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I hope everyone had a good summer. I look forward to our Fall Neighborhood Coffee and having an opportunity to visit. The Annual Homeowners Meeting will be Tuesday, October 10 at the clubhouse at 7:30. Come see what we are up to now, and planning to do next.

Dick



### Knolls Village Book Club

The KVTA book club will be reviewing *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman at their next meeting on October 19 at the home of Ann Kingery, 2475 East Geddes Place.

### The KVTA Annual Homeowner's Meeting

will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at the Clubhouse.

7:30 pm

All Knolls Village residents are welcome!

#### 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><b>*Rototilling/Garden Prep Services*</b> For Backyards, Gardens &amp; Flower Beds Local - Affordable - Reliable Call: 720-440-2116</p>	<p><b>Remodeling done easy!</b> FALL special for gutter cleaning and remodeling. 25 years experience. Call for estimate: 303- 949- 3930. M.W. Inc.</p>
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION ( <a href="http://www.knollsvillage.com">www.knollsvillage.com</a> )	
<b>Clubhouse Reservations</b> 2701 E. Geddes Place	Sept — Dec Mimi Iverson—303-794-2494
	Jan—March Kathy Kurtz —720.398.8684
	April—June Pam Hansen—303-757-1576
<b>KVTA Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, October 3, 2017 —6:30 pm
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> Wednesday, Oct 4 at noon	Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414
Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center	303-304-8976 303-796-0540



### FROM DICK CAMPBELL PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION "It Takes a Village"

Our community functions because of individuals who perform the necessary tasks to keep our grounds neat and looking good. They are dedicated employees who do whatever is asked of them. They take a great deal of pride in how "we look" and do it because they care! Everyone who lives here ought to care as much. Most do, but a small number do not. We all should follow the practice of picking up after ourselves and our pets . . . not littering and being considerate of our neighbors.

The Board of Directors, Architectural Control, Clubhouse, Hospitality, Painting, Community Garden and Newsletter Committees are *all* comprised of volunteers who care about this community. Their involvement is their way of giving back and we need more involvement from residents willing to share a little of their time.

I often wonder - what ever happened to volunteerism? Socializing is a committee by-product and more hands make a work load easier. Each of us can spare an hour or two once a month, so get involved somewhere and meet your neighbors. Not only is it rewarding – but it helps us keep your dues low.

I hear "I don't have time" or "I don't know what I could do to help." Call me - (303) 378-1558. I would enjoy buying you a coffee and explaining some of the easiest and simplest ways you could contribute. Talking about getting involved is not an enlistment, just exploring . . . and you might be surprised how easy and enjoyable it can be to participate.

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## ***ACC Covenant Corner – Working Together to Keep Our Community Vibrant!***

A few things for your consideration this month.

Our maintenance Team does a fabulous job all year long with the upkeep of our common areas. And as the fall approaches they are tasked with extra efforts with falling leaves, and pruning back plants. As homeowners, we also have some Fall Cleaning to do, since we are responsible for keeping up the walkways between our garages and keeping our gutters and downspouts cleaned and in good working order. So here are a couple reminders.

**Walkways between the garages and areas in the alleys at the end of the walkways need to be clear and neat.** Please look at your area and trim back or remove overgrown bushes, and remember, this is an ongoing effort throughout the year. Keep in mind, these walkways are the access routes for both the Fire Department and Ambulance Crews so it is essential you keep them clear.

**Gutter Cleaning:** Due to all the beautiful trees in the Village at the Knolls, most gutters really need to be cleaned each fall after the leaves are off the trees. Please look at your gutters, and, have them cleaned when the leaves are down. Clogged gutters can lead to more serious problems if not addressed. Cleaning them now can save you from gutter or roof damage in the future.

**Front and Back Downspouts:** Also, please look at your downspouts, including the extensions in back and front, and repair or replace them if needed. Even if your gutters are clean, clogged or broken downspouts can cause back-ups resulting in gutter or roof damage. Warren's team tries to review and replace the back-alley extensions periodically to avoid alley damage, but ultimately this responsibility resides with you, the homeowner.

As always, we appreciate the way we all work together to keep our community beautiful!

## **MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**



### **DIANE PHILLIPS**

Please welcome one of the newest neighbors to the Village – Diane Phillips—who just moved into her home a week ago. In March wanting to downsize from her six-bedroom house across the creek in The Knolls, Diane put an ad in the Villager indicating her interest in one of the ranch style models. Luckily someone saw the ad; knew a long-time resident was moving to an assisted living community, called Diane.....and as they say, “the rest is history.”

After closing in April, her contractors took over for five months totally renovating the unit with a new kitchen, baths, hardwood floors, windows and is it beautiful!

A Denver native, Diane grew up in University Hills, attended St. Francis de Sales high school, and graduated from Creighton University in Nebraska with degrees in English and Secondary Education. “I always knew I wanted to be a teacher and with the two degrees ended up teaching English for most of my career.” She first taught at South High School, but took a few years off to have her son and daughter. Once they moved to Spokane with her husband’s sales position at Peterbilt, a large trucking company, she taught there for eight years. Another move took them to Salt Lake City where she took advantage of her Irish roots to get both children enrolled in a leading Catholic school whose nuns were from Ireland. She also taught there having both kids in her 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

In 1990, they returned to Denver and bought their home at The Knolls where Diane lived for 27 years. “Three years ago, my husband passed away, and I knew it was only a matter of time before I would sell our big house and find one better suited to where I am in life. Luckily, 1) my ad in The Villager worked, so I found the perfect new home and 2) my son and his family wanted to buy the family house. All the pieces just fell in place, we weren’t rushed, could take our time, and everyone ended up with exactly what they wanted – it definitely was meant to be.”

Diane added six more years of teaching at Arapahoe High School before she retired. “I thought that would be it career-wise, but two friends who own a cap and gown company called saying they had the perfect post-retirement opportunity– selling/renting of caps and gowns to high schools and universities

Colorado and Wyoming. And were they right!” For the next 16 years Diane worked with undergraduates, Master and PhD candidates helping them usually rent their graduation cap and gown. “ Placing the order was the easiest part – it was the days when everyone – from 100 - 1,000– came by to pick up their gear. I had a big team of retired teachers and with a lot of organizing got it done. In many ways, it was such a treat, since we saw many of our former high school students and learned where they were going to college.”

Now “permanently” retired, Diane commented, “I so love the Village with all the walking trails – it has a European feel to me and is accessible to everything in this part of Denver. In particular, I enjoy the diversity of the Village with families, kids, teenagers and retirees all living together in this wonderful community.”



### **Chalk Art Festival**

**Saturday, September 23—**

**Sunday, September 24**

11:00 am—4:00 pm

Centennial Center Park

Join us for a colorful weekend as talented artists bring masterpieces to life right at your feet! Enjoy live music along with a variety of fine art vendors. Food from metro area food trucks and beverages will be available for purchase.

**For more information, go to**

[www.centennialco.gov/events](http://www.centennialco.gov/events)

