



The Kipling Villager

Newsletter of the Kipling Villas Homeowners' Association

November 2004

Dedicated to Improving Our Community

Visit our web site at kvha.net

Homeowners Meeting

November 3, 2004

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Lilley Gulch Recreation Center

AGENDA

- Greenbelt improvement progress
- Results of study on trash pick-up providers
- Ideas to further improve our neighborhood
 - ✓ Fence line improvements along the greenbelt.
 - ✓ Unkempt homes in the neighborhood.
 - ✓ RV's, boats, and junk cars on streets
 - ✓ Neighborhood social activities
- **Your input on ways to improve our community is always welcome.**

Please attend this meeting. You'll meet great people, have an opportunity to share ideas and feel more connected to the neighborhood.



Sowing the Seeds of Progress

There's nothing like the virtue of patiently watching the grass grow in our greenbelts. As everyone can see, the seeds have been sown and are ever so slowly making their presence known. Unfortunately, along with the grass came an abundance of weeds. To make matters worse, the day of the initial seeding was met with a violent rainstorm that washed away much of the seed.

We have been told by Foothills and a number of other landscapers that what we see in the greenbelt is normal. Realistically, they say the grass will take some time (perhaps a year or two) to get established. During this period we will still see weeds, but they will be managed by ACC (the contractors awarded the greenbelt improvement contract) for the duration of the contract. Thereafter, Foothills Park and Recreation will choose a contractor for maintenance to mow the grass, pull & spray weeds, and pick up trash.

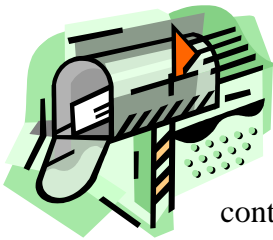
Recently workers with ACC have been hand picking some of the weeds, which resulted in a cleaner look, but unfortunately there is little else we can do until next spring—at which time new seed may have to be applied and chemicals may have to be applied to remove the weeds.



Sheriff Liaison Assigned to Kipling Villas

Deputy Cres Gove from the Jefferson County Sheriff's office is the recently appointed liaison to the Kipling Villas neighborhood (we are in District 4). He asks residents to contact him with any issue, regardless of how trivial or frivolous we may think it is. For serious issues that need police assistance, he said he could have a deputy in the neighborhood within 5 minutes or so. You can contact Deputy Gove at 303-271-0211.

MAILBOX VANDALISM



Some residents in Kipling Villas awoke on a recent October morning to find their mailboxes vandalized. If you find that this has happened to you, contact Dept. Gove.

Coming Soon: ER in South Jeffco

Swedish Medical Center is building an emergency care facility south of the existing Swedish Medical buildings at Wadsworth and Balsam Way. The facility will respond to the growing number of emergencies caused by vehicular accidents, as well as sports injuries that occur at Clement Park. Currently, those injured must travel at least 20 minutes to one of the two nearest hospitals.



The Holocaust Shoe Project

The Holocaust Shoe Project is a grassroots campaign to bring awareness about the Holocaust and to provide a lesson for Summit Ridge Middle School (SRMS) students to turn human cruelty into redemptive acts of loving kindness.

The project was started by SRMS Technology teacher Alan Morawiec who's father survived a Nazi concentration camp. The shoes represent the people who perished in the camps.

The school asks that you save your outgrown or worn out shoes for their display in early May. Last year they collected 2,540 pairs of shoes, which were then donated to local charities for the needy.

The Kipling Villager will follow-up with a reminder in upcoming issues.

In the meantime, please save your shoes.



Residential Reminders and other news by Sheriff Ted Mink

Editor's note: The single biggest complaint the HOA receives is about RV's, boats and junk cars parked on the street. Most people don't want to file a complaint against a neighbor, however, they do not like having to put up with the offending vehicle. It's an eyesore that can lead to resentment, and often a safety issue that can result in an accident. Many of our neighbors either store their RV's and boats at an off-site location, or they have built a tasteful storage area on their property. We appreciate their efforts. *Are you being considerate of your neighbors?* Read on.

Parked RVs



The Sheriff's Office receives quite a few complaints about recreational vehicles, boats and junk cars parked on residential streets. In many cases these large vehicles are blocking visibility for drivers in the area. There is a Jefferson County resolution that holds that no major recreational vehicle or trailer may be parked on any county roadway in a residential district in unincorporated Jefferson County for a period of more than 14 days in any one-year period. The Sheriff's Office may issue a citation or summons for this violation if there are at least two witnesses from separate households who have signed a complaint with a deputy (see county resolution 5.54). Violators will be issued a parking summons. If the violation continues, the vehicle is subject to towing.

To make a complaint, call dispatch at 303-277-0211, the KOPS traffic complaint hotline at 303-271-KOPS (5677) or notify your district deputy or deputy liaison. When leaving a message on the KOPS line regarding a traffic issue, remember to provide as much detailed information as possible. That information should include the time of day and/or days of the week that violations are occurring, the location, vehicle descriptions, and any other details that may be useful to our Traffic Unit.

"Police Solicitors"

Several citizens have contacted us to complain about our soliciting donations by phone. The Sheriff's



Office does not ever solicit money by phone. As a law enforcement agency we do not seek public contributions. Anyone who calls you claiming to be raising money for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, or alluding to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, is fraudulent. Do not contribute money, or give out any personal information by phone or e-mail to these solicitors.

Several groups, including various branches of the Fraternal Order of Police and Denver's Police Protective Association are legitimate and do raise money by phone. If you are uncertain, ask the caller to send you something in the mail, direct you to a Web site, or give you a number to call back.



Crime in the Schools

Some of the most common offenses at the middle schools and high schools last year were locker break-ins and car break-ins or trespasses.

Students are reminded to leave valuables at home whenever possible, lock their cars and keep valuables in the trunk. As always, students should report any crime, suspicious persons or incidents to their School Resource Officer (SRO), or call the Sheriff's Office at 303-277-0211.

Parking

Teens who drive to school, and residents who live near the schools are by now well aware of the parking issues that come with the return to classes. There is limited parking at several high schools. Problems can arise when students park in permit-only parking areas for residents, or posted one-hour parking spaces for patrons of local parks. Residents have found that they suddenly can't park near their own homes because of the unauthorized school spillover parking. School Resource Officers (SROs) are posting notices in the schools and reminding students that parking in permit-only areas can result in a ticket, and, on multiple offenses, a tow.

Driving 101

The morning rush to school and the lunchtime off-campus rush can often mean teens driving at excessive speeds. Reckless driving can sometimes turn



fatal, as we have seen in recent years. Our concern for students' and other motorists' safety means that SROs and the Traffic Unit will concentrate traffic enforcement efforts on the areas around the schools during the morning rush hour and lunch hours. Deputies will issue tickets, and will also make an effort to educate the drivers about safe driving.

Driving 102 – For Mom and Dad

Parents dropping off or picking up students at *any* school are reminded to drive carefully in school zones. The Sheriff's Office receives many complaints about unsafe driving by parents near drop-off points when young ones are filing into the school buildings. Deputies will be patrolling these areas as well, but as we cannot be everywhere, all the time, we ask your cooperation and consideration for the safety of the children and other parents.

Security Survey

The Sheriff's Office School Resource Unit and Crime Prevention team have invited each of the high schools in Jefferson County to participate in a school security survey. Deputies will do a walk-through at each school and check to be sure that various security measures are in place. For the schools that choose to participate, deputies will identify areas for improvement and will point out security gaps, such as non-secure entry procedures for visitors, or faulty alarm systems.

Substation on Hold

The police substation that was proposed to be located in our area is on hold now due to budget considerations and the selection of an appropriate site.

Registered Sex Offenders

All year 'round, a list of registered sex offenders in your area is available to you from the Sheriff's Office Records Section. To obtain the list for your area, you can visit our office at 200 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden (north of the Administration and Courts building). A small fee is assessed for the listing, and customers must provide photo identification. Listings available are for offenders registered in unincorporated Jefferson County only. For more information, call 303-271-5542 or visit www.jeffcosheriff.com and click on the

"Community" link.

Puffers

As the weather gets colder, it sometimes becomes convenient for us to warm up our cars on the street or in the driveway while we take care of a few last minute things inside. While it may seem like a good idea, it is actually just an invitation to auto thieves. In recent years criminals have been observed canvassing residential neighborhoods in the mornings, looking for "puffers" — empty cars with exhaust puffing from the tailpipe. They are an easy grab and an instant getaway. Don't become a victim; a running car should always have you in it.

Election Day

There are concerns nationwide about the safety of our nation's polling places on Election Day (November 2). Throughout Jefferson County on Election Day, there will be an increased emphasis on security at polling locations. I want to remind and encourage all residents to join us in our efforts by reporting any suspicious behavior to the Sheriff's Office.

Holiday Shopping

As you begin your holiday shopping, remember to leave your vehicle locked, with any valuables locked in the trunk or left at home. Malls and shopping centers can be a target-rich environment for thieves prowling in parking lots, where valuables are likely to be found in unattended cars. Do not merely cover up your purchases or personal items; everyone knows there's something good under that coat or blanket.

Further, whether you're shopping for the holidays or any other reason, remember to be careful about use of your credit cards. Identity theft is alive and well in Jefferson County and throughout the country. Remember to keep track of all your purchases, read your credit card and bank account statements thoroughly, and shred all personal or financial documents so that "dumpster-diving" felons cannot find your discarded documents intact. It is also a good idea to request copies of your credit report at least once a year. The three credit reporting companies are: Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-EXPERIAN) and Trans-Union



Community News

Jeffco School students will be out of school November 24-26 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and winter break from December 20-January 4. School resumes January 5th.

"Kids' Nite Out" is a supervised, structured program sponsored by Foothills Park and Rec that offers a safe, social and recreational atmosphere for children ages 9-14. Participants must enter and leave the facility with parental supervision and authorized adult permission. Activities include basketball, dodge ball, swimming, dancing, board games, inflatable games, theme nights, special guests, concessions for purchase and more. Win great prizes - meet new friends!

Hours: 7:00-11:00 pm

Enter through upstairs Entrance at **The Ridge**.
Remaining dates for 2004/2005:

- November 13, 20
- December 4, 18
- January 15, 29
- February 12, 26
- March 12, 26
- April 9, 23
- May 7, 21
- June 4



For more information, contact Holly at 720-232-5615.

"20 is Plenty"

The speed limit on Parkhill and Holland is 25 mph. The speed limit on the side roads is 20 mph. Please remember "20 is plenty" when driving in the neighborhood. It is especially important to slow down in the morning and afternoon hours when students are walking to and from Colorow Elementary, or to and from the bus stops. The sun is bright in the morning and afternoon. Combine that with high driving speeds, and the likelihood of a tragic accident is increased. ***Please slow down!*** To those who drive carefully, **thank you!**

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If you haven't paid your yearly HOA dues, please do so today. **Hey folks, it's only \$25!** Please renew your support and attend the quarterly meetings.

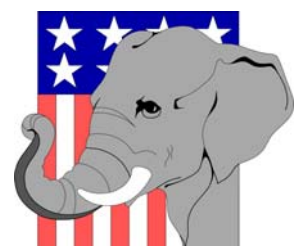
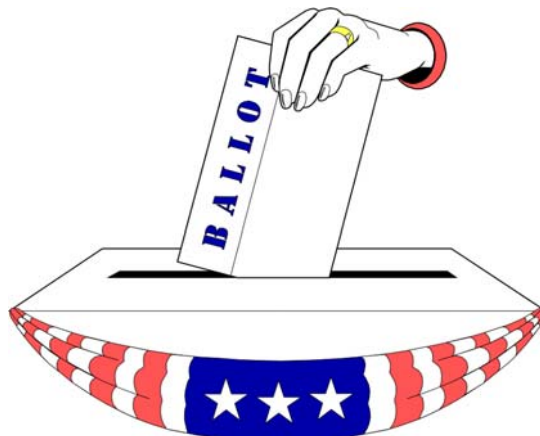
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Please make checks payable to KVHA.

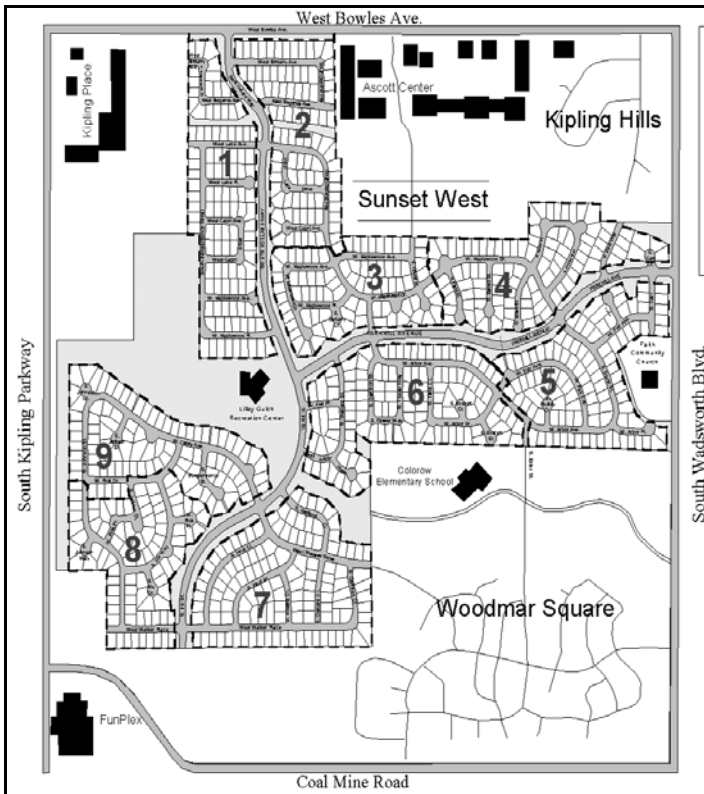
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| | Dale Anderson | 303-972-0020 |
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Important Jefferson County Numbers

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| 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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