The Knolls News

**The Knolls Homeowners Association Newsletter** 

### **Important Dates**

Recycling Dates – Aug. 1, 15 & 29 ACC Meeting – Monday, Aug. 7 HOA Board Meeting – Aug. 14, 7 p.m. Outdoor Movie Night – Aug. 18 Tsunami Tsoiree – Aug. 19 Food Truck Thursday – Aug. 24 Knolls Home Tour – Sept. 30

### An Important Reminder From The Board of Directors:

Homeowners must apply for and receive approval from the Architectural Control Committee before beginning any changes to the exterior of their home, including landscape. The fine for not submitting an ACC application prior to making modifications is \$500.

### ACC Meeting Date Change

The regularly scheduled August ACC meeting will be held on **Monday**, **August 7, 2023**, at 7 p.m. Homeowners are welcome to attend the meeting at the clubhouse or send their projects to <u>acc@</u> <u>theknollshoa.com</u>.

### The Knolls Golf Club

Just like that, The Knolls has a full roster for the 2023 CheKnolls Cup! However, each year there are last-minute cancellations or injuries, so please (if interested) sign up for waiting list at: https://www.event brite.com/e/cheknolls-cup-2023-registration-664822190067?aff=oddtdtcreator.

Next HOA Meeting Monday, August 14th, 7:00 p.m. In-person Meeting, Clubhouse

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### Help Support Lucy Harris After Life-Altering Injuries

A gofundme account has been set up to help support the Harris family, a Knolls family whose daughter, Lucy, recently suffered life-altering injuries in a car accident. The link is: <u>https://www.gofundme.com/f/bkgu8-support-the-harris-family</u>

Organized by Kelly Borgia, from the gofundme page:

"Hello, my name is Kelly and I've created this fundraiser on behalf of my sister, Jennifer, and her family. We wouldn't be asking for help if it wasn't absolutely necessary. I'd like to start by thanking everyone who has already contributed to this fundraiser by donating and/or sharing. Your kindness and generosity mean the world to our family during this difficult time. Each time I raise our "goal" amount, I am amazed and overwhelmed at the response received. While the amount raised is beyond any expectations I had starting off, my sister and her family will still



need more to help them navigate through this tragedy. Please consider donating and/or sharing as every little bit helps.

#### WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP:

On July 15, 2023, Jennifer and her two children were involved in a serious car accident, in which at a complete stop, they were rear ended by someone going 60 mph. The accident resulted in injuries for both Jennifer and her 10-year-old daughter, Lucy. Fortunately, her son, Calvin, was left unharmed. Jennifer sustained a concussion, as well as a broken wrist, and various cuts and bruises. Lucy's injuries are devastating, and life altering. She endured a splenectomy, bleeding in her lungs, a few broken bones and a brain

bleed, along with a few other minor internal injuries. While she is recovering well from those injuries and is currently stable, she will never recover from her most severe injury: a severed spinal cord, that has left her paralyzed. Doctors say our sweet, strong, vibrant, kind-hearted, active Lucy will never walk again. Her life will never be the same. A child who loves nothing more than to be on the move - playing soccer, swimming, biking, hiking, climbing and running around with her friends. All things she will have to learn how to do a bit differently, if at all.

As this was an unexpected tragedy, our family needs your help to make this difficult transition into a new way of life as smooth as possible. Please help if you can. In addition to keeping up with everyday expenses (mortgage, utilities, groceries, etc.), medical expenses are quickly accumulating. Peter and Jennifer will need to take an extended amount of time off of work, make significant modifications to their home, purchase a new vehicle capable of transporting their daughter, purchase necessary medical equipment to accommodate her daily needs, and provide around the clock care for her. She will require rehabilitation services and therapies, as well as lifelong medical support and care.

If you know Jen and Peter personally, please hold off on reaching out to them directly at this time, as they are still trying to heal and focus on Lucy.

Your donation is extremely appreciated and we will be forever grateful of your help during this challenging time. Thank you for your time and support. – Kelly and the Harris Family"

### 2nd Annual Tsunami Tsoiree

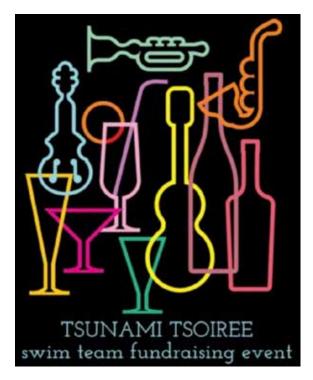
Knolls neighbors and swim team families, you are invited to The Second Annual Tsunami Tsoiree!

A Fundraiser for our Tsunami Swim Team! Please join us on Saturday, August 19, from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. at the pool. The pool will be reserved for this special event. Neighbors, please help us raise money for our Tsunami Swim Team. Costs are rising and we want to continue to have the best swim team. This is an adult only Knolls Neighborhood event on the pool deck. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy this elegant evening with friends. We want to encourage "Non-Swim Team Families" to come and enjoy a special evening by the pool! The cost is \$35 per person and includes appetizers, wine, beer and music. If you are able to donate a bottle of wine or some beer that would be awesome. Please dress to impress and come out for a fun community night. We will celebrate the long hours of work our parent volunteers have put in while raising money for our Tsunami Swim Team.

Tickets will be on sale at the door, and you may purchase ahead of time using the Tsunami Venmo: @theknollstsunami

\* Please consider a donation if you cannot attend. Please save the date! We are really looking forward to this

special community event.



#### **ADVERTISING:**

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 8th.

To place an ad, call Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499 Email: getinfo@coloradolasertype.com

To find ad rates and discounts, go to www.ColoradoLasertype.com and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

Association dues are \$130/month, due on first day of the month. A late fee may be assessed. Deposit in clubhouse mailbox at 3400 E. Geddes Dr. Mark check with month for which you are paying. Your check is your receipt.

### The Knolls Homeowner's Association

BOARD MEMBERS: Board@TheKnollsHOA.com Website: www.theknollshoa.com

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#### **ACC Contacts:**

Zone 1: Sharon Kalmes	303-589-1756	Zone 5: Kristen Smith	206-310-6696			
(Chair)		Zone 6: Diane Willmann	303-204-3753			
Zone 2: Diane Willmann	303-204-3753	Zone 7: Sharon Kalmes	303-589-1756			
Zone 3: Kyle Conn	678-232-2445	Zone 8: Jerrod Brown	303-513-8112			
Zone 4: Kristen Smith	206-310-6696					
(Vice Chair)						
Paint Books: Sharon Kalmes 303-589-1756						

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Meetings held the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.

#### **NEWS ARTICLES**

The Knolls newsletter is published monthly by The Knolls Homeowners Association. The deadline for articles is the 19th of each month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 12th. All articles, letters and ads must be approved by the editor. Please email articles to the editor at knollsnews@theknollshoa.com.

#### Swim Team: (an independent organization)

website: http://theknolls.rmsl.org email: knollstsunami@gmail.com Claire Smith – clairehsmith1@yahoo.com

Jen Johnson - jenjohnson09@yahoo.com Shannon Walsh - swalsh12611@gmail.com

### **Social News**

Wow! What a great Fourth of July! The Knolls sure knows how to party in a galactic way! Thank you so much to our volunteers who made it such a success! Thank you to all the getready people - Pam G., Luke Temple, Terri Pagano, Beka Wall, Tanya Reini, Paul Sweeney, Scott Olmstead, Liz Baesman (+1), Ana and Dave Hernandez, Damion Duncan, Emily Boone and Steve Pearce; Parade Marshall - Ryan Page; Ticket Sellers Cindy Migliaccio, Margaret Wilson, Lauren Sienknecht, Marissa Mitchell, Barb Richards, Linda Prudhomme and Nan Sweetman (+1); Game Coordinators - Amy Duncan and Cierra Olmstead; Snow Cone Operators - Matson, Owen, Tim and Lucas; Drink Slingers - Trevor and Trish Wetterling, Kevin and Susan Hodge, Mike and Andrea Bradley, Becky and Rob Slauson; Grillers - Paul Prutch, Nick Dosen, Jeff Keith and Kelly Wall; Restockers and Runners - Heidi and Chad Coughlin, Jennifer and John Marshall, Kyle Conn, John Migliaccio, Jada Pohlman; and Clean-up Crew during and after - Scott Mitchell, Austin Alldredge, Kevin and Andrea Hodge and Art Walsh. Thank you to Scott Olmstead, Kyle Conn, Ryan Page and Greg Neale for donating materials, and of course Tim Wilson for DJing! I am sorry if we missed anyone, we appreciate you, too! Each of you played a VERY important role in making this party the success that it was. We hope to see both return and new volunteers next year!

#### SAVE THE DATES:

**Outdoor Movie Night** - August 18, The Princess Bride! Join us for a night of fencing, fighting, revenge,

giants, monsters, chases, escapes, true love and miracles! Movie starts at dusk!

#### Tune up your chili recipes!

Coming this fall - Broncos Watch Party with Chili Cook-off! Looking forward to more events!

- Knolls Social Committee, socialchair@theknollshoa.com



### Home Nominations Needed For 2023 Knolls Home Tour!

We are thrilled to announce the return of the highly anticipated Knolls Home Tour after four long years! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and get ready to explore a collection of beautifully remodeled and stylishly updated properties in The Knolls and Tiffany neighborhoods.

This self-guided tour offers a unique opportunity to witness firsthand how your neighbors have transformed their homes through creative design and clever renovations. Immerse yourself in the inspiring ideas and innovative solutions that make these houses remarkable.

The event is proudly coordinated and sponsored by The Steller Group real estate team. As part of its commitment to the community, the proceeds from the tour will go toward the Harris family, Knolls residents whose daughter, 10-year-old Lucy, recently experienced life-altering injuries.

In the past, this event has successfully raised between 33,000 to 4,000.

Here's where we need your help! We are currently in the process of compiling our list of featured homes, and we're seeking nominations from the community. Six homes are needed in order to host the event. If you know of a home in The Knolls or Tiffany neighborhoods that stands out, we invite you to submit a nomination at www.StellerRealEstate.com/ HomeTour. To volunteer, please contact Jennifer Steller at 720-352-8086 or Jennifer@StellerRealEstate.com.



### **News From The Knolls Courts**

As our summer heats up, it is lovely to see our pickleball and tennis communities active on our beautiful courts. Leagues are in full force, and kids' lessons are helping grow our community.

Scheduled repairs have been completed to re-coat chipped surface areas on courts 1, 2 and 3 and do minor crack repair on 3 and 4-North (closest to pool). The 4-South court has a more serious repair that should be completed soon – stay tuned. We are beginning to source bids for a post-tension full replacement of courts 3/4 for as soon as possible, hopefully Fall 2024. New keys will be exchanged on/around the Labor Day tournament for residents – the HOA will provide multi-use keys that open the lower south clubhouse door for bathrooms and court gates.

We hosted a free Friday social with the mid-summer Tennis/ Pickleball tournament July 21-22. The next social dates are Friday, August 4 (including fun drills with a pro) and August 25 (play and social only) from 6-7:30 p.m. Socials are fun, casual matches mixing up all player levels - *adults only* - followed by a social BYOB and snacks to share. Join the fun!

Use the YourCourts website <u>https://www.yourcourts.</u> <u>com/yourcourts/security/showLogin</u> for court availability. To request a new login, use (leave the member information blank): <u>http://www.yourcourts.com/yourcourts/security/register</u> forclubaccess?accessCode=3400

If you need a key to the courts prior to Labor Day, keys can be purchased for \$5 from Barb Richards (<u>barb-richards@</u> <u>comcast.net</u>) or Margaret Wilson (<u>timandmargaretwilson@</u> <u>comcast.net</u>).





Remember to lock the courts after you play. The ball machine may only be used by players over the age of 16 or with a parent onsite for younger children. Please empty the court trash bins if needed.

Please refrain from depositing dog poop bags in trash cans adjacent to the courts as people congregate there before and after play.

Various tennis and pickleball programs for children/adults are available through Advantageyou.org, including contact info to arrange a private or group lesson.

#### **The Latest From Tennis**

- We are looking for a few folks or a team to step up and run the Labor Day tournament – please contact the Wilsons (timandmargaretwilson@comcast.net).
- Please place your dead tennis balls in the bin for Dumb Friends League donation, and playable balls in the small bucket for the ball machine.

#### The Latest From Pickleball

- Please join us for open play (all levels welcome) on Court 4: Wednesdays 5-7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 9-11 a.m.
- Please contact Dan Goodhart (720-833-8481) for painter's tape if needed for laying temporary lines during reserved court play on Court 4.
- Tennis leagues are ramping up so please be mindful of our neighbors competing in match play on Court 3 as you're having fun playing pickleball and socializing on Court 4.

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## August Gardening Calendar

By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener, CSU

As gardeners, we enter a slower, more easy-going phase in the garden process. There's always something to do in the garden but we don't need to keep up the frenetic pace of plant-



ing-mulching-weeding that April and May demand. June's blooms may have faded, but with proper pruning some may make a reappearance in August. July's heat is over and there's still a lot of summer left.

In August harvesting our gardening efforts has begun, but we can take time to do it right, even enjoy the process. If we pay attention, August presents a wisdom not available any other time of year. The garden is maturing now. We can see our mistakes, our successes, and the intrusions on our efforts that nature presents on her own. In August there's time to look around and appreciate the garden...and then get back to work. **MAJOR CHORES FOR AUGUST:** 

#### <u>Lawn:</u>

- Begin lawn renovation and repair. Build up low areas with garden soil and over-seed areas that are thin or bare.
- Attack persistent weeds like bindweed with a 2, 4-D product. But the ultimate goal is to grow a thick healthy turf that will choke out weeds.

#### Vegetables:

- Plant spinach and lettuce mid-month for a fall harvest.
- Harvest cucumbers intended for slicing when they are 6 to 8 inches.
- Onions are ready to harvest when their green tops fall over. Lift the bulbs and brush off loose soil. Bring them to a protected area like a porch or covered shed. Lay them out in a single layer on a surface that permits ventilation top and bottom. When the outer skins have turned papery place them in a mesh bag or old panty hose and place them in a dark and cool place.
- Peppers can be harvested anytime they achieve the size you need or want.
- Water tomatoes regularly until late August. After that, fruit will ripen more quickly when water is withheld.
- After harvesting and areas become empty sow cover crops, like annual rye grass, often called green manure, to build garden soil.

#### <u>Garden:</u>

- Newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs need consistent watering to get established.
- Fertilize roses for the last time around August 15th. Fertilizing later may stimulate new succulent growth that could damage the plant if there is an early frost.
- Divide spring blooming perennials if needed. Ways to tell if a perennial needs to be divided is if the plant has a 'hole' in the middle and doesn't look as attractive as it used to, if blooms decrease or stop altogether or if the plant is crowding out neighboring plants.

Take advantage of plant sales. Usually starting mid-to-late-August and into September many nurseries will have plants sales with prices as much as 50% off.

#### -https://tra.extension.colostate.edu



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### The Knolls Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Knolls Clubhouse, 3400 E. Geddes Dr., Centennial, CO 80122 with Zoom Remote

Expected Board Attendees: President/ACC - Austin Alldredge (AA); Vice-President/Social – Marcia Saas (MS); Secretary/Communications - Bryon Bren (BB); Treasurer -Ryan Page (RP); Clubhouse/Pool - ACC – Juliet Beckman (JB)

Not Attending: Landscape/Maintenance - Scott Draudt (SD) David Holte (DH)

**Expected Committee Attendees:** ACC – Kristen Smith

Other Attendees/Homeowners: Mike Riordan, Diane Willmann, Art Walsh, Jim Kelley, Kristen Smith, Roger and Louise Crosby, Susan Krems, Travis Baumgart, Karl Furgenson, Pam Gail, Karla Goodhart. Liz Thomas, Travis Reini, Wayne Holcomb, Laura Kroha, Sharon Thomas, Liz Thomas, BJ Reinert, Michael Adams, Judy Richmond.

#### **ORDER OF MEETING:**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Review and approval of meeting agenda
- 3. Signing of the previous Board Meeting minutes, addition regarding Insurance email address
- 4. Committee reports
  - a. insurance@theknollshoa.com new email that forwards to the liaison and board, but does not send. More streamlined.
  - b. President's report Austin Alldredge
    - 1. Homeowner questions
      - i. Louise Crosby in 2022 the board requested new guidelines. The ACC subsequently turned it around and went to the board in May 2022. The board and attorney reviewed. March 13,

2023, was approved. Quotes were gathered by Louise and were expected to be printed by May 1. Not delivered yet. Louise is working on it.

- ii. Louise Crosby Insurance When Louise has been doing insurance for the last ~15 years. Approximately 1 hour/ month work. Resigning as of October 1
- iii. Susan Krems Fireworks/Safety Sparks can land in the gutter which could ignite the roof. Can the board write a letter to the police to enforce the law. Next year perhaps. Articles in The Knolls News. [president comment] The HOA is not a police force and is unable/ unwilling to enforce city laws.
- iv. [Karla?] questions:
  - a. An update on 7102 Harrison? [Austin] There's an ongoing litigation in Arapahoe County court.
  - b. Have we filed liens? [Ryan] Yes, engaged with negotiations to collect dues. Ryan sent notice of lien first.
- v. [General discussion] Is there coming a loosening of the ACC guidelines? [president] e.g. Beams [Carl] swamp coolers are coming. [Liz] [Laura] what monies are set aside and how much are we willing to spend: Our legal budget for 2023 is \$12,000. We are past that. A non-jury trial might cost ~\$50k with juries costing 4x that. [Louise] Bryon mentioned the ACC is broken. [Austin] Clarifying rules of order. The President can make a motion. [Bob] like the fence. not worth the risk to divide the neighborhood [Laura] [open discussion] continued on page 7

# You're Invited: Ice Cream Event!

Sunday, August 6, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at The Knolls Clubhouse



Free ice cream provided by The Steller Group, your neighborhood real estate experts.

#### The Steller Group is bringing the MooMobile to YOU!

Grab a sweet treat on us to beat the heat. It's our way of saying thank you for being our neighbors!

The ice cream truck will be at the clubhouse serving up ice cream on Sunday, August 6 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.



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- vi. [Roger Crosby] resigning as keyholder and landscape committee. Managed 80 capital projects. Will continue the 2023 reserve study then resign from the reserve study committee. Need provisions for independent contracts. Resigning from contracts. [applause!]
- 1. Playground is ordered!
  - i. [Austin to email rendering, didn't attach tonight :(
  - ii. Volunteers will be needed. Woodchips save money a. To be installed sometime this fall.
  - iii. We want swings! They're not cheap due to regulations and space requirements, but we're looking at it. Stay tuned.
    - a. Currently 2 x 5 foot and new standard no longer allows for swings. No longer insurable. New swings require more land and it wasn't prepared. Looking at alternatives. [Carl] did you ask them about [over here] no. currently outside of scope/ budget
- c. Vice President/Social Marcia Saas
  - 1. Thank you to Social Committee, Kristen Keith, Jennifer Harris, Diane Klepacka, Caroline Rudolph and Molly Ehlinger for a very successful and well attended (400+) 4th of July party
  - 2. Thank you to the many, many volunteers!
  - 3. Homeowners can submit pictures to the newsletter
- d. ACC
  - 1. Applications: down 10%YoY. Why.
  - 2. HB23-1105



- e. Landscape/Maintenance Austin Alldredge
  - 1. Completed
    - i. Timbers around stairs at the pool have been replaced. But now there's mud on the pathway :( Would somebody do something!
    - ii. The new trees have been planted and we are getting watering bags, as many of our neighbors are concerned about the heat and the new trees. We are looking for volunteers to keep them full.
    - iii. Extra mulch was moved to the west South Fillmore Circle by All Phase
    - iv. Wier behind pool was cleaned out by Roger Crosby. Thank you, Roger.
      - Does this need to be added to pool to-do list? Maintenance company?
  - 2. Approved and proceeding
    - i. Pine tree struck by lightning close to picnic tables will be examined to see if able to save the tree.
    - ii. Project 4, [missing information no estimate] retaining wall between pool and tennis court to reduce erosion [/]
  - Needs approval [Bryon is not doing a very good job. Sure Bryon will make a summary of motions] Tree trimming on damaged and high-risk trees.
    - i. 3 bids. [attached] fielding did an inventory. [motion] Recommendation for fielding to tackle the 38 highrisk trees for ~\$32,000. With another planned sweep next year for less risky trees. [/motion approved]

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ii. Project 3, [mud] stabilize groundcover south of sidewalk between courts 2 and 3

 2 bids All Phase - \$1,765 but propose something to stabilize the upper part so they don't have erosion problem. [no vote]

- iii. Steele Circle requested. [motion] picnic table approximately ~\$2,000 [/motion approved]
- f. Finance Ryan Page
  - 1. June Financials and Budget YTD
    - i. Pulled playground money from reserve study funds early.
    - ii. Current legal budget is \$17k.
    - iii. Reserve study money is to reduce assessments.
    - iv. [motion] to accept the financials as presented [motion approved]
  - 2. July 4th financial report
    - i. Accepted electronic payments (Venmo) was >50% utilized.
    - ii. Preliminary estimates show that the event paid for itself.
  - 3. Arranged CPA for 2022 financial statement audit. Waiting for engagement letter.
- g. Trash/Snow David Holte[absent]
- h. Clubhouse/Tennis/Pool Cierra Olmsted
  - 1. Working on timing for re-keying the clubhouse, likely September
    - 2 bids. Future facilities will be 'zoned' with keys. [motion] to accept InstaKey \$2,629 bid [motion accepted]

- 2. Water found in swim team closet, investigating source and repair options
- 3. Tennis court repairs to begin July 11. Approximately 2-3 days.
- 4. Electrical work in guard shack completed.
- 5. [Roger Crosby] Why aren't the bubblers on in the kiddie pool?
- i. Communication/CenCON Bryon Bren
  - 1. Confirmed that Centennial is redesigning Colorado Boulevard
    - i. Funded starting ~2025/2026
  - 2. August Knolls News articles due by July 19
- 5. New Business: None
- 6. Open Business / Action Items
  - a. Executive Session
- 7. Adjournment
- 8. Date of next meeting Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7 p.m.

### **Centennial Under the Stars**

The city's annual celebration and concert, Centennial Under the Stars, is returning to Centennial Center Park from 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. The band Libélula will perform as the live opener before the headliner, 6 Million Dollar Band, takes the stage. 6 Million Dollar Band describes itself as an 80s dance band. The event will feature local vendors, food trucks and family-friendly activities.



### **10 Things To Do Before School Starts**

Soak up the last few weeks of summer with these fun family outings. As you prepare to say goodbye to summer vacation, consider what is left on your list of things to do before school begins. Take a break from back-to-school shopping with these 10 fun ideas. Make the final days and weeks of summer memorable.

- **1. Take a hike.** Set aside a day for a kid-friendly hike, such as St. Mary's Glacier. For added fun, pack a lunch to enjoy at the top while you chat with your children about what they loved best about their summer.
- **2. Camp out.** Camping with little ones takes advanced planning, so aim for simple, carefree camping fun in your backyard. Invite a friend or two and play a game of tag with flashlights when it gets dark. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows in an outdoor fire pit or over the grill. Snuggle up under the stars, point out constellations or play a game of "would you rather" with your kids.
- **3. Bike along Platte River.** There are 28 miles of trail along the Platte River for families to enjoy together, whether you tackle the whole length or just a short portion of it. It's an outing filled with exercise and fresh air, and you can stop along the way as much as you like. Start the trail at the REI Denver flagship store and make your way through Denver to enjoy the city from a different perspective.
- **4.** Check out a Rockies game. Spend a day rooting for the home team. With Rockpile tickets priced so low, there's no reason not to head to the ballpark for a hot dog and some action-packed baseball with the whole family.
- 5. Catch a sunrise. Whether you're peering over Lookout Mountain, posted up at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, driving up Guanella Pass, or cozied in your own backyard, a sunrise in

Colorado is one of the most wonderful beauties to witness. Wake your kids up early just one morning (if they aren't already up) to share in the first light of the day. Just think, maybe they'll go to bed early that night, and you'll be on your way to an earlier bedtime schedule for school.

- 6. Pick some fruit. August is the month for sweet strawberries and red raspberries at Berry Patch Farms in Brighton. Load up the car with the entire crew and head out into the fields to pick fresh berries.
- **7. Take a sunset stroll.** Walk around any of the metro area's beautiful parks in the evening. Choose one with a playground so the kids can play until the sun sets, then stop and admire the last rays as a family. It's a great time to share hopes for the next school year, too.
- 8. Spend the day at a mountain resort. The winter slopes transform into family-friendly playgrounds each summer, with a plethora of activities the entire crew can enjoy. From scenic chairlift rides to hiking trails and alpine slides, there's a little something for everyone.
- **9. Drive up Trail Ridge Road.** Spend the day enjoying everything that Rocky Mountain National Park has to offer, including hiking around Bear Lake and searching for elk herds. Make the drive up Trail Ridge Road to stand above the treeline and gaze over miles and miles of mountains and sky. Let the kids take their best photos along the way. You must make a reservation to get into Rocky Mountain National Park.
- **10. Ride the Georgetown Loop.** A scenic ride on an old mining railroad is an exceptional way to close out the summer with your family. The Georgetown Loop takes reservations online, and for an additional fee, you can enjoy a tour of a mine while learning about the history of gold mining in Colorado.

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### **Interested In Learning More About Your City?**

Applications for Centennial 101, a free program to discover how our City works, is available until 5 p.m. Friday, July 31. In just seven weeks participants will understand how Centennial is unique, learn about how our tax dollars are used, experience different scenarios putting yourself in the shoes of Elected Officials and City Staff and find opportunities to get more involved in the community. Space is limited. Only 30 participants will be accepted for this class of Centennial 101. Attendance each Thursday is required.

Classes are Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m., beginning August 31 ending October 17. Most of the classes will take place at the City's Eagle Street Facility located at 7272 S. Eagle Street.

The Knolls Homeowner Association Budget Vs. Actual: June 30, 2023 YTD

	May 2023 Actual	2023 Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
INCOME	Actual	Buuget	Duugu	Duuge
Dues	\$278,656	\$563,964	\$285,308	49%
Trash Income	32,534	58,476	25,942	56%
Miscellaneous Income	5,919	5,000	(919)	118%
Total Income	\$317,109	\$627,440	\$310,331	51%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Trash & Recycle	\$44,384	\$58,476	\$14,092	76%
Pool	39,478	73,000	33,522	54%
Maintenance Operations	35,794	116,843	81,049	31%
Legal Expense	17,074	12,000	(5,074)	142%
Finance	13,437	27,220	13,783	49%
Water & Sewer	12,396	70,000	57,604	18%
Clubhouse Expenses	6,348	10,420	4,072	61%
Communications	5,517	7,300	1,783	76%
Utilities - Gas & Electric	4,158	17,500	13,342	24%
Social Expenses	3,993	5,000	1,007	80%
ACC	1,127	4,450	3,323	25%
Miscellaneous/Contingency	71	15,000	14,929	0%
Snow Removal	-	14,500	14,500	0%
Courts	-	3,280	3,280	0%
Total Operating Expenses	\$183,777	\$434,989	\$251,212	42%
Net Results of Operations	\$133,332	\$192,451	\$(59,119)	69%
Capital Expenditures	\$72,832	\$90,300	\$(17,468)	81%
Net Income	\$60,500	\$102,151	\$(41,651)	59%

You may be interested in Centennial 101 if:

- You have an interest in your City and community and want to learn more.
- You have been involved in the community, or are just curious how the City works.
- You are new to Centennial or have lived here since before it was a city.
- You pay taxes and want to know how that money is being spent.
- You love local politics or hate local politics.
- You like to meet new, interesting people.
- You want to peek behind the scenes.

To learn more and to apply visit centennialco.gov/Centennial101.

The Knolls Balance Sheet					
As of June 30, 2023					
CURRENT ASSETS	6/30/23	12/31/22			
Checking/Savings					
Checking	306,204	160,375			
Savings	665,796	660,668			
Total Checking/Savings	972,000	821,043			
Accounts Receivable					
Accounts Receivable					
(net of prepaid)	1,212	12,432			
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(5,600)	(5,600)			
Total Accounts Receivable	(4,388)	6,832			
TOTAL ASSETS	967,612	827,875			
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	79,168	324			
Accrued Expenses	7,000	7,000			
Total Liabilities	86,168	7,324			
Equity					
Retained Earnings	820,942	764,837			
Net Income	60,502	55,714			
Total Equity	881,444	820,551			
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	967,612	827,875			
NOTE: Total Assets includes Reserve Funds of \$910,741					

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