

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

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

I have good news to report; my strategy is working. I am using humor and kindness everywhere I go to leave behind smiling individuals. I encourage you to try and leave some of your own sunshine at every stop you make; the world will be better for it.

We have been fortunate that this winter's snowfall has been kind to us. Less accumulation has made our community a safer place as well as helping us save on snow removal expenses. Surely there is more to come, so please be patient with our snow removal team and careful when moving about the community.

Limited snowfall also means our landscape moisture is low. Hopefully as more moisture arrives our landscape will become robust when the growing season begins. Our staff is working diligently on winter pruning/ trimming and removing Pfitzer Junipers that have outlived their suitability.

The growth in equity of your home has a lot to do with our community and the people in it. There are great costs in up-keep of the grounds, concrete and pavement. Staff time is limited and projects profuse - and the staff has only so much time for maintenance, repair and refresh.

I encourage everyone to help us maintain our appearance and keep the place looking its best. This means picking up after pets, securing trash and recycling on windy days and picking up debris when you see it.

Be happy and safe, and through it all . . . smile.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)	
Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Jan—March Kathy Kurtz —720-398-8684 April—June Pam Hansen—303-757-1576 July—Sept Mimi Iverson— 303-794-2494 Oct —Dec Linda Ward— 303-999-6471
KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 6, 2018 —6:30 pm
Newsletter Deadline Friday, February 27 before noon	Nan Matthews nan@themattgrp.com; 303-843-6414
Emergencies in Common Areas KVTA Message Center	303-304-8976 303-796-0540

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.

Fleming Windows & Doors, LLC

We offer replacement windows and entry doors at unbeatable prices. Our focus is getting you the right windows and doors for your home. We can provide you with products from many different manufactures such as Pella, Simonton, and Jeld Wen to name a few. So, if want to save money and still have a quality renovation to your home, please give us a call or contact us through email to set up a free estimate.

Bill Fleming, 720-628-5092, Flemingswd@gmail.com

Family in Knolls Village Looking for Homecare Service

Someone caring and competent who could help out with couple needing some help at home in Knolls Village – We would like to find someone living in the Village to:

- * Fix meals
- * Drive to errands, doctor's appointments, wherever needed (can use car for this if licensed)
- * Go on walks and do exercises with a very sweet older woman
- * Be available for overnights in emergency situation
- * Help with laundry and light cleaning between cleaning service fortnightly visits

Please call Emily – 970 846 0225 or email emilyhenderson@comcast.net

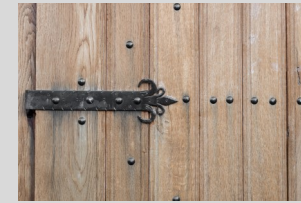
Calling ALL SENIORS: Get prepared for 2018

Come attend our FREE senior info night at 6:00pm on February 15.

Come learn about estate planning with Wills, POA, MDPOA, trusts along with cemetery and funeral pre- planning. Learn all of your options and what is available to seniors. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. FREE Personal Planning Guide to all who attend. Estate Planning attorney will also be present for any questions.

Limited seating. RSVP for reservations and location, call Tina Kyte 303-229-8746

Red Cross Certified Babysitting Adri Johnston 303-928-9110	Babysitter Available! Red Cross certified as well as having CPR and Pediatric CPR training. Camden Krumholz 720-883-2613; 303-995-6373
FOR SALE Guinea-Pig Pen on wheels; measures 35" tall, 22" width, 32" long; \$50 or best offer. Phone Gena at 303.929.3483.	Repairs to Remodel Specializing in bathrooms and kitchens. Tile, counters, cabinets-we do it all-handyman services-painting to water heater replacement. 25 yrs experience. Call M.W. Inc. (Mike) at 303-949-3930



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2018 KVTA Trash and Recycling Schedule

KVTA contracts with Waste Management for collection of trash and recycling. Trash is collected weekly on Friday and recycling is collected **every other Friday**.

Six holidays are observed each year. When a holiday falls on a week day, collection will take place **on Saturday**.

Collection may also be periodically delayed to Saturday due to snow events.

2018 Holidays		Collection Dates
Memorial Day	May 28	Sat, June 2
Independence Day	July 4	Sat, July 7
Labor Day	Sept 3	Sat, Sept 8
Thanksgiving	Nov 22	Sat, Nov 24
Christmas	Dec 25	Sat, Dec 29

Please bag or contain loose materials such as shredded paper, Styrofoam or packing peanuts that may easily blow away when cans are emptied. Please do not place recycling materials in plastic bags or place plastic bags of any kind in the recycling bins. If you must bag recycling materials, please use paper bags.

Plastic grocery bags may be recycled for no charge at local grocery store entrances.

The following items are accepted for recycling and you need not separate them. Rinse containers and place dry items loose in recycling bin. Items for recycling include:

- Aluminum, tin and glass food and beverage containers
- #1 and #2 plastic bottleneck containers
- # 3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 plastic bottles
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and telephone books
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten boxes)
- Cereal boxes and misc. cardboard and paper boxes
- Printer and copier paper
- Mail and junk mail.

Recycling services are provided free of charge; however, residents need to call Waste Management at (303) 797-1600 to request delivery of recycling bins.

MAINTENANCE TIPS FROM WARREN

Exterior Painting 2018

65 Townhomes are scheduled to be painted this spring with the projected starting date of April 2, 2018, weather permitting. You can check if your home is scheduled to be painted this year by clicking on "Paint colors" and then "4th year paint cycle" at www.knollsvillage.com

It is important that the exterior of your home be in sound condition prior to painting. Please take some time to check the exterior of your home for needed repairs. Commonly needed repairs include: repair of front porch overhang posts at the base of the posts, replacement of rusted gutters, replacement of weathered or rotted window trim around second story windows on homes with mansard roofs, repair of rotted siding at bottom edges both close to the ground and where the siding extends down to the roof of your home or the roof of a neighbor's home.

Thanks for making needed repairs prior to the painting!

Covenant Corner – Working Together to Keep Our Community Vibrant!

The Village is a Covenant Controlled Community, and the 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 Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has two processes in place to work with homeowners to ensure covenant compliance. If these 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, lighting, landscaping, roofs, and satellite dishes must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee **BEFORE** you order materials or begin work. To obtain approval, please fill out an ACC Application Form and place it in the black KVTA mail box by the clubhouse or mail it to KVTA at 2701 E. Geddes Place, 80122. Application Forms are available on line (www.knollsvillage.com) or on the 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 addressing 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 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 wells, 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.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



Charlie and Sue
Morton

Bangkok, Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seattle are just a few of the stops that the Morton's have made in their most interesting and engaging life and career moves.

"We met at the University of Tennessee and immediately realized that we both had the interest and drive to live overseas and work internationally," commented Charlie as he began the story of their life together. "After working with Coca Cola after graduation, I was recruited by Pepsi in 1972 and asked to go to Thailand to head up their Southeast Asia operation. We packed up our three children ages 7, 9 and 11 and headed out never realizing how many years we would end up spending in the Far East." After four years in Thailand, Charlie was promoted to President of Far East operations and the family moved to Japan and then to Singapore.

While in Thailand, Sue volunteered at a refugee camp and saw the hopelessness of thousands being pushed back across the borders into Cambodia. She took 23 orphaned Cambodian infants into her Bangkok home until they were sent to adoptive homes in the U.S.

Even adopting a Cambodian teenager, Peter and his sister, Tha, didn't seem enough, and she began speaking out for refugees, raising money and resources for them. Knowing that a more formalized effort had to be made to keep the plight of refugees current, in 1979 she founded Refugees International, a global, independent advocacy organization that successfully challenges governments, policy makers and administrations to improve the lives of displaced people around the world.

As Sue commented in a 1985 Christian Science Monitor article, "A refugee has to suffer so much anyway, when you think of the fact that he's lost absolutely everything in the whole world except for the clothes on his back, and this includes often many of his family members, sometimes all. And he has no way to speak out for himself, and no home whatsoever. So, we try to be the global voice for that refugee who can't speak for himself." Sue and Charlie are now Directors Emeritus for the organization.

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In the mid 80's Charlie took a position with World Concern, a relief and development non-profit, taking the family to Seattle. One of the greatest successes during his time there, was working with Washington state farmers to ship their surplus wheat to Ethiopia which was dealing with the most horrendous famine in their history. But Asia was calling again, so Charlie returned to Hong Kong with C. R. Bard, a medical equipment manufacturer, spending 10 years with them as well as starting up a chain of coffee shops throughout the region.

Settling in Denver in 2000, they bought a townhouse in the Village to both be near their children as well as Charlie working with Colorado Uplift, a group that helps at-risk kids in Denver's inner city.

Their five children and 10 grandchildren are spread around the world and the state: Emily, a nurse, is in Steamboat; Michael, an industrial designer, is currently working in China; Mia works for a major non-profit in Vanuatu, an island in the South Pacific; Peter, a court translator lives in Seattle as does their adopted Cambodian daughter, Tha, who is a Certified Nurse Assistant.

Finally "retiring" in 2004, Charlie and Sue look back over their long and rewarding life with great pride knowing in their way they made contributions that cannot be equaled.



SNOW SHOVELING SERVICES!

We have received several names of Village residents who are interested in helping out with snow shoveling. Please see below:

- 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.
- \$10 for both front and back yard. Steyn Braakman, 720-935-5262
- \$5.00 for average storms and \$10.00 for large ones for pathways to back gates and patios. Kambi Crabb, 303-947-9017
- \$10 for both front and back sidewalks. Chrissi Krumholz, 303-995-6373

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 will put your name/phone number in the next Issue as a reference for the neighborhood.