# The Open Gate

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# The Back Gate Villager

Issue #93

#### Message from the President

October 2013

No one can ever predict weather in Colorado, so a small snow storm and freezing temperatures happens as early as October 4<sup>th</sup>. I have come to expect snow for Halloween? Good news is that we are going to save water, a very precious commodity here in the Denver area. Interesting as it may be to you all, we have seen water costs increase from 5 to 16% over the last few years and what a large impact on our budget over time. Reminder that we are all responsible for KVTA budgets, so whether you are an owner or a tenant, ultimately, we are at the mercy of 'conservation'. Please consider our mutual effort here.

Hey, we are having a neighborhood coffee at the clubhouse for all 'residents' on Saturday, November 16 from 9am to 11am ... please come and meet your board, other residents, even a neighbor you have yet to say hello to. Hospitality committee will have coffee, donuts, and healthy stuff like fruit as well. I hope to see you at the clubhouse, even for a few moments, and to say hello to new and long-termers as well.

Hopefully you may have noticed many areas where we have had new sprinkler installations. It is my hope that system timer changes have not caught you off guard as a few have soaked Lexi and I. Oh well, all for the best, and as before, 'conservation of water' is a major issue here.

The Board continues to stress more lighting, with the coming of winter months and earlier darkness. Consider dusk-to-dawn lighting both front and back ... it does make a difference. Arapahoe High has agreed to their security people dropping by (morning and afternoon) to look for anyone who does not live here but is loitering. Several residents suggested taking pictures of license plates to provide photos to the Board which we will send to the Arapahoe Sherriff's Department. New phones are wonderful!

As always, the Board is pleased to tell you all, that we are delighted with our property overall. Special thanks go out to Warren, Victor, Alex, Cascade Sprinkler Systems, Blade-Runners Lawn Service, Rushton Tree Service, and Real Painting. We are blessed to have qualified and caring people looking after us.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and warm, as well as a happy fall season. Add a little 'Indian Summer', as we used to call it, so there is still some time to speak to and connect with your neighbors so that we can all keep an eye on one another as we embark on winter ... a time when many of us just don't stay in touch nearly enough ... the time of hibernation.

## COFFEE AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Saturday, November 16th, 9 a.m.

Donuts, coffee & fruit and conversation—a good combination!

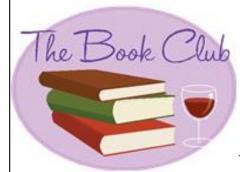
Bring your own mug if you prefer!



#### PROTECT YOUR OUTDOOR FAUCETS

It is important to detach all hoses during winter months so faucets do not freeze and create plumbing problems that you--as a resident--would be responsible for if there is breakage or leakage that affects your home.

It is also recommended that outdoor faucets be wrapped and taped to help alleviate any potential freezing at the outlet. Before you forget, jump up and take care of this now... if you haven't already!



The KVTA Book Club has selected *The Pact*, by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt and Lisa Frazier (Three young men make a promise and fulfill a dream) for discussion at their next meeting at 7 p.m. on November 13 at home of Cindy DeSirant, 7338 SKW. All KVTA residents interested in reading and discussing some good books are welcome to join us.

#### **South Suburban Parks & Recreation Events**

#### **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR:**

**Fri., Oct. 18, 5:30 – 8 pm; Goodson Recreation Center**. Calling all ghouls and goblins up to 11 years of age, celebrate Halloween early! Experience the Haunted House, Little Spook House, Trick or Treat Street, Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting and more! Concessions available. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Tickets are just \$4 until Oct. 16, and \$6 beginning Oct. 17, and at the door. Register today online, or at the door.

#### FRANKENSTEIN SLEPT HERE:

# Sat., Oct. 26 at 7 pm and Sun., Oct. 27 at 3 pm; The Theater at Buck Recreation Center

Family Halloween theater youth production that is delightfully *spooky* with a cast of ghoulish characters set in Baroness Frankenstein's castle occupied by Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, a medusa with snakes in her hair, and Vampira. Tickets: \$7 adults; \$4 youth.

#### **FestiFall:**

Sat., Oct. 26, 10 am - Hudson Gardens. Celebrate autumn at Hudson Gardens' 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FestiFall! Festivities include the *Secret Lives of Owls*, featuring live owls presented by Wild Wings Education, Meet the Beekeeper demonstration, straw bale maze, story times, craft stations for kids, music, food and more. Purchase a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. Admission: \$3/person ages four and up.

#### **HOOFIN' IT THROUGH THE HOLLOWS 5K:**

Sat., Oct. 26, 5:45 pm, deKoevend Park. Earn your treats this Halloween by participating in the 5K run/walk along the High Line Canal trail! All ages & abilities welcome. Free kids fun sprint at 5:25 pm. Costume contest at 5:30 pm. Register today!

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One 3-pound spaghetti squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
3 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup sliced almonds
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
Kosher salt and black pepper
4 scallions, thinly sliced



- Heat oven to 400. Place the squash on a rimmed baking sheet, drizzle the cut sides with 1 tablespoon of the oil, and turn cut-side down. Roast until tender, 40 to 50 minutes.
- Meanwhile, spread the almonds on a second rimmed baking sheet and toast in oven, tossing occasionally, until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes.
- In a medium bowl, stir together the lime juice, honey, cumin, the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
- With a fork, gently scrape the strands of squash flesh into the bowl and toss with the lime juice mixture. Sprinkle with the almonds and scallions.

MMUNITY INFORMA	ATION
Ilena Lea—303.771.69 Linda Fletcher—303.694	3-8684 (for events Oct thru Dec) 965 (for events Jan thru March) 4.6075 (for events April thru June) 6250 (for events July thru Sept)
TUESDAY, November 5th at 6:30 pm	
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e Meeting: October 21 6 p	.m. Clubhouse
Friday, November 8th Contact Peggy Donegan	peggy.donegan@comcast.net 303.660.4808
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