

The Open Gate

Come on in. This page belongs to each of you. It is an 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.

Appraisals of Antiques and Collectibles. Jondre Appraisal Services LLC Also Estate Sales, a resident of the Knolls for 11 years. Consultation about art, antiques and collectibles
Joan Whatton 303-779-968

Christmas Trees

4 1/2 ft pine \$5.00
7 ft Cedar/Pine \$8.00
7 ft w/lights \$30.00

Burt 303-771-6851

I attended a meeting about, **Exploring opportunities for baby boomers who are not ready to completely retire.** If you are one of us, 'thought you might be interested, Denver Boomer Quest meets the first Wednesday of each month at...

Highlands Ranch Library
9292 Ridgeline Blvd.
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129
Liz Martin 303-721-8730

The Club House was decorated by Maureen

Mooney, Linda Fletcher and Joy Stanton and ILeana Lea they did a great job, Thanks from all of us.

If you need to reserve the Club House contact
Ileana Lea 303-771-6965

No Villager in January

The next issue will be **February 16th** and the deadline for articles or ads is **Feb. 9th.** Please send yours to: **Kathy**
Kathy_Quirk@Yahoo.com
Or call 303-871-9727

Dogs of the Village

Cameo is a two-year old Golden Retriever belonging to Bonnie Straight. Bonnie bought Cameo as a puppy from a breeder in Loveland and chose her name because of her lovely golden, cream and brown colors. "She is a very happy and friendly dog, and when she is a little older, I hope to train her to be a "reader" dog that sits and listens while children read to them."



[If you'd like your dog highlighted in the newsletter in 2008, please call Nan Matthews 303-843-6414]

Reminder dues increase
January 1 2008, to \$135.00

News Release from City of Centennial

The City of Centennial ranks 20th out of 378 American cities as the safest place to live with a population of at least 75,000. Morgan Quitno Press released the 14th Annual Safest Cities Award. Once again, Centennial was the highest ranking city in Colorado. For more information Contact Sherry Patten 303-754-3454

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Message from the President

As we prepare for the Holiday season it brings to a close another year. I want to take this time to thank all of the homeowners who take time to volunteer in various positions in our community. To our Maintenance staff (Warren, Harold, and Victor) I send out a huge "THANK YOU". The guys have really worked hard this year and I think our community shows it. I just don't know what some of our residents would do without these guys. They go out of their way to please and I know we all appreciate it.

I thank all of our committee chairperson(s) and those serving on our various committees. This community would not be what it is without you. I send a "special" thanks to Harold Arnold and Marilyn Heinle for the tremendous job(s) that they have done heading up the "Back Gate Villager" and the "Hospitality Committee". Both Harold and Marilyn have informed us that they will be "passing on the torch" at the end of the year. We will miss both of you!!!!!!!

I also want to give a "special" thanks to Joan Rowe who celebrated her 25th year this year serving as our Business Manager. Joan's experience and dedication to the Village allows us to operate the business side of the Association in very professional and accountable manner.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish all of you a fun and safe Holiday Season!!! We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to 2008.

Loren



Have a Great Holiday Season

Start with the annual Christmas party (see page 3)

ACC Meeting

No Meeting in January
Next meeting in February

KVTA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday January 8th
7:00 PM Club House

KVTA Message Center
303 796-0540

Emergencies in Common Area
303 304-8976

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter, and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit Map, you will get a map to the person's house. Everyone should be aware of this! It's a nationwide reverse telephone book. The safety issues are obvious and alarming.

Note that you can have your phone number removed or blocked. I tried my number and it came up along with the map and directions straight to my house. I did fill out the removal form for myself, and encourage all of you to do the same.

In order to test whether your phone number is applied, go to Google at: <http://www.google.com>, type your phone number in the search bar (e.g. 555-555-1212) and press enter. If you want to BLOCK Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours. Bob L

P.S. Try it and you will see it goes right to your home. Harold

A long time village resident, Phyllis Wolf, has recently moved to Florida to join her daughter. She and her late husband, Phil, may be remembered for his volunteer work work during the earlier years of our neighborhood. Phil was a demanding taskmaster supervising sub contractors doing village repair work. He held them to exacting standards to assure quality repairs. His gruff personality was sometimes misunderstood, but it only hid a sly smile and good humor as he and Phyllis were very proud of The Village at the Knolls. Bob & Joan Derrington



On this my last newsletter...

I have many feelings and memories thanks to many, many people. We wanted The Back Gate Villager to be a means of communicating to the residents of Knolls Village with information about what is happening and why. We wanted to get people involved and accomplished that with our 30 delivery people and contributing writers. I can't thank these people enough for all of their help. In fact, I will be having a party in February for these great people and to introduce the new co-editors Kathy Quirk & Ann Eastridge with their team of reporters /writers Harold

Meet our new owners

Harold & Janet Meyer 2776 E. Fremont Pl.
Joy Schaefer 2606 E. Geddes Ave.
Steve Snyder 2842 E. Geddes Pl.
Hilarie Ward 7365 E. Knolls Way

A Christmas Wish

May you never forget what is worth remembering or remember what is best forgotten Louise

Marigene Boyd Hedges (Genie)

our neighbor recently passed. Genie and Jerry are one of the very first original owners in the Village. Genie is survived by Jerry her husband, three children and three grand children. She will missed. Harold & Barb

To all my friends and neighbors

I want to say Thank You for the contributions of yarn and material. I have completed to date this year 100 crochet and 100 quilt lap robes for distribution to nursing facilities. This was accomplished because of your generosity. If you come across more yarn or material scraps I will certainly be happy to but them to good use.

Happy Holidays Berlene Chesnut

During these busy Holidays

we forget the people responsible for our welfare like the Firemen at Station 15 on Dry Creek and University. We have had many emergency calls the past month in the Village. If you are baking goodies or making candy maybe you can say **Thank You** to these firemen. There are usually 5 - 7 firemen and three shifts. To guarantee they are there and not on a call use the non-emergency number 303-794-1555 and they can tell you if they are available.

The Jepkes Family

Lets Give Thanks

We should be thankful for our freedom, free to watch a Bronco's game, free to disagree with the referees. Our future and the future of our young men and women who are fighting a war in Iraq is utmost in our minds. We hope as everyone gathers around their holiday dinner table, that they remember to give thanks for all we have in this great country.

Ileana Lea

Special Thanks in advance To: Steve and Dory Shaffner

even the real Santa and his wife could not be better. You will see Saturday night. Harold

Annual Christmas Party

Children's time with Mr. & Mrs. Claus at 5:30 pm.

Then it's party time...

6:30 to 8:00 Bill Rich will be playing the keyboard for our **Christmas sing along** We will be featuring Penni's great hot chocolate plus wine and eggnog. **Please feel free to bring your favorite holiday treat or hor d'oeuvre.** Remember, we have few electrical outlets for hot dishes. We do have an oven and microwave.

Come Start your Holiday Season with a fun time.

2007 was a busy year

From start to finish, it has been a busy year at the Knolls Village. Staff and contractors kept busy early in the year with snow removal and ice control and in the spring with sweeping, tree removal, pruning, planting, mulching, and irrigation start up. 2007 was the first year that all irrigation repair work was done in house by Knolls Village staff members. Harold, Victor and I also worked on many other projects over the summer, most of which were landscape related.

2007 also was a year of change with landscape contractors. TruGreen Landcare provided landscape maintenance services through mid-August and then shut down their operation in Colorado. A new contract for maintenance services to finish out the remainder of the season was then awarded to Blade Runner Services.

Repair and replacement of asphalt and concrete was completed late summer. Repair work to the driveways is ongoing, however, it is now somewhat more manageable due to the yearly repair and replacement program.

Best wishes to all for Happy Holidays,
Warren