

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

It seems to me that we are still in 'Fall Season,' at least by my calendar, but several snow storms and days of bitter cold would make one wonder. Only a few weeks ago the TV weather people were telling us that we are going to experience a great deal of snow this winter and it seems to have gotten a head start.

Luckily, Warren and his grounds maintenance folks are doing a superb job keeping our driveways clear and sidewalks as bare as the cold temperatures allow. Our thanks to John, Victor, Alex, Marlow, and Warren, and thanks as well, to some 'good neighbors,' who have assisted others with trouble spots. December 21 will soon be here, "Winter Season" and it is good to have some practice, if it comes to pass. Having lived for years in Chicago, I prefer the **white stuff** and it certainly has been pretty around here.

This is the time of year when we hibernate, like our animal life, but please be on the look-out for your neighbors who may need some help with snow, a drive to an appointment or to pick up something from a nearby store saving them a trip outside. Being a good neighbor always feels good and will certainly be appreciated. It is what sets us apart as the special community I believe KVTA to be ... thank you all.

If you will be travelling away for the coming holidays, we recommend having a friend or neighbor check your home from time to time. Furnaces may quit, pilot lights can go out, and it always seems to be those times when such 'stuff' happens. Your travel can be more relaxed knowing all is well at home. It would not hurt to leave outdoor lights on too, especially after dark, security and safety are our prime concern.

The Board of Directors extends to all residents their best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To all our volunteers, our committee chairs and to Warren and his staff, we wish you all a safe and warm holiday season and thank you for all your support during 2015. Hope to see you all again in 2016.

Dick

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">Repair Needed for Turn Table I have an end table which houses a Magnavox turn table. It appears the turn table motor has worn out. I need someone to repair it in my Knolls Village Knolls home. Please email me at: cjs1181d@msn.com</p>	<p align="center">100% vegetarian sourced and organic, high-potency mineral powder for gardens Amend to your garden now for superior spring/summer plants. Only \$5 per 1 cu. ft bag. NatureSoil Products, 720-432-9667 Naturesoilproducts.com</p>
<p align="center">Garage Space Wanted Looking for garage space to store a small pop-up camping trailer for the winter. Call Nancy Boyson, 303-916-2070</p>	<p align="center">Help Wanted Sidewalk and step hand snow shoveling for the Knolls Village. Call Warren at 303-304-8976.</p>
<p align="center">Licensed Babysitting by Village resident. Also available to house sit, walk your dog, etc. Call Ashlee at 720-771-2067</p>	<p align="center">Your Resident Realtor, Ken Deshaies, EcoBroker Home Buyers Marketing, Inc. - 22 Years Experience – Real Estate Author. TrueKen@iCloud.com 970-485-1891</p>
<p align="center">Snow Removal Desperately looking for someone reliable to remove snow from patio, walkway and front of garage for elderly resident on E. Geddes Place. Pay is negotiable. Call 303-210-0894, text or email kbrasmussen@comcast.net</p>	<p align="center">Your Village Resident Jewelry Appraiser 28 years of Experience - GIA Certified Appraisal While You Wait Neighborhood Discount! - Call Kate Swanstrom 303-550-4459</p>
<p align="center">Gutter Cleaning and Snow Removal From patios and/or walkways Call Alex—720-838-1177</p>	<p align="center">Flexible and Experienced Cat Sitter Also available to babysit or walk your dog. Call Saskia (720) 363-7934</p>

COMMUNITY INFORMATON

<p>Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place</p>	<p>Oct-Dec Jan—March April—June July—Sept</p>	<p>Kathy Kurtz - 720.398.8684 Ilena Lea—303.771.6965 Linda Fletcher—303.694.6075 Joy Stanton—303.771.6250</p>
<p>KVTA Board Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 5, 2016</p>	
<p>Newsletter Deadline Friday, January 1 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>	



*The Back Gate
Villager*



Ken and Mary Deshaies



JoAnn and Kate

The Knolls Social Club had its first get together at the Clubhouse in November, and it was a great success. We currently have just over 75 members, and 35 showed up for the gathering. That's about HALF OF US! Everyone seems to have had a great time, sharing some eats, as well as a bit about themselves.

Everyone prepared two name tags: One with their name and one with something about themselves: what they do, what they are willing to share or what they are looking for. It seems many found new friends and companions. Some were able to market their services to those interested.

There were lots of kind comments from those who attended, with plans on having another gathering soon. So, we hope that (a) we will grow and (b) more people will come to our next "get to know your neighbor" event!



Enjoying some delicious hors oeuvres

One thing is for sure. We will need to find a new venue. 35 people in the Clubhouse is, well, a full house. If we have more people, we will need to find a restaurant or lounge or other venue that will hold more people. Come join us!

Call Ken at 970-485-1891 or send him an email at TrueKen@iCloud.com to be added to the Social Club. All we need is your email address.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

December 11 – 12, 2015

This Shining Night

Bethany Lutheran Church 4500 E. Hampden Avenue Cherry Hills Village
The Cherry Creek Chorale presents a holiday concert of meltingly beautiful music from composers as diverse as a Renaissance master to one of today's most popular choral composers. Come hear and sing some of your holiday favorites and be introduced to some new musical friends as well. A special feature of the concert will be "Alfie, The Christmas Tree" from John Denver's Christmas with the Muppets show. <http://www.cherrycreekchorale.org/current-season/purchase-tickets/>

December 13, 2015

Holiday's Evening

Littleton Museum 6028 S. Gallup Street Littleton

The Friends of the Library and Museum and the Littleton Museum's present Holiday's Evening on Sunday, December 13 from 5:30-8 p.m. The gentle glow of luminarias and the crackle of bonfires will call as you wander the grounds and light the way to wagon rides, refreshments, and music reminiscent of times gone by. Costumed interpreters will bring the past alive in the historic buildings and farmyard. Tickets may be purchased at the Littleton Museum and Bemis Library during regular business hours.

December 15-20, 2015

John Denver Holiday Concert

Lone Tree Arts Center <https://tickets.lonetreeartscenter.org> 720-509-1000

You'll be treated to both modern and traditional Christmas carols, and some of John Denver's most memorable hits. The band will wow audiences with this fabulous concert written by Tony Award nominees Randy Myler and Dan Wheetman, a world-class picker and fiddler and former member of the John Denver band.

December 19, 2015

Festival Choir - A Canto Deo Christmas

St. Andrew United Methodist Church 9203 S University Blvd, Highlands Ranch <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2432242>

Join the Canto Deo Festival Choir and Orchestra at 3:00 pm for a traditional family friendly Christmas concert of sing-a-long carols and beautiful Christmas music. Complimentary tickets are required for admission.

December 31, 2015

(9 p.m. and midnight)

New Year's Eve Fireworks in Denver

The sky will once again sparkle over the 16th Street Mall at the close of 2015 with the New Year's Eve Fireworks Downtown. The two spectacular fireworks shows will occur at 9 p.m. and midnight. For the best viewpoints, stand along the 16th Street Mall. Costumed entertainers will interact with crowds between shows, including magicians, mascots, balloon artists, stilt walkers, comedians and more.

MEET YOUR CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE



Linda, Kathy, Joy and Ilena

For more than five years, the four women highlighted above have been responsible for our clubhouse – taking reservations; checking that the required paperwork has been turned in, handing out keys; making sure everything is clean and in order; and answering any questions asked by the Village's residents.

All volunteers – two of whom are original owners – said, "We have great fun working together, since we live quite close to each other plus it gives us the chance to meet new people and lets them enjoy the benefit of our clubhouse for their meetings, parties or other events."

The club has a capacity of 50 people and is used 5-10 times a month. A \$200 deposit is required which is refundable if everything is left in good condition. Whatever is brought in from food to decorations to trash must be removed at the end of the rental period.

Below are a few of the key rules that everyone needs to know:

- There is ONLY one calendar handled by the committee member taking reservations for certain assigned months, i.e. Oct-Dec Kathy Kurtz 720-398-8684.[The list is under Community Information in the newsletter.] SO if you are calling in December and want to rent the clubhouse that month or in January or April, you must call Kathy, since only she has the complete calendar. To summarize, call the name of the person listed for the months during which you are calling.
- If you are a renter, you must have an authorization letter from the owner indicating that you are permitted to use the clubhouse. Because of insurance issues, the committee members will always first ask first if you are a renter or an owner.
- What is not allowed? Smoking, pets, spending the night, and grill on the patio. If you rent the clubhouse, you must be there – it can't be turned over to someone else.

The Villager newsletter wants to express our thanks to Ilena, Linda, Joy and Kathy for their time and commitment to making our neighborhood a more enjoyable place to live in!

Tired of writing a check for your association dues each month?

Did you know that you can use automatic online bill pay, through your bank, to pay your monthly dues?

Your bank will mail us a check. Although your bank will withdraw the money from your account on the day you set, know that it usually takes about 5 days for the check to get to us. You can set up your bill pay to automatically make the payment on the same day each month. Just set it and forget it!

Dues are \$145 through 2016.

Use your address as your account number.

Our address is:

Knolls Village Townhouse Assn
2701 E Geddes Place
Centennial, CO 80122
303-304-8976

Questions about your dues?

Contact our bookkeeper, Cindy DeSirant
240-409-2706

Cindy.desirant@gmail.com



Knolls Village Book Club

The KVTA Book Club will meet at the home of Katie Fralick, 2648 East Fremont Place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, to review and discuss *Jacob's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

Anyone interested in joining this group is welcome.

