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Pay Your HOA Dues on Venmo!

Your HOA dues are important. They are what allow us to host such fun community events as the July 4th Picnic and Parade, Carols and Cocoa, our annual Kipling Villas Neighborhood Fun Run and more each and every year! And when it comes to dues, we have some exciting news: **we now have a Venmo account!**

Through this new Venmo account, you can send your KVHA dues payment and support your local community faster and easier than ever! But don't worry: if you prefer writing a check and want to continue paying that way, that is completely fine. If that's the case, be sure to look for the upcoming mailer with instructions for paying by check. But if you are looking for something faster and more digital, our Venmo account is for you!

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Tidy Up Our Trails



Spring has arrived, and more people across our community will be outside using the walking paths. Please join us to keep our trails clear and tidy. You can help the planet, get to know your neighbors, and make a difference by helping keep our neighborhood clean. Want to help? We will meet in the North parking lot of Lilley Gulch Rec

Center on May 18th at 1PM. We will also provide gloves, garbage bags and post-cleanup refreshments! For questions or status in case of inclement weather, email kiplingvillas@gmail.com.

Garage Sale Weekend

We will be having our neighborhood garage sale weekend Friday, June 6th through Saturday, June 7th.



Maps will soon be provided to make it easier to advertise your garage sale! If you are planning to have a garage sale, please send your address and a small description of what you're selling to Jackie at jackief@exitrealtydtc.com

If you are planning to shop around or would like to grab your garage sale map for the day, stop by the table on the side of Holland Way in front of Lilley Gulch.

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KVHA Events Coming Up

Bunco Game Night: May 9th, 6-8pm and June 20th, 6:30-8:30pm, Lilley Gulch Rec Center

Tidy the Trails: Sunday, May 18th, 1-3pm

Garage Sale Weekend: Friday, June 6th – Saturday, June 7th.

Cleanup Day: Saturday, June 21st, 8-11am

HOA Quarterly Meeting: July 1st, 7-8pm, Lilley Gulch Rec Center

HOA Matters

We soon have a couple of opportunities to make our neighborhood a more enjoyable place to live. Join us for Tidy our Trails and Cleanup Day! Thank you for choosing to pay your HOA dues each year. If you haven't yet paid your \$40, please Venmo @Kipling-Villas or send cash or check to P.O. Box 620395, Littleton, CO 80162. Thank you!

— HOA Board



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Etiquette For Dog Parents

Dog parents have a responsibility to manage their pets' behavior and follow certain rules of etiquette. Follow these guidelines to ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

- **Scoop your poop.** Bring several bags on your walks to be sure you have enough. If you run out, either come back and clean it up later, or ask another walker if they have a bag to spare.
- **Prevent barking.** Practice getting your dog's attention to easily redirect him if he barks at people or other dogs. If you know your dog acts this way, only allow him in the yard when supervised.
- **Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask.** The same rule applies if you see another dog and caretaker approaching. Ask first and respect the other's response.
- **Always leash your dog on walks.** Not everyone is comfortable around dogs. Keep your dog close to you and stay alert to others. Your leash should be short enough to prevent your dog from contacting or jumping on passersby.
- **Don't play while on leash.** If you meet another dog on a walk (and it's alright with their caretaker) let the dogs sniff each other for five seconds and move on. Letting your dog play with another dog while on leash can result in injury and teach your dog that all dogs enjoy this kind of interaction, although many don't.
- **Be aware of other people's feelings.** If your dog does something to upset someone (jumping up, barking) apologize to them and take measures to prevent the situation from reoccurring.

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Bunco Night

Bunco is a lighthearted dice rolling game. Teens and adults are welcome to play! Our next Bunco Night will be at Lilley Gulch Rec Center on May 9th from 6:00-8:00pm, as well as June 20th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. It is a \$5 cash entry fee per player. We will be having a potluck, so bring some food to share (if you'd like). If you have any questions, text Summer at 512-656-2794.



Pickleball Meetup

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



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

It's fishing season! Do you fish alone? Come join some retirees who fish on Wednesdays or Thursdays (depending on the weather). Bring your own equipment and a valid Colorado fishing license. Call Gary at 303-979-9554 for the next date and time!



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1. Cut a small (about 1-inch diameter or less) circle from the black construction paper.
2. Place a piece or two of tape on one side of your circle to reinforce the paper.
3. Fold the circle and make a small cut through the paper and tape near the center, just big enough to push a pipe cleaner through. Then fold and cut one more.
4. Cut all around the edges of your black circle so that they look like fringe.
5. Now, fold your red tissue paper until you have several layers – a 3" x 3" square is about right, but you don't have to be exact.
6. Cut a vaguely petal-like shape through all the sheets at once. Remember that your flower will most likely not



be inspected by a horticulturalist. Cut through all the edges so that each layer becomes separated from the others. Then fold it gently and cut a small hole through the center.

7. Hold a green pipe cleaner (for little ones, be careful of potentially pointy ends!) and stack the tissue papers onto the pipe cleaner, letting them turn and settle randomly. Then top it with the black construction-paper circle, tape side against the tissue so it isn't showing. Loop the end of the pipe cleaner through one of the center holes, then bend it, hook-like, and loop it back through the second hole, and twist to secure it.
8. Bunch up the tissue paper, folding it accordion-style for maximum volume in your flower. Flip the flower upside-down and secure it with a piece of tape. I've tried just doing a pipe cleaner and it slips, but you can also cover the tape with a second green pipe cleaner to make the underside of the flower more realistically stem-like.
9. Holding the bottom of the flower, gently separate the petals until your flower is beautiful.

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Moms—they really deserve more than a day, don't they? While we always try to let the mothers in our lives know how much they're appreciated, we try extra hard to show her how much we care on Mother's Day!

- **Feed her!** Whether it's by taking her out to her favorite restaurant (or one she's been dying to try) or, even better, cooking a thoughtful meal full of her favorite dishes, it will leave both her heart and her stomach happy.
- **Plan a family photo session or maybe one for just you and her.** Get silly in front of the camera, and you'll have more than just the memory of your day together—you'll have something tangible to share with her. Plus, as a bonus, you can relive the day all over again when the proofs come in!
- **Treat her to breakfast in bed!** Sleeping in and not having to cook breakfast? Most moms can't think of a better gift!
- **Fill up her gas tank, do the grocery shopping, clean the house—**when you handle some of these simple but burdensome tasks like these, she'll appreciate your appreciation!
- **Experience something new together!** Experiences have a way of bonding people together, so take a hot air balloon ride, go to a concert, skydive, or take a cooking class together, and you'll create memories to last for a lifetime.
- **Every mom has a honey-do list.** Consider tackling a big project on the list that she'll be so thrilled to see completed. We're talking cleaning the garage, organizing a closet, or maybe even a woodworking project.
- **Plan a party for her** and the other special moms in her life—her mom, her sister, her best friend, and, of course, those moms' children. She'll adore being surrounded by her closest loved ones.
- **Whisk mom around the town** with a day filled with her favorite activities. Soak in some quality time at a spa or a museum together, treat her to a shopping spree, or play a round of tennis with her.
- **Treat mom to a gift that is thoughtful and special.** Don't just buy another robe or sweater, unless you know she really wants one. Consider buying her something that she wouldn't typically buy for herself or something that she's been talking about for a while. Has she wanted new tableware? Does she have an empty place on her wall that she has been wanting to fill? Could she use a day to treat herself? Get personal with it!
- **You can write her a letter, make a list of all the reasons you love and appreciate her, or turn it all into a craft project.** Just be sure the day doesn't pass without you taking the time to thank her for being such a thoughtful mother.

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Bring Flowers To Someone Day

April showers means May 15 is Bring Flowers to Someone Day to celebrate why giving flowers plays a significant roll in kindness. Flowers are one of nature's most beautiful gifts. Bring Flowers to Someone Day is the perfect way to give the gift of love and kindness to those around you. Whether you gift flowers to show sympathy or give them just because, the simple act of giving flowers brings joy to the recipient.

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Last Day Of School Traditions

The last day of school is both a happy and sad occasion. While you celebrate your child's accomplishments, you also mark another year off the calendar.

- 1. Photo.** Take a photo of your child in the place where you also took a photo on the first day. That could be by the front door, at the school, or sitting at their desk.
- 2. Balloons.** Count down the last day with balloons. Fill five balloons with a note or a treat and number them. Each day, have your child pop a balloon and enjoy the surprise inside.
- 3. Signatures.** Send your child to school on the last day with something that friends can write on and a sharpie. Your child's friends can autograph their shirt, a pillowcase, or another keepsake. This is especially fun for kids moving up to the next school campus, i.e. 5th grade to middle school.
- 4. Planning.** Make a summer bucket list. Sit down together and plan out a few fun things to look forward to doing over the summer break.
- 5. Surprise.** Kick off the summer with a fun surprise when your child comes home from the last day. Keep it simple, such as hiding a bucket of water balloons by the front door or making a Last Day basket full of summer fun.
- 6. Chalk.** If your child rides the bus, decorate the sidewalk from the bus stop to the front door with sidewalk chalk. Write messages like, "Happy summer!"
- 7. Garden.** Start a summer garden. Beans, carrots, cucumbers, and melons can be planted in May or June throughout the US.

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