

**FROM SCOTT WARD
PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Holidays Are Upon Us

Along with celebrations, the holidays also usher in the snow season. Please be ever careful when walking on pathways, stairways, driveways and sidewalks. The wooden bridges and mailbox areas can also be especially surprising.

Our community is large with many obstacles when it comes to removing snow. We own snow blowers for aggressive storms that leave us with deep snow and contractually snow removal begins with an accumulation of two inches. Snowfall may not accumulate to two inches but our crew frequently works every path, driveway and sidewalk on off-hours as needed. Please be patient with them and remember that clearing the sidewalk access to your back gate is your responsibility to provide driveway access for the fire department in case of an emergency.

Painting the fence along University has taken more effort than anticipated and has required some extra finances. The fence appeared to be sturdy and protective, but upon close inspection it needed substantial repairs. Many of the rails, pickets and posts were rotted and required replacement. You can see the handiwork of our maintenance crew since the new wood has no stain. The project will be incomplete until the wood that was replaced dries before it will accept a stain treatment. The fence will be stained as soon as weather permits in the Spring.

Best wishes to all of you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Scott Ward

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>FOR SALE Kohler (almond color) porcelain double sink Each Item \$100.00 or best offer Contact Ann—303-779-0045</p>	<p>Repairs to Remodel: Specializing in bathrooms and kitchens. Tile, counters, cabinets—we do it all—handyman services—painting to water heater replacement. 25 years experience. Call M.W. Inc. (Mike) at 303-949-3939</p>
<p>Red Cross Certified Babysitting Adri Johnston 303-928-9110</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>Need Snow Shoveled? Alex from our HOA can shovel snow for those who need it. \$20 for every storm which includes patio and walkways. Call 720-838-1177</p>	

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)		
<p>Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place</p>	<p>Sept —Dec Jan—March April—June</p>	<p>Mimi Iverson—303-794-2494 Kathy Kurtz —720.398.8684 Pam Hansen—303-757-1576</p>
<p>KVTA Board Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 2, 2018 —6:30 pm</p>	
<p>Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, Jan. 3 before noon</p>	<p>Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414</p>	
<p>Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center</p>	<p>303-304-8976 303-796-0540</p>	



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 **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays**
from your Knolls Village Neighbors!





Harold and Barb Arnold Share Their Story

Of all the 69,000 people living with Alzheimer's in Colorado, Jim Herlihy, Director of Marketing and Communication for the CO Chapter asked Barb and I how we chose to handle Barb's diagnosis with Alzheimer's.

He felt we did some things that could provide inspiration for other families. The article Jim wrote about us, "The Surprise Christmas Letter," was in the November 22nd Alzheimer's & Dementia Holiday e-news letter.

It also is posted to the Alzheimer's Association blog, which you can read here: <https://alzco.wordpress.com/2017/11/10/the-surprise-christmas-letter/>



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Lone Tree Arts Center

<http://www.lonetreeartscenter.org/shows>

December 7 – December 17

Home for the Holidays

Back by popular demand! Holidays are about traditions, so continue your tradition with hometown favorite *Home for the Holidays*. There's something for everyone in this family-friendly holiday spectacular: dancers, singers, drummers, holiday songs, and of course, a celebrity appearance from you know who!

December 21, 2017

The Nutcracker Children's Classic

The *Nutcracker Children's Classic* features children and youth ages 3-18 years in the classical dance story of *The Nutcracker*. Colorado Dance Center's features original dance choreography set to Tchaikovsky's classical *Nutcracker* masterpiece.

December 22 - December 23, 2017

Michael Martin Murphey: A Cowboy Christmas

"Triple M" brings his Cowboy Christmas to Lone Tree, a combination of poetry and music and stories that'll warm your body like a mug of hot chocolate.

Newman Center for the Performing Arts

Box office: 303.871.7720

<https://www.denverbrass.org/events/once-upon-a-christmas>

December 16 - 17

Once Upon a Christmas with the Denver Brass

Join us as we celebrate the magic and tradition we have all experienced *Once Upon a Christmas*. We'll share classic carols as well as old favorites with new Denver Brass twists.

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Hudson Gardens

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

<http://hudsongardens.org/concerts-events/a-hudson-christmas>

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

A few things for your consideration this month.

Holiday Decorations: Please remember to remove your
Holiday Decorations by January 15th



KVTA Book Club's Christmas Celebration December 14, 2017

The KVTA book club will celebrate Christmas with hors 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.

Vintage Décor and Craftery

Check out the new store, Vintage Décor and Craftery at 7424 South University Blvd in the old Albertson shopping center. Lots of lovely things for the holiday plus a variety of classes

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, so she can put your name/phone # in the next Issue as a reference for this seasonal task.