

FROM DICK CAMPBELL, HOA PRESIDENT

As we approach the end of another year, we reflect on 'issues' within our community that seem to get overlooked. Sorry all, but once again we need to review responsibilities relating to our furry friends.

Every dog owner needs be aware that the City of Centennial has a leash law. ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED, otherwise, the fine is \$100. I have witnessed numerous fines written on the Dry Creek trail during my years living here. The difficulty lies in reporting those who ignore the rules and the ability to enforce the regulations.

I express my personal concern here, in that my dog (while always on a leash so I can try and protect her from wildlife and such) can be intimidated when approached by another dog that is not on a leash. Some residents expressing their concerns do not even own a dog. Some are intimidated and frightened by confronting a dog that is running loose while they are out walking. It is important to create awareness within our community when situations arise. Let's try and be considerate in this season of love and good will.

The City provides designated 'dog park' areas where dogs are allowed to run free. We do have many well trained and well behaved canine residents, but I understand what a temptation it must be to want to greet a fellow canine or just rush up to another human to say hello and get that pat on the head.

Off-leash exercise can also lead to owners not witnessing 'droppings' so even knowing where to pick up after, can be nearly impossible.

We have had an interesting year. On behalf of your Board, Committee Chairs, Warren, Victor, and Alex, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season. Stay safe and warm.

Dick



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

December 25—January 17

Willow Spring Service Center

7100 South Holly

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>Help Wanted Sidewalk snow removal Please call: 303-796-0540</p>	<p>Catnip for Sale Highest Quality, Locally Grown New Harvest Free Samples Available Kind Bud Catnip Company 720-440-2116 sejryan@gmail.com</p>
<p>Flexible and Experienced Cat Sitter Also available to babysit or walk your dog. Call Saskia (720) 363-7934</p>	<p>Red Cross Certified Babysitting Adri Johnston 303-928-9110</p>
<p>Licensed Babysitting by Village resident. Also available to house sit. Call Ashlee at 720-771-2067</p>	<p>Your Resident Realtor Ken Deshaies, EcoBroker Home Buyers Marketing, Inc. - 22 Years Experience – Real Estate Author. 970-485-1891 TrueKen@iCloud.com</p>
<p>Nerium Night & Day Cream Contact me for a free 5 night sample (night cream only) Nerium Body Contouring Cream, Nerium EHT for memory enhancement Felipatorres.nerium.com, 303-419-6859</p>	<p>Help Available I am in graduate school and can help with house sitting, dog walking, and childcare. Call me at 330-907-0044 (note: area code is 330)</p>
<p>Mike, the Handyman Hi Neighbors, I would like to help you with all your minor home repairs, fix-ups, and projects. No job is too small. Please call me at 303-263-4117</p>	<p>Village Resident- Jewelry Appraiser 28 years of Experience - GIA Certified Appraisal While You Wait Neighborhood Discount! - Call Kate Swanstrom 303-550-4459</p>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)		
Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Oct—Dec Jan—March April—June July—Sept	Mimi Iverson—303.794-2494 Kathy Kurtz —720.398.8684 Linda Fletcher—303.694.6075 Joy Stanton—303.771.6250
KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 4, 2017—6:30 pm	
Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, Dec 7 at noon	Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com ; 303-843-6414	
Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center	303-304-8976 303-796-0540	



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL YOUR NEIGHBORS





HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Clydesdale Carriage Rides 4:30—7:30 pm
 The Original Dickens Carolers 1:00—4:00 pm
 Visit Santa
 Skate with Santa at the Cube
 Ice Skating at the Cube
 For more information and times, go to
<http://www.shopsouthglenn.com/events/>

“A Hudson Christmas” Hudson Gardens and Event Center

5:00 pm—8:00 pm November 25 through December 31
 Denver-metro area's premier holiday light show, with thousands of twinkling lights in majestic trees, visits with Santa and memories for the whole family. \$9 for adults and \$7 for children

Denver Brass “Brass and Angels Sing”

December 17 and 18
 with The Colorado Chorale and the Rocky Mountain Children’s Choir
 Remember the wonder and the awe of your first Christmas memories?
 Experience the thrill again! Traditional favorites promise to fill your heart with the warmth and blessings of the season.
 Newman Center for the Performing Arts
<http://www.denverbrass.org/performances/concerts/index.htm>

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” December 12 and 13, 7:30 pm, Bethany Lutheran Church

Begin your Christmas Holidays with music by the Cherry Creek Chorale’s Christmas concert joined by Denver’s premier handbell ensemble Rocky Mountain Ringers.
 For tickets, please visit us at www.cherrycreekchorale.org or call 303- 789-5920

MEET YOUR EDITOR



Nan Matthews (and Bailey) Newsletter Editor

Thought it might be fun as 2016 comes to a close to introduce myself as the Editor of the Back Gate Villager newsletter. I have had the delightful opportunity over the past year of visiting with many of you, listening to your stories, taking a few notes and writing up a story about your life, careers, families and pets. We have a most varied and interesting group living at the Village, and it has been wonderful making so many new friends.

As my picture above portrays, most of you will probably recognize my handsome dog much more than me, from our 2-3 daily walks. Most people ask if he is a sheep dog, but he is a Bearded Collie, which breed is part of the AKC Herding Group. He comes from a well-known breeder in Elizabeth and is now 10 years old. I decided to get a Beardie, since I wanted to learn the performance sport of Agility - a timed event where the dog takes jumps, goes through tunnels, climbs an A-frame and walks over a raised platform plus just running really fast to complete a course in a set time. Bailey began training when he was three and has earned three novice agility titles to date. We have also competed in rally and now are trying out “nose work” the newest dog-human activity.

As for the human member of the pair, I have been in the Village for 10 years after first renting a unit at the Knolls Townhomes. It’s hard to realize I moved to Denver more than 40 years ago from Boston to Germany then Colorado when my now ex-husband accepted a job at the Denver Research Institute, part of the University of Denver. Always living south of Denver, first in a 1920’s home in University Park, then to the Pinery in Parker where both my children graduated from Ponderosa High School, and finally settling here.

Producing a newsletter is second nature, since I have been writing/publishing during my 10+ years of residential and commercial real estate and for several clients since starting my own business. Currently, my company, The Matthews Group, is 16 years old specializing in event planning primarily for educational meetings/conferences in the medical device, dietary supplement and academic research areas. Handling everything from hotel selection to online registration to material preparation and finally onsite coordination, it is a very detailed and hands on career and must admit I truly enjoy it. Particularly since my senior VP has four feet and a tail, so critical business decisions are easily made with one bark or two!!

I always welcome suggestions for new ideas/people whom you’d like me to highlight. Please email or call me with your recommendations. My phone is 303-843-6414 and email nan@themattgrp.com



KNOLLS VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB

The Knolls Social Club is a great way to meet your neighbors and to get recommendations for just about anything you might need.

Just email Ken Deshaies - TrueKen@iCloud.com - or call him at 970-485-1891 to add your name to the list.



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY PERSONS NEEDED!!

1. **2709-2749 and 2758-2799 East Geddes Place**
 Someone to deliver 12 newsletters - the alley row on the east side of the clubhouse.
2. **2503 - 2519 and 2529 - 2549 East Geddes Place**
 Someone to deliver 11 copies to alley area on East Geddes Place.
3. **2700 - 2740 and 2750 - 2790 East Fremont Place**
 Someone to deliver 12 copies - the alley furthest east on East Fremont Place facing greenbelt
4. **2403 – 2493 and 2505 – 2595 East Fremont Court**
 Someone to deliver 24 copies to alley area.

Interested helpers please call Cindy Kiel at 720-583-2495. Thank you!!!