

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It is our intention to continue publication of The Back Gate Villager that Harold Arnold has done in the past, but in order to do so we need your assistance. If you have information that might be of interest to the entire community please contact Kathy at Kathy_Quirk@yahoo.com or 303-871-9727.

A take on what John Kennedy once said "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY".

Want to clean out your storage space and dispose of some documents?

Xpress Shred -- an NAID member, will be bringing their mobile document destruction truck to 2647 E. Fremont Place on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 4:00 PM (weather permittin^g). You may call Rebecca Howard at 720-984-5051 or email RHoward@XpressShred.com with your inquiries and to let them know what and how much to expect.

Bob and Ginny Storjohann have made this appointment with Xpress Shred and will pay the minimum fee for their services (this time). Additional documents can be shredded on site as follows:
\$6.00 per 30 lb. box (Bankers Box)
\$8.00 per 50 lb. box (File Drawer)
\$10.00 per 75 lb. box (Legal File Drawer)

Deadline is March 7th for the March Issue. E-mail your article or ad to: Kathy_Quirk@yahoo.com or call 303-871-9727. Thanks, Kathy Quirk

Let's Recycle

Did you know recycling is so much easier than in the past. All you have to do is obtain the bins, look for the recycling label and toss it in. No more tedious sorting. One bin just for newspapers and One bin for everything else. It really feels great to know you are helping the environment. You will reduce your weekly trash by one half when you take advantage of recycling.

There is no extra charge because The Knolls already uses recycling but you will need to let WM know you are participating. All you need is the bins. The bins are a one time fee of \$7.50 a piece. I would be happy to pick up your bins and deliver them to you if you are unable to do so yourself.

Please feel free to contact me if you need help picking up your bins. Lusanne at 303-594-8933. I would also be happy to explain the recycling criteria and schedules. Or contact Waste Management at 2400 W. Union Ave. Englewood, CO 80110-5354 Phone (303)797-9085 www.wmcolorado.com
This is one small way you can make a difference for our earth.

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Message from the President
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Happy New Year to All!! I know that is a little late but this is our first edition of the Back Gate Villager for 2008 so it is my first chance to wish everyone a happy new year. At least this years Holiday season didn't bring all the snow we had last year.

As we approach spring, the Board has approved the paint contract for this year and the contractor plans to start painting the remainder of the homes that have not been painted since the Association took over the responsibility for your exterior painting. This will start as soon as weather permits. We are also finalizing contracts for this year's pavement and concrete work as well as tree trimming and removal. Our ad hoc landscape committee is hard at work developing ideas on how we continue to work on the beautification of our community.

The Board is also updating our Rental Policy and plans to begin enforcing the policy, which is something that has not been done since the policy was originally established back in 2002. More information will come on this topic.

Finally this month I would like to solicit your help in controlling our water bill. We have some homes that seem to use a high volume of water. Please check your home for leaking faucets or toilets and get them repaired as soon as possible. Controlling costs helps keep our dues very competitive in the market which ultimately increases the value of our homes.

Thanks for your support!!
Loren



ACC Meeting
February 18, 2008

KVTA Board Meeting
Tuesday March 4th
7:00 PM

KVTA Message Center
303 796-0540

Emergencies in Common Area
303 304-8976

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Marilyn Heinle has been Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee in the Village for many years and all of us would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for all the hard work that she has done so well for so long. Marilyn has resigned as Chairperson but will continue to be involved in community activities. **Ann Eastridge is taking over as Chair and is looking for someone to Co-chair.** If you are interested, please contact Ann at 320-482-1275.

Motions approved by the Board on February 5th:

The Board approved the Real Painting contract with work to begin March 1 if weather permits.

Other contracts approved were: Lafarge for asphalt work, Rushton for tree work, Blade Runner for mowing. The Board also approved sending a pool employee to a certified pool operators course.



FIRST NOTICE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 26

It's time to clean out your closets and garages and get ready for our Annual Garage Sale.

To make this year's sale a BIG SUCCESS, we will have balloons available for everyone to put on their garages plus extensive signage and advertising in the Denver Post.

We need to know who will be participating, so please contact Cheryl Sheer 720-482-7665 or Nan Matthews 303-843-6414.

Good News South Suburban Parks and Recreation has started work on the new bridge in the south/east corner of our property and hope to be done in about a month.

The Ad Hoc Landscaping Committee has been meeting to address the landscaping needs of our 46 acre, 30 year old property. If you have any questions, comments or interest, please call Barbara Stokes at 303-770-5905 or Cheryl Scher

The ACC Committee has one vacancy to fill. Fun group, call Don Boyson at 303-771-5913 to volunteer.

Tree Removal In keeping with our 5 year plan we will continue to remove large trees near homes, the dangerous Cottonwoods and all Russian Olives. Warren and Victor have removed a lot of the overgrown junipers this winter and plan on doing many more. If you would like your junipers removed please call the message center 303-796-0540

Dogs of the Village



Tiffany is a 2 1/2 year old West Highland Terrier belonging to Dione Gant.

"Because of Valentine's Day, I wanted Tiffany to be the February dog, since everyone loves her and she loves everybody. She is truly the social butterfly of the Village," commented her owner. You will often see the two of them - Tiffany in her newest sweater, if it is cold - on their daily 1-2 hour walks.

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

50th Anniversary for Bill and JoAnn Cleveland



Two of the Village's original owners, Bill and JoAnn Cleveland, were married January 18, 1958 and celebrated their 50th Anniversary last month. "First, we were blessed at 4:30 mass with our priest saying, 'Now you're good for another 50 years' and then a party at the clubhouse with 52 of our friends and family. It was a wonderful celebration."

Bill was born in Minnesota, but moved to Denver in 1942. Bill served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. After the service, he worked at the service station his Dad owned which is where he first met JoAnn - "She used to come in driving her Ford and get gas."

We met in May, got engaged in September and married in January of the next year." Bill spent 31 years as a sign installer with the CO State Highway Dept.

JoAnn is a Colorado native born at St. Anthony's Hospital. After she and Bill married, JoAnn stayed at home raising their three daughters and one son. Once the children were in school, JoAnn started working in a cafeteria at DPS gaining experience for her later job managing four cafeterias at Coors in Golden, where she was manager for 10 years.

The joy of their life is their great-grandson, Jordan, who they adopted when he was just a baby Overall, Bill and JoAnn have 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. "We feel so fortunate to be living here. It is a safe community where everyone takes care of their homes. We hope to be living here for the rest of our lives."

Paint Committee

Weather permitting we will start painting the last 120 homes in March. Starting at 2554 to 2594 EGA, first the Blue buildings, then the Brown, and lastly the Green. A note will be posted on your garage door as to when your building will be up.

Welcome to our New owners :

Ellen Scott at 2545 EFC and Rebecca Lower at 2801 EGP

County Line Rd. Closed from Colorado Blvd. to University Blvd. February 5

Closure to last approximately 120 days
On February 5 at 8:30 a.m. County Line Road closed between South Colorado Boulevard and South University Boulevard. This project will take approximately 12 to 15 months to complete. Call the project hotline at 303-562-2018 ext. 357.