

The Kipling Villager

Newsletter of the Kipling Villas Homeowners' Association

May 2006

Dedicated to Improving Our Community

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KVHA Elections!!

Elections will be held May 2nd for Officers and District Representatives of the Kipling Villas Homeowners Association. Make a difference in Kipling Villas by holding one of these highly coveted positions. If you think you would make a good candidate, run for office. If you think one of your neighbors would be a good candidate, ask her or him to run for office. Some of the Officers & District Reps. have been in power for a few years and it is time for some fresh ideas or as some might say, "Some Fresh Blood." The positions are:

President - Presides over meetings and acts as liaison with Foothills and other local municipalities

Vice President - Attends board meetings & performs the President's duties during his or her absence

Secretary - Makes copious notes of all meetings and post these notes to KVHA.net

Treasurer - Maintains financials & detailed ledger of all active members, prepares deposits and pays bills

Newsletter Editor - In charge of writing quarterly newsletter

District Representative (9 Districts) - This is a liaison for the neighbors immediately around your home



Spring Clean-Up

- Saturday May 6 • 7:00 am - 1:00 pm • Iris Street Closure

This is a great time to get rid of that old lumber, toilette, bbq grill, etc. **Remember, we cannot take tires, oil, paint, batteries, chemicals or other hazardous materials.** If you have items that are in good condition, please bring them and they will be donated to Denver Rescue Mission. The dumpsters are on a first come basis. When the two dumpsters are full, that's it. We will not be able to accept what will not fit in the dumpsters. Come early!!!

Volunteers, rakes, shovels, sledge hammers and brooms are needed. We would love to see you there. If you would like to volunteer, contact Emery McKune at 303-726-1311 or emery@denver.net.

SPECIAL NOTE

This is the 2nd year we will be collecting items for the Denver Rescue Mission. If you have clothing, blankets, furniture or anything of value, please bring it to the Iris Street Closure on Saturday May 2nd 7:00 AM to 1:00PM. Emery McKune (303-726-1311 / emery@denver.net) will be collecting items for the Denver Rescue Mission.

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Recent Kipling Villas Home Sales



Mls#	Address	City	Br	Ba	Sqft	Price	Style	Sold Date
294264	6304 S Johnson St	Littleton	3	2	1822	\$185,000	BI	25-Jan-06
273056	8758 W Maplewood Dr	Littleton	4	2	1570	\$186,600	BI	9-Jan-06
318071	6147 S Flower St	Littleton	3	2	1426	\$187,000	TR	10-Mar-06
299207	8580 W Fair Ave	Littleton	3	2	1224	\$192,785	SH	27-Feb-06
309706	6325 S Johnson St	Littleton	3	1	1008	\$194,000	R	22-Feb-06
313722	9461 W Lake Ave	Littleton	3	2	1570	\$199,900	BI	16-Mar-06
310168	6123 S Everett St	Littleton	3	2	1426	\$201,400	4L	20-Mar-06
318587	6261 S Field Ct	Littleton	4	2	1830	\$204,000	BI	4-Apr-06
284007	9712 W Polk Dr	Littleton	3	2	989	\$205,000	TR	31-Jan-06
319364	6070 S Estes St	Littleton	3	2	864	\$210,000	R	27-Mar-06
324606	6310 S Jellison St	Littleton	3	2	1426	\$211,500	4L	27-Mar-06
303080	9235 W Maplewood Ave	Littleton	3	1	989	\$213,000	TR	10-Feb-06
288760	8773 W Fair Dr	Littleton	3	3	1426	\$222,500	4L	10-Feb-06
324533	8642 W Arbor Ave	Littleton	3	3	1893	\$225,000	BI	16-Mar-06
294314	6436 S Hoyt Ct	Littleton	3	3	1658	\$238,000	4L	13-Jan-06
315004	9417 W Brittany Ave	Littleton	5	3	1633	\$239,000	R	3-Mar-06
228479	8938 W Maplewood Dr	Littleton	4	3	1941	\$253,000	2S	21-Feb-06
299965	6431 S Hoyt St	Littleton	4	3	1828	\$255,000	2S	1-Mar-06

Information provided by: Spencer Helwig - Re/Max Alliance

May Homeowners Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2006
7:30-9:00 pm
Lilley Gulch Rec. Center

AGENDA

- Elections
- Spring Clean-Up
- Thriving Communities

2006 MEMBERSHIP KIPLING VILLAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION Only \$25 per year!

All memberships to the Kipling Villas Homeowners' Association expired May 1, 2006. Please renew your support and consider participating in the quarterly meetings.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Please make checks payable to:

KVHA
P.O BOX 620714
Littleton, CO 80162

Re-Elect Shangraw

The Kipling Villas is a fortunate neighborhood. In addition to the many great people who live here, we have a first-rate recreation center and a greenbelt that's improving every year. This good fortune is due, in large part, to the relationship that we have nurtured over the years with the Foothills Park & Recreation District. And the strength of this relationship has been enhanced by the support we have received from a member of the Foothills Board of Directors (BOD); namely, Janet Shangraw.

Janet has served on the Foothills BOD for several years now, and is currently running for re-election. She has my complete support, and I ask that she also have yours for a number of reasons.

- she was instrumental in the renovation of the Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, which is the envy of most neighborhoods in the area;
- she intervened on our behalf when the greenbelt improvement project was having difficulties and ensured that it was completed to our satisfaction; and
- she's a dedicated mother of two who not only works as a full-time professional, but who also serves on the Dakota Ridge Accountability Committee, volunteers for numerous community activities, and shares the value we place on quality community.

Ken Schauer
President, KVHA

The Foothills BOD election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. You can either vote in person or by absentee ballot. **To vote in person** go to one of the following polling locations between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm:

- **The Peak at West Meadows**
6612 S. Ward St.
Littleton, CO 80127
- **Schaefer Athletic Complex**
9750 W. Hampden Ave (Kipling & Hampden)
Denver, CO 80235
- **Kyffin Elementary School**
205 Flora Way
Golden, CO 80401
- **Coronado Elementary School**
7922 S. Carr
Littleton, CO 80128

To vote by absentee ballot use the application form provided in this issue of the Kipling Villager. This application form can be (1) hand delivered to The Peak, (2) faxed to The Peak [303-409-2140], or (3) mailed to The Peak. By whatever means, it must be submitted to the "Designated Election Official" by April 21, 2006.

Foothills Board Member Election



May 2, 2006

Re-Elect
Janet Shangraw

- ◆ **Best Interest of the Taxpayers**
- ◆ **Strong Leadership on your Behalf**
- ◆ **Continued Community Success**





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Graffiti: What it Means, What to Do

by Sheriff Ted Mink

Graffiti has existed since the beginning of time in one form or another, from hieroglyphics to petroglyphs to rock outcroppings along the Oregon Trail. However, today's brand of spray-painted self-expression is viewed less as art and more as an eyesore to motorists and property owners who must view it, or worse — remove it.

Tagging

In the second half of the 20th century, urban gangs began using graffiti as a territorial marker. This practice, known as “tagging,” continues today, but is now practiced by people unaffiliated with gang activity as well.

A “tagger” will usually use spray-paint to put his design in a public place; the design will be proprietary to the tagger and may be initials, an illustration, or a combination of numbers and letters, like a vanity license plate. Most tags represent the tagger's nickname, and tend to be short so as to make them easier to accomplish without being caught. Most taggers want to see their mark in as many places as possible, as prominently as possible.

Individual taggers or “tagging crews” of friends account for most of the bold and colorful graffiti you may see. They put their names and designs up to show other taggers their artwork. Young males between 13 and 25 create most of the graffiti that's out there. This activity can indicate the beginning stages of gang involvement, but is often not connected. In one recent incident, the Sheriff's Office caught a tagging crew spray-painting an underpass; they were carrying digital cameras to take pictures of their work.

Gang-related Tagging

A tag created by a gang member features the name of his gang. Tag wars occur when members of another gang see it, and use another color to cross it out and leave their own tag. Gangs undergo this process to claim their turf. The more artistic the image, the more likely it's the work of a tagger crew and not a gang. Gangs don't bother as much with art; they are concerned only about making their presence known.

The Sheriff's Office and Graffiti in Jefferson County

About 70 percent of graffiti in Jeffco is straightforward tagging that is not gang related. The Sheriff's Office views graffiti as a crime, as well as a quality-of-life issue for residents. In addition to making arrests for criminal mischief when possible, the Sheriff's Office documents graffiti in an attempt to identify taggers.

In a new effort to clean up problem graffiti on county property, the Sheriff's Office will be deploying a crew of inmate workers to paint over, power wash or scrub graffiti in some areas. While we cannot employ this tactic on private property, we do hope to make an impact on the prominent markings on county roads and signage.

What You Can Do

Report new graffiti to the Sheriff's Office as soon as you see it by calling our non-emergency number: 303-277-0211. The Sheriff's Office will send a crime scene technician to photograph the graffiti so that we can try to identify the tagger, as well as analyzing it to determine if it's an indication of gang activity. If the markings are on county roadways or signage, we will determine whether our inmate worker crew can remove them.

A property owner is responsible for graffiti on his or her own property. If your property or business is affected by tagging, your best course is to paint over the markings as soon as possible (after contacting the Sheriff's Office to document the incident), to discourage tag wars on your property and the surrounding area.

Spring Cleanup Tips

by Stephanie Faessler

With the advent of spring cleaning, comes many decisions about our belongings. What to keep? What to give away? Where to put it? Below are a few tips to expedite the decision making process.

- ☑ Assign a worth to the object. Ask yourself if the item is of value, functionally and emotionally. If it is used often, evokes good emotions, and you absolutely love it, keep it. For all other items in good condition, donate or sell. Broken items that never get fixed or outdated items, discard.
- ☑ Assign a home to the object. Group and store like items together. Frequently used items should be easily accessible. The fewer steps it takes to retrieve an item, the more likely you will use it and put it back in its proper place.
- ☑ Maximize your space. Be creative and utilize every inch. Use peg board on walls, risers under bed frames, and hang items from ceilings.
- ☑ Maximize your fun! Organizing is work, but you can have fun. Play your favorite music and set timers to see how much you can accomplish in a set time. Speed up the process with a friend's assistance or hire a professional. Lastly, reward yourself for a job well done.

Jeffco Student Survey Shows Positive Response to Schools and Learning

The majority of students at Jefferson County Public Schools feel positive about their schools and their learning experience, according to the results of a comprehensive survey conducted in the fall. More than 60,000 students in second through 12th grade participated in the anonymous, biennial Make Your Voice Heard student survey.

Primary School

Eighty-nine percent of second through sixth grade students agreed they are learning to become better readers, 88 % agreed they are learning more about doing math, and more than 87 % agreed they are learning to be better writers.

Ninety-six percent agree or strongly agree that the teachers at their school believe they can learn and that their school has teachers who help students. Between 93 % and 99 % believe their parents help them learn, expect them to learn, and to behave in school. Eighty percent agree that taking tests helps them learn.

Secondary School

Sixty-four percent in seventh and eighth graders rated their school with an "A" or "B," and nearly 58% of high school respondents gave their schools an "A" or "B".

The majority agree they are getting a quality education in all subjects and electives, with three-quarters agreeing that their teachers are available to help them learn and 65% agreeing that the staff challenges them to do their best.

Nearly 90% report that parents expect them to follow school rules and support their learning and other school activities. Ninety-seven percent report that their parents expect them to do well in school, and to graduate. About 75% agree that parents ask them about what they are learning and help with homework.

Students in both primary and secondary schools gave high marks to school safety and environment issues.

Copies of the full report are available from Communications Services, 303-982-6808, or from the district's publications link (<http://jeffco.k12.co.us/communications/publications>).



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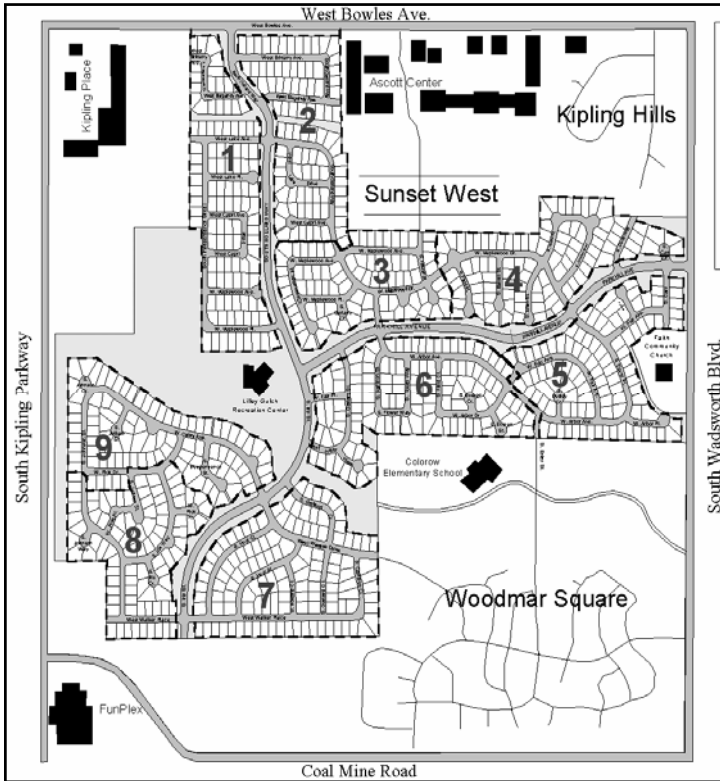
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Kipping Villas Districts



KVHA Officers and Directors 2005 / 2006

Officers

President:	Ken Schauer	303-973-2412
Vice President:	Dale Anderson	303-972-0020
Secretary:	Richard Laswell	303-972-7494
Treasurer:	Spencer Helwig	303-948-3040

Board of Directors

District 1	Spencer Helwig	303-948-3040
District 2	Charles Harrison	303-973-4344
District 3	Richard Laswell	303-972-7494
District 4	Carl Gibbons	303-972-8354
District 5	Ken Schauer	303-973-2412
District 6	Sue Harding	303-932-0454
District 7	Jerry & Janet Shin	303-979-4879
District 8	Mark Donohue	303-979-8150
District 9	Dwayne Redger	303-978-1880
	Dale Anderson	303-972-0020

Newsletter/
Advertising: Spencer Helwig 303-948-3040

Note: Positions are elected annually in May.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds on Hand as of May 1, 2005 \$5,074.13

Income:

Dues—2005/2006	1,609.00
Dues—2006/2007	225.00
Total Income	\$1,834.00

Expenses:

State Registration	30.00
P.O. Box Annual Rental	44.00
Meeting Room Rental	60.00
Newsletter Printing	573.00
Spring Cleanup Dumpsters (2)	588.20
Total Expenses	\$1,295.20

Funds on Hand as of May 2, 2006 \$5,612.93

Important Jefferson County Numbers

Animal Control	271-5070
Assessor	271-8666
Clerk & Recorder	271-8171
Commissioners	271-8525
County Attorney	271-8900
Courts	271-6215
District Attorney	271-6800
Elections	271-8111
Health & Environment	239-7075
Highways & Transportation	271-8495
Human Services	271-1388
Information	279-6511
Mediation Services	271-5060
Motor Vehicle	271-8100
Sheriff's Department	277-0211
Traffic Hotline	271-5677

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