

The Open Gate

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I also do Estate Sales. A resident of the Knolls for 10 years. I do consultation about art, antiques or collectibles. Joan Whatton
303-779-9682

My Art Workshop

Hi there.....My name is Aleishia & I have recently with my 2 kids; Stella (you have probably seen her at the pool) & Conner, moved into the community. I notice that a lot of folks around here have children & grandchildren visiting on & off for the summer. We have a children's art workshop in Littleton close to Southwest Plaza mall. It is the PERFECT place to entertain children on these hot summer days when you've had enough of the pool. Please check out my web site.

www.MyArtWorkshop.com

Feel free to call with any questions.
Thanks, Aleishia 303-601-4537

Notary

Hena Lea 303 771-6965 ☒

Deadline is August 11th for the **August 18th issue.** e-mail your article or ad to: haroldar@mac.com or phone 303-804-9940

Thanks, Harold Arnold

Meet Our New Owners

Carolyn Mather
7335 S. Columbine Way
Louis & Ann Eastridge
2758 E. Geddes Ave.
from 7335 SCW

From one of the Unhappy Neighbors..

We have a problem, right here in Knolls Village---our children cannot play in the green belts because of unhealthy situations caused by all the "Dog Poop" that dog owners are not picking up. It is your obligation to do this as it has been called to your attention before. Let's all be proud of our VILLAGE.....

Pool hours

9:30 to 10:30 adult swim
10:30 to 4:00 family swim
4:00 to 4:30 adult swim
4:30 to 8:00 family swim

Tai Chi Summer Schedule

Tai Chi will be **every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. pool side** followed by Leg Exercises, and (optional) Water Walking and Pool Therapy! Questions?
Call: **Joan Derrington 303-770-3572**

Mah Jongg

2nd Wednesday of the month 10:00 A.M.
for information call Linda 303 694-6075

Item of Interest

Last years water bill was: **\$96,745.90**
Residential \$54,722.96
Irrigation/lawn \$33,617.23
Pool/Club house \$ 8,405.69
Lots of money for water.

The Back Gate Villager

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Presidents Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and creating some good vacation memories. Vacation memories last a life time (both good and bad). If you have a vacation experience that you would like to share, Harold is always looking for some articles for this newsletter. Drop a story in the "Black Box" by the clubhouse.

This month I would like to communicate a little about our landscaping project. As I have mentioned in previous messages, we have a new contractor taking care of our grounds (Tru Green). We have been somewhat unhappy with the services that they are providing and it has caused our Maintenance Staff to put more time in working with Tru Green than we would like. As a result, you have most likely noticed that we are behind in getting to the juniper removal request for this summer. We will get there! We are looking at some alternative resources to help continue our mission to remove all juniper bushes. The total juniper removal project will take some years to complete but just a reminder don't be surprised when you see them coming out.

The other landscaping issue that I want to touch on is the landscaping in common areas. We are finding more and more that homeowners are taking it upon themselves to do landscaping in common areas, particularly in the front of their townhouse units. The Association truly appreciates the assistance that homeowners are providing. As we see this happening however, the Board realizes that we need to come up with a process to control what homeowners are doing. Your Board will soon be coming out with a process for homeowners to follow if they elect to perform work in the common areas around their units. The process will include what items are approved to use (ground cover, shrubs, trees, etc.) and how to go about getting approval to do any work. We again appreciate the assistance but we feel we must maintain some consistency throughout the grounds.

The landscaping maintenance in this community is expensive to keep up with. We have fallen behind and we have several locations that are in need of major improvement. It is our goal to get this under control. Please be patient with us. While not everything we do makes sense to everyone, the Board maintains a commitment to bringing value to our homes. Thanks to all of you who spend your own money to improve the looks of our community.

Loren

KVTA Board Meeting

Tues August 7th
7:00 pm at the Clubhouse

ACC Meeting

Monday July 16th
6:30 pm at the Clubhouse

KVTA Message Center
303 796-0540

Emergencies in Common Area
303 304-8976

A Big Thanks To Warren

A dog has been wondering around the outside of the fenced pool area. The dog appeared as if it were on it's last leg - dehydrated, with a scraped and bloody nose, as well as infested with flies. Leave it to our Dear Warren. He grabbed a bucket, and a hose, washed down the dog, and gave it water to drink. Lo and behold the dog looked revived and so happy to be rid of the flies.

Also, a big thanks to our diligent pool ladies for keeping an immaculate pool.
Adrienne Zallen

The Village Singles

...have been enjoying lots of music lately. "Mitch Ryder and The Detroit Wheels" played June 24 at Hudson Gardens. (Is he really 62 years old and are we that old too!!) Everyone pitched in and we had a wonderful pot luck before the concert.

Concerts at the Littleton Historical Museum, a barbershop quartet concert in Aurora, an art opening at Pinion Gallery in downtown Littleton are some of the other activities the Singles did during June.

Coming up - more concerts at Hudson Gardens and a Beatles concert at Red Rocks. Any singles wanting to participate are welcome. We have an easygoing group with no meetings - just fun, friends and good times.

Contact:

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Kristy Ledgerwood 720-200-2070
Nancy nancyparker1@gmail.com

The Agenda for The KTVA

Board Meetings are now on the web site prior to each meeting. Look at it, you might be interested in some of the topics. www.knollsvillage.com

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

In the June newsletter we informed you the packet of policies and procedures would be sent to each homeowner. The packet contains 14 pages and would cost approximately \$1,300 to copy and mail. These documents will soon be available on our web site for all with internet access. In keeping with careful budgeting, the Board will mail a packet only to those homeowners making that request by contacting:

Barb Arnold 303-804-9940 .

"Identity Theft"

Recently, my husband, Bob, and I attended a luncheon at Columbine Country Club. The speaker was Cary Johnson, Case Program Director in the Jefferson County DA's office. He spoke on "Identity Theft." I'd like to share with you a few of his fraud prevention tips.

Ladies, when shopping at your local supermarket, do not put your open handbag in the shopping cart. It is so easy for a person to engage you in conversation while an accomplice is lifting your wallet. A wallet should contain only one credit card and never carry a document containing your social security number. If you pay by personal check, carry only one check.

Gentlemen, do not carry your wallet in the back pocket of your trousers. Carry the wallet in your front pocket.

Buy an inexpensive paper shredder and shred all of those solicitations you receive in the mail for new credit cards. Always shred documents that have bank account numbers on them. Do not order personal checks through the mail, pick them up at the bank.

Do not carry your automobile registration in your vehicle.

Above all, do not give your personal information to a telephone solicitor.

Oh Yes, carry your outgoing bill payments to the post office for mailing.

Hlena Lea

As Secretary of the Knolls

Village Board, I would like to offer anyone who would like to participate in this community an opportunity to do so. We will be having an opening on the Board this fall - we are losing our treasure of a treasurer.

The job description of a Board member follows: You will participate in a monthly Board meeting on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to approximately 9 pm. There is an extra meeting for another two to three hours once a month to discuss concerns about our property. You will get coffee and donuts at this meeting but not the Tuesday meeting. You probably should attend the community functions such as the coffees, the ice cream social, the barbecue and the Christmas party or any other activities you would like to instigate and greet people and help out - not required but fun anyway.

You will work with other homeowners some of whom are retired but the majority have jobs. They are people like yourself who like to be active in their community, not just Knolls Village but elsewhere too. They have a sense of humor and a sense of commitment to the betterment of our community and are nice people to be involved with.

The pay is low - oops, I mean non-existent, but the feeling of doing a good job for your community is the reward and sometimes some residents let you know they appreciate what you do.

If you would - think about this and let me, or one of the other Board members, know you are interested in becoming a Board member.

To Reserve the Clubhouse

Contact Ilena Lea 303-771-6965

Monday August 6th

weather permitting, is the date we start painting the final 124 homes. If you have not finished your repairs, please do so. Painting will begin at the Geddes Avenue end with the blue colored buildings being completed first. We will keep you informed during the painting project with a note attached to your over-head garage door.

The Paint Committee

Our Celebrity Neighbor

Apple Computer has selected Sherri Clemens as one of 100 newly selected members for the Apple Distinguished Educator Class of 2007. As Technical Instructor for Douglas County School District grades K thru 6, she teaches computer skills to both students and teachers. Ms. Clemens will attend a week long Institute this summer in Monterey, California hosted by Apple. She is the only Apple Distinguished Educator from Colorado for the class of 2007. Learn more about this group of innovative educators online <http://edcommunity.apple.com/adeprogram>.

Dry area in your lawn? If you can, please help by watering this area. With low water pressure and the limited time allowed by Denver Water, we can't seem to keep all areas green as we would like. As you are aware, the homeowners association pays for our water. Using your hose to help us does not cost you anything but some extra nice effort on your part - for which we would thank you.

Would you be Interested

in helping keep our Village at The Knolls in the condition expected? The Architectural Control Committee has an opening.
Contact **Don 303 771-5913**