhood. We regularly go to visit the horses.	10/30/2023 4:13 PM
213	A couple of things: 1. Amy XXX is fabulous. Everything about the place has improved since she came on board. Let's make sure she's supported so she stays. 2. I'd like to see the Equestrian Center give back (or increase visibility if they already are) to the trails a bit more. The horse poop on them is unpleasant and some pickup or volunteer time would help the optics. 3. At some point the nonresidents using the trails will become an issue as it is with cycling. I like the idea, but proceed with caution when it comes to trail rides etc.	10/30/2023 4:13 PM
214	Love this equestrian center facility and believe it's a asset to this community	10/30/2023 4:10 PM
215	Ease of booking lessons and purchasing gift certificates for lessons. Online booking is a huge benefit for my busy family.	10/30/2023 4:06 PM
216	I love seeing the horses as I drive by but I've never had any involvement with the Equestrian Center. If I had children, I think I would look into the programs more. I would love opportunities for trail rides offered to those with little/no riding experience.	10/30/2023 4:05 PM
217	We have nothing to do with it, but we love taking the grandkids to see the horses. Good for the community.	10/30/2023 4:04 PM
218	The Equestrian Center and all the surrounding buildings are historic, iconic and a centerpiece for the Ken Caryl Community. We do not board horses but have participated in Picnic with the Ponies, Buffalo Days and other events.	10/30/2023 4:03 PM
219	I think it's a waste of money and we should get rid of it.	10/30/2023 4:02 PM
220	The equestrian center is part of this neighborhood. Horses are part of Colorado's history. They are beautiful and I love driving or biking by the center. It brings me great joy!	10/30/2023 4:02 PM
221	Would love to take my grandkids to interact with the horses! I would love the opportunity to ride with guided tours too!! This is our identity as a neighborhood! Get the community more involved!!	10/30/2023 3:58 PM
222	I think the Equestrian Center is a wonderful asset for our community! Please consider ideas/activities for non-horse familiar families to get more involved with the Eq Center - beyond just lessons and parties for little ones e.g. learning horsemanship, helping out, "adopt" a horse?, someone with more knowledge would know better. My daughter loves horses but beyond lessons there's not much she can do there and I don't know enough to help her do more.	10/30/2023 3:50 PM
223	My children and grandchildren have all enjoyed having the horses, event center and playground in our community although we do not have horses. It is a special place	10/30/2023 3:50 PM
224	It would be neat to have an therapeutic horse program.	10/30/2023 3:48 PM
225	Although my family doesn't actively use the facility, I think it is wonderful to have because it is relatively unique and adds character to our community.	10/30/2023 3:34 PM
226	My kids LOVE driving by the equestrian center and saying hello to the horses on our way in/out of the neighborhood. We go out of our way to do this because we love seeing them!	10/30/2023 3:34 PM
227	My kids and now grandkids have found this a huge benefit as they grew up. A horse is a patient listener for a child learning their way in this world. The equestrian center isn't just about	10/30/2023 3:33 PM

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borders , riders and owners- it's truly a resource for our youth, even if they've never ridden a horse.

228	More ways to get involved. It's hard to get a hold of anyone there that actually responds. Foothills, other recreation facilities have programs for kids starting at 4-5 that have 6 week courses on working these kids up to ride. There is nothing like that here to get these 5/6 year olds in learning classes that eventually turn into riding lessons. We would be very involved there's just not a lot of options nor responses. Others have voiced this as well. There is a want for more classes that are structured but nothing has come out yet	10/30/2023 3:33 PM
229	The Equestrian Center is a great asset to the Ken Caryl Community. I will say that it seems like it does need some community support as I know it is tough to find staff and keep everything running smoothly. I feel with some strong community support the Equestrian center could be a world class facility.	10/30/2023 3:30 PM
230	Love the equestrian center! Now that we have a child we are looking forward to visiting more and introducing him to horses when he is old enough!	10/30/2023 3:28 PM
231	Unique feature of neighborhood, but we don't use ir value it. No issues with it as long as operation and building maintenance/upkeep is completely self funded.	10/30/2023 3:24 PM
232	Historically, funding and costs have not been that transparent and answers to specific funding questions vague. If "who pays what" was disclosed, I think residents would be more comfortable with the Center.	10/30/2023 3:15 PM
233	It would be nice to have more updated facilities. But maybe we can't update because it is a registered landmark/building?	10/30/2023 3:10 PM
234	I hope that the fees generated by the horse owners cover the costs of the equestrian center. It does not seem prudent to offer a discounted rate to board horse there	10/30/2023 3:10 PM
235	The essence of the Equestrian Center adds to the property values of the homes in the Valley, but not the Plains. So it only helps half the residents. The EC should be 100% self sustaining and covering all costs including taxes, maintenance, staffing, building repairs, electric, water, horse food, healthcare for employees, etc. Our dues or taxes should NOT be subsidizing residents and not residents horse boarding or riding lessons in any manner. If cannot be self sustaining perhaps we could use the space for other revenue generating opportunities. Maybe some commercial stores, a wedding venue, or sell the land off to a developer for additional hopes and put millions into the MA fund for future use.	10/30/2023 3:00 PM
236	The historic value of the barn makes it a unique and special amenity, it would be nice to capitalize on that as you consider future events.	10/30/2023 2:58 PM
237	In some ways I would envision the equestrian center ideally upgrading in offerings and charges to equal our neighborhood value. What I mean is we are an upscale neighborhood, and I would envision a more upscale facility to match. It would be a dream to have some trail horseback riding offered for non-owners. I would truly enjoy that... but given the complete lack of communication with the community generally from the equestrian center, I think that would be a dramatic change. I find it confusing that people own an expensive animal like a horse and seem to consistently want a low cost boarding option. As a resident without a horse, I love to see them, and I would love the area to be cleaned more often (it has been much better in recent years than previously), less muddy for the horses, and accessible in any way for residents. I think these things would take money - I don't really feel like it needs to be a low cost or subsidized offering. Ideally I'd like to see a pasture rotation rather than a single mud pit, but that may be a function of just having that one small area where the horses can walk around.	10/30/2023 2:57 PM
238	It has to be kept. But private	10/30/2023 2:57 PM
239	My only complaint is when riders leave the stables and head south, could they please stay on one of the several trails. It's annoying to step over horse pop when walking the cement trail. Thks	10/30/2023 2:54 PM
240	We enjoy seeing the horses when we drive through the valley. Sometimes we walk over to pet them. I'm curious how profitable it is though.	10/30/2023 2:54 PM
241	My family uses the equestrian school and visit on weekends. We love it. I do wish more people felt invited to visit but it does seem this is an area for improvement. I'm not sure people are aware or comfortable just "showing up" and maybe aren't sure what to do when they get	10/30/2023 2:53 PM

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there. More welcome events or even social media posts about new horses or how the facility works would be helpful. Maybe offer tours - it's not much and may even sound silly but i think if people were met with a facility worker to just walk the grounds, it would feel more welcoming. Follow through on communications is also a good start. There was an announcement recently for example about choosing a name for a new horse (Bo?) that was mentioned to submit names to be announced at the barn bash (??) not the boo bash but the Dakota lodge fall event - and nothing ever came of that. No updates, no announcements- my daughter submitted names and was so excited at a chance to name a horse. That was disappointing (the lack of follow up - not that one of her names wasn't picked- if a decision was even made. We don't know!) so i think any tiny efforts to engage community do need some attention and planning and follow through. This might entail hiring a PR person even - just a thought. We love that it's not so busy all the time but we cherish this facility in our neighborhood and although the busier it gets could inhibit the peacefulness, it would be great for the horses and provide community engagement that can't be beat. It's a privilege to have this place in KCR and i feel lucky to have it! We adore the school and the beautiful grounds and would love to see the place grow to become more of the gem that it already is in the Valley.

242	I love the idea of guided horseback rides on our trails.	10/30/2023 2:48 PM
243	People get yelled at for petting and feeding the horses. You should put horses out that the public can interact with.	10/30/2023 2:47 PM
244	Safety for horses and guests	10/30/2023 2:43 PM
245	I don't believe we have enough open space any longer to support the equestrian center. I believe the space could have a better use then accommodating a few people with horses.	10/30/2023 2:41 PM
246	Make it a hobby barn again instead of a jumping barn.	10/30/2023 2:41 PM
247	There are not enough lessons. We would love to attend classes, but have been told the waiting list is lengthy	10/30/2023 2:34 PM
248	Our family isn't into horses but I know the center is valued by some homeowners. I personally wouldn't want to live near it due to the smell.	10/30/2023 2:34 PM
249	The equestrian center has never been self sufficient despite the claims of revenue neutrality in the budget. I'd be fine with it operating if it didn't need capital (reserve) subsidies from the MA. That's a lot of neighborhood resources that could be better utilized elsewhere.	10/30/2023 2:33 PM