



Tidy the Trails

Spring will be here soon, and that means more people will soon be using the outside walking paths across our community. Please join us to keep these trails tidy. By helping to clean up the neighborhood, you can help the planet, get to know your neighbors, and make a real difference for those around you.

To get this started, I would like to gather a group of volunteers to pick up trash along the Kipling Villa trails. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3rd at 1:00pm in the North parking lot at Lilley Gulch Rec Center. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing to be outside. Garbage bags, gloves, and grabbers will be provided. If you have questions, please email kiplingvillas@gmail.com. In case of inclement weather, event will be postponed.



—Your Neighbor, Ruth H.



HOA Board Elections Are Here!

Looking for a way to get more involved or contribute to your neighborhood? Now is your chance! Come join us for the next HOA meeting on April 7th at 7:00pm for our annual HOA Board Election! Free pizza will be provided. We are looking for more volunteers to be on the Board, specifically the Vice President position. Stop by to join the meeting, run for the Board, or to simply learn more! We can't wait to meet you!

—HOA Board



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KVHA Events Coming Up

HOA Quarterly Meeting at Lilley Gulch Rec Center: April 7th, 7-8pm
(*Free Pizza and Election Night)

Tidy The Trails: May 3rd, 1pm meetup at Lilley Gulch North Parking Lot

Neighborhood Cleanup: End of May/Beginning of June – Date TBD

HOA Matters

Our next HOA meeting is scheduled for April 7th at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome! We will provide free pizza during the meeting and vote on board members for the next year. Thank you for choosing to pay your HOA dues. These dues are what allow us to put on fun community events. If you haven't paid your \$40 for 2026, please Venmo @Kipling-Villas (including your First and Last name as well as your address and email), or send cash or check to P.O. Box 620395, Littleton, CO 80162. Thank you!



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— HOA Board



If you are interested in starting a meetup, please email us at kvnewsletter@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Remote Workers Meetup

Working from home has many benefits. But sometimes, it can also get rather lonely. If you work at home and are interested in connecting with other remote professionals, please join us! Depending on the level of interest each month, we may take a walk, meet up at the local coffee shop or even grab lunch. If you are interested and want more info on the monthly meetup location and time, text Karlie at 303-507-2508.

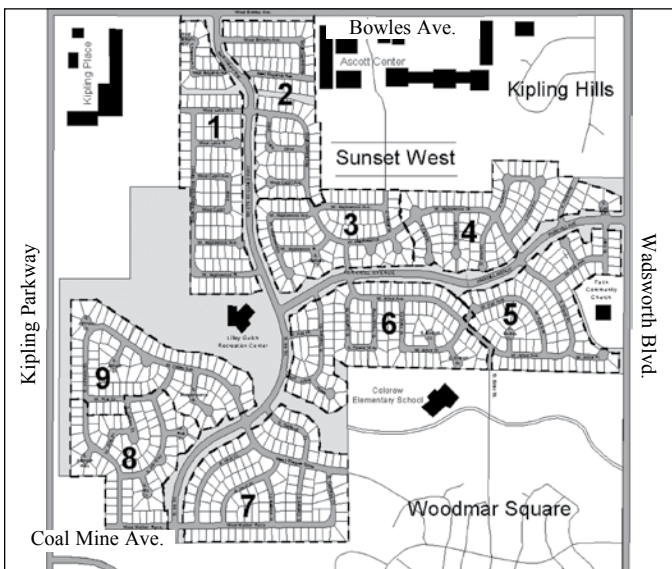


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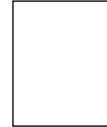


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The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 4th. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits. Please email kvnewsletter@gmail.com to submit an article for the newsletter.

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Interesting Facts For April

- The first president of the United States, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.
- April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The phrase "April Showers bring May Flowers" comes from a poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.
- The April full moon earns the name April's Full Pink Moon not due to its color but because it's named after the pink phlox flowers that bloom in North America's early spring.
- Some of the famous people with an April birthday are Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, and Jackie Chan.

Time To Water The Trees

As I write this letter, I look back on a winter that has been quite lacking in snow. This means your trees are in need of water and are THIRSTY! If you appreciate the shade your tree offers on a hot summer day, now is the perfect moment to give them a drink.

An effective way to water a tree is by soaking the trunk, but it's best to apply water at the dripline. To locate the dripline of a tree's roots, simply look up at the branches. The tips of the branches correspond to the ends of the roots underground. Ideally, you should water at this outer edge in a full 360° circle. Lay the hose on the ground and let the water run for 10 minutes, then move it around to follow the tips of the branches.

Currently, it would be quite difficult to overwater a tree, but it's important not to waste water either. Unless we get some rain from Mother Nature, it's important to your trees weekly.

Another option is to use a "Deep Root Irrigator," which connects to your hose and penetrates the ground 12"-18". Both Lowes and Home Depot offer these starting at \$25. Once connected, turn the water on slowly to help push the "Deep Root Irrigator" into the ground. After it's down 12"-18", you can turn the water on fully.

I sincerely hope you choose to water your trees. One final tip: remember to disconnect your garden hose from the spigot to prevent it from freezing overnight.

I worry that we might see many dead trees this summer. By the time a tree shows signs of dying, it's often too late. The summer sun can be intense, and a shady tree is always a welcome relief. It might even help keep your home cooler this summer.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

—Spencer Helwig

Semiquincentennial Coins & Medals

To celebrate the Nation's Semiquincentennial (SemiQ), the United States Mint is proud to unveil one-year-only changes to well-known American coinage, such as the circulating dime, quarter, and half dollar. The Mint will also release special numismatic coins and medals in 2026 featuring unique designs and enhancements for core products and annual releases.

Neighborhood Meetups

Spring is here! While there's always a chance for more snow-fall during the next few months, Spring has finally made it. More people are spending time outside in the beautiful Colorado sun. Now is the time to think about joining or starting a meet-up! Do you work from home and like to take walks? There's a meetup for you! Are you into fishing? Cast a line at a fishing meet up! Do you have other interests, like biking, woodworking, or crafting? If there's something you love to do and want to meet others who love it too, then let us know! We will add your meetup to the monthly newsletter. If you have questions or need more info, please email kvnewsletter@gmail.com.

Foothills Art Market

Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Foothills Art Market features original artwork, goods, and crafts in multiple disciplines created by over 100 Colorado artisans. Attendees will find a vast array of work for sale, including unique creations in pottery, sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, wood, soaps, home accessories, photography and more.

- Admission is Free!
- Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
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A Message from Foothills Park & Recreation District

Foothills Park & Recreation District has recently observed an increase in unauthorized motorized vehicle use within parks and on trails, including e-motorbikes. Please remember that motorized vehicles and e-motorbikes are not permitted in any parks or trails unless specifically authorized.

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Ultimate Spring-Cleaning Checklist

1. Clean Baseboards: Spring cleaning is the perfect time to clean your baseboards. “Although they’re often overlooked, clean baseboards give your home the perfect finishing touch,” says Leanne Stapf, COO of The Cleaning Authority. Baseboards can be easily cleaned with a vacuum with a bristled brush hose attachment to remove any dust; then, wipe them down with a damp microfiber cloth and all-purpose cleaner.

2. Dust: No matter how much you try to prevent it, dust builds up in every room of the house. When dusting, work from the top of a room down, vacuuming the dust that settles on the floor. This includes hard-to-reach places, such as the tops of ceiling fans and window casings.

3. Vacuum. Vacuum your floors to clean crumbs and loose dirt. “It’s common to track the bacteria and dirt from your shoes across the carpet,” says Stapf. “Not only can a buildup of grime break down your carpet fibers, but it can also harbor pollutants that may make you sick.”

4. Mop. After vacuuming, go over your floors with a mop. “Floors are one of the most exposed areas in our homes, which is why mopping them frequently is crucial in keeping your home clean,” says Diane Amos, cleaning expert for Pine Sol.

5. Shampoo Rugs. Synthetic carpets and rugs with water-proof backings can be deep-cleaned with a rotary shampoo machine and a hot-water extraction machine. Rugs without backings require professional cleaning.

6. Wipe Walls and Ceilings. Over time, our walls and ceilings build up with unwanted marks. To clean your walls, start by using a vacuum to remove dust. Next, tackle stubborn

surface grime, which is especially prevalent in kitchens, with a solvent-free degreaser (test it first in an inconspicuous area to ensure it won’t mar the surface).

7. Reseal Grout Lines. The cement-based material between wall, floor, and countertop tiles is extremely porous and stains easily. Protect it by applying a grout sealer with a small foam brush.

8. Clean Upholstered Furnishings. Take cushions outside and gently beat them by hand to remove dust. If there are stains, check the care labels for cleaning recommendations. Use a vacuum’s upholstery and crevice tools to clean under seat cushions.

9. Clean Window Furnishings. Drapes, curtains, and blinds should also be tended to. “While we may not directly interact with them, curtains can accumulate dust and odors from around the home and need to be cleaned,” says Stapf. “Give the curtains a little extra TLC once every season, but look at their material before throwing them in the washing machine. Some may need to be sent to the dry cleaners.”

10. Wash Window Screens. Window screens get very dirty throughout the year. Clean them using warm water and a mild dishwashing liquid, scrubbing each screen with a brush. Once clean, rinse them thoroughly with water.

11. Clean Light Fixtures and Ceiling Fans. Light fixtures are a hub for dust. “Your ceiling fan is a great place to start—just make sure you turn off the light bulb and let it cool before wiping it down,” says Amos. Wipe the blades with a pillowcase so the dust gets trapped inside.

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April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

Garden cleanup is the first priority:

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven't done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

What we've been waiting for -- Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼" deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It's not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

Lawn Care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

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– Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener

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- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member drives about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March (Next June)
- Working with Schools – every week (Library and tutoring)
- Jr. Achievement
- The Action Center – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.

APRIL EVENT

Columbine Kiwanis will be having a Top Golf fun event, Sunday April 26, 12:00-3:00. It's a lot of fun for individuals and raises money for our nonprofit foundation. This year we will distribute about \$30,000 to schools, scholarships, and service groups we work with including The Actin Center, Sharing with Sheridan, Outdoor labs, Meals on Wheels, local schools and outers. We tend to donate our money where we spend our service house.

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Taste Test Colorado Wine

Wineries have proven to be a prime spot to enjoy the spring weather while supporting locally-owned businesses. Colorado has a plethora of options to explore and wine events throughout the warmer months, and April kicks off the festivities.

TASTE OF VAIL

Vail, Colorado; Wednesday-Saturday, April 1-4, 2026

Expect to eat well at the resort's early spring get-together, Taste Of Vail. Combine a day of fine food and wine, and even skiing or snowboarding if you can manage. Thirty or so of the top chefs from the Vail Valley showcase their stellar fare. Wash it down with choices from over 50 winemakers from around the country.

BARREL INTO SPRING

Palisade, Colorado;

Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 and May 8-9, 2026

Barrel Into Spring is the perfect way to welcome the warm weather and enjoy local wineries, held in late April and early May. Participants will pick up a tasting glass and an event "passport" to guide them through the weekend. This is a self-paced tour, so you can explore the 7 wineries throughout Grand Valley at your leisure.

DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE

Durango, Colorado; Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, 2026

End the month with the Durango Wine Experience, held on the last weekend in April. Friday features a "walk-about" style of tasting, with multiple locations in downtown Durango offering their selections of wine. Saturday is the grand tasting, where you'll find numerous wineries and hundreds of unique wines lining the streets to showcase their craft. There will also be seminars held all weekend, so you can channel your inner sommelier.

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National Colorado Day

April 12th recognizes the Centennial State and the 38th state to join the Union on National Colorado Day. The first of the Four Corner States, Colorado is dominated by the Rocky Mountains. Prehistoric Colorado comes to life in the Florissant Fossil Beds. Discover one of the most abundant deposits of fossils in the world while taking in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

With plentiful wildlife and natural resources, the state makes a ready home. A city once thrived along the cliffs of Mesa Verde, populated by Ancient Pueblo.

Spanish first explored Colorado seeking streets paved with gold. After Colorado became a U.S. territory, Lieutenant Zebulon Pike explored the range of the newly acquired land. A summit he predicted would never be scaled bears his name today. Gold would be discovered setting off a fever in the mountains. A silver boom would soon follow.

Known as the Centennial State, Colorado entered the union on August 1, 1876.

National Earth Day

Each year on April 22nd, National Earth Day campaigns around the globe promote ways to keep the Earth healthy and our planet livable. Here are some ways to observe Earth Day.

- Support and use recycling programs in your community.
- Volunteer to clean up local parks and streets on clean-up days.
- Support and frequent green businesses.
- Use re-usable products versus disposable.
- Repurpose items that have outworn their use.
- Shop secondhand and thrift stores for gently used items.
- Use energy-efficient appliances or line dry your clothes.
- Walk or ride your bike to work if possible.
- Carpool or make one trip instead of multiple trips for shopping.

Hop on over for a Community

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When: Saturday, April 4th

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