

**FROM SCOTT WARD**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
*The Holidays are almost upon us. Oh where,  
 oh where has the time gone?*

My wife Linda and I are not as long-term a resident as others of you at Knolls Village. We have lived here since July 2011. In that time though, I have come to love this place for its people, beauty and convenience.

I like thinking of the property that we occupy here as our Community. In that spirit we are all connected. It doesn't matter if we live on Fremont Court or East Geddes Place; we are all here to look out for each other. If you find a neighbor's garage door open, please try to notify them. If you don't have their contact information, just ask for it. Your neighbors are terrific people.

Since we are all part of a large Community there are vast areas for volunteerism. Our Architectural Control Committee always seems to have a need for walkers. The Clubhouse Committee could use some help, as well as Hospitality. Please visit our web site [www.knollsvillage.com](http://www.knollsvillage.com) and send an e-mail to the Board confirming your interest in our open positions.

Lighting our community is one of the best deterrents for crime. Please leave front porch lights on and perhaps the back also. The miniscule monies invested in leaving lights on pays big dividends. If you have not thought of having lights installed on either side of your garage door, would you please consider doing so? The extra light on the driveway / alley makes that area much safer.

This has been a great year for our community. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to get our new pool deck constructed and in use.

Until next time,  
 Scott

**The Open Gate**

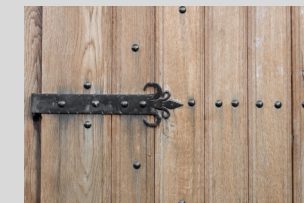
Ads are free, but you must be a Village resident to advertise. Email your ad with your name, address and phone number to: [nan@themattgrp.com](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com); drop your ad in the black box by the bulletin board at the clubhouse; or call 303-843-6414. For Sale ads will appear one time and 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"><b>FOR SALE</b></p> <p>Kenmore (almond color) refrigerator          Kohler (almond color) porcelain double sink          Each Item \$100.00 or best offer          Contact Ann—303-779-0045</p>	<p align="center"><b>Remodeling done easy!</b></p> <p>FALL special for gutter cleaning and remodeling.          25 years experience.          Call for estimate:          303- 949- 3930. M.W. Inc.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Flexible and Experienced Cat Sitter</b></p> <p>Also available to babysit or walk your dog. Call Saskia (720) 363-7934</p>	<p align="center"><b>Red Cross Certified Babysitting</b></p> <p>Adri Johnston          303-928-9110</p>
<p align="center"><b>Nerium Night &amp; Day Cream</b></p> <p>Contact me for a free 5 night sample (night cream only)          Nerium Body Contouring Cream, Nerium EHT for memory enhancement  <a href="http://Felipatorres.nerium.com">Felipatorres.nerium.com</a>,          303-419-6859</p>	<p align="center"><b>Your Resident Realtor</b></p> <p><b>Ken Deshaies</b>, EcoBroker Home Buyers Marketing, Inc. - 22 Years Experience – Real Estate Author.          970-485-1891  <a href="mailto:TrueKen@iCloud.com">TrueKen@iCloud.com</a></p>

**NEED VILLAGER DELIVERY PEOPLE!!**

Two driveways at the south end of the Village need delivery folks.  
 (7350 S. Knolls Way) 24 copies total. Call Cindy at 720-583-2495.

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, December 5, 2017 —6:30 pm
<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> Wednesday, Dec 6 before noon	Nan Matthews <a href="mailto:nan@themattgrp.com">nan@themattgrp.com</a> ; 303-843-6414
Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center	303-304-8976 303-796-0540



*The Back Gate*  
**Villager**



**HOLIDAY  
 HAPPENINGS**

**The Streets at Southglenn  
 Santa's Arrival and Tree Lighting**

Friday, November 18 6:00 pm

Santa Claus arrives by Clydesdale wagon....strolling carolers....live reindeer corral...write a letter to Santa...Cube Ice Rink opens for the season.

**Hudson Gardens**

**November 24—December 24**

*A Hudson Christmas* is the premier holiday light show in the Denver metro area, with thousands of twinkling lights in majestic trees, visits with Santa (through December 23) and memories for the whole family.

Stroll along a festively-decorated outdoor walking path as you sip hot chocolate and experience dazzling displays of color and sound.

Mark your calendars for this magical Littleton tradition, which is open on select evenings beginning November 24.

For tickets and more information: Call: (303) 797-8565  
 Email: [info@hudsongardens.org](mailto:info@hudsongardens.org)  
<http://hudsongardens.org/concerts-events/a-hudson-christmas>

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### Candlelight Walk

#### Historic Downtown Littleton

November 24, 2017 4:00 pm

A festive evening of holiday lights and music for the whole family. Sip hot cider, listen to holiday music and see reindeer. For more information call 303-795-3863

### MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



#### Tom and Sharon Thwaites

After spending most of their adult life in Seattle, Tom and Sharon originally moved to Denver and the Village in 2006 after both their sons relocated here to start a coffee roasting company. "Both boys were very knowledgeable about the coffee business and decided Denver was the ideal place to launch their

own firm. We decided to follow them – particularly since our first grandson had just been born and we didn't want to miss out on his growing up." After much house hunting, they chose our community and on the very day they were moving in, a group of neighbors happened to be talking and visiting in the alley and welcomed Tom and Sharon with open arms. Not surprising that group eventually became the "Alley Cats," good friends who usually go out to dinner together at least once a month.

Tom grew up in Alaska, joined the Navy and after his service became a traffic controller for the FAA in Seattle. "Unfortunately, the traffic controllers were dismissed by President Reagan in 1983, so while looking for a new job, saw a small ad in the Seattle paper that Boeing was hiring 'data processing' staff. This was still the early days in data processing, but we had a great training program plus the advantage that every time IBM had something they wanted to try out, they sent it to Boeing for testing. I spent 11 years in the manufacturing group and then transferred to the AWACS program, a mobile, long-range radar surveillance and control center for air defense. This was great fun, since it took me back to my FAA days plus I got to visit Japan several times on training trips." Tom retired from Boeing in 2006.

Sharon is from Corpus Christi and met Tom when he was stationed there with the Navy. Most of her career was spent as a 911 dispatcher with the Seattle Port Authority which covered the port as well as the airport.

The one thing they both missed in their move to Colorado was water and their pontoon boat. "We tried putting a boat on Chatfield, but it was just not the same." So, in 2015, they decided to move back west and bought a home in the Idaho Panhandle right on Lake Pend Oreille, the largest lake in the state at 43 miles long and 6 miles wide. "We loved the new house, but missed our

boys and four grandchildren and realized we really needed a both a summer and winter house—4 months in Idaho and 8 months in Denver sounded perfect - so we headed back to Denver."

After checking out several areas near their sons' homes, Tom said to Sharon, "Let's drive by our old neighborhood to see if there is anything available. Believe it or not we saw some of our old friends who told us about a ranch that might be up for sale. So here we are back at the Village – reconnecting with the Alley Cats and glad to be home."

### ACC Covenant Corner – Working Together to Keep Our Community Vibrant! Preparing for Old Man Winter

A few things for your consideration this month.

**Outside Spigots and Hoses:** Please remember to turn off your outside spigots and drain and remove your hoses before the first big freeze comes.

**Holiday Decorations:** Decorations can be put up any time after Thanksgiving and must be removed by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

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



#### Scott Ward Elected President of the Homeowner's Association

At the October 10th Annual Homeowners' meeting, Scott Ward was elected President. Dick Campbell will now hold the position of Vice President. The other officers remain the same.



#### KVTA Book Club

December 14, 2017

#### Christmas Celebration

The KVTA book club will celebrate Christmas with hors d'oeuvres and dessert at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14 at the home of Olivia Bechtel, 7361 So. Knolls Way (720-855-1385), at which time the book selection for January will be available.

#### LET IT SNOW !

This time of year is when we begin to think about snow... and shoveling it from our patios and steps between our garages. There are many residents who could use assistance with shoveling.

If you (young or older) would be interested in helping out (you set your price), please submit your name and phone number to the BackGate Editor [nan@themattgrp.com](mailto:nan@themattgrp.com), so she can put your name/phone # in the next Issue as a reference for this seasonal task.