

# 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.

**FOR SALE:** Brand new Fender Star Caster acoustic guitar (still in box) with picks, strings, strap, & online tuning included.  
MSRP \$169.00  
Asking \$129.00

A great gift for a beginning guitarist!  
Contact Carol at 303-548-5070 or [cihc@wwdb.org](mailto:cihc@wwdb.org)

**FOR SALE:** cell phones (2) - Verizon "Cosmos". No longer being used. Will sell cheap.

**FOR SALE:** rival crock pot-excellent condition. Large capacity. Seldom used. \$20.  
Call Jo at 303-290-6338

**FOR SALE:** wood computer desk: 60" long, 28.5" wide and 31.5" high — two drawers on each side & middle "drawer" pulls out for a keyboard or to store a laptop. The desk is in excellent condition and cost \$300. Current value is \$220; will sell for \$175. Call Kristy at 720-232-4133.

## Holiday Photo Special

Professional Individual or Family Photos for the holidays at the Club House November 24th! Photos and photo gifts starting at \$7.95. Holiday photo cards begin at 66 cents. \$25.00 sitting fee. Call or email to book your time: 720-201-4304 // [lisa@wittyproductions.com](mailto:lisa@wittyproductions.com)  
View photographer's portfolio: <http://gallery.witty-photo-productions.com/Portfolio>

## 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 and pre-painting fix-ups.  
Any job done right at a reasonable rate. Call Mike at 303.263.4117

**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**

**[www.TheRealtyFox.com](http://www.TheRealtyFox.com)**

## Stokes Remodeling LLC

Siding Repair ■ Kitchen ■ Bathrooms ■ Fences ■ Coach Lights ■ Back Garage Passage Door ■ Floors: Hardwood & Tile

**Michael Stokes** 303.550.5045

Mention this ad and receive 20% off the labor price

Free Estimates / Licensed / Insured / References Available / No project too small.....15 years experience

**IN-HOME COMPUTER REPAIR AND SERVICE**, including virus removal, data recovery, speed optimization, wireless network setup, hardware installation and much more. Available evenings and weekends, and always a better deal than big box retailers.  
Call Jon at 303-736-9921.

**Amy's Mobile Style** — haircuts \$15 to \$20.  
Perms \$59 & up. Styles \$15 & up.  
Basic manicures & pedicures \$15 to \$30.  
Family discounts available.  
Call Amy: 303-563-9194.

Very experienced Massage Therapist  
20% Senior Discount  
call Wendy 720-280-5553

Letticia's house cleaning/babysitting  
720-291-6469

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[betterviewcleaning@gmail.com](mailto:betterviewcleaning@gmail.com)

# The Back Gate Villager

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## Message from the President

November 2012

Have heard it said that, time seems to pass more quickly when one gets older. With the way this year has passed, I must be much older than my driver's license indicates ... cannot believe Christmas is just weeks away. It has been a good year for your Association. A beautiful neighborhood (in spite of the extremely dry summer), the continued success and expansion of the Streets of Southglenn, as well as both plazas to the north and south, make Knolls Village such a terrific place to live. We are blessed to be able to live here, in my opinion at least.

Our fall cleanup has been easier with holding off on the usual snow dump which we have escaped thus far but one will soon be here. A reminder ... we shovel sidewalks only when two or three inches accumulate and warmer weather is not expected within a few days. Gardens at the front of properties can now be put in order and political signs removed. At last, it is over, and I suspect no one will miss the ads and telephone calls.

We would ask every resident, **homeowner or renter**, to provide us with a telephone contact number in cases of emergency only. You may call 303.796.0540 and leave us that information. With darkness earlier in the evenings, we suggest turning your lights on at night, front and back, as a matter of safety and security. The City of Centennial sent us a reminder of their law regarding dogs on a leash ... the fine is now \$100. Not all residents who walk our property are comfortable with being approached by exuberant dogs running loose. Also, when your pet is on a leash, you will be better able to pick up after it.

**Let's all try and keep the common grounds looking good this winter ... please....**

The results of our balloting for the proposed dues increase passed rather handily and comments from the folks who voted against were mainly concerned with being retired and on a fixed income. I'll admit that KVTA still has among the lowest dues in the area considering that come January we will be at \$145 a month which includes \$15 a month for preparation and painting every 6 years, therefore \$130 in dues.

Our year-end Christmas party at the clubhouse offers all "residents" an opportunity to come and share good snacks and warm fellowship before we begin the winter hibernation period ... do come join in. Our Board meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm and everyone is invited to come and sit in to see how your 'highly compensated' Directors behave. We provide a time for resident input and I am pleased to say that we have had some really nice comments about how we seem to be doing and we thank you. Speaking on behalf of the Board, the Committee Chairs, Warren, Victor, and Alex, I will tell you that we invest our time to make this the best association possible; not only for you all, but for ourselves as well, to provide the wonderful place we can call home ... Happy Thanksgiving ..... Dick



## HELP IS ON THE WAY!

Below is a list of community helpers that are looking for work. Please give them a try!

Wendy (I'm a mom & grandma)	720-280-5553	Baby sitting, pet sitting or house sitting
Alana Waite (17 yrs old)	303-809-4037 <a href="mailto:amwaite753@gmail.com">amwaite753@gmail.com</a>	baby sitting, pet walking, shoveling, gardening, and anything else you can think of!

### **IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE ABOVE LIST**

Email me ([peggy.donegan@comcast.net](mailto:peggy.donegan@comcast.net)) your name and contact information and what you are interested in doing. We will add you to the list in the next newsletter.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

### **Our Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th!**

It will be held in the clubhouse from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Bring a dish to share that serves 6 people.**



## **CORRECTION TO SEPTEMBER'S ARTICLE ABOUT JUNK REMOVAL**



Waste Management is happy to provide removal of large items like furniture, appliances, or construction debris. Please call us 24 hours in advance of your collection day to arrange for a curbside pickup. Fee for service does apply. There may be appliance recyclers available to pickup used appliances at no charge. Please note refrigerators and freezers require certification of Freon removal prior to disposal.

Also, some holiday information coming up soon... Waste Management observes six holidays per year: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. During holiday weeks your service will be delayed one day. Please call us, if you would like your phone number added to our automated call list for holiday reminders, 303-797-1600

*Did you know that by recycling just one aluminum can, you can save enough energy to power a television set for 3 hours? Celebrate National Recycles Day this year on November 15 by calculating the energy saved and positive impacts on the environment by recycling certain items such as plastic, aluminum, paper and glass. Use our [Think Green widget](http://www.thinkgreen.com/widget) to calculate your personal savings and impact.*



## **WATER WASTE**

In recent years Denver Water changed their billing cycle from bi-monthly to monthly. This helps their customers to be aware of how much water they are using and the cost of water leaks, such as a leaking toilet valve or humidifier valve. After receiving a bill for an extra \$175.00 to \$400.00 for one month, most customers would immediately check for leaks, fix the ones that they have let go and never let it happen again.

The monthly billing has helped us to contact residents sooner on a building by building basis when water usage is high. Unfortunately, when we receive the billing it is after the fact and in many cases residents were aware of the leaks.

For the months of August and September inside leaks at 8 buildings caused about 324,000 gallons of water waste at a cost of \$1,577.00. Prior to the October billing period, most if not all, of these were remedied and the consumption for these buildings is back down close to the average.

Leaks can usually be detected audibly or visually. If there is water movement or you can hear water running in the toilet tank when it has not been flushed there is a leak. If you have a humidifier on your furnace and water is running out of the drain hose or overflow hose from the humidifier when your furnace is off there is a leak.

We ask all residents not to let water be wasted, not to wait with repairs and to shut off any leaking toilets or humidifiers using the supply shut off valve until a repair can be made.

Thanks for your attention to preventing water waste.

## **SOUTH SUBURBAN EVENTS**

**November – December Specials - 10% Off Daily Admission & Personal Training Passes, & Punch Cards** — Purchase your special passes on Thursday, November 22 – Monday, December 31 at Douglas H. Buck Community Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial and Lone Tree Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree. For information, call 303-347-5999. Great Holiday gifts.

**Thanksgiving Break Childcare Camps** — Bring your **kindergarteners through age 10** campers on November 19-21, 8 am – 6 pm to Family Sports Center, 6901 S Peoria St, Centennial, Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial, and Lone Tree Center, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, Lone Tree to enjoy **daily activities, field trips, and** swimming. For more information, contact Mary Kaminski at 303-708-3518 or [MaryK@sspr.org](mailto:MaryK@sspr.org) for Goodson and Lone Tree Recreation Centers camps or Michelle Collette at 303-708-9500 X 217 or [MichelleC@sspr.org](mailto:MichelleC@sspr.org) for Family Sports Center camps.

## **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, December 4th at 6:30 pm	
Emergencies in Common Area	303.304.8976	
KVTA Message Center	303.796.0540	
ACC Meetings		
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, December 7th Contact Peggy Donegan	<a href="mailto:peggy.donegan@comcast.net">peggy.donegan@comcast.net</a> 303.660.4808
KVTA Website	<a href="http://www.knollsvillage.com">www.knollsvillage.com</a>	