

# The Open Gate

Come on in. This page belongs to each of you. It is a editorial page for you to contribute, a place to meet your neighbors and to sell your "stuff" with an ad for residents at no charge.

17 year old available for baby sitting, pet walking, shoveling, gardening, etc!!!  
Call Alana Waite at 303-809-4037  
[amwaite753@gmail.com](mailto:amwaite753@gmail.com)

Help navigating the confusing decisions of Medicare and Social Security.  
Contact Lisa #303-593-1610 or [lisa@ColoradoBenefitsGroup.com](mailto:lisa@ColoradoBenefitsGroup.com).

I'm a mom & grandma available for baby sitting, pet sitting or house sitting.  
Call Wendy at 720-280-5553

**Better View Window Cleaning.**  
15 years in business, fully insured  
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20% Senior Discount  
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Call me at 303.794.8324  
24 hour emergency service  
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\$25 off your next service call

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Call for your FREE roof evaluation from a local company in business for 14 years that is honest, trustworthy and a member of the BBB!  
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Call Greg Today for your FREE roof inspection...303-903-7160

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Mention this ad and receive 20% off the labor price  
Free Estimates / Licensed / Insured / References Available / No project too small.....15 years experience

**ANY JOB DONE RIGHT BY YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD HANDYMAN**  
For all your household maintenance needs, call Mike the Handyman. I build ACC approved gates and do landscaping, gutter cleaning and pre-painting fix-ups.  
Any job done right at a reasonable rate. Call Mike at 303.263.4117

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**Do you want info on area activity or need a referral for a vendor?**  
Give me a call: **Cathy Fox-The Realty Fox 303.947.5866**  
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# The Back Gate Villager

Issue #95

## Message from the President

December 2013

It seems early to be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year already, but with our experiencing 'winter' this past week, it is indeed appropriate. Thanks to everyone who has decorated with their Xmas lights as, along with the snow, the community has a much more festive look. It sure makes walking after dark and in the cold more pleasant. The Board extends wishes for a safe and happy holiday to anyone who will be travelling and to those who will be staying in town as well.

With this last snow fall, and our plowing and shoveling, we have learned that it is important to have 'stored vehicles?' relocated from our temporary overflow parking at some point each day. When we are unable to properly clear snow and ice buildup from these areas, we reduce parking spots for visitors or guests for weeks at a time. Please be considerate! We certainly don't wish to inconvenience anyone by having a vehicle towed at the owner's expense. We also suggest extra caution when walking.

We are experiencing an increase in security by the local police and Arapahoe H.S. security due to Board requests and some residents calling when they see any suspicious activity. The police have informed us that anyone who calls reporting such situations does NOT need to give EITHER a name or address for fear of reprisal. We are not suggesting over-loading calls for help, since this can send a wrong message but, it is prudent to be aware, cautious and proactive. The KVTA homeowner's association is unable to interfere in situations which would otherwise need to be directed to law enforcement for Centennial.

OK ... so how to address dog droppings? Past newsletters have seen me request and yes, even plead, to dog owners for their being responsible to pick up after 'fido' ... especially at this time of year, when the neighborhood can look even worse for a lack of caring. I carry extra bags with me and speak to dog walkers, if seeing someone ignoring a mess, and without being confrontational, simply explain the importance for the health, safety and welfare of our entire community. Picking up after a pet is a covenant violation and we are a Covenant Controlled Community. I encourage anyone walking in the neighborhood to carry a bag to give to a dog owner 'in need'. You may carry a bag even if you do not have a dog.

Speaking of 'Covenants', the ACC folks and your Board, have approved a new updated set of regulations and would ask all residents (owners as well as tenants) to review, understand and to fully comply. Print copies will be distributed to every home and non-resident owner after the first of the year. The latest updates will be on our website by January.

As 2013 comes to a close, may I personally thank the entire community for the spirit of co-operation shown to the Board this past year. It is a privilege to serve you all and a pleasure to keep our neighborhood as 'special' as it has always been for me. May God bless everyone at this time of year.....Dick



## South Suburban Parks & Recreation Events

### Holiday Lights at Hudson Gardens



**Nightly, Friday, Dec. 13 – Tuesday, Dec. 31, 5 pm – 8:30 pm** - A Hudson Christmas is a walk-through lighting display celebrating the wonder of the Christmas season. Visits with Santa Claus included.

Festive refreshments are available for purchase. Tickets are \$9 for adults; children \$6, and 3 years and under are free. For more information, visit [www.hudsonchristmas.org](http://www.hudsonchristmas.org).

### Skate with Santa

**Fri., Dec. 20 – Sun., Dec. 22, select times; South Suburban Ice Arena and Family Sports Center** - Lace your skates and hit the ice with Santa Claus. Children and adults who purchase public skating sessions can glide along-side Santa. Skate rental available.



### Kid's New Year's Eve Extravaganza!

**Tues., Dec. 31, 8-11 pm; Family Sports Center** - New Year's Eve rocks for Kids, ages 9 – 14, with laser tag, eXerGame Zone, inflatables, bumper cars and ice skating. A midnight toast (10 pm MST) will be served as the ball drops in New York's iconic Times Square. Light snacks included.

Visit our website: [www.ssprd.org/](http://www.ssprd.org/)

### Need a New Roof?.....so do we!

We need to replace the roof on our garage here at Knolls Village. Please let us know if you would like to have an estimate for repair or replacement of your roof and we will make every effort to get a group rate from a reputable roofing company. Please e-mail Linda at [ls80122ward@yahoo.com](mailto:ls80122ward@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Scott & Linda Ward

**Anyone interested in a Jam Session?** Looking to link up with a couple of folks for some intermediate/beginner jamming. Learning electric guitar for a few years now and also have a bass, electric piano and PA system. If interested in giving it a try give me a call, text, or email. Tim Johnson, 303-204-3451 or [tim.j.johnson99@gmail.com](mailto:tim.j.johnson99@gmail.com)

**For Sale:** Over the range Kenmore Microwave oven, 1.6cf, 1000 watts. \$100 dollars.  
Call 303-771-2703

### **Help! We need to clear out the garage!**

5 drawer file cabinet, 4 drawer file cabinet, Heavy duty child's wagon, desk, book case, etc. All very cheap.  
Call Genie Bakker at 303-770-8403



The KVTA book club has selected *The Cruellest Miles* by Salisbury, for review and discussion at the January 8 meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Katie Fralick, 2648 E. Fremont Place. All interested KVTA residents are welcome.

If anyone would like to borrow a copy of *The Cruellest Miles*, call Cathy Fox at 303.947.5866 — she just finished reading it and is happy to loan it out.

### Crock Pot Baked Apples



4 large granny smith apples or 4 large cooking apples  
1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/4 cup dried cranberries  
    or 1/4 cup raisins  
    or 1/4 cup dried cherries  
    or 1/4 cup mixed dried fruit  
1/2 cup dry white wine or 1/2 cup apple juice  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

- Core apples, combine brown sugar and dried fruit (cranberries, raisins, cherries or mixed fruits) and fill the center of the apples with the sugar/fruit mixture; place the apples in a 5- to 6-quart crock pot.
- Combine the wine or apple juice with the melted butter and pour it over the apples; sprinkle the apples with cinnamon and nutmeg; cover the crock pot and cook on low for 2 to 3 hours or until the apples are tender.
- To serve, spoon the apples into individual dessert dishes, spoon the wine/apple juices over the apples, sprinkle with chopped nuts
- It's REALLY good topped with vanilla ice cream

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Kathy Kurtz—720.398-8684 (for events Oct thru Dec) Ilena Lea—303.771.6965 (for events Jan thru March) Linda Fletcher—303.694.6075 (for events April thru June) Joy Stanton—303.771.6250 (for events July thru Sept)	
KVTA Board Meeting	TUESDAY, January 7th at 6:30 pm	
Emergencies in Common Area	303.304.8976	
KVTA Message Center	303.796.0540	
Architectural Control Committee Meeting:		
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, January 10th Contact Peggy Donegan	peggy.donegan@comcast.net 303.660.4808
KVTA Website	www.knollsvillage.com	