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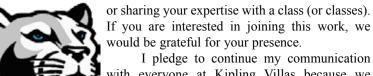
Welcome, From Powderhorn Elementary!

On behalf of everyone at Powderhorn Elementary, I want to extend a warm, heartfelt welcome to all the families at Kipling Villas. We can't wait to meet and come to know you and your child - or children – in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Powderhorn is now your neighborhood school, and we are now a team. Even if you don't have an elementary-aged student, you are a part of the team, too, because you are a stakeholder in this community. I invite you to engage with us!

Being on a team means building strong relationships, communicating often, and working toward a common goal. At Powderhorn, our goal is to serve the students in a way that sees them take a step forward each day, and across all the dimensions we know matter, including social, emotional, and academic.

We pride ourselves on creating experiences that help students develop as whole people, and we look forward to sharing those rich experiences. We value the contributions of all those that make this work possible, whether it's by providing an enriching experience, volunteering at the school,



with everyone at Kipling Villas because we recognize what we can do with you as a teammate. We pride ourselves on the connections we maintain with our community. It is a value of our school. Please do not hesitate to reach out

to me (Thomas.Szczesny@jeffco.k12.co.us) or the school (303-982-0074) if you have any questions or would like to connect. We'd love to hear from you! You can also anticipate hearing more from us well into the future about opportunities to engage, as well as events and happenings.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you in support of our children's growth. For now, we wish you all the best, and we hope to see you soon.



— Tom Szczesny, Ed.D., Principal



Newsletter Contributions

Neighbors, we want to hear from YOU! We welcome articles and ideas for the Kipling Villas Newsletter. Tap into your inner author and send us your thoughts, neighborhood news, neighborhood pictures, or anything you would like to share with the community.

Note: the deadline for articles or photos in the September newsletter is August 15. Send articles and photos to the editor at kvnewsletter@gmail.com.

KVHA Events Coming Up

HOA Quarterly Meeting: October 3, 7-8pm

Kipling Villas 5K: October 14, 2023



HOA Matters

We had a wonderful 4th of July Parade and Picnic! It was fun to see so many community members join. Your HOA dues are what make events like these possible. Thank you for choosing to pay your dues each year. If you haven't been able to pay yet, you may send your \$40 HOA fee to P.O. Box 620395, Littleton, CO 80162.

Thank you!

- HOA Board

Kipling Villas 5K Fun Run: October 14, 2023

This October, we will soon host our third annual Kipling Villas 5k Fun Run! This race takes place on the trails along Iris, Parkhill, and Holland. Please bring your family and friends to join; all ages are welcome!

You may run or walk the 3.1 miles; it's completely up to you. Strollers and dogs on leashes are allowed. The cost is \$10 per participant, with a t-shirt included this year! Look for a QR code in the September newsletter to register. We are looking forward to another fun fall morning!

Columbine Kiwanis Club

Columbine Kiwanis Club is an active service group in the south Jeffco area. We work with nonprofits and local schools to help the community. Our emphasis is on children and food banks. We do have many fun social events. If you want to volunteer with our community, check us out. at columbinekiwanis. org. We invite you to come for a free breakfast Wednesday at 6:45am at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO 80123. You do not need to join the club to help with our service projects. For information email me at kensweet@gmail. com.



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News Articles

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.

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. 6th.

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

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MOMS MEETUP

August 7th, 9:00-10:00am at Chief Colorow Park August 22nd, 10:00-11:00am at Lilley Gulch Park

This is a group for moms who live in Kipling Villas and want to get connected. For inclement weather. please text me at 620-877-7631 for meetup status.

- Heidi Roesch

PICKLEBALL MEETUP

Come join me every Tuesday for some pickleball fun! This is an older social group available to any skill level. Bring your own racket; balls are provided. Call me at 303-979-9454 for the time and location each week

- Gary Messick

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

Fences Along the Greenbelts

We have had a few questions lately about the chain link fences that line the greenbelt along Parkhill, Holland, and Iris. When the greenbelts were developed, years ago, those fences were put in to establish a boundary between the homeowner's property and the greenbelts, which are maintained by Foothills. On the KVHA website, you will find these words declaring the ownership to be the homeowners:

"According to Bob Easton, former Executive Director of the Foothills Park and Recreation District, at the time of the development of the Kipling Villas neighborhood the developer (Singer Housing Company) installed the fences to help obtain appropriate financing for the project. However, they did not retain ownership of the fences after they were installed. The chain-link fences, therefore, belong to the private owners of the property. Foothills will not accept responsibility for the fences (except for damages that result from the moving of the greenbelt by Foothills or their contractors)."

If your property lines the greenbelt and you have a chain-link fence lined up along your fence, be on the lookout for next month's newsletter. Foothills will be offering a unique opportunity this coming fall/winter. Stay tuned!







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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 planting-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

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.
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- 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.

Lawn:

- 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.

Garden:

- 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.

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Brake Safety Week, Aug. 20–26.

Brake Safety Week is an annual commercial motor vehicle brake-safety inspection, enforcement, and education initiative conducted by law enforcement jurisdictions in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.

Book Lovers Day, Aug. 9.

An unofficial holiday encouraging everyone to celebrate reading and literature. People are advised to put away their smartphones and technological distractions and pick up a book to read.



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9316 W Walker Place	4	3	2,246	Multi-Level	\$675,000	Pending Sale
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