

The Open Gate

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FOR SALE: shiatsu chair massager—perfect condition black leather — **BEST OFFER.** Call Jo at 303-290-6338



JOB WANTED: My name is Marilyn Hume. I live in the Village on S. Knolls Way. I have been laid off from my job and am looking for work. I have years of experience in the following areas: Housecleaning with a professional crew; CNA—Companion in-home care; Child care; house sitting and pet sitting. Please call me at 303.783.1716. References provided upon request.

Condo for Rent for Winter Vacation — Located in Silverthorne, CO. If you are planning a Colorado mountain vacation, it is a perfect location to get to just about any mountain activity. It is a two bedroom, two bathroom condo on the ground floor, backing to National Forest and immediate access to the out of doors. It sleeps six, has a clubhouse with indoor pool, sauna, hot tub and laundry. Call Kathy at 303-589-5210 or online at [#379238](http://www.VRBO.com)



DOCTOR PLUMBER
Eric Sanders—720.276.3000



The Back Gate Villager

Issue #70

Message from the President

November 2011

So what's new in the neighborhood? Well, the Annual Homeowner's meeting was very poorly attended, so your board determined that since so few of you even came out, everything must be going pretty well.

With the budget for 2012 (see KVTA website for budget sheet) allowing us to maintain dues for yet another year, most of you seemed pleased, however, a few folks have contacted me personally and suggested that we ought to have had a dues increase. To you, I say, wait until 2013. We are pretty certain you will get your wish. Only time will tell though, to what extent our costs for outside service contracts, materials, landscaping, general maintenance, repairs, salaries, etc., will impact a future budget. For this year though, with all the economic doom and gloom, the board figured that holding dues might provide some small relief with all the other things standing in line for your money. As a positive side note, a nice little 'kicker' for those of you on social security come January will add to your income but, as always, don't spend it all in one place.



Time change last Sunday morning (falling back one hour), will create darker evenings and, as a reminder, overnight lighting both front and back does add to the warmth of your home, as well increases the security throughout our community. It really costs very little ... why not try it ... you just might like it.



A special thank you to Warren, Victor, and Chris, as well as to Blade Runners, on an excellent response to our two snowfalls so far this season. Mother Nature will be surely be back again and our guys will be there whenever accumulations exceed two to three inches. Do be careful when snow, then melt, then freeze make our driveways and sidewalks risky. It is not worth falling and, get to know your neighbors and do call for help when, and if, you really need it ... that's what neighbors do and it is also what makes Knolls Village such a special place to live.

As we approach the holidays, Thanksgiving and then Christmas, it is our hope that you will share time with family and friends and please remember our Christmas Party on December 11th at the clubhouse. I look forward to meeting more of you who are newcomers to Knolls Village, as well as spending a little time with others of you, who like myself, have been residents here for several years.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone ...

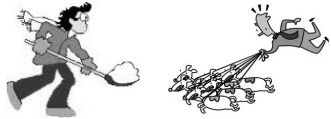
Dick Campbell





We are going to start a list of people in the area that are interested in making some extra \$\$\$. There are a number of residents that are unable to shovel snow from their patios and would love to hire a local person to help them out!

Also needed: babysitters, pet walkers, gardeners. Email me (peggy.donegan@comcast.net) your name and contact information and what you are interested in doing. We will put this list in the next newsletter.



What's happening to OUR Neighborhood????

Vandalism has hit our area. I live on Geddes Ave. and we have had 2 vehicles vandalized. One had glass broken in the rear window and the other glass broken in the windshield. I've had my garden decorations plus several solar lights stolen recently to the tune of about \$250.00. People always comment on how I take care of the outside and they enjoy seeing what I have in the rock area.

I have an idea of who took them but I can't prove it.---Yet. I reported it to the Police and they indicated they have had quite a few calls in this area. **What is going on?** What can we do to try to stop this?

I had security cameras installed and now I am trying to get hooked up to a central location so it can be checked 24 hours a day. At least now if the thieves come back they will be on camera and I will prosecute.

We are also having outsiders (kids) parking in our parking area and partying leaving all their beer bottles on the grass area.

Keep your eyes and ears open--if you see anything unusual call the Police. This is becoming a big problem and we need to try to stop it.

Lucy Henry

ATTENTION PARKING VIOLATORS

There have been several concerns expressed by homeowners in your area about the parking of boats, trailers, or other recreational vehicles on city streets within the Knolls Village neighborhood.

In checking with the City of Centennial website for any parking regulations regarding this issue, we were referred to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department who then informed us that, boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles may be parked on city streets for a 48 hour period only for loading and unloading.

We were also told that fines for extended parking of such vehicles were several hundred dollars a day.

While we recognize there may be extenuating circumstances where you may not always be able to accommodate the 48 hour regulation, we would certainly appreciate your trying to do so.

We are informing you of our position, as a matter of acknowledging that your KVTA board is NOT responsible to our residents for situations involving property rights over which we have no authority.

We shall be informing any and all homeowners who approach this board of these rules as our response to any and all inquiries and advising them that they may file an anonymous telephone complaint with the police who will then respond by ticketing. Police are looking for sources of extra revenue during current slower economic times.

Hopefully this will clarify your board's position, both to complainants as well as to those who choose to park such vehicles within the City of Centennial and our neighborhood.

KVTA Board of Directors

ACC SEASONAL REMINDERS



It's not too late to take care of things on the outside of your home.



- **Remove** the leaves, debris and pine needles that have landed in your gutters. Water from melting snow can't properly drain from clogged gutters. It sets into motion a freeze and thaw, expand and contract cycle, as temperatures fall and rise. This process can damage the roof.
- **Disconnect** hoses from all outside faucets. While the hose is connected water remains in the pipe inside the wall. If that water freezes, the pipe can crack and cause a leak. Disconnecting your hose from the faucet is a simple solution to avoid a flooding mess.
- **Clear & Store....** Clear your front porch and back patio of flower pots and such. Store them out of the way for the winter. Create a safe and unobstructed walkway with less problematic snow removal.
- **Gates** can't be pushed open from the patio, if there is a particularly heavy and drifting snow as we had recently. When such a storm is anticipated, it is wise to prop your back gate open before retiring for the night.
- **Lighting** is so important as daily, the darkness arrives earlier. Check outdoor lights to insure they are in good working order and turn them on. Have a flashlight handy, lest our power fails.
- **Snow shovel** – keep it handy, beside your back door .
- **Remember:** For any change or repair to the exterior of your home, always submit an Application Form for Architectural Improvements and/or Exterior Changes to your property. It's the right thing to do in a covenant controlled community. Barb Arnold

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



HOLIDAY PARTY — Sunday, December 11th with potluck appetizers with live music and libations at 5:30 p.m.

Your Hospitality Committee has enjoyed planning events for the community—it's been a rewarding three years . And, now it's time for new energy to carry on the "good times." As of January 2012 the committee will need new members and new leadership.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Ann Kingery @ 303.779.0045

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Kathy Kurtz—720.398-8684 (for events Oct thru Jan 10 th) Ilena Lea—303.771.6965 (for events Jan 11 th 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, December 6 at 7:30 pm	
Emergencies in Common Area	303.304.8976	
KVTA Message Center	303.796.0540	
ACC Meeting		
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, December 9 Contact Peggy Donegan	peggy.donegan@comcast.net 303.660.4808