## FROM SCOTT WARD PRESIDENT OF THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Hello Everyone,

December has arrived, and Christmas is upon us. Where, oh where has the time gone?

The holiday season is filled with joy and love and giving. There are projects and organizations across the metro area that can use a helping hand. It is a goal of mine that when December ends, the love, giving and joy continue to all those individuals and organizations that need our help. Won't you consider joining as well?

We have had a few bouts with the snow and ice on sidewalks and driveways so far this season. Now that it is December we can say the snow season is here in earnest. Please be ever so careful when walking on pathways, driveways and sidewalks. The small wooden bridges and mailbox areas can be especially exciting. Please be careful.

We have had some major projects that saw an end in 2018. Accomplishments this year include: repair and painting of the fence on University Boulevard and cobble rock replacing turf and bushes in the traffic circles. Concrete leveling and grinding projects to reduce trip hazards on the concrete sidewalks across our community continue. Sprinkler zone repair, refurbishment and replacement are an ongoing project and accomplishment.

Keeping our community looking great is the only job of our maintenance staff with some contractor assistance. It is an annual challenge to keep vegetation looking healthy. Annual moisture can be a help or a hindrance, In 2018 we were playing catch up with our efforts due to the amount of moisture last year.

Congratulate our maintenance staff when you encounter them for a job well done.

 $\label{thm:christmas} \mbox{ The best to all of you during this Christmas season and Happy New Year,}$ 

Scott Ward

### QUARTERLY HOMEOWNER'S MEETING

Wednesday, January 2

7:30 pm

At the Clubhouse

#### 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.

#### Your Neighborhood Independent Travel Agent

Taking the first step in planning a trip—whether that's buying a plane ticket or figuring out where you're going to go—is always the hardest. I can help! Like us on Facebook for travel tips and ideas @BeaconTravel LLC 720-645-3836

lindahedges.inteletravel.com linda.beacontravel@gmail.com

#### 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



#### The Most Expensive Part of Owning a Home, Is Selling It.

Does that seem right to you? | We don't think so either! We List, Market & Manage the sale of your home for \$3990

#### Learn More About Us | www.MGfacts.com | 303-395-3470 | Steve Matthews

#### Reliable and Experienced Pet Sitter/Dog Walker

Friendly and trust worthy pet sitter. Also available for dog walking or helping out with gardening/watering plants.

Call Stevn (720) 935-5262

#### Professional Painting and Drywall Repair

Honest, Responsible and Reliable Call or email Charlie 310-420-0582 byrnscharlie@gmail.com





# The Back Gate Villager















Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your Knolls Village Neighbors!















#### The Brass of Christmas Past

December 15-16, 2018 2:00 and 7:30 pm Newman Center for the Performing Arts 303-832-4676



#### **Hudson Gardens**

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.

Santa's Village at Chatfield

8500 W. Deer Creek Canyon Road

Littleton, CO 80128 720-865-3500

Farms
Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays: Dec 1 – Dec 23, 2018
4:30 – 8:30 (last entry 7:30 pm)

Chatfield Farms is transformed into a magical village. Join us for an exciting holiday experience for all ages. Hop on the hayride, meet live reindeer, do crafts with Mrs. Claus, and visit craft vendors for unique holiday gifts.

\$20 Adult, Child (ages 3-15); \$15 Member Adult or Child \$15 Senior (65+), Military; Free for children 2 or younger Buy tickets online or at the ticket booth in the Chatfield Farms parking lot during the event (if available). Ticket booth opens at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are limited each night. Purchase in advance to ensure admittance on your desired date.

## MEET OUR NEW BOOKKEEPER AND HER FAMILY



Christine, Camden, and Cole Krumholz

(and Spirit, the Dachshund)

We'd like to introduce you to Christine Krumholz, the new Bookkeeper for the Townhouse Association who will handle all our accounting needs, and her two, delightful children, Camden and Cole, [and Spirit, the Dachshund.] Christine will start her new duties the first of December replacing Cindy Greene who held the position for six years and is moving to Kona, Hawaii. [Cindy and her family bought an avocado farm in Kona which just got subdivided into 5-acre plots. Cindy, her sisters and their husbands will each build on their parcel and farm the rest.]

Originally from Connecticut, Christine moved to Colorado in 1992 to ski, bartend, and waitress in Leadville and Copper Mountain. Though she loved the mountain life, she decided after a few years to return east to finish her college studies and graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a degree in business. "I always knew I would come back to Denver and after finishing college returned going into the restaurant business. I worked at a local sports bar and did events for the Wellshire Inn Golf Course. But I did want to take advantage of my degree, so in 2000 joined Sage Hospitality for several years, when it was just a small Denver company, as a property accountant responsible for 11 hotels around the US." She then took a position using her accounting background as General Manager of The Lazy Dog until her daughter, Camden, was born. "Then Cole came along and knew I wanted to be at home with them, so I took on several part-time bookkeeping/accounting positions to keep my skills current." When the kids started school, Christine went back to work becoming the Director of Finance and Merchandise Operations for a non-profit, "National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "We only had a small staff of five here in Denver, with the primary focus on providing resources to women and children who have suffered with Domestic Violence and working with shelter programs throughout the US." Christine brings a wealth of experience to her new job, and we are most fortunate to have her join us. Christine and her family moved to the Village in November 2017 having lived in the South Metro area for most of their time in Colorado.

Camden, who just turned 15, was born in Colorado and is a freshman at Arapahoe High School. She has a very busy schedule having just joined the JV Swim Team practicing two hours every day. "Guess my favorite strokes are free style and breast stroke. There are a lot of freshman on the JV team, and we both work hard and have lots of fun together." In addition, Camden belongs to both the Key Club which volunteers on projects to help others out and the Future Business Leaders of America. "FBLA introduces us to the demands of a business career and holds several competitions each year, the next one is in February. We sign up for one of three choices for the competition: a written test, a live presentation or role playing. Think I am going to do a presentation which should be challenging."

Cole who is 12 years old currently attends Powell Middle School. He played soccer for a few years, but is now enjoying flag football, the choir and may be taking up basketball next year. A very good student, he is in the Accelerated Math program which in the seventh grade focuses on prealgebra. "I really love math and look forward to more advanced classes in both middle and high school." In the sixth grade, Cole became interested in chess and realized his school did not have a chess club. So, he found a teacher who would volunteer to be a mentor, a room to meet in, and now the club has 15 members meeting once a week after school. Asked how he handles school, sports and club activities, he commented, "I think our teachers are very aware of the demands on our time. They spread out the tests and keep homework reasonable allowing all of us to balance all our interests."

A family that bikes together and volunteers at Thanksgiving dinners for the homeless, the Krumholzs' are a most welcome addition to our community.







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

The Architectural Control Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and thank them for everything they do to help our community looking so wonderful. The committee will be looking for new ACC volunteers to start in March. If you are interested, please contact Anita Zukas by phone 720-489-0302 or email: AnitaZukas@comcast.net