

Please join us on
Saturday, April 29
for
Coffee and Doughnuts
at the Clubhouse
9:00 am—11:00 am

All residents are welcome—don't miss this fun social event!



South Suburban Rec Center is hosting a FREE Family Sports Egg Scramble Saturday, April 15 8:30—11:30

Ready, set, go! The field inside the Family Sports Dome will be covered with colorful eggs for kids to collect. Each age group will have a chance to search the course. Find the golden egg and receive the grand prize! And afterward, kids can burn off a few jelly beans with the bungee run and fitness van activities. Participants need to bring a basket, free of artificial grass or straw, to collect eggs.

Who: Ages 12 and under

Where: Sports Dome 6959 S Peoria St Centennial, CO 80112

303.754.0541 When: Wave times are:

10 am— ages 7 - 9

9 am - ages 3 and under 9:30 am— ages 4 - 6

10:30 am— ages 0 - 12

Price: Free; no registration necessary.

For more information, contact Chantel Tolan at $\underline{303.754.0552}$ or $\underline{\text{ChantelT@ssprd.org}}$.

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.

Ready for an Early Spring? Organic Soils, Amendments, Seeds Limited Quantities Available Pre-Order Now for Spring Planting NatureSoilProducts.com 720-432-9667	Catnip for Sale Forget that low quality store bought catnip Treat your kitty to the best. High quality—locally grown 720-440-2116 sejryan@gmail.com
Flexible and Experienced Cat Sitter Also available to babysit or walk your dog. Call Saskia (720) 363-7934	Red Cross Certified Babysitting Adri Johnston 303-928-9110
Licensed Babysitting by Village resident. Also available to house sit. Call Ashlee at 720-771-2067	Your Resident Realtor Ken Deshaies, EcoBroker Home Buyers Marketing, Inc 22 Years Experience – Real Estate Author. 970-485-1891 TrueKen@iCloud.com
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	Mike, the Handyman Hi Neighbors, I would like to help you with all your minor home repairs, fix-ups, and pro- jects. No job is too small. Please call me at 303-263-4117

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)		
Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	April—June Pam Hansen—303-757-1576 July—Sept Oct—Dec Mimi Iverson—303.794.2494 Jan—March Kathy Kurtz —720.398.8684	
KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 2, 2017—6:30 pm	
Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, May 5 at noon	Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414	
Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center	303-304-8976 303-796-0540	



The Back Gate Villager

ACC COVENANT CORNER

Working Together to Keep Our Community Vibrant!

As you know, The Village oat the Knolls is a Covenant Controlled Community. Our Covenants were designed to maintain the high standards we all appreciate about our community. When you purchased your Townhome, or signed your rental agreement, you were required to review the Covenants and agree to comply with them. The KVTA Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has two processes in place to monitor and work with homeowners to ensure Covenant Compliance. If the ACC processes fail to gain compliance, the Board has the authority to take legal action.

*ACC Application Form & Approval Process: ALL changes to the outside of your unit, including but not limited to doors, windows, roofs, and satellite dishes must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee BEFORE you order materials or begin work. To get approval on your project, please fill out an ACC Application Form and put it in the black KVTA mail box by the clubhouse or mail it to KVTA at 2701 E. Geddes Place, 80122. You can find the ACC Application Form online (www.knollsvillage.com) or on the Clubhouse Bulletin Board. You can generally expect a response within 7 to 10 days. As a reminder, work done without approval may have to be redone or removed if it does not comply with KVTA Covenants and Guidelines.

*ACC Compliance Process: The ACC is charged with walking our community to determine if there are any issues that need to be addressed by homeowners to keep our community in compliance with our covenants. If you receive a letter, it will state the issue, corrective steps, and ask that you respond or resolve the issue

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within 30 days. If the ACC Chairperson does not hear from you and the issue is not resolved, the ACC will follow-up with you to be sure the issue is resolved, or, if necessary, refer unresolved issues to the Board. The ACC also sends Advisory Letters for issues of safety or concern that are not covered by our Covenants such as missing window well covers, that you may want to address.

If you have any questions about these processes or the Covenants, please feel free to contact us by leaving a message at 303-796-0540.



Volunteer Needed for Clubhouse Reservations Committee

If interested and for more information, please call
Kathy Kurtz, 720-398-8684

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR—SEAN RYAN



"Each year my plants were getting worse and worse using commercially available fertilizer. The soil became harder and impossible to work with...I tried composting but that didn't work. So I started experimenting with different options and combinations with the goal of reaching a result that was truly "organic" – not the "organic" advertised and promoted by today's large fertilizer companies."

Armed with a BS in Soil Science from the University of Wyoming, Sean Ryan's first garden was on his small ranch in Wyoming, and he has continued to refine the process after moving to the Village. He definitely sees the results of his efforts and is confident that when he plants a seed or plant in his soil, they will grow, and thrive.

"Chemically enhanced fertilizer really started after World War II. Prior to that, the process used for generations by farmers was actually 'organic.' Farmers would raise the corn, for instance...cut down the corn stalks after harvest...the cows would eat those left-overs...leave manure...and then everything was plowed back into the soil leaving the nutrients for future plantings." "Rather than just the N-P-K of chemical fertilizers, this organic method provides the full range of necessary nutrients, bacteria and enzymes for a healthy, sustaining soil."

"Organics is much more than just adding "organic" soil and calling it good. It is a continual, sustaining process, starting with soil high in microbial activity (bacteria, fungus and molds), and high levels of enzymes, and hormones. Organic matter must be continually added to soil to continue feeding these microbes (otherwise their numbers decline, from lack of

food - which is the problem being encountered with the use of chemical fertilizers). The more organic matter that exists, the greater populations of bacteria, fungus and molds will exist. The greater populations of these, the quicker that new organic matter decomposes. Thus the ongoing sustainability."

Utilizing natural bacteria, enzymes, fungus plus worms, Sean showed me a sample of soil he recently "created" in only 19 days solely from a large cantaloupe. "I put the whole fruit in my soil bin and watched the natural process take over. First the bacteria started breaking down the cantaloupe skin, then the fungus took over further dissolving the fruit, and after the worms did their magic, lo and behold there was a rich, dark colored, "living" soil.

Always entrepreneurial in nature, Sean trademarked his company, NatureSoil Products, in 2014. "I sold around 26 tons of soil last year and hope to reach 50 tons this year. I won't sell any product unless I believe in it and am happy with it. Several Village residents are using my soil and are pleased with the results."

[If you would like more information about Sean's soil, please see his classified ad with his phone number in this Newsletter.]



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 - <u>TrueKen@iCloud.com</u>
or call him at 970-485-1891 to add your name to the list.