

**FROM DICK CAMPBELL  
PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

Another winter storm of a foot or more of snow . . . pretty . . . indeed to many of us who are fortunate to live in the Knolls Village neighborhood. After our December 'dump' I was driving through nearby communities and observed their handling of roads and sidewalks. We are so blessed to have this Association and our resources capable of clearing major streets, even a couple of Centennial streets, our driveways, walkways, and overflow parking spots on a timely basis – in days not weeks. We, who call this community home, often take for granted the many benefits of living here. However, while walking around our property one can observe litter, loose papers, pet droppings, and even dropped used pet bags. Many of our fellow residents would seem “not to care.” Perhaps the time has come to speak to anyone you see who appears oblivious to keeping our community looking great. Our staff has enough to do and everyone needs to pitch in, so what can you do?

Speaking of major snowfalls, moving vehicles during or after heavy snows would help Warren and his staff with cleaning up overflow parking spots and by avoiding parking at or near piled snow would assist their efforts tremendously. Putting vehicles in garages would be best and could surely help you getting going sooner on the following day. Driveways are **all Fire Lanes** with fines of \$100 for each violation in winter and throughout the entire year.

Likely you have noticed heavy equipment moving into the north end of the neighborhood. Excel Energy will be digging up some driveways to install new gas lines this year and we expect them back again in 2017. As a community built in the late 1970s, we are in need of upgrading so must ask for patience during the process. They have assured us that they will be working to be as cooperative to our homeowners as possible but please expect some inconveniences. God help us, but they may be back to other locations next year too. One can never get in the way of progress and the need for updating so let's just relax.

The groundhog saw his shadow and we may have an early spring . . . let's hope!

I look forward to better weather and can only tell you that California, Texas, Arizona, and Florida are not experiencing seasonally better weather either.

Dick



**Knolls Village Community Garage Sale  
Saturday, May 14 - 9:00 am—2:00 pm**

We will have balloons and arrows pointing down the alleys to everyone's location. In addition, there will be ads in the Denver Post, on Craig's List and signs on University. Call or email Nan Matthews, 303-843-6414 or nan@themattgrp.com to sign up.

**The Open Gate**

Ads are free, but you must be a Village resident to advertise. Email your ad with your name, address and phone number to: nan@themattgrp.com; drop your ad in the black box by the bulletin board at the clubhouse; or call 303-843-6414. For Sale ads will appear one time and service ads will be published for 3 months and must be renewed to start in January, April, July and/or October. The deadline to place an ad is the 1st day of the month.

<p align="center"><b>Your Village Resident Jewelry Appraiser</b> 28 years of Experience - GIA Certified Appraisal While You Wait Neighborhood Discount! - Call Kate Swanstrom 303-550-4459</p>	<p align="center"><b>Spring Is Just around the Corner</b> Locally made high-potency organic soils &amp; amendments. Health foods for your garden. 720-432-9667 NatureSoilProducts.com</p>
<p align="center"><b>Flexible and Experienced Cat Sitter</b> Also available to babysit or walk your dog. Call Saskia (720) 363-7934</p>	<p align="center"><b>Red Cross Certified Babysitting</b> Adri Johnston 303-928-9110</p>
<p align="center"><b>Licensed Babysitting</b> by Village resident. Also available to house sit. Call Ashlee at 720-771-2067</p>	<p align="center"><b>Your Resident Realtor, Ken Deshaies,</b> EcoBroker Home Buyers Marketing, Inc. - 22 Years Experience – Real Estate Author. 970-485-1891 TrueKen@iCloud.com</p>

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

<p><b>Clubhouse Reservations</b> 2701 E. Geddes Place</p>	<p>Jan—March Ilena Lea—303.771.6965 April—June Linda Fletcher—303.694.6075 July—Sept Joy Stanton—303.771.6250 Oct-Dec Kathy Kurtz —720.398.8684</p>
<p><b>KVTA Board Meeting</b></p>	<p>Tuesday, March 1, 2016</p>
<p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b> Wednesday, March 2 at noon</p>	<p>Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414</p>
<p>Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center</p>	<p>303-304-8976 303-796-0540</p>



**KVTA 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues, Jan 5	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, Jan 5	7:30 p.m.	<b>Homeowners' Quarterly Meeting</b>	Clubhouse
Tues, Feb 2	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, Mar 1	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, Apr 5	7:30 p.m.	<b>Homeowners' Quarterly Meeting</b>	Clubhouse
Tues, Apr 5	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Sat, Apr 30	9:00 -11:0	<b>Resident Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>	Clubhouse
Tues, May 3	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Sat, May 14	9:00— 2:00	<b>Community Garage Sale</b>	
Fri, May 27		<b>Pool Opens for the Season</b>	
June 4 and 5		<b>Dumpster Days</b>	Various
Tues, June 7	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, July 5	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, July 5	7:30 p.m.	<b>Homeowners' Quarterly Meeting</b>	Clubhouse
Sun, July 17	1:00 - 3:00	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>Pool Gazebo</b>
Tues, Aug 2	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Mon, Sept 5		<b>Pool Closes for the Season</b>	
Tues, Sept 6	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, Oct 4	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, Oct 11	7:30 p.m.	<b>Homeowners' Annual Meeting</b>	Clubhouse
Tues, Nov 1	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse
Tues, Dec 6	6:30 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse



## Scooby – The Cat Who Thinks He’s a Dog

Scooby is a beautiful orange tabby cat, probably 8-9 years old, whom from the very first encounter with his owner, Sean Ryan, was definitely more like a dog than a cat – hence his name Scooby, named for the big cartoon dog, Scooby Doo.

Sean first met the kitten as he was heading into a feed store in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming. There next to his truck was a tiny orange ball of fluff who ran up to him meowing, “I am VERY hungry and I need a good home.” He followed Sean into the store where the owner held and petted him, but as Sean was leaving said, “Aren’t you going to take your cat with you?” Having recently lost another cat, Sean wasn’t sure he was ready to be a pet owner again, but since Scooby followed him out of the store, jumped right into his truck and snuggled close as they drove home, he realized that the decision had already been made.

Every week Sean drove around Wyoming for his job and knew he didn’t want to leave Scooby alone, so they started traveling together. Unlike most cats who hate riding in a car, Scooby loved it putting his paws up on the dashboard to look out the window or wrapping himself around Sean’s neck as they drove along.

His most “dog like” behavior is loving to go on walks. When he first got home, Scooby would constantly cry at the door to go out. But Sean didn’t want him going alone, so decided to see if they could walk together around their 8-acre ranch. “Scooby always stayed by my side and wouldn’t stray from my sight. In fact, he would stop and look to make sure I was next to him before moving on. If I started in a different direction, he would run to catch up with me.”

“At night I always knew when foxes or coyotes were outside, because he would suddenly look up and start growling, like a dog. I call him my watch cat.”

Sean moved to the Village in 2013 and both he and Scooby miss their Wyoming wilderness....but now whenever you see an orange tabby happily walking along next to his human, please tell Scooby hello.



## 2016 KVTA Trash and Recycling Schedule

KVTA contracts with Waste Management for collection of trash and recycling. Trash is collected weekly on Friday and recycling is collected **every other Friday**. Six holidays are observed each year. When a holiday falls on a week day, trash and /or recycling will be collected one day later on Saturday. (Collection may be periodically delayed by one day due to snow.)

2016 Holidays	Collection Dates
Memorial Day (May 30)	Saturday, June 4
Independence Day (July 4)	Saturday, July 9
Labor Day (September 5)	Saturday, September 10
Thanksgiving (November 24)	Saturday, November 26
Christmas (Sunday, December 25)	Friday, December 30

**Please bag or contain loose materials such as Styrofoam or packing peanuts that may easily blow away when cans are emptied.**

**Please do not place recycling materials in plastic bags or place plastic bags of any kind in the recycling bins. If you must bag recycling materials please use paper grocery bags.**

Plastic grocery bags may be recycled for no charge at local grocery store entrances.

**The following items are accepted for recycling and you need not separate them.** Rinse containers and place dry items loose in recycling bin. Items for recycling include:

- Aluminum, tin and glass food and beverage containers
- #1 and #2 plastic bottleneck containers
- # 3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 plastic bottles
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and telephone books
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten boxes)
- Cereal boxes and misc. cardboard and paper boxes
- Printer and copier paper
- Mail and junk mail.

Recycling services are provided to residents free of charge; however residents need to call Waste Management at (303)797-1600 to request delivery of recycling bins.

## MEET YOUR MAINTENANCE TEAM



**Alex, Victor and Warren**

The Knolls Village maintenance staff has three primary members – Warren Deutsch, Victor Ortiz and Alex Garcia, all working year round as needed. Other part-time maintenance staff members are John Ardner, Harold Arnold and Marlo Reynolds who work on snow removal and other special projects.

Irrigation system maintenance, pruning, general cleanup, swimming pool prep, landscape improvements, supplemental fall and winter leaf collection and snow removal are just some of the many jobs handled by the team.

Warren’s grandfather always emphasized to him the importance of good workmanship which is something that he keeps in mind with his own work, the work of the staff and contractors working at the complex.

Warren has been the Knolls Village Maintenance Manager for 20+ years. He and his family moved to the Knolls in 1979 when he was in junior high. In the early eighties, while getting his Denver Post papers ready for delivery, one of our original managers saw him asked if he and his brother might want to dig some footings for the mailboxes. They did and later Warren continued to help occasionally with jobs around the Village. Many years later he was asked to be the Manager.

Victor has worked for us for about 11 years and Alex just over 3 years. “All three of us share the various tasks needed to maintain a community of our size. It is really helpful to have people who know the job.”

“Knowing many of the residents at the Village is important for all of us and makes our jobs very enjoyable. People recognize who we are and say hello when they see us. We really feel part of the neighborhood.”