

The Open Gate

Come on in. This page belongs to each of you. It is a editorial page for you to contribute, a place to meet your neighbors and to sell your "stuff" with an ad for residents at no charge.

Neighborhood Independent Avon Representative: Call for a bi-weekly catalog or shop on line at: www.youravon.com/lindahedges 720-343-9342 lhedgesavon@yahoo.com

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Siding Repair ■ Kitchen ■ Bathrooms ■ Fences ■ Coach Lights ■ Back Garage Passage Door ■ Floors: Hardwood & Tile **Michael Stokes** 303.550.5045
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Free Estimates / Licensed / Insured / References Available / No project too small.....**15 years experience**

DMH Construction Management
Need Paint? We've got you covered. Spring into action and call Drew today at 720-207-8733 for your free estimate. Take \$300 off complete interior painting. Limited time offer!

 **DOCTOR PLUMBER**
Eric Sanders—720.276.3000 

 Beautiful 7 yr old female kitty, declawed. Cinnamon needs a loving home. She is shy and needs time to adjust and then will be a loving lap cat. Currently she is residing at Cherry Hills Vet located in the shopping center on the SE corner of Orchard and University. You won't be disappointed.

Any job done right by your neighborhood handyman.
Landscape, garden, yard and gutter cleaning. Shelves, railings, kitchen hardware installation, locks changed, lighting fixtures, hauling, etc.
Call Mike at 303.263.4117 for a free estimate.
All work guaranteed for life. 

STREET SWEEPING
In April, the City of Centennial begins the 2012 street sweeping program. Their goal is to sweep every street within the City four times, April through October. Prior to each sweep in your area, a notice will be posted. Please move your vehicles off the street to ensure a clean sweep through your area. A schedule for the entire City is available on our website, www.centennialcolorado.com. 

The Back Gate Villager

Issue #75

Message from the President

April 2012

Well it sure looks like Spring to me ... trees, bushes, and flowers all beginning to blossom ... our wildlife scurrying around, the birds sounding so happy to be back, the sun coming up earlier, and staying light later in the evenings. A wonderful season to be alive.



Blade Runners have been here for our first grass cutting ... the smell of new grass clippings is such a delight. We will start up 'the old sprinkler system' shortly. Pray for it to hold up another year. If you have not yet seen the KVTA community garden beds toward the east side of our property, wander toward the bridge to the Dry Creek pathway and take a look. They (the gardeners) are busy with final preparations. We have not had as much snow this winter so are hoping for some soft and gentle spring showers to help with the 'greening up' process. We have had our share of winds and blustery days though, so if you are out and about, perhaps you could pick up some of the debris to keep our neighborhood looking its best. Painting has begun on some 60 plus units along Geddes Place and South Knolls Way - a busy season too.



Our hospitality committee has a full schedule of events for 2012 and your board and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these community events. My wife and I have a new dog. We are walking regularly once again and seeing more of our fellow pet owner's both mornings and evenings. I certainly needed the excuse to get a little more exercise. What a great time of year to be up, outside, and around.

One note of caution, our driveways are intended for vehicle traffic and not as playgrounds for your children, so do be careful where you allow them to play ... and driver's, *please* slow down. We shall be rebuilding several driveways and doing some sidewalk repair later this summer but more about that in a future newsletter. In the meantime, consider coming out for a stroll, whether you have a dog to walk or not ... Mother Nature's best ... fresh air and a little exercise were meant for us all ... gifts from God.



Thank you for being such great neighbors and enjoy this very special KVTA community we share..... Dick

COFFEE AT THE CLUBHOUSE: Saturday, May 19th, 9 a.m.

Donuts and Coffee and conversation—a good combination !

Bring your own mug if you prefer!



PAINTING



Painting has started please have gates unlocked and all repairs made. You will find a note on your garage letting you no when your building is to be painted.....Thanks, *Paint Committee*



HELP IS ON THE WAY!

Below is a list of community helpers that are looking for work. Please give them a try!
If you want to be added to the list below, send your contact info to peggy.donegan@comcast.net

Pam Torrez	303.204.9556	pet walking & snow removal
Rory O'Donnell (10 yrs old)	303.953.2304	pet walking & snow shoveling
Alana Waite (16 yrs old)	303.809.4037	available after school & weekends. I have experience dog walking & can help with babysitting, gardening, & other household chores
Brandon Brennan	720.335.7515	shoveling snow, baby sitting & also pet walking
Sophie Ludlam (13 yrs old)	303.519.7355	baby sitting, pet walking, & snow shoveling
Cindy Kiel	720.583.2495	Gardening and Spring Planting — make your front porch or patio colorful and welcoming. Plant selection advice & recommendations plus help with shopping, planting & maintenance Plant Sitting — will water & care for your outdoor plants while you're on vacation
Jen (mother & son)	720.488.2819	Snow removal, landscape, moving furniture, pet sitting, etc... We are also open to odd jobs as well.

Village at the Knolls 2012 Event Schedule

Roger K. Veach - Hospitality Chairman

Saturday, May 19	<i>Coffee</i>	9 a.m.	Clubhouse
Saturday, June 23	<i>Coffee</i>	9 a.m.	Clubhouse
Saturday, June 23	<i>Patio Tour</i>	9 am- 1 pm	Meet at Clubhouse for coffee and tour map.
Sunday, July 15	<i>Ice Cream Social</i>	1 - 3 p.m.	Gazebo at Pool
Saturday, August 18	<i>Coffee</i>	9 a.m.	Clubhouse
Thursday, September 6	<i>Annual Barbeque</i>	6 p.m.	
Saturday, October 13	<i>Coffee</i>	9 a.m.	Clubhouse
Sunday, December 9	<i>Christmas Party</i>	5:30-7:30 pm	Clubhouse



Arapahoe High School theater performance this spring is *Pirates of Pensance*..and it's open to the public (\$5 at the door). April 18 thru 21. The performance will be in the theater at the east entrance to the school.

DW P.E.O. Spring Fling

Two of our Villagers, Ilene Gotobed and Ilena Lea, are members of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization). This organization will have a fund raiser Saturday, May 19, 11:00 am at Bethany Lutheran Church on Hampden Avenue in Cherry Hills Village. Tickets are \$20.00.

There will be a tea luncheon followed by games (Bridge, Pinochle, Bunco, Mah Jongg and Bingo with door prizes and a silent auction).

This organization provides educational scholarships for women through International & State philanthropies, as well as our own chapter DW scholarships, a part of the National Foundation. For more information, please call Ilene (303-779-5193) or Ilena (303-771-6965).



Next book club meeting will be at 7 p.m. on
Wednesday, May 9 @ 7 P.M.,
at Gay Campbell's home, 2825 E. Geddes Place
The book we will be reading is:
The Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

THE GARDEN CLUB



It's official, the Knolls Village Garden Club's twenty members met Sunday, April 1st and assembled their garden boxes in preparation for Spring planting. Huge thanks go to Harold Arnold for making the beautiful garden sign and for preparing all the boards to build the boxes, Jim Malone for drilling, and to



Warren Deutsch for assisting Harold in delivering and assembling the boxes. The members are interested in having totally organic gardens from soil to seeds to pest control. Each gardener is responsible for their own plot but will assist with watering when a fellow gardener is on vacation. A big thanks goes to Diane Lukowicz who volunteered to be the club president with assistance from Andrea Duchovnay. Olivia Bechtel will be the club treasurer and Nancy Boyson volunteered to be secretary. All the Garden Club members send their heartfelt thanks to the Knolls Village Townhouse Association Board and to the South Suburban Recreation District for approving this worthwhile community project.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 12, 2012 — 8:00 am – 2:00 pm



It's time to clean out your closets and garages and get ready for our Annual Garage Sale.

To make this year's sale a BIG SUCCESS, we will have balloons and arrow signs posted on every alley participating. In addition, starting on Friday, there will be big posters on University announcing the sale plus advertising in the Denver Post and Craig's List.

We must have at **least 20 people** sign up in order to make this a true community sale. So please contact Nan Matthews ASAP or no **later than April 27** if you want to participate. Her contact information is 303-843-6414 or nan@themattgrp.com.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN MAY!!



ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL Annual Art Showing by students will take place April 16th thru 29th. Anyone can walk through the halls to view the art at any time. It's amazing the talent of the students... from photography, oil, water colors, pen/ink, charcoal, etc. To view the school newsletter, go to www.arapahoe.littletonpublicschools.net ... on page 4 is the info about the art show.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Kathy Kurtz—720.398-8684 (for events Oct thru Jan 10 th) Ilena Lea—303.771.6965 (for events Jan 11 th thru March) Linda Fletcher—303.694.6075 (for events April thru June) Joy Stanton—303.771.6250 (for events July thru Sept)
KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 pm
Emergencies in Common Area	303.304.8976
KVTA Message Center	303.796.0540
ACC Meeting	
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, May 4th Contact Peggy Donegan peggy.donegan@comcast.net 303.660.4808
KVTA Website	www.knollsvillage.com