

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.

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Deadline: Deadline for the May Newsletter is Friday May 6th. Call Kathy Quirk at 303-871-9727 or email kathy_quirk@yahoo.com

JOB WANTED

My name is Marilyn Hume. I live in the Village on South Knolls Way. I have been laid off from my job and am looking for work. I have years of experience in the following areas:

- House cleaning with a professional crew.
- CNA - Companion in home care.
- Child care, house sitting and pet sitting.

Please call me at 303-783-1716 if you need any these services. I will provide references upon request.

FOR SALE

Love seat hide-a-bed, neutral color \$100 (really nice), elliptical machine \$250. Day bed frame with custom made "Siesta Fiesta" bedding \$75. Please call Kathleen Sutton 720-482-9356

DOCTOR PLUMBER
Eric Sanders
720.276-3000

For Clubhouse Reservations

2701 E. Geddes Place
April-June
Linda Fletcher at 303-694-6075

The Back Gate Villager

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Message from the President

April 2011

We are beginning to believe that we might just skip “ Winter “ this year and while none us mind not having to shovel out to the garage or deal with the cold, ice and snow, we will have to pay a price for keeping our grounds green and vibrant unless we get an abundance of “ Spring “ showers. Remember though, that Colorado can still get the winter heavy wet sow dump, even into late May. Regardless, it has been an easy winter season so far and some of you will have noticed that the painting of section three has begun with the beige buildings first, followed by the green buildings and lastly, the blue units. Later this summer we will be removing a few of the overgrown Russian olive trees. We shall continue removing the ‘ spent ‘ Junipers which are interfering with sidewalk traffic. Warren and Victor have spent a good deal of the last several months pruning and cutting back overgrowth and the property looks really nice these days. I hope you all see just how terrific our grounds look considering the lack of moisture.

Your hospitality committee appreciates those of you who took time to complete the recent survey asking all homeowners what they feel we could be doing as a community to be more neighbor friendly. We shall be hearing shortly those activities which our respondents feel will help keep us the vibrant and responsive neighborhood we wish to be. The good weather will allow us all to be ‘ out and about ‘ sooner and so time again to meet and greet our KVTA family. I do know that the committee, and your board, plans to host coffee parties at the clubhouse one morning each month to allow new homeowners and our long term residents an opportunity and a place to come to gather, to meet, and get to know one another better. I look forward to meeting more of you at these events, to answer your questions, and otherwise hear what is on your minds.

I have been informed that the City of Centennial has abandoned their plan to create a median which would have prevented vehicles from making left turns onto University Blvd from the southern entrance to our neighborhood. While that may suit many of you I would still caution anyone trying to make that turn during either of the rush hour traffic times for your own safety. There is so much traffic lately on University Blvd that it will always be safer to enter University from Geddes Avenue or with the light at Easter. There are several other local traffic changes planned, many of which can be found on the City of Centennial website.
Best wishes for a Happy Easter ... Dick

ACC Meeting

April 18th ..
6:00 PM

KVTA Board Meeting

May 3rd
7:30 PM

KVTA Message Center
303 796-0540

Emergencies in Common Area
303 304-8976



Architectural Control Committee

Concrete repair / replacement begins in the Village the first part of May. This is an excellent

time for homeowners to evaluate your needs. While our contractor is on site doing work for the HOA, it is a time for having good people do work for you at a better price than you can negotiate for a relatively small job.

Please inspect your property which includes the front porch (not the front steps), back sidewalk and steps between garages shared by both adjacent neighbors or privately. Look for crumbling and chipped areas, cracks causing uneven elevations. A front porch that has settled or pulled away from the front of the house may result in awkward entrance or exit. Check the back patio and steps leading to the back door as well, your property, **your responsibility to maintain.** Don't wait for a letter from the Architectural Control Committee.

These areas of access to your home are used by many. Emergency personnel, delivery persons, workmen, strangers, renters and visitors are just a few that come to mind. The flaws we ask you to inspect in the previous paragraph can be trip hazards and may cause injury to you or others. In the case of "others", **as the homeowner, you are liable.**

If you would like to have a bid on concrete work for your property, please don't delay. Our contractor will be arriving soon to determine our needs in the Village. You may leave a mes-

sage on the Message Center phone 303-796-0540, or you may call me. We'll let you know when the contractor will be available, as soon as we know.
Barb Arnold 303-804-9940

PAINTING

It is going very well ! More than half of the 62 units are completed. Special thanks to all home owners for preparing your units for painting.
Paint Committee



Fundraising for Arapahoe Band Boosters

COME AND GET IT! Sat, April 16, 7:30-3 pm, NW corner of Dry Creek and University, 2201 E. Dry Creek Rd., in Centennial. The Arapahoe High School Band Boosters (501c3) are hosting a GIANT GARAGE SALE. Large, small, clothing and tech items will be available. Everything must be sold and all proceeds go to support the instrumental music education program at Arapahoe High School.

COFFEE AT THE CLUB HOUSE
Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 14th - 9:00 a.m.** to have your morning coffee and donut at the club house. Come as you are—preferably not in your bath robe, but warm-up suit and a sunny smile would be appropriate! Bring your own coffee/tea mug, if you prefer it to Styrofoam. A "drawing" will take place for a potted garden flower. Photos from the Christmas Party will be posted for viewing. Bring your neighbor!!

Arapahoe High School is performing a play on April 13,14,15, and 16 at 7:00 p.m. - "How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying." Tickets may be purchased at the school office and will be sold on performance nights at the door --provided space is available.

FROM WARREN

Spraying of pine, spruce and a limited number of deciduous trees: Rushton Tree Service is scheduled to spray trees with an insecticide throughout the complex, weather permitting on May 2nd and 3rd, 2011. Please keep your windows closed and pets inside on these days. Also, please keep away from the work area while spraying is in progress. A notice of any weather related changes to the schedule and a reminder notice will be posted on the mailboxes prior to the spraying.

Crack sealing of driveways and private streets: Metro Pavers Inc. will be applying a hot rubberized crack sealant to cracks in the driveways and private streets in the next month. We will post notices on the mailboxes when the date is set for this work.

This year the contractor will use an "anti tack" spray as needed to prevent the sealant from sticking to car tires and tracking. Streets and driveways only will be closed for a short time while the work is in progress. Please allow for up to a 15 minute delay and do not enter the work area when the work is in progress. The crew will mark the work area with cones and move the cones as each area is finished. Also, please do not park directly on newly sealed cracks as the "anti tack" spray only prevents the crack fill material from sticking to tires of moving vehicles.

RESULTS OF HOSPITALITY SURVEY
Thank you—one and all—for your response to the survey. We had close to 80 responses, which statistically is a fine return. All comments were appreciated and helpful for future planning. It was interesting, however, that the general interest is to maintain the status quo on the four activities of the past: Saturday Coffee, Ice Cream Social (we'll have plenty of ice cream next time!), Labor Day Picnic (w/modification), Holiday Party (to include all family members.)

For any of these activities to take place, the committee needs "worker bees," so... please consider offering your assistance for one or more activities; it doesn't mean you have to serve on the committee.

There was substantial interest in participating in the following activities: Patio Garden Tour, Cooking Classes, Book Club, Card Games, 4th of July pool games. If you would be interested in coordinating one of these activities, do let yourself be known so an announcement can be placed in the Back Gate.

The survey identified several residents who could assist other residents with errands. If you are a resident who could use assistance—again, do call (Ann) to be paired up with a Village resident.

As of this date, there isn't a community garage sale planned for this year. If you would like to assist with coordinating one for this year or next—do express yourself!
Contact Person: Ann Kingery, 303.779.0045, ahkingery@gmail.com