

Newsletter of the Kipling Villas Homeowners' Association

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# **DirectLink Fiber Internet**

Representatives from DirectLink joined us at our January 9th HOA meeting. Many questions were asked and answered during this meeting. Here are a couple of the top points that came up:

Why is there a box in my yard? About every other house will have an access box in their yard. This box is necessary to access and bring fiber internet to your home. The box is placed

in what is called the "right-of-way." The city owns this part of your yard and DirectLink has already obtained permits and permission to place these boxes here.

Damage was done to my sprinklers/flowers/plants/etc. What can I do? If you have experienced damage due to the recent work, please call 303-529-1111. DirectLink will assist you until the problem has been fixed.

DirectLink is a local company and more than happy to answer any questions you may have. It was great to

see such a big turnout for our HOA meeting. Everyone is always welcome to join for any future meeting!

- Kipling Villas HOA Board



# **Snow Shoveling**

As winter and snow have arrived, we encourage our neighbors to shovel all side-walks adjacent to your property. Doing so is crucial for walkers, strollers, and bikers, ensuring the safety of everyone who uses them. People of all ages are out walking each day. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do your part. If you need help shoveling, please check out the section called Teen Services on page 2 of the newsletter. This



section lists young people in the neighborhood who would be happy to take on a shoveling job. Thank you for your cooperation.

— Kipling Villas Homeowner Association



# **Photographer Wanted**

Hello neighbors! It is always fun to have pictures of the neighborhood in the newsletter. That's why we are looking for a photographer who also resides in the Kipling Villas neighborhood. Whether you are 13 or 82, if you enjoy taking pictures, we want to talk to you!

We would love to feature a "Picture of the Month" in the newsletter. It could be a picture of wildlife, beautiful fall trees, or any of our community events, as long as it is taken in our neighborhood. Your only job is to take a picture in Kipling Villas and



submit it to kvnewsletter@gmail.com by the 15th of each month. If you live here and are interested in this opportunity, please let us know at kvnewsletter@gmail.com. We can't wait to see your pictures!

# **HOA Matters**

The KVHA Board would like to thank you for investing in your neighborhood. Your support is what makes our fun community events possible every year! Thank you for choosing to pay your HOA

dues so we can put on these fun events. If you haven't paid your \$40 yet for 2024, please send those dues to P.O. Box 620395, Littleton, CO 80162. Thank you!

— HOA Board



# **KVHA Events Coming Up**

**HOA Quarterly Meeting at Lilley Gulch Rec Center:** April 9th, 7-8pm

## Neighborhood Cleanup:

End of May/Beginning of June (exact date/time TBD)

**HOA Quarterly Meeting at Lilley Gulch Rec Center:** July 2nd, 7-8pm



# **Moms Meetup**

February 13th from 9:30-10:30am at Lilley Gulch Park

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

- Heidi Roesch

Pickleball Meetup

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

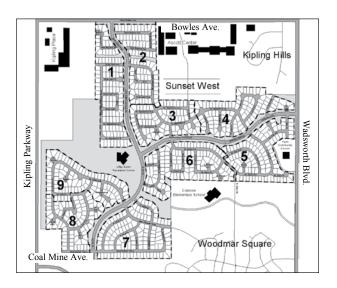
- Gary Messick

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

# Why Does Leap Year Exist?

Leap Year exists because of the time it takes the Earth to orbit the Sun. There are 365 days in most calendar years, but in the time it takes for the Earth to go around the sun once, our planet actually spins 365 and nearly a quarter times. The reason we care about that extra quarter is because the Earth has

If we didn't account for this extra time, the seasons would begin to drift. This would be annoying if not devastating, because over a period of about 700 years our summers, which we've come to expect in June in the northern hemisphere, would begin to occur in December!



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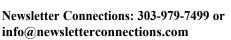
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## News Articles

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.

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# 3 Facts About President's Day

- 1. Presidents Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February, thanks to the 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act.
- 2. It was established in 1885 in honor of President George Washington's birthday.
- 3. Washington's birthday was actually on February 22, 1732 (this would be his 282nd birthday!)

# Fun Things To Do On Valentines Day To Celebrate

Watch Your Wedding Video Together: Watch your wedding video together and reminisce about the big day. Nothing gets you in the romantic Valentine's Day mood more than looking back on the momentous day that you said, "I do!"

**Dinner with Friends**: You can always plan a romantic dinner for two, or you can get your friends in on the fun and host a group dinner. Make it a potluck to cut prep work in half and have everyone bring a dish they absolutely love.

**Visit a Bookstore**: The perfect date for bookworms. Spend the day exploring new reads together, grabbing a cup of coffee in a local café and then enjoying all the new books you bought. In tune with the day dedicated to love, check out our favorite romance picks we think should be at the top of your list!

**Make Fondue**: Calling all foodies. Have some fun with food by making cheese or chocolate fondue and see what combos pair perfectly with whatever you serve up.

**Workout Together**: If you and your partner (or friends!) enjoy getting your sweat on, go to the gym or on a run together. You can even sign up for a class together and then go get coffee after.

**Take a Scenic Drive**: Put together a road trip-worthy playlist and hit the pavement, even just for a spin around town. There's something about driving that gets conversation flowing, especially if you're just tooling around looking out the window.

**Hold a Game Night**: For those with a competitive streak (or who just like some good, old-fashioned fun), an exciting night of board games will make Valentine's Day memorable. Up the ante with a friendly wager or two.

Make Some Crafts: Get creative and enjoy a special Valentine's Day craft night complete with your favorite beverages, snacks and plenty of fun. You can make each other a DIY Valentine's Day gift, or even compete to see who can make the most creative craft!

**Plan a Movie Marathon**: For some quality relaxation time with your S.O., get cozy on the couch and marathon watch all your favorite rom-coms. It's the perfect way to set the mood for some Valentine's night romance.

Have an Indoor Picnic: The winter weather doesn't have to stop you from planning the most romantic date of all — a picnic meal. Break out a checkered tablecloth and your best

Valentine's Day recipes for a sweet indoor picnic date your sweetheart won't forget.

**Paint Together**: If you'd rather be making your own masterpiece, channel your inner Bob Ross and take up a paint brush. Follow along with YouTube videos at home if you're a beginner, or take a Paint and Sip class for some IRL guided instruction.

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# Winter Fun: Tubing!

### ECHO MOUNTAIN

We'll kick off the list with the closest tubing hill to Denver at Echo Mountain Resort. Located less than an hour from the Mile High City, the Echo Mountain Tubing Hill is a convenient

place to get your thrills seven days a week. The tubing hill is open to those 36" and taller, no one can ride in someone's lap here. Online reservations are required.

Race your pals or link up amongst your group and create a tube chain. The covered conveyor lift will bring you back to the top of the 6-lane tubing hill.



#### KEYSTONE ADVENTURE POINT TUBING HILL

Endless snow tubing fun awaits you at Keystone Ski Resort. Home to two of Colorado's tubing hills: Mountaintop and a family-friendly option at the Nordic Center.

Mountaintop Snow Tubing at Keystone: Keystone's tubing hill is perched on the summit of Dercum Mountain. Checkin for your reservation at the Adventure Point Tubing Hut at the bottom of the gondola. From there, take the River Run Gondola up to the village. It will drop you off next to Adventure Point, where the tubing hill is.

**Nordic Center Snow Tubing:** If you don't want to make the trek to the top of Dercum on the gondola, check out the Nordic Center tubing hill. Located between Dillon Lake and the ski resort, the Nordic Center is a calmer alternative to the busy mountain.

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#### **COPPER MOUNTAIN TUBING HILL**

The Copper Tubing Hill consists of four lanes of varying speeds and slopes. There is a magic carpet lift system to get you up the hill, so there's no worry about having to hike.

To ensure an adventurous time, the staff will give you a push or spin if you're up for it. One of the runs even has a jump. Double tubes are available for those looking to ride together. The tubing hill is located behind Copper Station in East Village. Look for the Super Bee chairlift.

Tubing sessions last for 1 hour and you should arrive 15-30 minutes prior to your start time. The Tubing Hill at Copper can sell out, so you may want to book in advance. Discounts are available if you pre-purchase on Copper's website at least 1 day prior. Riders must be 36" tall.

#### FRISCO ADVENTURE PARK TUBING HILL

Frisco Adventure Park features a 1200-foot tubing hill with lift service, operating day and night. It's located about a mile from downtown Frisco in Summit County, within the Peninsula Recreation Area.

The tubing hill usually opens for the season around Thanksgiving weekend in November, conditions permitting. It's then open seven days per week through the winter season. Reservations are required for snow tubing. There are several lanes of varying pitches, so some will be gentler and others steeper for more thrilling rides. A surface lift returns you and your tube to the top of the hill for another descent.

-https://www.uncovercolorado.com/

## **National Love Your Pet Day**

**February 20th:** National Love Your Pet Day is a day to show extra love and appreciation for your pets. It's a reminder to take some time to play with them, show affection, and do something special for them.

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# Valentine's Scavenger **Hunt For Kids**

This one takes a bit of planning to pull off, but it is so worth it! Make or print clues leading to different locations around the house. Will there be a prize at each clue location, or a grand prize at the end? You choose! It can be done both ways! This year have the kids collect supplies along the way and have the "grand prize" be an activity you do together, like making slime or baking goodies.

## **Black History Month**

February is Black History Month, a four-week-long celebration during which we shine a light on—and seek to learn more about—the people, events, experiences, and contributions of Black America throughout the past 400plus years.

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-Eleanor Roosevelt



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