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### Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Mar. 1, 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Mar. 21, 6:30 pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference rm  
Planning Commission: 1st & 2nd Wed. 6 pm, 4th-5th Wed, 1:30 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **March Hindman & Sanchez April elections May**

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**Draft Minutes for Jan. 4 Meeting** Attendance: Ray Moore & Al Hintz/ Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Ralph & Pat Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Al Nemes / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Cindy Coats & Cindy Rock / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Ken Krukar, Donald Rosier / Jefferson County Commissioner, Gordon Neuenfeldt / Jeffco Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was convened at 7:02 p.m.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, welcomed everyone. Justin Everett was not able to attend.

**Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Sheriff**, said that January was slow at the beginning but made up for it. There were vehicle trespasses and vehicle theft. Of course, they were mostly unlocked vehicles. There has been a burglary spree. They have been prying entry or kicking in the front door. They have been taking jewelry. They hit in the late afternoon or early evening Monday through Friday.

Did Gordon have any information on why the Bomb Squad visited one of the neighborhoods? He did not.

Did Gordon have any information on the hit and run? The car took out a sign. This is the jurisdiction of the Colorado State Patrol. Their phone number is 303-239-4501.

The phone numbers changed when they transferred to the new site. The phone numbers all start with 720-497-72xx. The front desk is ext. 7200. Gordon is ext. 7202. You can call Jefferson County Dispatch at 303-239-0211 and ask for them to transfer you. The phone numbers need to be changed on the web site still.

There is a Citizen Self Defense course offered by the city of Englewood periodically. It would be nice to have a class here. That is not likely to happen due to liability issues. They do have a class where they discuss awareness. They are also working on an Emergency Preparedness course. They developed the course from the point of view of the Mayan calendar ending and being attacked by zombies. :)

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present. They have changed their Board meeting to once a month. The next meeting is on Jan. 24.

No one from Planning and Zoning was present.

**Donald Rosier, Jefferson County Commissioner**, was tonight's speaker. He is just starting his second year. Kevin McCaskey resigned and was replaced by John Odom. He provided a handout.

The handout included information on the Board of County Commissioners, elected officials, county services. Jeffco facts and figures, community activities, development activities, 2012 budget strategies, where county revenue comes from, what the county pays for, mill levy allocation, open space, planning and zoning, road projects, law enforcement, the south service hub, economic development, and their web site.

There are some institutions that are allowing people to stay in their foreclosed homes for free. It is cheaper than paying someone to watch it and maintain it.

Human Services expenses keeps going up and has been for years.

Comments on the Bike Pedestrian Plan ended on Jan. 31. However if you still want to comment, contact Teresa Armstrong at 720-497-7231.

The final paving on the Kipling and Quincy road project will be done in the spring. The bid for the Quincy and Simms to Kipling is due in Mar. The last of the road project is Quincy and Kipling to Wadsworth which will be done in 2013. On Short Term Rentals, there is now a permit system in place. There is now a definition for STR and it is regulated. The STR permit fee is \$750. The property has to be on at least a 1 acre lot.

There are no sidewalks at Marlowe and Kipling. They are really needed. The visibility in that area is bad and people have to walk in the street.

Harriman Lake Park will be completely closed to the public probably until sometime in Dec. 2012. A section of W Quincy Ave that is along the north side of that park will be closed on Jan. 30 for 4 - 6 weeks so work could be done on a utility underneath the street. The property is owned by Denver Water. There is a ditch that needs the weeds to be cleaned out. Who should they contact? Don will find out.

Earlier this year the County Commissioners approved a contract with Big Sky Outdoor, LLC for all bus bench locations at RTD bus stops within the County's right-of-way. Vendors can buy rights to a bench. The contractor will have performance standards that they must maintain. There is also a severability clause. What are they doing about benches where there is no longer a bus stop? Don didn't know.

There is an application for a Type II Recycling Transfer Station, Special Use, on Pleasant Park Road in Conifer. This is for beetle kill recycling. They have sent comments back to the applicant.

Don discussed the 2012 budget strategies. There is a Certificate of Participation (COPs). It is like an equity loan against the Taj. They borrowed \$76M for capital improvement projects. But there is not enough money to cover all of the improvements. They have also been saving money wherever possible—Example—they use Kinko Fedex for printing because it is cheaper than doing it in house. Property tax has gone down 4% overall.

The new South Jeffco Sheriff's Department building was purchased. They will be saving money over the previous leases. Other county functions have also moved into the building such as the Motor Vehicle Department.

Are the employees are PERA? No. They have a 457 Plan which is like a 401K. Does the county match? Yes, there is a 1 to 1 match.

How many properties have been officially registered/classified as "distressed properties" since the new regulation took effect? None at this time. Contact: Teresa Armstrong 720-497-7231

How many properties have applied for and had been approved as "short term rentals" since that new regulation took effect. None have applied.

What about zoning violations? They do not go out looking for violations. They only respond to complaints.

Why don't you hire more planners? Don didn't know.

What can you do about a neighbor who has a dead but standing tree? The county can't do anything. Some HOAs have a nuisance clause that can be used.

3 years ago state law didn't allow Economic Development Plans. Now the County Commissioners consider it for the entire county, including cities.

Have the County Commissioners ever consider doing a meeting in the evening? The only time they have had an evening meeting was to discuss the television towers. But they can consider it.

**Reports from Officers** Roll Call was taken. We had 14 members present and a quorum.

Justin Everett, President, was not present.

Winnie Burdan, Vice President, was not present.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$1,810.02.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, presented the Jan. Minutes. They were approved without any changes.

Diane Suchomel said that there is a proposed Self Storage business at Bowles and Alkire. This is was on a public notice posted at the area. They would have to get an exception but they haven't applied yet.

The Jeffco Liquor Board meeting is tomorrow.

**Old Business** The sale of the property at Coal Mine and Wadsworth is contingent upon rezoning. It needs to be rezoned to a commercial property.

**New Business** Foothills Parks and Recreation District has board positions open for districts 1, 2, and 5. Candidates interested in one of the 3 board positions up for election are supposed to inform FHPRD of their intention to run for the board seat in Feb. A decision on whether or not an election would be held would be made by March 1. We will probably hear about it at the Foothills February 28 meeting.

This room is not available for the June 6, July 4, and Nov. 7 meetings. Lilley Gulch has the best price at \$20 per hour. It was moved that we move the June and Nov. meetings to Lilley Gulch. The motion passed with 11 for, 1 against, and 2 abstained. It was moved that we cancel the July meeting. The motion passed with 12 for, 2 against, and 1 abstained.

Cohope elections are in April. People need to think about who they would like to run for President since Justin is not running this time.

**Announcements** Justin's candidate announcement party is tomorrow.

We adjourned at 9:15 p.m. (Note—the website is down while it is being transferred—Hopefully it will be up mid-March.)

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**From Draft Minutes of the January 2012 Board Meeting** Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Yarish at 9:15 a.m. Seven board members and two homeowners were in attendance.

**Old Business: Hayride Report** – The hayride in December was considered fairly successful, but not as good a turn out as in 2010. There was discussion on why not as many attended, including maybe not enough notice; maybe some were scared off due to the wait in the cold to ride, etc. It was suggested that perhaps we look at adding more things to attract attendance besides just having Santa present. There was also discussion on maybe alternating years – one year a summer picnic, and on the alternate year the hayride. Further discussion was deferred.

It was proposed to add lights to the new Kendall Blvd. entrance sign, to match the Elmhurst entrance for around \$40.00. This was tabled due to funding concerns.

**Treasurer's Report:** We received 351 memberships for 2011 along with some additional donations. The funds in the operating account are low due to the expenditure for the hayride. Requests for donations for the Columbine High School Prom and for the Columbine Hills Elementary School were received. We have a good record of support for these each year. Action on the requests was postponed for later in the year.

**New Business:** There was lengthy discussion on potential ways to raise funds for CHICA beyond the annual donation drive. Items discussed were: Selling discount cards for neighborhood businesses – similar to the Rebel Card that Columbine sells, holding a Farmers Market or a Flea Market in the neighborhood, and generating funds through sales of booths. Board member Kelly Goodbar was appointed chairperson of a fundraising committee to come up with specific proposals and details for board consideration. The board is soliciting ideas from CHICA neighbors on ideas to increase volunteer support and fundraising ideas.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Randy Montgomery to fill the current vacancy on the board. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the suggested annual donation amount to \$25.00. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.— Respectively submitted, Mark Johnson, CHICA Secretary

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** The Columbine Knolls South II HOA Annual Meeting held on January 10, 2012, was well attended with 34 homeowners being represented to vote for new members to the Board of Directors and review and approve the CKSII 2012 Annual Budget. The membership elected two new Board of Director members; Tom Tellschow and Jane Schaefer.

Current Board of Director members John Shutt and Stephanie Haberkorn were also elected for another term. Completing the second year of their two year term on the Board of Directors will be Debbie Opperman, Ron Cunning and Justin Phillips. I would like to thank both Greg Steward and Tom McEwen who are leaving the Board of Directors following the completion of their terms. Greg not only served as secretary but provided a wealth of historic and instructional knowledge. Tom chaired the ACC Committee and also brought tremendous knowledge to the committee. Both members will be greatly missed. Barb Steward will continue doing the great job she does of writing the newsletter. The Social Committee consisting of Bob Haberkorn, Jon Brouillet, Elisa McKee, Larry Opperman and Tom and Donna Tellschow are ready to start planning an exciting event for the summer and the Holiday Hayride. A new committee, the Monument Landscape Committee, responsible for planting and maintenance of the entry way at Chatfield and Yukon has been recruited. On the Monument Landscape Committee are Donna Tellschow, Jay Seifert, Dean Fitches, Bob Doucet, Darla Ehli and Joan Weyhmiller. A special thank you goes to all of the volunteers that have agreed to help make this a successful year!

The Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors will have a full agenda to address at the regularly scheduled meetings during the upcoming year. Items will include: Approval of ACC requests; Ongoing enforcement of the HOA covenants through our property manager and attorney; Managing the CKSII membership approved budget; Communication through the monthly newsletter; Maintaining the website; Working with EDS to plan the large trash pick-up day; Scheduling and marketing CKSII Community Garage Sale; Recruitment and engagement of new members; Planning and implementing a summer event and the Holiday Hayride; Completing and maintaining the landscape at the entry way at Chatfield and Yukon Way; Placement of holiday decorations at both community entry ways.

Thank you to everyone for all your support of the Columbine Knolls HOA and we look forward to another productive year!  
— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President CKSII HOA*

**From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association: Annual Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2012** President Stephanie Haberkorn called the January 10, 2012 HOA Annual Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**QUORUM:** Stephanie confirmed that there were HOA members in attendance from twenty-three homes plus proxies

from 11 other homes, bringing the total to 34. Current HOA membership at the time of the annual meeting was 247. The ten percent attendance requirement for a quorum was therefore met and business could be conducted.

**APPROVAL OF 2011 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:** Secretary Greg Steward read the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Dean Fitches to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Matt Schaefer. The vote was then taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ron Cuning reported that we have a total of 247 members as of the January 2012 Annual meeting.

**PROPOSED BUDGET:** Ron Cuning presented the proposed 2012 HOA Budget with an estimated income of \$67,561 and estimated expenses of \$71,930. Members asked questions regarding the deficit spending and whether a dues increase was necessary. It was explained that with an anticipated membership increase, recovery of legal fees from pending legal action and no regulatory requirements necessitating legal work for 2012, which did occur in 2011, the board felt that an increase was not necessary. Tom Tellchow motioned to approve the budget as presented. Debbie Opperman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:** Since 2012 is an even-numbered year, the bylaws require that four board of director vacancies need to be filled. Tom McEwen, Stephanie

Haberhorn, John Schutt and Greg Steward have completed their two-year term. The floor was opened for nominations. Stephanie Haberhorn, Tom Tellchow, Jane Schaffer and John Schutt were nominated. Nominations were closed and the vote taken. All four nominees were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

## ***The Leawood Reporter***

**From Leawood Metropolitan and Park District Minutes of January 10, 2012** The meeting began at 7:07 p.m. In attendance were Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros, and Leawood resident Arnie Snyder.

The Treasury Report was presented and approved. The total cost of the Santa Party was \$407.39. The elementary school charged more than \$100.00 for use of the school for the party. Rhonda will purchase and distribute the gift cards for the holiday decorating contest winners.

Arnie Snyder presented information regarding his organization that offers services to the elderly in efforts to help them remain in their homes as long as possible. Arnie will submit an article for The Reporter which will explain the organization and will provide information about upcoming meetings that will be open to the public.

Mike Shaw took the Christmas lights down and realized that there may be an issue with the electricity at the Jay Court entrance. He will contact someone to take a look at it.

The 2012 Membership Drive is underway and the idea of passing out flyers was discussed to encourage increased membership. The decision was made to offer the same incentives as 2011 with free and discounted LCA activities and events depending on donation amounts.

Mike would like the board members to come up with a list of items that require volunteer help which can be published in the Reporter and on the web site to hopefully encourage residents to participate and lend a hand in 2012. Some items that were discussed were pulling weeds and cleaning up trash at the Jay Court entrance, assistance with the LCA website, and passing out membership flyers. In addition, volunteer help is needed at all of the events that take place throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District: Minutes of January 11, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent at the Leawood Elementary School. Board members present were: Charlie Campbell, Mibby Luedecke, Donna Snyder, and Linda Smith, along with Dave Padilla-Parks Manager. Resident Diane Norell, CJ Lundstrom, Kyle Ryan, Mark Ryan and Chuck Lundstrom also attended.

Due to the Scouts in attendance for participation in their Merit Badge in Communications, Kyle had the Board introduce themselves and say how long they had lived in the neighborhood. He also explained about the Board and how it related to the governmental agencies of Jefferson County and the State of Colorado.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report and bills to be paid were discussed. Bills include: 2012 Colorado Special Districts Property and Liability Pool insurance, Denver Water, United Site Services, reimbursement to petty cash, trailer license fee, snow removal invoice and Dave's invoice, reimbursement to Donna for supplies. Charlie moved and Donna seconded that Diane Norell be reimbursed for printing photos related to the new potty structure. Motion passed and this invoice will be paid also. Donna will retain the services of the CPA who conducted our audit last year to perform the current audit.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave reported he is having trouble depositing trash in the Columbine High School dumpster as previously agreed upon by Dave and the administration. He has requested to secure estimates for a dumpster service and a location for a dumpster to handle the excessive trash, mostly from Weaver and Leawood Parks. Doggie bag trash

from Weaver is excessive and requires constant emptying. Summer trash at Leawood Park is also a problem. He will report back to the Board next month.

Dave participated in the Pre-Construction Meeting related to the erosion of the creek project. Pending permits to be obtained by the contractor, the project is to start around January 16. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The project is expected to last 90 days weather permitting. An area south of the creek has been designated as the staging area and will be roped off. Access to the sidewalk will not be blocked. The contractor will place one project sign along the northern limits of the project, south of the trail. Street and site cleaning will take place daily or as needed. Residents are to keep out of the construction area. Questions or concerns about the construction are to be made to Kyle Sargent.

Doggie bags were replenished and trash taken to CHS dumpster. Snow was removed from all walk areas. Dave is waiting for a bid from Recreation Plus for the new potty enclosure. Again, work will begin on the new potty area as the weather permits.

Old Business Elections discussion, resolutions – Last month Mibby was elected as our Designated Election Official for 2012. She will be handling the election paperwork. The Special District Election for Board Members is May 8. Linda, Kyle and Donna are up for reelection. All three will need to file Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms by March 2. Other residents who wish to be considered have until March 2 at 3:00 p.m. to contact Mibby for the Self –Nomination form. A Call for Nominations will be published in the Columbine Courier on Wednesday, February 8.

Dutch Creek erosion project updates – As stated in Dave's report, the project is to start around January 16. Weekly project meetings will be on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. when the project gets underway. Dave will be present for the District.

New Business South Jeffco Sports is interested in leasing the baseball and soccer field at Leawood Park for this year. Kyle will report back on the times and agreed upon fees.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Future Meetings:

Tues., Mar. 13, 2012 – 6:30 p.m., Leawood Elementary School  
Tues., Apr. 10, 2012 – 6:30 p.m., Leawood Elementary School  
Wed., May 9, 2012 – 6:30 p.m., Leawood Elementary School  
Wed., June 13, 2012 – Place TBD  
Wed., July 11, 2012 – Place TBD — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## Williamsburg II News

**President's Message** February has arrived. Though it can be a brutally cold and snowy month, at least we know warmer weather isn't too far away. Plus it just feels better when darkness falls later and later each day. Our annual dues drive is underway. Remember, if you submit the modest fee of \$35 by March 31st, you'll be entered into a drawing for \$50! Please support your community. Thanks again to all for keeping our Williamsburg II such a desired community in which to live.

**From HOA Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2012** Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Debra White and Sharon Erickson.

Newsletter/Website: All information on the website is current.

Treasurer's report: Susan Ganz confirmed that the treasurer's report as published in the December newsletter is accurate and asked that it be approved. Susan motioned to accept the report as published. Sharon seconded the motion. Year-end balance as of 12/31/2011 is \$2333.06. Thank you gift cards to block leaders were budgeted in the 2011 budget and paid out in 2012. As of tonight's meeting seven (7) homeowners have sent in their 2012 dues – thank you to the early responders. architectural committee report: No new requests.

historian: According to Debra White, Historian, all information is current. Pictures for the hayride have been added to HOA albums and several of the pictures will be added to the website. Thank you to Bill White for taking the pictures at the hayride – nice job capturing the fun and holiday spirit.

Old business: The Hayride was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Board will follow up with Bear Creek Ranch for a tentative booking date for the 2012 HOA hayride. Looking at December 15th or December 8th as an alternative.

New business: We are still looking for another board member. If you are interested please contact one of the current members. Board reviewed the 2012 budget and made necessary changes and addition Annual meeting will be on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at Sharon Erickson's house (7151 S. Lewis Street) – all are welcome.

Annual Egg Hunt will be on March 31, 2012 at Eagle Meadow Park. Back up "bad weather " date will be April 4th.

Bike Parade will be July 4th at 10:00 a.m. Deb White will contact West Metro Fire to see if they will lead the parade with a fire truck.

Board is looking into a possible return of Movie Night at Eagle Meadow Park this summer (tentatively in early July). Mike has the name of the company used by Ute Meadows and will contact them for further information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: Jan 2012</b>	<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>
<b>Beginning Balance Jan 4, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 1872.12</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 62.10</b>
Feb Newsletter \$ 8.10 P.O. Box \$54	
<b>Ending Balance Mar 7, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 1810.02</b>

*From Jefferson County Website:* Interested in how Jefferson County forms policies for Open Space parks? Have ideas about planning and zoning issues or what type of events should be held at the county fairgrounds? Want to help our libraries keep up with growing demand?

Apply to join one of the county's boards and commissions that help to make these and other important decisions.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners (BCC) appoints more than 300 citizens to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Members study issues in depth, make recommendations regarding specific county functions, and assist in governing Jefferson County.

A summary of the duties and roles of many of the boards and commissions follows. Some have current vacancies, some have terms coming due at the end of March. If a board doesn't have a current vacancy, applications will be kept on file for future vacancies.

More detailed information about these and other boards along with application forms can be found on the county's board and commissions website.

Completed applications are due in the Commissioners Office, (100 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 5550, Golden, CO 80419) by March 9. For information, call Lynda Fine at 303-271-8504 or email [commish@jeffco.us](mailto:commish@jeffco.us). Completed forms may also be emailed to that address. All interested Jefferson County residents are urged to apply.

Roles and Duties of Boards and Commissions

**Audit Committee** While Jefferson County has had an informal audit committee in the past, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) recently created a new Audit Committee with a more formal structure and focus. The new committee will be charged with selecting the independent auditor for the county's annual financial audit, monitoring the progress and evaluating the results of the financial statement audit, monitoring the internal control structure on an ongoing basis and ensuring that control weaknesses and legal compliance violations identified in the course of the audits are promptly and effectively remedied. While two members of the committee will be government finance professionals working for other counties or cities, there are three vacancies for interested citizens. Meets a minimum of four times a year or as deemed necessary by the BCC.

**Board of Adjustment** Grants variances and special exemptions to established zoning regulations if an adequate hardship or practical difficulty has been demonstrated. Determines appeals for variances to the Zoning Resolution in quasi-judicial hearings. This seven member board was created by State Statute and appointed by the BCC. Members take extensive field trips reviewing cases. Meets twice a month. For more information, visit the BOA web page or the Planning and Zoning web page.

**Board of Health** With members appointed to five year terms, this board is the governing and policy making body for the Department of Public Health. Meets once a month. For more information, visit the Board of Health web page and Jefferson County Public Health website.

**Board of Review** Appeals and makes special exceptions to the Building Code in quasi-judicial hearings and may suggest amendments to the Building Code. For more information, visit the Board of Review web page.

**Citizen Review Panel (Human Services)**

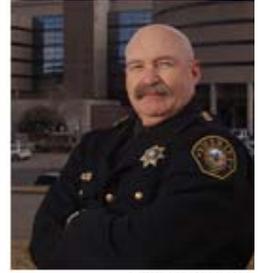
Conducts hearings to ascertain the legitimacy of complaints against Human Services programs and submits recommendations to the Director of Human Services regarding their resolutions. For more information, visit the Citizen Review Panel web page.

**Community Development Advisory Board** Makes recommendations regarding community development, housing and economic development for low and moderate income residents; and recommends recipients for federal funds made available to Jefferson County from the Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and similar grants. Serves as liaison for the BCC to the community on issues related to community development. For more information, visit the Community Development Advisory Board web page.

**Community Services Advisory Board** Makes recommendations regarding matters related to human services for low and moderate income residents. Recommends recipients for federal funds made available to Jefferson County from the Community Services Block Grant and similar grants. Serves as liaison to the community on issues related to human services. For more information, visit the Community Services Advisory Board web page.

**CSU Extension Advisory Board** Advises county staff of Cooperative Extension on educational outreach in program areas including horticulture, consumer/family, 4-H youth development and natural resources/environmental education. For more information, visit the CSU Extension Advisory Board web page.

**Neighborhood Watch: You Have the Power to Prevent Crime** By Sheriff Ted Mink—Chances are good that a home burglarized today is located in an area where one vital crime-prevention tool is missing: an active Neighborhood Watch group. Neighborhood Watch - a partnership of citizens and law enforcement - has become key to preventing burglary and crime in communities nationwide.



Sheriff Ted Mink

**What is Neighborhood Watch?** The Sheriff's Office has partnered with residents to establish more than 80 Neighborhood Watch groups throughout Jefferson County. The program encourages and helps residents to be vigilant in their own communities, and to communicate with neighbors and law enforcement to identify, prevent and solve crime in residential neighborhoods. Deputies provide training for residents in how to effectively identify and report suspicious activity and crime.

**About Neighborhood Watch** The Neighborhood Watch concept has been around since the 1960s. It is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Any resident can join, and a watch group can be formed around any geographical unit - a block, apartment building, subdivision or townhome complex. The main benefits of this program are reduced crime and improved quality of life. To help achieve the program's goals, active groups receive Neighborhood Watch signs purchased and installed by the county, Neighborhood Watch stickers and promotional materials. Active groups also receive direct communication from the Sheriff's Office about crime trends in the watch area.

Neighborhood Watch communities benefit from the unity they create: concerns about neighborhood safety are presented to the Sheriff's Office with a unified voice.

**Why is Neighborhood Watch Important?** Law enforcement agencies cannot be everywhere, all the time. Police rely on assistance from the public to help them prevent and solve crimes. Members are extra eyes and ears reporting crime to the police and helping neighbors. The truth is, most crime in Jefferson County is opportunistic and can be effectively reduced through simple crime prevention techniques.

**Requirements** The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has two requirements for active Neighborhood Watch groups: Participation. We require 80 percent participation in the coverage area. You decide what area your group will cover. It can be as small as the houses on one cul-de-sac, or as large as an entire subdivision. Either way, 80 percent of the residents must participate in the program.

One social event per year. The foundation of Neighborhood Watch is neighbors knowing neighbors. Social events promote interaction with neighbors and promote community spirit. We suggest planning a social event around National Night Out (the first Tuesday in August).

How do I start a Neighborhood Watch group?

Please contact our Crime Prevention Unit for more information on how we can help you start a Neighborhood Watch group in your area. Call one of the numbers below for more information or to request a deputy at your next homeowner association or neighborhood meeting.

North Jeffco Crime Prevention deputy 303-271-5363

South Jeffco Crime Prevention deputy 720-497-7202

Mountain area Crime Prevention deputy 720-497-7860

**County Cultural Council** Makes recommendations for the distribution to arts, science and cultural organizations of Tier III Funds generated by the six-county Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

**Developmental Disabilities Resource Center** Oversees the operations of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center, which educates and trains persons with developmental disabilities. For more information, visit the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center web page.

**Engineering Advisory Board** Provides the county, developers, builders and engineers with an evaluation of the engineering aspects of a building permit or developmental proposal on an as-needed basis.

**Fair Advisory Board** Provides advice on capital construction and fees at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Determines allowable uses, procedures and regulations of the fairgrounds. For more information, visit the Fair Advisory Board web page or the Fairgrounds' website.

**Historical Commission** Promotes the preservation and use of historical resources and historic sites through educational activities, publications and research projects.

**Jefferson Center for Mental Health Board** Oversees the management of the Jefferson Center for Mental Health and appoints the chief executive officer.

**Library Board of Trustees** Establishes policies for the county libraries, employs the executive director for the library; recommends the annual budget for the libraries to the Board of County Commissioners and dispenses funds; acquires and oversees libraries and library assets; participates in strategic planning and library advocacy. Meets twice a month. We are currently seeking to increase age, ethnic and geographic diversity on the Library Board. For more information, visit the boards & commissions website or [www.jeffcolibrary.org/board](http://www.jeffcolibrary.org/board).



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The February meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm** at the new Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. Hindman and Sanchez will have a representative to discuss HOA issues.

**Announcements:** There will be no July meeting. The June and November meetings will probably have to be moved to a different location (probably Lilley Gulch Rec center) due to the Sheriff's meeting rooms unavailability. Look for notices closer to the meeting dates.

**The website was down at the end of February due to some technical issues. It should be back up at the beginning of March.**

**Liquor Licensing board** The Jefferson County Liquor Licensing Authority is designated as the "local licensing authority" for the unincorporated portions of Jefferson County as defined by the Colorado Liquor Code and the Colorado Beer Code. For more information, please read the Liquor License Authority policy or visit the county's policies and procedures web page.

**Open Space Advisory Committee** Makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding acquisitions, development, maintenance, preservation, and the use and operation of Open Space lands in conformance with Open Space Policies and Procedures. For more information, visit the OSAC and Open Space web sites.

**Planning Commission** Makes recommendations on a wide variety of land use applications including rezonings, special uses, vacations, special district service plans and subdivision plats. Updates and adopts the County's Comprehensive Master Plan. Reviews staff reports and presentations, makes field trip inspections to all sites that are on the meeting agendas and reviews regulations. Members attend pre-meetings and all Planning Commission public hearings. For more information, visit the boards & commission's web page or Planning and Zoning.

**Tri-County Workforce Investment Board** Provides quality assurance and recommends policy guidance for the Workforce Investment Act programs operated by Jefferson County. Identifies the region's workforce development needs and creates a comprehensive strategy and policy framework to meet the workforce development needs of employers. For more information, visit the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board web page.