



## 16th Annual Cocoa and Carols

Ready to celebrate? Our 16th annual Carols and Cocoa Party will take place Monday, December 22nd at 6pm! There will be plenty of hot cocoa ready for everyone to enjoy. Our Carols and Cocoa celebration will be very laid back and a whole lot of fun! All ages and singing abilities are welcome to join us for a joyful night of Holiday Cheer!

We will meet up in the South lot of the Lilley Gulch Rec Center (near the greenbelt). After filling up your mugs with cocoa, we'll begin on our singing route. This event typically lasts between one and two hours (depending on the weather and our enthusiasm), and we encourage all participants to dress in festive gear. We will also have a relief van traveling alongside (should anyone

need an urgent hot cocoa refill or break from walking).

Please invite friends or family to join, even if they don't live in Kipling Villas! The more the merrier!



Know anyone who could use some extra holiday cheer this year? If you or a neighbor would like a visit from our Carolers, please email me at [kvnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kvnewsletter@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We will do our best to visit you!

Remember: if you aren't singing along with us on Monday, December 22nd, that means your house is a potential target for our Merry Band of Carolers!



## Holiday Decorations And Pets

- **Christmas trees and holiday greens:** Make sure your dogs or cats do not chew on limbs or droppings from the tree. Ingested pine needles could get lodged in the intestinal tract, puncturing the lining or bunching together and causing an intestinal obstruction.
- **Water base:** The water base of a Christmas tree may contain dangerous chemicals that could harm your pet.
- **Christmas lights and tinsel:** Position your tree's lights and tinsel away from the bottom of the tree where pets can reach them. Some pets climb up or into trees and can even knock them over. If swallowed, tinsel can be very dangerous to cats.
- **Candles:** Don't leave candles unattended. Pets may accidentally knock them over and spill wax or start a fire.
- **Firestarter logs:** Dogs that enjoy chewing should steer clear; these logs contain sawdust and paraffin which can cause an irritated stomach or even intestinal blockage when ingested.
- **Plants:** A number of seasonal plants are poisonous to pets if nibbled or eaten, including ivy, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

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### KVHA Events Coming Up

**Cocoa and Carols:** December 22nd, 6pm  
**HOA Quarterly Meeting:** January 6th, 7-8pm

## HOA Matters

We are excited for our neighborhood caroling night! Come join us on December 22nd. Events like these happen through your HOA contributions. Thank you for choosing to pay your HOA dues each year so that we can put on fun community events. If you haven't yet paid your \$40, please send it to P.O. Box 620395, Littleton, CO 80162. Thank you!



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If you are interested in starting a meetup, please email us at [kvnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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.

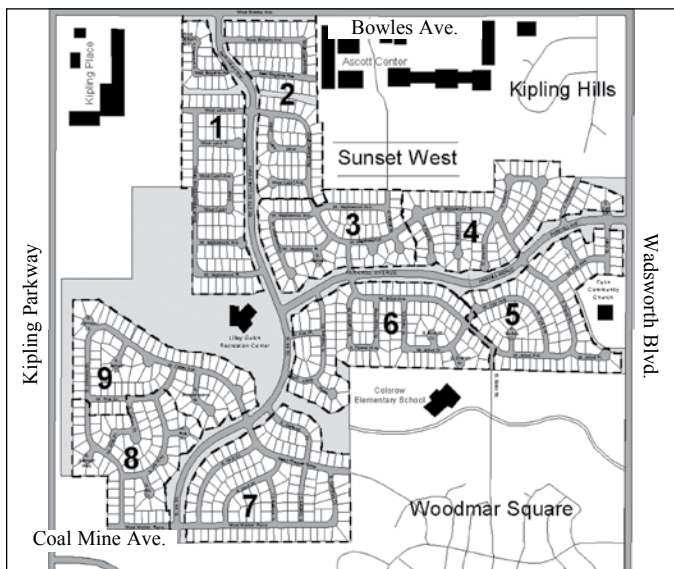


## Fishing Meetup

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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](mailto:kvnewsletter@gmail.com) to submit an article for the newsletter.

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## National Poinsettia Day

Each year on the 12th of December, people across the United States celebrate one of the most recognizable plants of the holidays on National Poinsettia Day.

The poinsettia initially came to the United States with Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American botanist and the first U.S. Minister to Mexico. In 1825, he sent cuttings home to Charleston, South Carolina.

However, it wasn't until the early 1920s that the poinsettia started taking root in American culture. Paul Ecke, a second-generation farmer in California, discovered a grafting technique that caused the seedlings to branch. Hawking their Christmas flower at roadside stands, Paul Ecke Jr. later advanced sales of the poinsettia through shipping and marketing.

## Are You Noticing Potholes?

If you see any potholes in our neighborhood, please report them! It is an easy process, and they will get filled on the double! Here is how to report them:

- If you notice potholes in Kipling Villas, follow these steps:
- 1) Scan (QR code on photos page) or go to: <https://www.jeffco.us/787/Road-Bridge-Division>
  - 2) Scroll down to Requests and Concerns
  - 3) Click on Contact Road and Bridge Site
  - 4) Click on Green + box Report a Road or Traffic Concern
  - 5) Fill in the form with the type of issue being: street and roadway maintenance > pothole



*Snow falling in the middle of a December night  
will always fill my heart with sweet clarity.*  
—Novala Takemoto

## New Additions To The Neighborhood

2025 has seen so much happen in the lives of all our neighbors. This might have included having or adopting a child this year. If this was you, let us know! We would love to feature your son or daughter in the newsletter, please email their first and middle name, birth (or adoption) date, and photo to [kvnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kvnewsletter@gmail.com). They will be featured in the January edition of the Kipling Villas Newsletter.



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## Looking To Get Involved And Make An Impact This Holiday?

Volunteering can be a fun and deeply rewarding experience where you can meet like-minded people, help improve lives and build a stronger community.

Here are some upcoming opportunities to engage in our community. We hope to see you this Holiday season!

**1. Run a toy drive.** Mile High United Way collects toys each year for our Children's Holiday Party. This annual event, which is filled with face painting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa, brings the spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of families in our community. Run a toy drive for the event and help bring joy to children this Christmas.

**2. Support our community resource center.** Our 2-1-1 Help Center serves as a critical resource and safety net for Colorado residents, particularly during the winter months. Our Resource Navigators work every day to help vulnerable people in our community gain access to basic needs like food and shelter.

**3. Help children develop a love of reading.** You can help a child build confidence, improve their literacy skills, and develop a love of reading. Volunteer to build literacy kits for young students or become a reading partner through our weekly Read With Me program.

**4. Support people experiencing homelessness.** Volunteer to put together hygiene kits for at risk individuals and families in our community. The kits, which contain a wide range of important self-care items, are distributed to people across Metro Denver who are currently experiencing homelessness. Contact us to see when you can join in on the next kit build.

**5. Join a donor group.** We believe the most fulfilling way to get involved is to do it together. Join a network and meet other socially minded individuals who are dedicated to creating a lasting impact. During the Holidays, our donor groups engage in a range of activities, such as creating Thanksgiving gift baskets for families in need.

**6. Help a small business owner in Denver.** Are you a small business expert? Volunteer your time and expertise to help small, local businesses in Metro Denver reach their growth potential through our United Business Advisory program.

**7. Become an advocate.** Mile High United Way works every day to remove barriers and create pathways to success for all people in our community through our policy initiatives. Become an advocate and help us change the odds and move families out of poverty.

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**Kiwanis Club of Columbine**

We've had a busy and rewarding month! Our members handed out Halloween candy at school and community events and enjoyed presentations from our Key Clubs at local schools.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing is starting December 14.** We'll fill about 100 two-hour shifts at two King Soopers stores and welcome help from Kiwanians, friends, and community members. Kids and musical instruments add extra cheer! Last year we raised \$18,000 for the Salvation Army, and we hope to do even better this year.

We'll also host our Quarterly Blood Drive on December 8.

Details on upcoming projects and events are shared in our weekly newsletter—email info@columbinekiwanis.org to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 am at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton.

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