

The Open Gate

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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.

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I have a degenerative bone/joint condition and am unable to use knees or back without terrific pain, so I am looking for someone who might want to come in and do some house cleaning that is hard for me to do on my own, like tubs, toilets and the like. I would like to have someone come in once every 3 weeks for about 3 hours. I can pay \$9/hr. Please call Kat at 720-275-3335.



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The Back Gate Villager

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Message from the President

October 2011



What a lovely fall we have been having ... almost makes up for the rather warm summer, in my opinion. My two favorite seasons have always been spring and fall. All things in nature grow, and then hibernate until spring once again ... a great time to still enjoy outdoor activities and the unique scents that abound.

The board has been busy developing the budget for 2012 and will have presented it to our homeowners at the Annual Meeting on October 11th at the clubhouse for approval. I expect it to be approved by the time you receive this newsletter, since we will be able to hold our dues for yet another year, in spite of all our expense items rising. I am certain you have seen your living expenses increasing too, and we are indeed pleased to be able to maintain association dues through 2012. We continue with plans to update some driveways and sidewalk areas as needed, and maintain our property as always. Warren and his staff continue to treat the grounds as if they were their own and we are most grateful for all they do.

Apparently a Book Club was established just last month and there has been even more interest developing to join in which adds yet another opportunity for community fellowship. I am a strong believer in any situations where neighbors can interact. The more we get to know one another, on some level, the more we can be watchful over one another as well. There is security in 'knowing' neighbors.



'Security' brings me to a reminder that with the days becoming shorter, we ought to light up the front steps of our homes over night to provide lighting on our sidewalks beyond the few areas which have association lighting. It makes our community safer for certain and adds a warmer appearance to the neighborhood. We have monitored several homes that choose to light up at their front door over the summer and most have indicated the cost for doing so to be minimal. Some have even changed out their front door lighting to the type which turn on at dark and off again at dawn. Just a thought.



Hopefully I may have the opportunity to meet more of our residents while walking, or you might consider coming to a Board meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM for 30 minutes, to address us during our 'Homeowners Forum.' Any and all residents are invited and we will NOT be recruiting you at that time, since we have a full slate of Directors for 2012.

Dick Campbell

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE !!!



Once again, we ask for your consideration in picking up after your pets. They are 'your best' friends but their droppings, if you choose to ignore, are making this neighborhood anything but attractive so why not choose to decide, then promise to commit. We will all be better off and, for those of us who call this home, we thank you.



There may be people in our neighborhood that are in need of a helping hand — i.e., a ride to a doctor's appointment; picking up a prescription or some groceries; a visit to them in the hospital or nursing home. If you know of anyone in the neighborhood that may be in need of some assistance because they are incapacitated in some way, please call Barb Stokes at 303.770.5905.

Also, if you would like to be added to the list of people that will volunteer to help others, please let Barb know.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Clubhouse Reservations 2701 E. Geddes Place	Kathleen—720.482.9356 (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, November 1st at 7:30 pm	
Emergencies in Common Area		303.304.8976
KVTA Message Center		303.796.0540
ACC Meeting	October 17	
Newsletter Deadline	Friday, November 4th Contact Peggy Donegan	peggy.donegan@comcast.net 303.660.4808

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



FUN IT WAS..... the **Patio Tour**, that is!
Saturday, Sept 24th was a perfect fall day to stroll from patio to patio and socialize with neighbors. Approximately 20 patios participated and lots more residents did the viewing. Thanks to all who opened their back gate to make it a fun event!

HOLIDAY PARTY — Sunday, December 11th

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the Village holiday party at the club house. It will be potluck appetizers with live music and libations at 5:30 p.m.



“Crock-tober” Recipe Red Wine Short Ribs

1 cup red wine (Merlot)	2/3 cup of ketchup
3 tablespoons soy sauce	2 cloves of garlic—crushed
2 Tbs light or dark brown sugar	1/4 tsp ground black pepper
4 pounds beef short ribs	1 large yellow onion—chopped

Combine first 6 ingredients in your crock pot, stir them together until blended. Add ribs in, submerging them in the sauce, or you can stack them. Add onions over the top. Cook on LOW until tender – 7-8 hours



Garbage cans, etc., should only be out the day of pick up and put away that same evening after Waste Management has collected trash and recyclables. If you are traveling, ask a neighbor to put your trash out rather than having it sit out for a few days.



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE



Autumn Reminders... It's time to equip your property for the approaching changes in weather. **Gutters and downspouts** must be in good condition and drain water away from the foundation of your home and that of your neighbor. Check the **window well covers** and replace or remove those that are broken or clouded over. **Window fans and air conditioners** must be removed by October 15. **Lattice** on front porches is not permitted per our covenants and must be removed.

The final meeting of ACC for this year is October 17. We are still available whenever needed to answer questions, receive and approve Application Forms for Architectural Improvements and/or Exterior Changes to your property. Thank you homeowners, for your efforts to maintain an attractive Village neighborhood!

Barb Arnold 303-804-9940