

**FROM SCOTT WARD
PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

Dear Residents,

I wish to thank all who recently encouraged me in this position. Your kind words, I treasure.

I want to talk about water conservation this month. There is much that can be done in the home to save water. Examples such as not running the water while brushing your teeth or washing vegetables and repairing leaks are just common sense. But all the water saving inside the home cannot compare to the water savings possible on our landscape. With water bills totaling \$138,787 in 2017 (and costs continue to rise) we must begin the difficult and contentious discussion of eliminating turf areas in our community.

Can we actually remove turf and maintain the same park-like feel our community has now? I believe that when we as a community put our collective heads together we will find a way.

My proposal is to replace ten percent of the turf on our 43 acre community with drought tolerant landscape. That is not a four-acre project I am recommending, rather small amounts in many different places. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

Finally, I have to address a rash of criticisms brought against the KVTA staff, residents and the Board. The anonymous critics' postings are the work of scoundrels, to use a presidential term. The words used are intended to heighten emotions and create trouble. I have a report of these same postings in another community in Aurora. To employ a landscape company to perform all duties tasked to our staff could easily triple our current monthly maintenance fees. Please disregard all postings of this sort. Thank You

Spring has arrived. Stay Happy

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)	
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KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 1, 2018 —6:30 pm
Newsletter Deadline Friday, April 27 before noon	Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414
Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center	303-304-8976 303-796-0540

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.

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*The Back Gate
Villager*

40 Years Old and Counting

The Village at the Knolls is 40 years old this year, and we thought it would be fun to reminisce and look back at what was going on in the world when our community was new.

The Village was built by the Writer Corporation, a prominent builder in Denver in the 70's. The clubhouse was originally their sales office to be shared by the Village and Knolls Townhomes. It was moved from an earlier location to the one it sits on today.

The average new home price throughout the US was \$54,800.00. One of the two story townhomes here sold in 1978 for \$57,000.00. The original Homeowners' Association dues were in the \$70 - \$85 range.

Cost of Living in 1978

Dow Jones	757.73	Woman's dress	\$25.00
Average Income	\$17,000	Man's shirt/pants	\$11.00 - \$15.00
Monthly rental	\$260.00	Dozen eggs	\$0.48
New car	\$6,241	Loaf of bread	\$0.40
Gallon of gas	\$0.64	Pound of bacon	\$1.20
Radio Shack Tandy Computer	\$399.00	Butter	\$1.33

TV Programs	Popular Movies
Happy Days	Grease
Little House on the Prairie	Saturday Night Live
The Rockford Files	Close Encounters of the Third Kind
Good Morning America	National Lampoon's Animal House

Miscellaneous

- * The very first "Garfield" comic strip was published in 41 U.S. newspapers.
- * Balloon angioplasty was developed to treat coronary artery disease.
- * Illinois Bell Company introduced first ever Cellular Mobile Phone System
 - * Space Invaders launched the craze for computer video games
 - * The CBS soap opera *Dallas* began.
- * Super Bowl XII – Dallas Cowboys won 27-10 over the Denver Broncos

*We hope to add to this list in coming issues.
Please send your memories of 1978 to nan@themattgrp.com*

ACC Covenant Corner – Working Together to Keep Our Community Vibrant!

A few things for your consideration this month.

Dog Reminders: Please clean up after your pets, and please do not keep plastic bags of feces where they are visible to the community e.g. front porches or between garages.

Old Half Barrels & Old Flower Pots not in use: There are quite a few old half barrels throughout the Village that are no longer used and are in bad shape. Warren and his team will be removing them as they do other work in each area. If you have one or more you would like to have removed, please leave a message for Warren at: (303) 796-0540. Also, please remove flower pots that are not in use.

Rabbit Holes Under Front Porches: Another year and another bumper crop of ‘cute’ baby bunnies at the Village at the Knolls. ‘Cute’ that is until they burrow under your porch and cause serious damage. Over the years, the dirt under many of our porches has settled weakening porch support. Rabbit burrows can create additional stress and cause your porch to crack, or in some cases collapse entirely, causing damage to the townhouse itself. If you have a rabbit hole under your porch, we urge you to be proactive in stopping the damage by sealing the hole and filling in the area under the porch to mitigate the damage that has been done and prevent further damage. **As a reminder,** maintenance and upkeep of front porches is the homeowner’s responsibility, not the Homeowners Association.

As a courtesy, ACC will be sending out letters this month to units where porch issues need to be addressed

As always, we appreciate the way we all work together to keep our community beautiful!



Two baby owls in our neighborhood.

Go past the gardens, down the hill, and go over the bridge. Their nest is in an old tree on the right hand side.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



**Jim Davis and
Kathy Kurtz**

“I was hurt bad and broke my hip.....” starts the testimonial of a tall, grey-haired man in a locally seen television commercial from one of Colorado’s well known injury law firms. That man is Jim Davis, a long- time resident of the Village, and the story of how and why he finally resorted to an attorney to receive coverage for his injury is a long one.

It started on February 7, 2012 the week after one of Denver’s most ferocious snow storms of record. Jim, a Vietnam vet, was at the VA hospital for treatment and slipped on an ice-covered sidewalk outside the hospital breaking his hip. A policeman who saw him fall called the emergency room at the hospital for help, but VA staff said they couldn’t help him since he was lying in the snow saying, “We can’t help you because then we will fall too.” Finally, paramedics picked him up and took him to Rose Hospital where his hip was repaired. Since the VA said, “We would take care of everything,” Jim kept expecting all the bills to be covered, but after two years went by with nothing happening, he knew he had to turn to another option. “Believe it or not, it was the VA itself that told me to call the law firm ‘since they win 100%’ of their cases. It was five years to the day after the accident that I finally got a settlement and all the bills were paid.”

Not a particularly positive result for a man who joined the Army right after high school and in 1967 shipped out to Vietnam four months later at the age of 17. “I served for 15 months primarily as a crew chief/door gunner in a helicopter. Was never really trained for that job. In a Company meeting, our commander asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to be a door gunner. Four of us held up our hands, so we flipped a coin to see who would get the job, and guess who won?”

The military was also an important part of Kathy’s life, Jim’s wife of 20 years. “My Dad landed in Normandy and fought in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. He was the commander at Camp Carson in Colorado Springs. I am a third generation Coloradan and went to UNC studying home economics. I never really pursued that field, since my first husband and I were married before I graduated and then I got busy raising my two sons and taking care of the family.” Kathy’s father-in-law at the time had seven barber shops and needed some office help, so Kathy got her barber’s license just in case. Their shop was in the University Hills Mall but when it burned down in 1984, that original shop closed. But Kathy, known as the “queen of the flat

top” [for our younger readers, that was a most popular hair cut for men in the 1970’s] had her own barber business for 35 years and only retired around 10 years ago.

When asked how the two of them met, Jim answered, “My name was ‘who’ but it still worked out. Kathy and I were standing in line for breakfast at the Village Inn. It was packed, and we kept commiserating about how long it was going to take to FINALLY get some food. Kathy asked if I wanted to join her for breakfast, I did, and we had a lovely time talking and getting to know each other. She gave me her phone number, and since I definitely wanted to see her again, I decided to call at her barber shop to ask her out. Apparently, it was one of their busiest days with one client after another, and when Kathy answered the phone and I said Jim, her only response was Who? Not being discouraged, I reminded her of our breakfast....and the rest is history.”

After his Army stint, Jim went to night school and received a business degree. His first job was managing production in a mailing company where he was introduced to the new world of computers in 1981. With that start, he worked for many years as a programmer for several different companies which create websites. They set the page and the pictures, and I created all the background code that supports their efforts.

Jim and Kathy each had two boys who in turn had another two boys but also two girls, so a grand total of seven grandchildren. In addition to being involved grandparents, Jim plays a golf and Kathy delivers the newsletters as well as taking reservations for the Clubhouse.

A most delightful couple with lots of great stories to share!!



Saturday, April 21
Residents’ Coffee and Donuts
9:00 am—11:00 am
Clubhouse