FROM SCOTT WARD PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Hello all.

The KVTA annual homeowner meeting was a great success. Thank you to all of you who attended.

The 2019 KVTA budget was sent to all homeowners, a State mandated mailing. At the annual meeting the 2019 budget was presented to and approved by those who attended.

It seems like no time at all since I was last advising of the approaching Holiday Season. Where has the time gone? With the approaching season and winter around the corner I remind all residents to be mindful when moving about our community. Sidewalks, pavement and wooden bridges can look dry but can be slippery. Always stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.

A project was completed in October that has been in process since last year. The staff began to replace shrubs and turf in the street circles on E Geddes Place, E Geddes Avenue, E Fremont Court and E Fremont Place. The vegetation was replaced by cobblestone. This is one of my favorite projects. Not only do I enjoy the look of cobblestone as part of our overall landscaping effect, I especially like the savings in water. We are no longer supporting vegetation in a place that is far away from most of the turf in our community.

Kindness is a theme in my life and has been for a long time. Be kind to your neighbors and friends. Be kind to our community; and above all else be kind to yourself.

Scott Ward
Association President

COMMUNITY INFORMATION (www.knollsvillage.com)		
Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Oct —Dec Jan—March April—June July—Sept	Linda Ward— 303-999-6471 Kathy Kurtz — 720-398-8684 Pam Hansen— 303-757-1576 Mimi Iverson— 303-794-2494
KVTA Board Meeting	Tuesday, Dec 4, 2018 —6:30 pm	
Newsletter Deadline Wed, Nov 28 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.

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The Back Gate Villager



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Santa's Arrival and Tree Lighting

THE STREETS AT Friday, November 23 6:00 pm

Santa Claus arrives by Clydesdale wagon....strolling carolers....live reindeer corral...write a letter to Santa...don't miss this wonderful beginning to the holidays!



Hudson Gardens
NOVEMBER 23, 24, 30
DECEMBER 1-2, 7-9, 14-24, 26-31

A Hudson Christmas is an outdoor extravaganza of Christmas lights that keeps the holiday spirit burning bright.

Don your warm apparel and get ready to create lifelong memories while you explore this unique display of holiday light artistry. Walk with loved ones and old friends. Take as much time as you need to see how this woodsy terrain transforms into a winter wonderland where brightly lit trees weave neon colors into the night sky, reflect off surreal bodies of water, and illuminate happy faces. Share your holiday wishes with Santa Claus, take a family photo on Santa's sleigh, warm up in the yuletide yurts, sip a steaming cup of hot chocolate or spiced apple cider, and stop for holiday surprises along the way.

Tickets are available at the door on event nights starting at 4:30 PM, or you can skip the line by purchasing tickets at www.altitudetickets.com starting November 14th.

November, 2018

Littleton Candlelight Walk 2018

November 23, 2018 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Historic Downtown Littleton - W Main St, W Alamo Ave, Littleton, CO

Littleton's Candlelight Walk and Tree Lighting will take place **Friday**, **November 23**, **2018**. The 35th annual event will feature more holiday entertainment than ever before, including the Littleton High School choir, Heritage High School Brass, live reindeer and a holiday float adorned with a glittering ice princess and dancing elves. The event culminates with Santa illuminating more than one million lights in downtown.

Street entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m. Visit Santa's reindeer at Bradford Auto Body, Inc. (2659 West Main Street) and drink delicious hot cider provided by Western Welcome Week, Inc. at Bega Park, Town Hall Arts Center and Bradford Auto Body. Candles are available for 50 cents. Bradford Auto Body will accept drop-off donations of non-perishable food for Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) or toys for the Arapahoe Santa Claus shop.

Then at 6:30 p.m., Santa will start making his way down Main Street.

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

Preparing for Old Man Winter

A few things for your consideration this month.

<u>Overflowing Gutters</u>: Please watch for overflowing gutters this time a year! If you do not see water coming out your downspout, you have a problem. Please have them cleaned to avoid siding issues.

- O **Outside Spigots and Hoses:** Please remember to turn off your outside spigots and drain and remove your hoses before the first big freeze comes.
- O **Holiday Decorations:** Decorations can be put up any time after Thanksgiving and must be removed by January 15th.

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

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



Blossom and Kerry Ficklin

"We moved to the Village five years ago and just love it. We have the best neighbors on all sides with everyone getting together for a barbeque this summer. They are just good people," commented Blossom and Kerry Ficklin, a most delightful mother-daughter pair who've lived together for many years.

Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Blossom, named for her aunt, attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas before returning to Oklahoma and attending two state colleges. "I met and married my husband Walt, also from Tulsa, who received his degree at Oklahoma University in Petroleum Engineering. While there, I had a great job with the Athletic Department at OU working with the coaches and staff. Once he graduated and started his career in oil field equipment, we moved from North Dakota to Nebraska before relocating to Colorado in 1959." After her husband died, Blossom went back to work at the age of 65 working for several investment firms until finally retiring at 88.

Kerry was just five years old when they came to Colorado living in several southeast neighborhoods along University Blvd. "We just like this general area and never wanted to go anywhere else, which is ultimately why we chose the Village." Kerry graduated from Arapahoe High School and received a degree in Interior Design from Arapahoe Community College. "It was a great degree to have, and I did work for a short time with a small design firm, but never really intended to do it full time. I was so fortunate to join Heritage High School first as a receptionist and ultimately secretary to an Assistant Principal working there for 24 years until my retirement three years ago. One of the most enjoyable and busy projects I handled was organizing the graduation ceremonies. Coordinating everything from cap and

gowns to diplomas to teachers' presentations was quite challenging and took advantage my organizational skills."

Now the two women keep very busy taking care of their 3 ½ year old grandniece and great granddaughter four days a week. "You forget how active that age is. She definitely keeps us on our toes with trips to the library, walks along the creek and other child-related activities designed for little ones. Must admit when her Mom picks her up we happily sit down for a well-earned rest." Blossom's son, Gary, lives in Parker and she has five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Kerry summed it up wonderfully by saying, "We've lived together for 26 years since my Dad passed away, and fortunately we complement each other in ways that makes it a most happy arrangement for us both."

In Memory of Jack Sutton

KVTA Past President and long time Village resident.
With sympathy to Kathleen and Family.



KVTA BOOK CLUB

Prompted by the recent PBS bio on Mark Twain, the KVTA Book Club has selected *Tom Sawyer* for their November 15 meeting to be held at 7 p.m. at

the home of Marilyn Heinle, 2615 E. Geddes Ave. Everyone is welcome!

