



The Kipling Villager

The Newsletter of the Kipling Villas Homeowner's Association

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Dedicated to Improving Our Community

ALL OF US DOING OUR PART



I want to tell you about a neighbor of yours - a good neighbor. Janice lives very near an empty plot of

land. It's the empty land along South Kipling Street and immediately west of the Kipling Villas. This year's wet spring transformed this land into a thicket of tall weeds and grass. By late summer, the hot weather reduced this jungle to a tinderbox. Any small spark, from a cigarette butt or motorcycle exhaust, could have instantly ignited this field, and our homes along with it.

Concerned for her community and her family, Janice took

action. She phoned me, as a representative of the Homeowner's Association, and just about everyone else she could think of for help. Through her persistence, she discovered, much to her dismay, that because this land is in unincorporated Jefferson County and is zoned commercial but has no structures on it, no one had clear jurisdictional control over it. Even the West Metro Fire District was of no help.

Eventually, Janice persuaded Jefferson County Open Space to cite the absentee owner of the land.

Within a few days the weeds and grass were mowed. Thanks to Janice, the fire danger to our neighborhood was significantly reduced.

This is the kind of active concern that makes me proud of my neighbors. It comforts me to know that neighbors like Janice are looking out not only for her home and family but for mine too. And that, in my opinion, is what a community is all about. Neighbor willing to help neighbor, and taking responsibility, not just for their little part of it, but for the entire community.

Our Homeowner's Association is really nothing more than people like Janice who have joined together for the common good of the Neighborhood. Its strength, and effectiveness,

comes not from those who voluntarily serve as officers and directors but from each and every one of us who cares. It comes from the recognition that Community isn't just a name arbitrarily given to a collection of houses but rather from the acceptance of the responsibilities we all share for its health. We'll continue to do our part, and thank you to all the Janice's who are doing theirs.

Scott Taylor
KVHA Vice President &
District 7 Representative

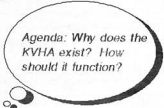
FOOTHILLS NOTES

Last month Mother Nature sent a snowstorm to our area and whittled many our trees to little more than sticks in the ground. And to make matters worse she left a big mess too. News reports have indicated the SW metro Denver area received the most damage. A drive through our neighborhood made that fact evident.

Much of the burden for cleaning up this mess fell on the Foothills Park & Recreation District. They maintain 96 different sites throughout SW Jefferson County. All of these areas received substantial damage.

Foothills estimates it could take to the end of the year to clean up everything district-wide. This, unfortunately, is due in large part to the irresponsible dumping of tree debris on the greenbelts by some. Foothills has thus had to hire private contractors at a cost of \$100/hour to help them. They estimate the total

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Agenda: Why does the KVHA exist? How should it function?



NEXT
HOMEOWNER'S
MEETING 7:30PM
LILLEY GULCH
REC. CENTER



KVHA MEETING MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Kipling Villas Homeowners' Association (KVHA) was held Tuesday, October 3, 1995, at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, beginning at 7:40 p.m.

Corporate Actions Taken

- The minutes from the September, 1995 meeting were ratified and approved.
- The treasurer reported that, as of September 30, 1995, the KVHA treasury contained \$3899.96. Accounts payable totalled \$194.53 (newsletter printing cost); accounts receivable totalled \$15.00 (advertising revenue).

Foothills: Branch Removal

Due to the large number of Russian Olive trees (among others) that suffered damage during the recent snow storm, Foothills gave Kipling Villas top priority for removal of tree debris. Residents needing a place to take their downed branches can call 271-8558.

Foothills

Jeanne DeVita from the Foothills Park & Recreation District informed the board that the scheduled improvements for the Holland Way entrance will be postponed until after the vote on the bond issue and until matters connected with the Americans with Disabilities Act can be resolved.

Foothills is taking appropriate actions against Stork Developers to recover the \$2,600 in damages to the Iris Street closure.

Foothills has resubmitted its request to Jefferson County Open Space requesting they reconsider the purchase of the parcel of land across from Colorow Elementary School.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.



Council of Homeowner Organizations
for a Planned Environment

COHOPE MINUTES

The September meeting consisted of two parts. The first part discussed business; the second was a forum for the candidates running for the Jefferson School Board.

During the business part of the meeting a motion to support the Foothills Parks & Recreation District's Mill Levy and Bond issue on the November mail-in ballot was unanimously passed. It was also unanimously agreed upon to donate \$200 to the "Vote Yes for Parks & Recreation" Committee.

Also it was proposed that COHOPE participate in the "Adopt-A-Highway" program and that they consider creating a scholarship fund for graduates of Chatfield, Columbine, or Bear Creek schools. Both proposals were tabled until the November meeting.

The November meeting will feature Bill Swallow, the commercial developer who plans to develop the area of C-470 and Kipling. Also plan for this meeting is a discussion on the proposed annexation by Lakewood of the land near Hwy 285, Quincy, & C-470.

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1995 COMPUTER CLASSES



Dutch Creek Elementary PTSA is once again offering evening Computer Classes for adults. Classes offered (Windows & DOS) include Computer Basics, WordPerfect 5.1, Lotus 123, MS Excel, MS Word, & MS Powerpoint. Classes cost \$100 and will meet for two hours, one night/week, for four weeks. All classes are taught by a qualified instructor. Proceeds go towards the purchase of computer equipment for Dutch Creek Elementary School. For more information, or to register, call Debbie Newberg at 973-7318.

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cost of the cleanup to be around \$15,000 and the cost to replace what was lost to be around \$50,000 - \$70,000. That's money they will not be able to use for something more constructive.

In other news Foothills has indicated that the land NW of the Coal Mine & Wadsworth intersection will not be developed as a park. They are uncertain at this time what they will do with this land.

Foothills has resubmitted a request to Jefferson County Open Space to purchase the 12 acres of land immediately east of Colorow Elementary School. Contact Foothills and Open Space to show your support for this proposal.

The planned landscaping at the Holland Way and Bowles intersection is on hold pending the resolution of several issues.

Foothills is continuing their discussions with Stork Developers to have them repair the damage to the Iris Street closure.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

If you are a registered voter you should be receiving a Ballot in the mail by mid-October. There will be no polling locations in unincorporated Jefferson County so all ballots must be returned by mail before November 7, 1995.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Kipling Villager welcomes letters to the editor regarding issues that affect our Neighborhood. Please keep all letters brief, to the point, and civil; and include your name, address, and phone number. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for length and content.

TRICK OR TOY

It's the end-of-October dilemma. Halloween's on the way and you care about the healthy food for kids. But there's nothing nutritious and inexpensive that comes in pre-wrapped, tamper-resistant packages. What to do?

Forget the food. Give toys instead.

We're not talking about a pricey stuffed animal or Monopoly set for every youngster in the neighborhood. Try small plastic dinosaurs, pumpkin-shaped erasers, plastic skeletons, wiggly worms, or pogs. Your local toy or dollar store should have lots to choose from.

And don't think you'll disappoint the little ones. Which would you rather have? A fun toy or your 35th Snickers bar?

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COLOROW SILENT/LOUD DINNER/AUCTION

Don't forget to join your friends and neighbors on Wednesday, October 18, 1995 in supporting the Colorow Elementary School at the Silent/Loud Auction and Pizza Dinner. In addition to the exciting items to be auctioned there will be games and entertainment for the kids (and adults too).

The **Pizza Dinner** will run from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

The **Silent Auction** will run from 5:00 - 7:30 pm.

The **Loud Auction** will run from 7:30 - 8:00 pm.

If you have any questions please call Kellie Koch at 972-3832 or Elaine Miller at 932-8349.



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