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### Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Jan. 5, 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: Every Wednesday at 1:30 pm except third Wed. of months at 6 pm.  
DRCOG: Jan. 18, 6:30 pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference room.  
Planning Commission: 1st & 2nd Wed. 6 pm, 4th-5th Wed, 1:30 pm.

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **Jan? Feb Commissioners**

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**Draft Minutes for Nov. 2 Meeting** Attendance: Justin Everett / At Large, Ray Moore / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Martha Fisher / At Large, Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Scott Storey / Jeffco District Attorney, Gordon Neuenfeldt & Jeff Shrader / Jeffco Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m.

**Justin Everett, President**, welcomed everyone.

**Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Sheriff**, was late because he was at a community meeting regarding a sexually violent predator, Larry Finnell, being released on Nov. 9. He served his entire sentence so no supervision is required. His conviction preceded the practice of supervision for life. Email went out to the Email Alert group. He needs to register as soon as he is released and when he moves. He will be contacted about every 3 months. He will be living at 11953 W. Stanford Dr, Morrison CO 80465, which is near Friendly Hills, Lakehurst West, and Trappers View. He gave the crime overview. It was mostly vehicle trespass and burglaries. There was a crime spree of attempted commercial burglary which is only mischief. They tried to smash the glass to gain entry to a business.

How old should someone be to get a BB gun? There are no rules.

**Jeff Shrader** discussed a vehicle burglary. The perpetrator left the car at a gas station about 2 blocks from where he worked.

The Sheriff's South office will be moving into the new precinct on Nov. 10 - 14. The parking structure is only for employees. The best parking is on the south side of the building. It is the second building on Bradford Place. Our January meeting will be at the new place.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Planning and Zoning was present.

**Scott Storey, Jefferson County District Attorney**, was tonight's speaker. He said that the Adams County District Attorney tried to get the term limit extended and failed.

For the budget, he requested 2 County Court Deputy District Attorneys. They have a lot of domestic violence cases.

They need someone to talk to the victims, but don't have time. So the current staff talks to them outside of court time in the evenings and weekends.

The Cops Grant allowed them to have a Drug Prosecutor. The grant runs out on Nov. 15. He has prosecuted and indicted several large cases.

Their current budget is \$18M. They have about 4,000 felons. They have 12 open homicides. They have specialized units for Child Sex Investigation which has over 300 perps and teaches victims how to stay safe, Community Against Senior (CASE), Elder Abuse, Victim Advocates, Recovery Court for Drug Abuse which is an 18 month program to help people kick drugs, Domestic and Family Violence although this grant is also running out and is mostly training where if the participants are clean after 2 years, then the charges are dropped, and Juvenile Assessment Center.

Several Counties have voted to not allow medical marijuana. Many people feel that the message people take from the medical marijuana issue is that it is OK. Most voters wanted the caretaker / provider model.

Scott doesn't think that the Bond Project which removes Bondsman is working. He would like legislation to allow illegal immigrants to be prosecuted before they are deported. Now people who are illegal immigrants and commit a felony are bonded out. The ICE comes in and the people choose voluntary removal. They get returned to the country from which they arrived. The victims get no satisfaction. And in this situation the bondsman only loses their fee for people who are deported. A citizens loses whatever they put up for collateral. We lost the Eastwood case; he was found insane. He is a paranoid, schizophrenic who wasn't taking his medicine. He took his dad's gun and knew that he should not have. He waited for the Resource officer to leave because he knew this person would confront him. But he argued that he was insane when he pulled the trigger. What is the average stay in a Mental Hospital? It is 7 ½ years but it varies. Initially he will be locked up. Then allowed supervisory leave, conditional leave, etc.

The turn out for Senior Law Day was real good. This is the first year.

The Safety Fair had a bout 5,000 people attend. This is the third year.

What will he do when he is no longer in office? He doesn't know but it won't be in Private Practice. He wants to be a prosecutor, not a defender.

Someone asked about what to do if you are being stalked. The person tried to get a restraining order, but the judge denied it because he needed more evidence. It could just be that judge. Usually a Temporary Protection Order is issued until the restrained party can present their case in court.

**Reports from Officers** Roll Call was not taken. We didn't have enough members present for a quorum.

**Justin Everett, President**, discussed redistricting and reapportionment. The border for House District 38 jogs around quite a bit and includes Littleton, Centennial and Greenwood Village. This is it unless the Colorado Supreme Court overturns it. It will either be adopted or kicked back with instructions. The Secretary of State needs to get the map by Dec. 14. Political caucuses are on Feb. 7.

The Feb. meeting will be with the Commissioners.

Mike Kopp has resigned from his position due to his wife passing away. The Vacancy Committee consists of 140 people. The 3 candidates are Jim Kerr, Tim Neville, and Gary Fillpod (*Spelling may be wrong*).

What issues should we discuss at our Annual Meeting? We need to do something to expand membership perhaps an issue that would make headlines and garner publicity. We could try the RTD issue or Water and Sewer issue.

**Winnie Burdan, Vice President**, was present.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$1,830.04. He will not be available to do the Dec. Newsletter.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, did not present the Sept. Minutes. We didn't have a quorum.

**Diane Suchomel** attended the RTD meeting. 8 routes that serve this area will either be discontinued completely or partly eliminated. They are the following routes: 60, 59, 67, 76, 77, 100, 401, and 63X. They will be replaced with a Call n Ride service in part of the affected area which starts taking calls at 5:30 a.m. The service will run from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. People will either need to call in advance of each time they want to request a scheduled ride or request one via RTD's website. Payment is required for riding call-n-ride's small buses. People may contact RTD for additional information.

2012 Littleton Sewer rates will be increasing by the same percentage for in district and out of district.

They are taking comments on the County Administration and Proposed Budget until Nov. 15. The current budget is \$18M plus capital. It has to be completed by Dec. 6.

**Old Business** The Distressed Property resolution takes affect on Saturday.

**New Business** Someone received mail that looked like a bill for Water Service Line. It is from someone trying to sell you insurance.

What is the status of the Harriman Lake Dam? They are selecting the contractor now. During construction, the whole park will be closed.

What can a HOA do about a old tree? This should be a Covenant violation under the Nuisance section.

Announcements

The Christmas Party will be on Dec. 2 at 7:00. It will be a pot luck. (*Cancelled due to Hostess' illness*)

We adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

**COHOPE Treasury Activity: Nov-Dec 2011**

**Beginning Balance Nov 2, 2011**

**Deposits**

**Withdrawals**

Oct Newsletter \$ 7.04

**Ending Balance Jan 4, 2012**

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

\$ 1837.08

\$ 0.00

\$ 7.04

\$ 1830.04

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**From Draft Minutes of the November Meeting** Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Yarish at 9:07a.m. Eight board members and two homeowners were present..

**Old Business:** The dirt mound on Platte Canyon next to the storage facility is still being investigated. We are trying to find out who put the dirt there and how long it will be there.

The holiday hayride event is set for Saturday, December 10th. It starts at 6 p.m. Meet at the picnic shelter on S. Kendall Blvd. and W. Elmhurst Avenue. Volunteers are needed to help set up, provide cookies and drinks. The board will be calling those who have shown interest in helping with events. Contact a board member by phone or through the email address if you are interested in helping. Leigh Reider is our volunteer coordinator for this event.

Columbine Hills Elementary School reports that the concerns about the drop zone at the school is controlled by Jeffco and concerns about a tree blocking site for vehicles leaving the school parking lot does not appear to be a problem after all.

**New Business:** It was noticed that there are Realtors putting out brochures that Columbine Hills does not have an HOA and that all RV's are welcome. The board will be contacting these Realtors that CHICA, while not technically an HOA but is a Civic Association with covenants that must be provided at home sale closing. Each residence in Columbine Hills falls under the covenant for the filing in which that particular residence is located, as well as Jefferson County zoning requirements.

The treasurer reports that due to the heavy expenditures and commitments this year, including significant matching funds to Foothills Park and Rec. for a new playground at S. Kendall Blvd. and W. Canyon Avenue, our dumpster days, and signs at two entrances we will need to have a strong membership drive for 2012. Please support CHICA in 2012. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectively submitted— *Mark Johnson, CHICA Secretary*

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**President's Corner** I would like to say a big "thank you" to the twenty community and board members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the November HOA Board meeting. The room was full of lively discussion on topics ranging from budgets to legal issues. Be sure to check the minutes for details. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, the HOA sponsored landscaping at Chatfield and Yukon will be completed and the gardens will be ready for the flowers that we will plant in the spring. Over the winter we will be putting a committee together to help plant and maintain those gardens. Please give me a call or email at [president@cksii.org](mailto:president@cksii.org), if you are interested in volunteering for this project.

December is an especially beautiful month to drive around our community and see all the beautiful lights brightly welcoming the upcoming holiday. Seeing them from a wagon drawn by two amazing horses is even more fun! I hope you all are planning on attending this fun filled event on Dec. 4th. Another example of your HOA at work!

As you prepare your 2012 calendar, be sure to mark January 10, 2012 as an important date. This is the date of the Columbine Knolls South II Annual Homeowners' Association Member Meeting. At that meeting you will be electing four board members who will each serve a two year term and voting on the 2012 budget. The budget will be posted on the CKSII website for your review prior to the meeting. Now is the time to think about getting involved on the CKSII Board of Directors. You can do so by contacting any board member and indicating your interest. The CKSII Board is only as good as those taking the time to volunteer make it. Is it your turn? Pick up the phone or email a board member today and get involved!

I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays and hope to see you at the Holiday Hayride on December 4th. — *Stephanie Haberkorn, President*

**From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes: Nov. 8, 2011** President Stephanie Haberkorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members, Debbie Opperman, Ron Cuning, Greg Steward, Tom McEwen, John Schutt and Justin Phillips were in attendance. Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management, Annette Richmond, an attorney with the legal firm of Orten Cavanagh Richmond & Holmes, LLC and nine residents were also in attendance.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Cuning reported that the HOA currently has 278 members.

**ACC REPORT:** Tom McEwen reported that five ACC approval requests were received, since the last meeting. Two have been approved and three are in the approval process.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management reported that since the last Board meeting in October, three inspections were conducted. There were 10 screening/ parking issues, 1 issue involved an

improperly painted shed, 1 involved a basketball goal and 1 concerned property maintenance. DARCO provided status letter requests for sales of three properties. Nine properties are currently for sale with three in foreclosure. At the conclusion of Mr. Borcharding's report, two issues regarding covenant enforcement were discussed. Ryan Tyler spoke regarding a shed that he had built and painted red. Mr. Tyler asked for an explanation as to why the ACC was requiring that the shed be painted another color. It was explained that the ACC request submitted by Mr. Tyler failed to disclose that the intended color of the shed would be red to match his gazebo, which cannot be readily seen from the street. Rather, the request stated that the shed would have "paint & shingles to match house & gazebo." Mr. Tyler also failed to obtain the required Miscellaneous Zoning Permit from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning for the construction of his shed. The ACC approval is contingent on obtaining that permit, as well. Mr. Tyler then asked if he was limited only to the color of his house. There is no such limitation and it was recommended that Mr. Tyler submit another ACC Approval Request form, include paint samples, and identify where each color would be applied. The Board thanked Mr. & Mrs. Tyler for taking the time to attend the meeting and addressing the issue.

Annette Richmond, an attorney with the legal firm of Orten Cavanagh Richmond & Holmes, LLC (OCRH), which represents the Association, provided the legal history of a boat that is improperly screened/stored. This issue began in 2008. Since that time, many letters have been sent to the owner by both DARCO Property Management and OCRH requesting that the problem be corrected. The owner did not respond to any of those letters and did not correct the problem. The owner also failed to make court appearances on at least three occasions. As a result, the court found in favor of the Association, required that the owner comply with the covenants and awarded all costs incurred by the Association related to the covenant enforcement process. Ms. Richmond recommended that the Board take the necessary legal steps to correct the covenant violation and recover the costs associated with this issue as allowed by the court. Ms. Richmond recommended that the boat be removed, stored and sold at a Jefferson County Sheriff sale. The proceeds of the sale would be used to recover Association costs. The Board then asked questions regarding additional options should the proceeds of the sale not be sufficient, as well as procedural questions. After all questions were answered, the Board deliberated and made the decision to proceed. A motion was made by John Schutt to proceed with the removal and storage of the boat, with the assistance of the Jefferson County Sheriff, and subsequently sell the boat at a Jefferson County Sheriff's sale. If proceeds of the sale fail to meet all of the costs of covenant enforcement, legal fees, court costs, towing and storage, the balance due will be recovered through lien, garnishment, or other options as recommended by council. The motion was seconded by Debbie Opperman. A vote was then taken and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Richmond and Mr. Borcharding will coordinate with the Jefferson County Sheriff for the removal, storage and sale of the boat.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Community Picnic; Bob Haberkorn, the committee chairman, reported that the picnic had been very successful and that the committee is exploring additional ways to make it even better.

**Hay Ride;** This year's hay ride is scheduled for December 4th and the anticipated expenditures, according to Mr. Haberkorn, will be \$1,000.00, which include the horse-drawn wagon, Santa Clause, food and other miscellaneous expenses. Greg Steward motioned to approve the appropriation of funds for the event. The motion was seconded by John Schutt and was approved with a unanimous vote.

**CHATFIELD AND YUKON ENTRANCE:** License Agreement; The license, which allows CKSII community access to the county property at the Yukon and Chatfield entrance, was approved by the Jefferson County Commissioners at their October 25, 2011 meeting. Schultz Industries, the contractor for CKSII, will install landscaping over the next few weeks. The final plant material will be installed next spring in the two planters, which are located on each side of that entrance.

**2012 HOA BUDGET:** Ron Cuning, the HOA treasurer, provided the Board with a draft of the Association budget for 2012. Each line item on the budget was then discussed, including estimates of anticipated income, as well as those expenses which are difficult to predict such as legal costs and trash service. Using past years' income and expenses as indicators and anticipated HOA member growth, the Board constructed their proposed 2012 Homeowners' Association budget, which will be presented to the membership for discussion and a vote at the January 10, 2012 annual meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Coronado Elementary School. The agenda will include a member vote on the proposed budget for 2012, election of new board members and a vote on proposed Association bylaw changes, if any.

**Proxy Forms;** Members, who are unable to attend the annual meeting, are encouraged to submit their proxy form. Proxies count for the purpose of establishing a quorum. The proxy form can be downloaded from the home page of the community web site at [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org). Instructions for completing and submitting the proxy form are on the form. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

## ***The Leawood Reporter***

*From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of Nov. 8, 2011* The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President, Mike Shaw. Also in attendance were board members Laurel McFerrin- Ontiveros, Rhonda Eveleth, Richard White, and

Paul O'Connor and Leawood resident Debby Baker.

Richard White presented the treasury report. The Board approved the purchase of new flood lights for the Jay Court entrance and new zip ties which are used for the signs that are put up around the neighborhood to announce upcoming events. Mike Shaw will contact an electrician to determine the problems with the electrical issues that were experienced last year with the Christmas lights. These lights will be put up after Thanksgiving.

The Santa Party was discussed which will be held at Leawood Elementary School on Wednesday, December 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Debby Baker is heading up the event, which is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED by the LCA board. Volunteers should be at the school between 4:30 and 5:00 to help set up. Board members will donate cookies and punch but any attending residents are encouraged to bring additional cookies as well. Mike, Paul, and Debby will work together to get signs up around the neighborhood prior to the party and take them down afterward. A Leawood neighbor will be taking photos for the Leawood Reporter and website but parents are encouraged to bring their cameras as well if they would like to get pictures of their children with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**From Leawood Recreation and Park District Minutes of Nov. 9, 2011** The Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent at Leawood Elementary. Board members present were: Mibby Luedecke, Donna Snyder, Charlie Campbell, and Linda Smith, along with Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Public Comment – Mibby relayed some broad details about her conversation with a neighbor, who is the newly appointed state senator for District 26, regarding the project with Urban Drainage and Jefferson County to repair erosion at Weaver Park. Linda received a call from a resident asking for landscaping at the West bridge entrance and the volleyball bridge area. The resident asked the Board to also consider flattening out the sidewalk area west of the newly planted trees near the bench. This sidewalk slopes and water/snow seems to puddle on the sidewalk and freeze. These items will be taken into consideration when planning the 2012 projects and priorities.

Treasurer's Report – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report and bills to be paid were discussed. Bills include: United Site Services, Denver Water, Horizon, L&M for irrigation services, Split Rail Fence, reimbursement to petty cash, snow removal and Dave's invoice. Linda moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay bills. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – Dave reported that all irrigation boxes at Leawood Park have been raised as planned and a main water line repaired. All irrigation lines have been blown out and the water is off in all parks. L&M removed leaves from the parks. Snow was removed from all parks and lots of branches were removed that had been brought down by the snow. Dave received a call about a damaged four-seater teeter in Leawood Park playground. The unit is in our storage pavilion and a new coil spring has been ordered. Given the thickness of the spring, it was likely broken by teenagers or adults. The new trees at the west end of Weaver Park have been wrapped for protection. The new ATV was picked up from RPM Motor Sports. Dave reported big ruts on the east side of Leawood Park from a homeowner's tree removal contractor. The house is on Marshall and the contractor was not authorized to take out the tree from the park side. Dave will get an estimate for the repair costs and inform the homeowner so he can contact the contractor.

The potty relocation in Weaver Park will start as weather permits.

Old Business 2012 Projects Discussion – Revisions to the 2011 project list were made and the items not done will be added to the 2012 project list. Prioritization of the 2012 projects will be decided by Charlie and Dave and discussed at the December meeting. New items will be added as needed.

Dutch Creek Erosion Control Project – Urban Drainage is close to having the final plan from their consultants. They will send this to the Board for a final review. The final plan will have the District's revegetation plan as the revegetation plan. They are on track to getting a contractor on board by next month, and the project started sometime at the beginning of next year.

New Business Continue 2012 Draft budget discussion – Small revisions to the budget discussed at last month's meeting, as well as at this meeting, were done. Final approval will take place at the December 14 meeting.

Future Board Meetings – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## Williamsburg II News

**President's Message** Happy Holidays. Here's hoping we've all burned off the caloric excess from the Thanksgiving meal and no leftovers remain in the fridge to haunt us. For many, the holiday frenzy is about to begin if it hasn't already done so. As you read this, perhaps you've already maxed a credit card after scouring the stores on Black Friday and already been to at least one holiday party. Whatever your holiday routines and traditions may be, I hope the season brings all the good cheer you deserve. Don't forget to join us for this month's Holiday Hayride scheduled for Saturday December 10th as well as turning on your lights for the Holiday Lighting Event scheduled for Wednesday December 14th. Details elsewhere in the newsletter. As noted in last month's newsletter, we have a vacancy on the Board. Please

give some consideration to filling the vacancy and participating.

Stop by our next meeting in January, meet the board members and introduce yourself. Thanks for your consideration. On behalf of the entire HOA Board, I extend the warmest greetings of the season and I leave you with this thought, "But I am sure that I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round... as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely."— Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*—*Mike Eppers*

**From HOA Meeting Minutes for Nov. 1, 2011** Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Debbie Ridner, Susan Ganz, Debra White, Sharon Erickson and Bill Ganz.

All information on the website is current.

Secretary's Report: Sharon Erickson confirmed that the secretary's report in the November newsletter is accurate. Mike motioned to approve and Sharon seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz confirmed that the treasurer's report as published in the November newsletter was accurate and asked that it be approved. Susan motioned to accept the report as published. Debbie seconded the motion.

Architectural Committee Report: Bill Ganz reported that there were no new requests.

Historian: According to Debra White, Historian, all information is current. She is looking forward to adding pictures from upcoming holiday events.

COHOPE: Winnie Burden our COHOPE representative was not at the meeting to give a report. The regular monthly meeting will be later this month.

Covenant Control: No new violations to report.

Old Business: Debbie has confirmed with Bear Creek Ranch that all plans for the Hayride are set for December 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Eagle Meadows Park. Board members will finalize, via email, all plans for refreshments and set up.

Holiday Lighting Contest is scheduled for Wednesday December 14th – lights on by 7:00 p.m.

The electrician who handled the repair of the front entrance lights will come back out to check several problems and repair same. After the recent snowstorm the lights quit working properly.

New Business: With the resignation of Beth Schneider the board is looking for a new board member. If you are interested please contact one of the current members.

A BIG thank you to the Eagle Scout and his troop for organizing a clean-up of the open space area and pond at the north end of our subdivision. Please see a separate article in this newsletter.

There is no board meeting in December. The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 3rd 2012 at Sharon Erickson's house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**NOTE— As of the newsletter mailing date Cohope had applied for the meeting dates but had not received reservation confirmation for the new Sherriff's meeting room. We anticipate that we will be given the ok. Ray Moore will receive the reply but will not be back until after Christmas. He will notify members if there is a problem with the reservation or if the venue has to be changed or the meeting postponed.**

**State's SOR is more current than JCSO website**—About a month ago a registered sex offender moved out of my neighborhood( saw the moving van in front of the house after the For Sale by Owner signs went down). The site the JCSO links to for crime mapping and registered sex offender posting still had him located at the former address .On 11/10 I wrote someone at JCSO and told them there was a discrepancy between the State's SOR address listing for him and JCSO's website link's address listing for him. On 11/14 I was told that the State's listing is more current due to delay in transferring information and that JCSO was going to change to a different system so their information could be available in a more timely manner.

As of this a.m. the JCSO linked registered sex offender posting info still has him located at the old address.( According to the State's address listing for him he is now living in the Westridge subdivision. I wrote someone at JCSO this a.m. and suggested it might be good to put a notice on their website telling people that the State's listing is more current so people can get accurate up-to-date information.

If you want current locations for registered sex offenders who are living in your area, then check the State's sx offender registry website or go to the JCSO and buy a paper copy of the County's list for the complete listing (including juveniles and some other registered sex offenders who don't meet the criteria for being posted on any website)

*Update—JCSO changed the disclaimer wording on their website to let people know there could be a 3 week delay in updating it.—Diane Suchomel*

**This Isn't Your Father's 911** By Sheriff Ted Mink— We all know that 911 is the number to call in the United States to get help in an emergency. A 911 call goes to the emergency dispatch center closest to the caller, and trained dispatchers send police, firefighters or paramedics to the caller's location.

The shift to mobile phones and VoIP\* lines has significantly changed emergency call-taking. Today in Jefferson County, nearly 80 percent of incoming 911 calls come from mobile phones and VoIP lines, while the rest come from traditional land lines. Calls from land lines have always provided dispatchers with information about the location of the caller. Calls from mobile phones and VoIP phones provide much less.

**Calling 911 Today** When you call 911 from a mobile or VoIP phone, the call-taker will usually only know your phone company and phone number. The call-taker may know the general area you're calling from, but the area could be several square miles. You'll have to provide specific information so that the call-taker can send help to the right place. If you're in a building, try to provide the street address. If you're on a roadway, try to provide the cross streets, mile marker information or a well-known landmark. We can't help you if we can't find you!

**e911: Why We're Calling You in an Emergency** In Jefferson County, the e911 system (sometimes called "reverse 911") allows us to call citizens to warn them of danger. With it, we can simultaneously call multiple phones within an area that we designate, to warn residents of flood, fire, tornadoes, chemical spills, or dangerous suspects. Within moments, calls reach the affected community to deliver warnings and critical safety instructions.

If you receive an e911 call, the voice on the line will let you know it's a message from the Sheriff's Office. Also, your caller ID should display our agency's name and a call-back number. The e911 system works with all phones that have a TDD line (for the hearing impaired). If you have a telephone zapper used to block out telemarketers, or if your phone is blocked to unknown callers, you will not receive e911 calls.

**Opt In to e911** The e911 system calls numbers from two databases. One is the county's 911 database, with all listed and unlisted land lines. If you have a land line, it is automatically included in this database.

The second is a new database of mobile phone and VoIP numbers - established in 2009 - whose owners have opted in to receive the calls. If you don't have a traditional land line phone, or would like to receive a cell phone call in addition to the call on your land line phone, consider registering for this free service. To register, visit our Web site: [www.jeffcosheriff.com](http://www.jeffcosheriff.com).

\*Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, are "telephone" communications transmitted over the Internet, instead of traditional phone lines. If you have a "bundled" Internet/phone/TV service, you probably have a VoIP line.

**"Home Alone" Vacation Checks** Police nationwide have noted two growing trends in recent years: a social-media-driven party scene that can quickly spin out of control, and a rise in jewelry and prescription drug thefts.

We've seen these trends collide in Jeffco in the form of teen parties hosted while parents are out of town. Sometimes, teens who intend to host a small gathering or manageable party end up with more than they can handle. The party location is shared via Facebook and text messaging, and suddenly there are an overwhelming number of partygoers, many of them strangers. Later, the teen or parents notice valuable items stolen from the home, and parents find themselves filing police reports upon their return.

One of the many services the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office provides to its citizens is the "vacation check." A vacation check involves deputies conducting routine patrols around a home while the homeowner is out of town, upon request. They look for anything amiss, and their presence can help deter would-be criminals.

If you are planning to leave your teen at home while you travel, you may consider requesting a vacation check for your residence. When you let the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office know the dates of your travel; phone numbers for you, your teens and an emergency contact; and some other basic information about your home, our deputies will then conduct extra patrols of your home and can intervene more effectively in an unsafe situation or emergency. Vacation checks can provide some peace of mind for you, while preventing crime in our communities.

For more information or to request a vacation check, call the Sheriff's Office at 303-277-0211 or contact your child's school resource officer.



Sheriff Ted Mink

**Jeffco Public Schools news – December, 2011 by Beverly Craddock, Communications Services, Jeffco Schools**  
**Suggestions for 2012-14 budget reduction of \$70 million** Jeffco values public comment on the very difficult decisions that have to be made regarding Jeffco's budget for the next two years. The district is planning for \$70 million in cuts because our budget team is wisely conservative. We won't know the full extent of the reductions until the state budget process is completed. In the meantime, the suggestions for reductions that are the result of our budget workgroups that have been meeting over the past several months are available on the district's website at [www.jeffcopublicschools.org](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org). If you wish to make a comment on the suggestions, please visit the district's website. Members of the Board of Education will be holding community budget forums in early 2012 and will make final budget decisions in the spring of 2012.

**Centers of Excellence** Two Jeffco schools have been selected to receive a 2011 Centers of Excellence Award from the Colorado Department of Education, Stein and Deane elementary schools. Deane has won the award two years in a row,





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The November meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 pm** at the new Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. **TENTATIVE—SEE PAGE 6.**

Stein, three. The Centers of Excellence Awards are presented each year to those schools in the state that demonstrate the highest rates of student longitudinal academic growth and enroll a student population that is at least 75 percent at-risk. This award also rewards the success of those schools that produce outstanding academic growth, even in the face of significant challenges.

**Jeffco a winner either way** Congratulations to the Columbine High School Rebels as they defeated the Lakewood High School Tigers at Sports Authority Field at Mile High this past Saturday for the 5A state football championships. This was the third time in 15 years that two Jeffco schools faced off in the championship game. Columbine has held five state championships since 1999, the last one being in 2006.

**Colorado Department of Education releases school and district report card** The Colorado Department of Education has released the 2010-2011 School and District Performance Frameworks results. Overall, Jeffco Schools got high marks and increased its score to 72 out of 100 possible points. To see how your school performed, go to SchoolView. Jeffco points of pride from the District Performance Framework: Elementary growth gap indicators improved 5 points in math and 15 points in writing, moving these indicators from "approaching" to "meets" on the rubric for the elementary level. Within elementary math, Jeffco moved from "approaching" to "meets" for minority students. Within elementary writing, Jeffco moved from "approaching" to "meets" for three subgroups: free/reduced lunch, minority, and catch up students. Compared to 2010, the district has now made adequate growth for the subgroups of free/reduced lunch, minority and English language learner (ELL) students in elementary writing, which means these students are on track to be proficient within three years or tenth grade (whichever comes first). Growth gaps decreased with indicators moving from "approaching" to "meets" in secondary mathematics for students needing to catch up, as well as high school ELL students. For Jeffco's high schools, overall academic growth in mathematics improved from "approaching" to "meets". Compared to 2010, the district now has made adequate growth in reading for ELL students at the high school level. On the 2011 one-year District Performance Framework(DPF), Jeffco has improved in the performance indicators of Academic Growth and Academic Growth Gaps compared to the 2010 one-year DPF. The frameworks provide a snapshot of the school or district's level of attainment on academic achievement, growth, growth gaps and postsecondary readiness. For districts, they result in an accreditation rating; for schools, they result in the plan type the school will implement.

**2012-13 Calendar approved by board** The official district calendar has been approved by members of the Jefferson County Board of Education. Important dates to note from the 2012-13 calendar: First day of school – Aug. 20 (some schools may use this as a flex day, with not all students required to attend). Labor Day holiday – Sept. 3 Thanksgiving holiday – Nov. 19-23\ Winter break – Dec. 24-Jan. 8 Spring break – March 25-April 1 Last day of school – May 29 Potential snow makeup days – May 30, 31 There will be seven K-8 early release days which give teachers time for planning and professional development. (Watch a video for an explanation of early release days.) The calendar was developed with the help of a 28-member committee made up equally of community members (parents, students, citizens) and staff (teachers and school-based/central administrators). Over 8,000 people weighed in on the calendar through a survey posted on the district's website last spring