

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

Ah, here we are in 2017 and no winter yet to speak of, but wait . . . there is a good deal of February, March and April to come. The infamous groundhog did see his shadow so eight more weeks of winter. I suppose you are all as surprised as I with that ice and sleet storm. Cannot remember the last time we had one of those. We hope you were able to get about safely, however several in our neighborhood had bad falls.

The Board wishes to thank the community for your vote of confidence in approving the dues increase. Our monthly dues are \$160 each month which includes \$15 specifically for painting your home every six years. Your Directors take pride in managing 374 homes and 40 acres of property at \$145 a month – the lowest association dues anywhere in Centennial and surrounding communities. Many of our residents can be seen picking up scattered trash and after pets. We do sincerely appreciate those helping us out!

We have a number of major projects scheduled for this year and next, so stay tuned each month. We shall be making you aware as we go, but expect as little disruption as possible. Pool upgrades, tennis court updating, sprinkler upgrades, and of course landscaping as always, to name but a few. We are a community of 35+ years, and I might add with some modesty that I believe we look mighty good for our age – only wish I did for mine.

I always enjoy visiting, while walking Lexi most mornings, to be able to say hello to new and old alike. This is such a friendly and caring community and I am personally pleased and proud to call this home.

My best to all,
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">Looking for Home</p> <p>I am a long time resident of the Knolls and am looking to downsize. I am interested in a main floor master model, like the Williamsburg. If you are contemplating selling or know someone who is, please contact me by phone or email.</p> <p align="center">Diane Phillips, 720-273-7729 dphillip@ecentral.com</p>	<p align="center">Catnip for Sale</p> <p>Forget that low quality store bought catnip. Treat your kitty to the best. High quality—locally grown</p> <p align="center">720-440-2116 sejryan@gmail.com</p>
<p align="center">Flexible and Experienced Cat Sitter</p> <p>Also available to babysit or walk your dog. Call Saskia (720) 363-7934</p>	<p align="center">Red Cross Certified Babysitting</p> <p align="center">Adri Johnston 303-928-9110</p>
<p align="center">Licensed Babysitting</p> <p align="center">by Village resident. Also available to house sit. Call Ashlee at 720-771-2067</p>	<p align="center">Your Resident Realtor</p> <p align="center">Ken Deshaies, EcoBroker Home Buyers Marketing, Inc. - 22 Years Experience – Real Estate Author. 970-485-1891 TrueKen@iCloud.com</p>
<p align="center">Nerium Night & Day Cream</p> <p>Contact me for a free 5 night sample (night cream only)</p> <p>Nerium Body Contouring Cream, Nerium EHT for memory enhancement Felipatorres.nerium.com, 303-419-6859</p>	<p align="center">Mike, the Handyman</p> <p>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 align="center">Help Wanted—Sidewalk Snow Removal</p> <p align="center">Please call 303-796-0540</p>	<p align="center">Ready for an Early Spring?</p> <p>Organic Soils, Amendments, Seeds Limited Quantities Available Pre-Order Now for Spring Planting NatureSoilProducts.com 720-432-9667</p>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)

Clubhouse Reservations	Jan—March 2701 E. Geddes Place	Kathy Kurtz —720.398.8684 Linda Fletcher—303.694.6075 Joy Stanton—303.771.6250 Mimi Iverson—303.794.2494
KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 7, 2017—6:30 pm	
Newsletter Deadline	Wednesday, March 7 at noon	Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414
Emergencies in Common Areas	KVTA Message Center 303-304-8976 303-796-0540	





Centennial NEXT is a 12-18 month initiative that engages the public in defining a shared vision for the City between now and 2030.

Centennial NEXT's planning process will help ensure the community's values align with the City's roadmap for development so that Centennial thrives well into the future. This City-wide plan will guide our approach to preserving, enhancing and growing Centennial's neighborhoods in a way that promotes mutual prosperity, coordinated public investment and a healthy environment. The plan will promote quality of life, a sense of community, economic vitality, supporting infrastructure, responsible government that leaves a legacy for future generations.

During this planning effort, the City turns to those who know the City best – its residents, businesses and stakeholders -to help identify opportunities, challenges and visions for Centennial's future.

General Information and Summarized Feedback from Phase 1 Survey—Nov 18, 2016

City Size—29.11 square miles. 16,000 acres of unincorporated land

Land Use Mix:

56.04%	14.61%	14.26%
Single Family Residential	Parks/Open Space	Commercial/Industrial
5.56%		3.03%
Vacant Land		Community Institutions

- 54% of residents, age 25+, have a Bachelor's degree
- 83% are homeowners; 17% renters
- The senior population will grow 17.3% faster than the national average by 2030.

Go to <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3183753/Fulfill-the-Vision> to take Survey #3 to learn about the vision statements and share your creative ideas for key strategies that will contribute to the realization of our vision.



Several residents have reported problems with rodents around their homes. Please see tips below to avoid attracting them:

- Keep garbage in covered containers
- Don't leave pet food outside
- Bird seed should be contained in a feeder which cannot be reached by rodents. Please clean up any scattered seeds.



Information on the Village Garden coming next month!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



David Le Blang

Getting off his bike after another long ride, David said to me, "I made it! With the ride today, I reached my annual target of 2,000 miles/year, and it's only the middle of October." I complimented David on his accomplishment and learned that he has met this annual goal for more than 15 years.

David has been riding since he was a boy, and not only enjoys the many trails that Denver offers [See Recommended Trails by David below] but he has done Ride the Rockies three times; biked in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Door County, Wisconsin and is heading to Minnesota this summer. "I belong to Bicycle Adventure Club which has 2400 volunteer members and offers two-week bike trips all around US and the world – they have 60 listed for 2017. I am on the waiting list for a Marrakesh, Morocco trip and do hope I make it, since I haven't ridden outside the US in many years."

"There are at least three trails I would highly recommend to any cyclist, all of which are within easy riding or driving distance from the Village:"

Little Dry Creek Trail

Just head east down the hill and you hit this trail. Follow it north to the High Line Canal Trail, a 60-mile long series of paved and unpaved pathways located in the southeastern portion of the Denver Metro area. The trail has three separate sections and spans from Chatfield State Park near Highlands Ranch to the eastern outskirts of Denver.

Waterton Canyon

Trailhead is on S. Wadsworth Blvd, south of C-470
A 12-mile round trip for the little more adventurous. Only increases 300' in elevation over six miles. Chance to see big horn sheep. [dogs not allowed]

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East/West Regional Trail, Douglas County

One of David's newest finds, he highly recommended this for both bikers and hikers.

Go south on Griggs Road off of McArthur Park Road in Highlands Ranch. Griggs Road turns into Daniels Park Road where you will find the trailhead. The trail is around 19.5 miles running through Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree and Castle Pines and ultimately will connect Chatfield State Park with the Town of Parker. The trail winds through grasslands and oak bluffs including a thousand acres of the Open Space Conservation Area with an elevation change of 200 feet. [dogs allowed]

David has been in the Village for 5 ½ years, but mentioned he has lived in a one square mile area around our community for 26 years. Both of his children went to Sandburg Elementary, Newton Junior High and Arapahoe High School. He also has been a software consultant for J D Edwards, now Oracle, for 26 years traveling extensively to various client sites for projects. "I'm starting to work toward retirement with three months on and three months off which definitely allows more time for my biking, skiing and other outdoor activities."



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.

Renew Your License Plates Colorado MVExpress

The fast, easy way to renew your license plates. Kiosks coming in February 2017 to Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder in Aurora, Centennial and Littleton Branches and AAA Southglenn. Accepts cash, credit or debit card or check.

More information available at www.arapahoegov.com/dmv or Arapahoe County Motor Vehicle, 303-795-4500.