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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Apr. 5, 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: Apr. 18, 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: **April elections**
May Pam Anderson, Jeffco Clerk & Recorder

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Draft Minutes for Mar. 7 Meeting Attendance: Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Ray Moore / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Florene Rotherham / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Charles and Bev Riebe / At Large, Alicia Combes, Ralph & Pat Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Cindy Coats & John Basila / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Melissa Garcia / HindmanSanchez, Gordon Neuenfeldt / Jeffco Sheriff's Dept.
The meeting was convened at 6:59 p.m.

Winnie Burdan, Vice President, welcomed everyone. Justin Everett was not able to attend.

Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Sheriff, said that a crime alert was sent out in February. They have a person of interest. There were a lot of vehicle trespasses and vehicle thefts at multi-house units near Kipling and Jewel around the 20th. Of course, they were mostly unlocked vehicles.

There is a Grandparents Scam going on. The grandparent gets a call like "I'm stuck in someplace like Mexico and I need money." Gordon is recommending that families have a "grandparent code". Perhaps a nickname that the grandparent was called when the child was young that both would know. So in this situation the grandparent could respond "What is our code?" Then if the person doesn't know it, the grandparent would know that it was not their grandchild.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Planning and Zoning was present.

Melissa Garcia, HandmanSanchez, was tonight's speaker. She provided a handout, 2011 Legislative Update.

The handout covered 3 Bills that affect HOAs. Transfer Fees, SB11-234, applies to any association including voluntary associations. It eliminates many kinds of transfer fees covenants on residential real estate. Owners Association Conflict of Interest, HB11-1124, applies to any association including voluntary association. It requires that candidates for election to HOA boards must disclose conflicts of interest. An example of this would be when the candidate is also involved in a special district that could co-mingle money. Identity Theft, HB11-1095, requires that the Secretary of State implements a password-protected system for any corporate filings required for corporations and other entities such as homeowners association. Criminals have spoofed or gotten information from systems. They use the information to dupe the HOA into giving them money by pretending to be the State. The new system allows entities to set up a password. However, it does not require that this be done. If an entity does not set up a password, their information will be available to the public.

What sort of things have they done? They have used the information to get credit cards or to get wholesale prices.

Do very many associations move from voluntary to mandatory? No. Someone had tried to do this in order to incorporate one Trash Pickup company, but it failed. If trash cans are left out, this is usually a violation issue.

When a member is years behind in dues and then forecloses, how can a HOA get their money? Restitution can only be for the last 6 months.

Can a HOA charge a fee for documents? Yes for printed documents, but you need a clause in your records. If the documents are available online or they come to you and make their own copies, then no.

HindmanSanchez has seen the situation where the HOA had a special meeting and directed the management company to do X. But the management company did Y. Then the board and the management company gets sued.

An HOA has an article in their covenants that no one can park a trailer in the right of way. They called the Sheriff Department because someone was doing this. The Sheriff wouldn't do anything because the person used the trailer every day for their work. So now they are trying to enforce their covenants. The person is now charging them with harassment. Melissa suggested that they take this to the County Court. Some magistrates won't interpret this properly.

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, said that Florene would be attending COHOPE for Williamsburg II.

We need to increase our membership. We should invite everyone who has participated in the last 10 years. We can get a current list of all the HOAs from Planning and Zoning. We need to make sure our information is correct on the Columbine Courier's website.

Winnie wants to resign as Vice President so she can run for President. She would also like Florene to become Vice President.

If you have any ideas for speakers, please email them to Florene at florene2003@yahoo.com. Some suggested Jefferson County Social Services. The Sheriff Dept. can do a well check.

Our speaker in May is Pam Anderson, Jefferson County Clerk. Elections are next month.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$1,802.37. He apologized that he cut off the school report in the newsletter. Our COHOPE website should be back up in the next 2 weeks.

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

Diane Suchomel said that our Adopt-A-Highway project will be April 21 at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the West Bowles Community Church. The back up date is the following Saturday.

FHPRD will hold an election on May 8th only for the Ward 5 director position. The two candidates for the Ward 5 board of director position are Terri Maulik and Clarence Kissler. FHPRD ran two official announcements in this week's Columbine Courier declaring Keith Sutton to be the Ward 1 director .(He was the only person who applied for the position.) Because nobody applied for the Ward 2 director position that Ward's election has been canceled. The FHPRD board of directors will vote to appoint someone to fill the Ward 2 director position.

West Metro Fire also has elections for Districts 6 and 7 in our area.

West Metro Fire's website (www.westmetrofire.org) has information about how to purchase the "File of Life" which people can complete with information on their medical history, medicine they are taking, etc. and then attach to their refrigerator or carry with them to provide responding emergency personnel with pertinent information in case of a medical emergency. Their website has other useful information about where BBQs can be safely used, smoke detectors, etc. There is a Site Development application at Bowles south of Typsy's or Circle K for a new tire store and tire service center .

There is a Self Storage on Sand on the north side between Alkire and Bowles. There is no date set yet for the hearing. According to the County's site development plan notice sign for the area along the north side of W Bowles Ave that is just east of the shopping center on the northeastern corner of S Alkire St/ W Bowles Ave the purpose is "to construct a mini warehouse facility" on lots 4A, 4B and is case 12-102691SD.

There is an application to amend the existing zoning to allow a Preschool, Bright and Early, at the West Bowles Community Church. The meeting will be on Mar. 14 at 6:00 p.m. They are already taking enrollments.

There is an application to amend the existing zoning to allow a Fast Food establishment without a drive through at Pierce and Coal Mine near the Walgreen's. The meeting is Mar. 27 at 8:00 a.m.

Belleview Place at Belleview east of Simms has asked for a rezoning. They want limited, single family changed to small retail. It will be discussed Mar. 13.

Jeffco Open Space is taking applications for their Youth Work Program. Applicants need to be age 14 - 18. It is outdoor work.

There is a rezoning hearing on Mar. 13 for Woodmar Corners. This property is on the northeast and northwest corners of Wadsworth and Coal Mine. The meeting is only to determine if the properties are eligible to be rezoned.

Winnie would like Diane to have a board position. Environmental Affairs was suggested.

Old Business We have not yet reserved rooms at Lilley Gulch for the June 6 and Nov. 7 meetings. The meeting on July 4 was cancelled. In Aug. is our picnic. In Dec. is our Holiday Party.

On speakers, we do not have anyone for April. Pam Anderson will be here in May. We need someone for June, Sept., Oct., and Nov.

New Business Everyone should check out the West Metro Fire website. They have a medical record that you can keep in your wallet and post on your refrigerator. There is an oxygen notice and helpful information on BBQ grills.

We should limit the information from Foothills minutes to only the motions. They only meet once a month now at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 8:52 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Cohope Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

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

New Business: Michelle Otto is looking into getting new flashing stop signs at the two 4-ways stops on Kendall Blvd. and W. Canyon Avenue. The sign at the entrance at Kendall Blvd. and S. Platte Canyon was hit by a vehicle and broken.

President Bruce Yarish has made contact with the person who hit the sign.

Improvement for the Columbine Hills Park is expected to proceed sometime in the middle of June into July. Michelle Otto has been the contact person between Foothills Park and Recreation and Columbine Hills Civic Association. Foothills Park & Recreation has made contact with Columbine Hills Elementary School's principal Mrs. Kelly and art teacher Mr. Mitchell. The faculty will be asking the students for their input as to what equipment they would like installed at the playground.

Michele Otto has received information on volunteers for the day of the build. Leigh Rieder, 303-868-4081, will be the contact person to organize volunteers on that day.

The tennis courts are going away. No decision has been reached as to what to put in their place... grass, more parking, small kids play ground. The volley ball court will go away. Thoughts were expressed of a possible volleyball tournament as a final memorial to the area.

A Grand Opening could be the last week of June or July 4th. The small old playground on the trail will stay for now until parts can be bought for repairs. The old shed will be torn down. VP Bob Brusco can do a mass email to volunteers through the Columbine Hills website.

On the day of the build, Robert's deli will donate box lunches for the volunteers who work on the build day.

Board members are to meet with Colorado Lasertype to discuss some changes with the newsletter.

Suggestions have been made to change the day of the meeting from Saturday mornings to another time. Also need to have a more formal agenda format and keep the meeting to one or one and a half-hours. Your thoughts are needed about a meeting day change. You can email suggestions to Columbine Hills Civic Association at columbinehills80128@gmail.com.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

President's Corner The Columbine Knolls South II HOA Board of Director's was extremely pleased to have six candidates apply for the position of newsletter carrier for our monthly publication, The Review. The candidates were Emily Crease, Cody Reynolds, Emily Tellschow, Thomas Sizemore, Matt Helmreich and Lela Hill.

The difficult position for the Board was that all the candidates came so well prepared and were so convincing with their presentations that we wanted to hire them all! After considerable debate the Board decided to hire Cody Reynolds for the job. Congratulations to Cody and we are look forward to him doing a great job.

Thanks to all the students who applied and their parents who accompanied them to the meeting and for raising such great kids!

This is a great time of the year to start that dreaded "de-cluttering" and prepare for the gigantic CKSII Community Garage Sale on June 8 and 9. Then whatever does not sell you can get rid of at the large item pick up on June 16. That sounds like a win - win to me!

Both Debbie Opperman and Bob Haberkorn will be getting their subcommittees together to plan for 2012.

Debbie will work with the Monument Landscape Committee and Jefferson County to complete the landscape at Yukon and Chatfield and Bob Haberkorn will work with the Social Committee to plan the summer picnic and winter hayride. The Board discussed starting a Welcome Committee to welcome new residents to our community.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee please contact me or any other Board member. It should be fun and a great way to introduce new residents to our neighborhood!

Our next meeting will be April 10th and we hope to see you there.

From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2012

President Stephanie Haberkorn called the meeting to order 7:02 p.m. Board members Debbie Opperman, Ron Cuning, Jane Schaefer, Tom Tellschow, John Schutt and Justin Phillips were in attendance. Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management, along with five homeowners, attended.

NEWSLETTER CARRIER INTERVIEWS: The Board received applications from seven community members for the job of newsletter carrier for this year. Emily Crease, Cody Reynolds, Emily Tellschow, Thomas Sizemore, Matt Helmreich, Lela and Lindsey Hill appeared before the Board to share their qualifications. The Board agreed this was an outstanding group of candidates. Cody Reynolds was selected to be the carrier for this year.

A copy of the contract was signed and submitted to the Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Cuning reported that the HOA currently has 275 members. Mr. Cuning also presented a breakdown of the membership by Sections in the community with an overall membership representing 51.8% of the 531 homes.

ACC REPORT: Justin Phillips reported that the committee has received two requests for new improvements and has no other outstanding requests.

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management reported that since the last board meeting in November, 16 letters were sent regarding visible trash containers and 2 were sent for failure to shovel sidewalks. He further reported that there are 6 properties currently for sale in the community with one property in foreclosure. Greg Steward continues to monitor the new properties for sale and provides the listing agent with our covenants and information package.

Discussion was held regarding the Jefferson County Court Order for the HOA to address additional costs for legal fees, towing, boat storage and any sale costs for a screening violation which has been ongoing since 2008. President Stephanie Haberkorn has been asked to sign an application with CAN Surety Bonds to satisfy this court requirement. The Board of Directors discussed this and Ms. Haberkorn was directed to sign the document as part of the continuing previously approved action. The document will be delivered to Annette Richmond, an attorney with Orten, Cavanaugh, Richmond and Holmes LLC (OCRH), which represents the Association, with instructions to proceed with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

SIGNAGE ON CARR ST: John Schutt reported that Sign a Rama who built the original entry sign is unable to repair the sign and the estimated cost of a new sign is \$2500.00. Mr. Schutt has offered to do modifications to the sign to extend the life of the current sign.

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS: The Community Garage Sale will be June 8th and June 9th. The Large Item Pick-Up will be June 16th. Dates for the Hay Ride and Summer Event are pending.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM: John Schutt suggested the Board explore the option of creating incentives for homeowners to join the Association. Suggestions were made and possibilities are being researched.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Coronado

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes Minutes of February 7,, 2012 The meeting started at 7:08 pm. In attendance were Richard White, Rhonda Eveleth, Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros, Paul O'Connor, and Arnie Snyder.

Richard presented the treasurer's report which included \$530 in new memberships and scholarship donations.

Richard moved \$1600 from the PayPal account to the checking account. Rhonda distributed the checks for the holiday lighting contest.

The election of board members took place next with Mike Shaw remaining as LCA President, Paul O'Connor as Vice President, Richard White as Treasurer, Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros as Secretary and Rhonda Eveleth and Nancy Bock as Board Members.

The LCA website and membership information has been updated.

The Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for March 31st. Rhonda will contact Debby Baker to figure out a date when she wants to get together to prepare everything.

The Spring Garage Sale was scheduled for May 18th and 19th. Laurel will look into dates for the picnic, making sure that it doesn't fall on the same dates as Western Welcome Weekend.

Arnie Snyder discussed the Columbine Community Village movement that he is organizing for the area. A public information meeting has been scheduled for March 10th in the Columbine Library community room. Arnie will put an introductory article in the Reporter and will follow up every month with updates and additional information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next LCA meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 6 at he ReMax office.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District: Minutes of February 7, 2012 The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President Kyle Sargent at the Leawood Elementary School. Board members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Charlie Campbell, and Linda Smith.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's report was submitted by Donna and bills to be paid were discussed. Bills include: Denver Water, United Site Services, annual fee for Alpha Page, reimbursement for notary re-certification and notary stamp to Linda, reimbursement to petty cash, snow removal invoice and Dave's invoice.

Parks Manager Report - Charlie reported Dave's activities since Dave was not there. Due to Dave being sick on one of the heavy snow days, L&M was contacted to cleared snow. They were having a hard time finding the paths and had trouble with their equipment, so Dave told them to stop and he would take care of it as soon as he could. The snow was cleared on another day. Waste Management is now picking up trash for us since Dave was having trouble disposing of it

per the previous agreement with Columbine High School. Dave is monitoring the work being done on the erosion project with Jeffco.

Old Business Elections discussion, resolutions – Mibby moved to adopt the resolution to have an election. Donna seconded and the motion passed. Reminder - The Special District Election for Board Members is May 8. Linda, Kyle and Donna are up for re-election and their Self-Nominations were received. Other residents who wish to be considered have until March 2 at 3:00 PM to contact Mibby for the Self-Nomination form. A Call for Nominations was published in the Columbine Courier on Wednesday, February 8.

Dutch Creek erosion project updates – The project started January 25 and is underway but inactive at the present time due to snow on the site. Edge Contracting has mobilized. Fencing is up and heavy equipment is on site. Some work has been done.

New Business South Jeffco Sports will be leasing the baseball and the YMCA will be leasing the soccer field at Leawood Park for this year. We are waiting for the signed contract and fee from South Jeffco Sports. Both South Jeffco and the District realized payment was not received for the 2011 field usage. They will send us fees for 2011 and 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Future Meetings: Tues., April 10, 2012 - 6:30 PM, Leawood Elementary School. Wed., May 9, 2012 - 6:30 PM, Leawood Elementary School. Wed., June 13, 2012 – Place TBD. Wed., July 11, 2012 – Place TBD—*Linda T. Smith Vice President and Secretary*

Westbury

Rebuilding Westbury Homeowners Association, Monday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. By John Gaudio, 303-870-1044 Please join us to determine the future of our Westbury Homeowners Association on Monday, March 12, at the home of Madonna and John Gaudio, 10154 W. Lake Drive, Littleton, CO 80127, at 6:00 p.m. The last time we tried to elect officers, well intentioned term limits in our bylaws left us with no one who was both willing and eligible to run. Our Treasurer, Ken Rappe, passed away in January of last year, and a few of us who have been involved in the association, are gathering the records and inviting our neighbors to come together and plan for the future.

As past president, I am organizing this meeting with no more authority than any of the rest of my neighbors. It is my hope that the Westbury homeowners who choose to join us, will schedule an election sometime in the next few months, and that those who are elected will then look at our bylaws, amend them to avoid a similar problem in the future, and begin the process of resurrecting our volunteer homeowners association.

There is no requirement in Westbury to join the homeowners association. It is, and has always been, voluntary. In the past, those who agreed to join paid between \$10.00 and \$20.00 per year, which was used to organize events, including fall Cleanup, Easter Egg Hunts, summer barbeques and volleyball games, community garage sales, large item trash pickups, and volunteer assistance for some of our senior neighbors. We DO NOT attempt to enforce the Westbury covenants, but do try to facilitate communication among neighbors.

We have also coordinated with other homeowners associations, provided input to the county when large construction projects were proposed, provided welcome packets for new neighbors, and created much of our own content for this newsletter. Many thanks to Colorado Lasertype, and Jim Riss, who have kept ASSOCIATION PRESS alive and well for us during this too long period of inactivity.

Many thanks also to Ken Rappe, who served us well as treasurer, neighbor, and friend, and who passed away on January 9th, 2010, after a long battle with CADASIL. We extend our condolences to his wife, Francha Menhard, family, neighbors, and friends. For details please Google Kenneth Rappe Obituary.

If you received this newsletter, you are almost certainly a resident of Westbury, and invited to join us. I hope to see many of you on Monday, March 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. If you're interested, please mark your calendars, and email WestburyHO@gmail.com, both to get involved in the process, and to let us know if you'll be able to join us on March 12th. Feel free to call me at 303-870-1044 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

WoodBourne

Notes From The Board The February Board meeting was held on February 15, 2012. Fence replacement versus repair for the Simms fence was discussed. The Board is entertaining bids for replacement with both wood materials and vinyl materials. Prior to the March Board meeting, the Board hopes to have meetings with fence contractors so that the Board can further investigate which option would be best for the neighborhood. The Board is also looking at proposals for improving or replacing the existing playground.

The Board will be having several improvements done to the clubhouse interior over the next few months. We hope that the clubhouse will look much better in the near future.

Our next Board meeting will be March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Please contact Dawn Bates with Management Specialists with any questions. — *Carrie Kollar, President*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: Mar 2012

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

Beginning Balance Mar 7, 2012

\$ 1810.02

Deposits

\$ 140.00

Dues—Paavola \$20, Suchomel \$20, Lakehurst West \$40, Ham \$20, Columbine West Civic \$40

Withdrawals

\$ 7.65

Mar Newsletter \$ 7.65

Ending Balance April 4, 2012

\$ 1942.37

	Budget Yr	Jan1 Jan1 2012	Actual 2011	Budgeted 2011	
Income					* Copies, Picnic Shelter, Colorado report fee, Summerset Fee, Summerset Balloons
Bank Account, yr start		1830.04	1813.22	1813.22	
Est Dues income		580.00	590.00	725.00	Assumptions—Same membership as 2011, newsletter every month, Summerset booth and picnic rental charges stay the same, Picnic and Christmas party expenses stay similar.
Est other income		30.00	6.00	0.00	
Total for year		2440.04	2409.22	2538.22	
Expenses					
Newsletter/postage					
est. \$10 / month		120.00	116.43	180.00	
PO box		54.00	44.00	42.00	
Picnic / Xmas Expenses		175.00	171.49	180.00	
Booth + Shelter		175.00	175.00	175.00	
Other*		150.00	72.26	180.00	
Total for year		674.00	579.18	757.00	
Est + / - for year		-64.00	16.82	-32.00	
Est funds,	Jan. 2013	1766.04	1830.04	1781.22	

Williamsburg II News

From Secretary's Report HOA Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2012 The meeting was called to order by Mike Eppers at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz and Sharon Erickson.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz, Treasurer, confirmed that the treasurer's report as published in the February newsletter is accurate. Susan reported that the following bills were paid after the newsletter was published: Xcel for January, Bill Ganz, receipts for thank you notes and stamps used to send gift cards to Block Leaders. Electrician – \$75.00 for repairs to front entrance lights Susan also reported that \$3,050 in homeowner dues have been deposited as of February 7, 2012. This represents 28% of homeowners.

Historian: According to email from Debra White all information is up to date.

Covenant Control: Mike has followed up with a letter to homeowner concerning dumpster that has been left "parked" on the street for several months. Needs to be moved as no further construction is going on at the house. Jeffco sheriff has also been notified.

Homeowner emailed the board concerning bushes on a neighbor's property that have grown over the sidewalk. This is impeding pedestrian traffic and blocking the site for on coming cars. The homeowner has been referred to Jefferson County for follow up.

Old Business: Bear Creek Ranch is sending the contract to the board for the booking of the 2012 Hayride. Date will be December 15, 2012.

Reminder to everyone that the Annual Williamsburg II Homeowner's Meeting will be on Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at Sharon Erickson's house (7151 S. Lewis Street). All are welcome.

New Business: Mike has been in contact with the company that Ute Meadows Elementary used for their outdoor movie night. The company, Blaster Bouncer, is available to provide the screen set up for our HOA Movie Night this summer. Tentative date is set for July 21st.

Watch for further details as summer arrives.

The neighborhood garage sale is set for June 8th and 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Why that protest sign is at 4600 S Kipling— This p.m. I learned the reason behind that large protest sign at 4600 S Kipling. An assistant to Denver city Councilwoman Jeanne Faatz, of District 2, returned my call to the councilwoman's office. I was referred to Jeanne Faatz by another city council member who said he didn't think that address was in Denver, but if it was then it would be in Jeanne Faatz's district and I should contact her so I did that. (When I looked on the Denver property website it was listed as being in Denver.)

She told me that several years ago the man who owns that property applied to Denver to have it rezoned to commercial so he could develop it. Denver denied his rezoning request. She said he filed a lawsuit against the city and later withdrew the lawsuit and she said the city is currently in negotiations with him. She said they've had several other inquiries about that sign.

Apparently the wording on the sign (Denver has taken away: my life, liberty & property) is the man's way of expressing his objection to the city's denial of his rezoning application. (The city didn't take away his property.)

Diane Suchomel

Do you have questions about the allowed use of BBQs in your community? Many people have questions about whether or not they can use their barbecues in the City of Lakewood and other parts of the West Metro Fire Protection District. West Metro is operating under the 2009 International Fire Code which establishes the laws by which fire codes are enforced.

As such, a new component includes a regulation that prohibits the use and operation of barbecues (propane, natural gas, charcoal, hibachis or any open flame cooking device) on combustible decks and balconies or within ten feet of combustible construction. (2009 International Fire Code 308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices.)

There are a few exceptions to this rule, including:

One and two family dwellings.

Buildings, balconies and decks that are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

The enforcement of these regulations are making a difference. West Metro Fire Rescue was averaging about 30 fires a year that were attributed to BBQ grills. Over the past two years, West Metro averaged about two a year that were caused by BBQ grills. West Metro appreciates the efforts and cooperation in following the fire codes to help reduce the incidence of fires in our community.

There are possible consequences for violating the fire code, including a maximum fine of \$999 and/or six months in jail. The consequences could affect tenants, property managers and property owners.

From www.westmetrofire.org



Jeffco board of health's resolution re: smoking A couple years ago you may remember that Pat & Bob Ham and I went to a meeting at Jeffco that the County Health Dept. was holding about an anti-smoking campaign. (Bette Peterson wanted somebody from COHOPE to attend... she didn't attend the meeting. At that time Bette was concerned about the hookah business on S Simms St.) I reported back to a COHOPE meeting that I wouldn't be attending any more of that group's meetings because I didn't agree with the stipulations they wanted enacted regarding places they wanted smoking banned and I thought some of them were so very passionate about their cause that their approach would alienate people.

In Jan. this year I saw the attached resolution on the Jeffco Website. This resolution by the Jeffco Board of Health lists their goals of places to ban smoking. At the FHPRD board meeting this week Mr. Hopp's executive director's report included the following paragraph " Kate Dragoo, Colin Insley and I met with representatives from the Jefferson County Public health Department who are trying to build a Tobacco Coalition in Jefferson County that will advocate for smoke free parks and trails" .

I've also recently seen articles in the paper and on the Jeffco website about the proposed new ordinance regarding restricting places where people can smoke within the City of Lakewood... it seems to be a proposal to adopt the particular items listed in the Jeffco Board of Health resolution about smoking. Their City council hasn't voted on it yet.

I think it would be a good idea to keep paying attention to the progress of this anti-smoking campaign. As far as I know Jeffco Commissioners haven't had this proposal come to them for a vote on a new ordinance yet. I believe the changes the group proposes would have a significant negative impact on people, and some businesses in our area.

Diane Suchomel

I saw Jeffco Community Meeting notice signs posted on the parcel on the SE corner of W Quincy Ave/S Kipling today. Meeting is about a rezoning from PD to PD "to allow up to 250 multifamily units, commercial & retail". Meeting will be Apr. 3 from 6-7 p.m. at 7390 W Hampton Ave, Holiday Inn. Development's name is Kipling Commons. Representative: Tim Ramm, phone 949-553-4800.

This is right across W Quincy Ave from the Federal Prison and across Kipling from Harriman Lake Park.
Diane Suchomel



I don't know if you've seen the new type of uncovered (unshaded) black painted metal bus benches that Big Sky started to install in this area. (This past Sunday a.m. I saw 2 Big Sky employees unloading the pieces for this one, which is now assembled .). photo attached...This is on the west side of S Wadsworth Blvd, just east of Sears at SW Plaza.

My guess is anybody who sits on them during the hot summer months will be burned because they'll be sitting on black metal that isn't shaded from the sun.

As of Jan. 1 the Jeffco commissioner voted to give this company an exclusive contract for all bus stop benches and bus stop shelters with a bench in unincorporated Jeffco. One good point is they did include a trash container next to it.

Diane Suchomel

RTD expanding call n ride area boundary - I've been seeing green call n ride buses along S Kipling Pkwy between W Bowles Ave and W Coal Mine Ave and new black call n ride stickers have been added to 3 RTD stops along the east side of S Kipling Pkwy in that same section of S Kipling Pkwy. According to the call n ride map RTD published in the newspaper this area is outside of their call n ride area boundary. I wrote Bruce Daly (our RTD district N representative) and he forwarded it on to RTD and they sent a response this p.m. They are expanding the South Jeffco call n ride area and told me in part "...The South Jeffco Call-n-ride is in the process of being expanded. The updated maps should be available on our website in the next few weeks..." and they sent me a preliminary copy of the map showing the new service areas. On the new preliminary map they have included the area bounded by W Bowles Ave on the north, S Kipling Pkwy on the west, W Coal Mine Ave on the south and S Wadsworth Blvd on the east. I didn't compare all of the areas on the previous map to this one to see identify other changes they will be making to the call-n-ride service area.

Diane Suchomel

BCC said FHPRD can apply to rezone 2 parcels

a few items from the FHPRD board meeting tonight:

1) This a.m. the BCC unanimously voted that FHPRD's 2 parcels at Coal Mine/Wadsworth met the criteria to be eligible to apply for rezoning .(The Planning Commission previously unanimously agreed that these parcels met the criteria to be eligible to apply for rezoning.) Next step is to apply for rezoning. Followed by a Planning Commission public hearing about the rezoning application.

2) pre-application package s submitted to the County on 3/6 for the S Simms St/ Ward Street parcels

3) Tonight the FHPRD board approved a plan for sub-district B General Obligation bonds refunding... this will result in monetary savings for the property owners in that sub-district(Kipling Villas)

4) There was a meeting with a company that is apparently considering developing Fehringer Ranch property.. sounds like the potential developer wanted to meet their possible adjacent landowners. (Some years ago I went to some public meetings involving the previous potential developer -- they later dropped their plans to develop there. I don't know the name of the new potential developer.)

5) there will be an election in May for Ward 5's board of director's position

Diane Suchomel

Waterton Canyon Reopens—Outdoor Enthusiasts Rejoice, Preparedness Prevails By Sheriff Ted Mink— Any outdoor activity has inherent risks even for the most seasoned Coloradan. When you visit Open Space Parks you may encounter a variety of weather, terrain, wildlife, or unexpected conditions. These conditions may change during your visit. You can improve the quality of your experience by understanding these risks and taking precautions. Please consider the following as you plan your Spring-time excursions:



Sheriff Ted Mink

It is Unlawful to: be in possession or consumption of any beverage having an alcohol content greater than 3.2% in any public place; discharge or carry firearms, crossbows, fireworks or projectile weapons of any kind (fine \$300); build ground fires (fine \$300); feed, disturb, trap, or kill wildlife; collect, remove, destroy, or deface any natural or man made objects.

On Your Marks, Get Set,...GO! After a year and a half closure a gem of Jefferson County, Waterton Canyon, entices hiking enthusiasts with its 6.5 miles of terrain. To get there follow Wadsworth (Highway 121) south of C470 past Chatfield Reservoir to the Kassier Center, where you will find public parking.

Play it Safe Know the basics of first aid, including how to treat bleeding, bites, stings, fractures, strains, and sprains. Few hikes are so remote that help cannot be reached within a short time, but you would be wise to carry and know how to use simple supplies, such as over-the-counter pain relievers, bandages, and ointments. Pack a first-aid kit on each excursion.

Know the symptoms of both cold and heat-related conditions, including hypothermia and heat stroke. The best way to avoid these afflictions is to wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions, drink lots of water, eat enough to keep the internal fire stoked, and keep a pace that is within your physical limits.

Know the symptoms of altitude sickness, especially if you are sharing the trip with a sea level dweller. If anyone in your party exhibits symptoms including headache, nausea, and fatigue head back down the trail to acclimate.

Weather the Storm Be prepared for the dynamics of Colorado weather; it changes in a heartbeat. The sun can be brutal so wear sunscreen. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms, while spectacular, harbor a host of potential hazards, including rain, hail, and lightning. Know how to protect yourself. And yes, snow may fall even in summer, so be on guard.

Lions, Tigers, Bears, Oh My! There are ways to deal with the more dangerous critters in the wild, like mountain lions, bears, and rattlesnakes. Just as in the concrete jungle there are useful self-defense tactics should you encounter one of these beasts. Examples of tactics can be viewed by clicking here. Also remember some parks like Waterton Canyon prohibit pets for the protection of big horn sheep.

Hiking Couture Whether short and easy or long and strenuous, you will enjoy your hike more if wearing good socks and hiking boots. Carry a comfortable pack loaded with ample water or sport drink, snacks, and extra clothing. Perhaps a safety whistle will complete your ensemble.

Outdoor Ethics A balance between recreational use and protection of wildlife habitat and other natural resources can be achieved with the use of sound outdoor ethics, and will preserve the qualities you find so attractive about Waterton Canyon, and other parks.

Always read and follow posted signs - Leave only footprints, pack out what you've brought in.

Observe park hours: open one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset - Stay the trail

Never leave valuables in your parked car - Always tell someone your location and estimated return time

Jeffco Public Schools news – March, 2012 by Beverly Craddock, Communications Services, Jeffco Schools

Community Conversations Please join members of the Board of Education on Saturday, April 28 as they host community conversations across the county. This is the community's chance to weigh in on the future of our students and Jeffco Schools.

Here are the locations for the forums, held on April 28 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Bear Creek High School Dakota Ridge High School Evergreen Middle School Pomona High School Wheat Ridge High School

Parenting work-shops Parenting can be very rewarding but it can also be very challenging. Learn some helpful parenting tips at the Helping Kids Thrive Parent & Community Night coming in April. The event, which is sponsored by the Jefferson Center for Mental Health and Jeffco Schools, is free and child care is provided (potty-trained children only). The work-shops are offered in four different schools and runs from 5-7:45 p.m. Parents can register online at <http://www.hktjcmh.org/> or call 303-432-5144 for more information.

Helping Kids Thrive Parent and Community Night dates and locations:

Arvada K-8 on Monday, April 9 5751 Balsam St., Arvada, CO 80002

O'Connell Middle School on Thursday, April 12 1275 S. Teller St., Lakewood, CO 80433



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The April meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm** at the new Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. Elections for officers (President, Secretary) will be held.

The Jefferson County Library Foundation announced it has named Bill Knott and Ann Stumpf to its Board of Directors, filling two of the four vacancies on the Board.

"We are excited to welcome these new board members," said Tami Schrader, president of the Library Foundation's Board of Directors. "Mr. Knott brings considerable knowledge of libraries, specifically JCPL, to the table and we welcome the business expertise of Ms. Stumpf. They will be a valuable addition to the Foundation Board."

Knott served as county librarian of Jefferson County Public Library for 37 years before retiring in 2008. Under his leadership, JCPL became one of the fastest growing and widely used libraries in the country. Also under his direction, the Jefferson County Library Foundation became a key component within this library system. Knott continues to be a frequent library user and collector of books.

For the last three years, Stumpf has held the position of vice president – operations at TIAA-CREF, a financial services organization serving the needs of those in higher education. Prior to TIAA-CREF, she held various financial and operational roles during her 13-year tenure at Qwest Communications (formerly U S WEST). Stumpf began her career in the audit practice of Coopers & Lybrand (now PriceWaterhouseCoopers), and she continues to hold an active CPA license in Colorado.

Knott and Stumpf will each serve at least one three-year term on the Foundation Board.

The Library Foundation is currently looking to fill its remaining two seats with individuals from the Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and North Arvada areas. If you are interested in serving on the Library Foundation Board, please contact 303-403-5075.

Summit Ridge Middle School on Thursday, April 19 11809 West Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, CO 80127

West Jeff Middle School on Thursday, April 26 9449 S. Barnes Ave., Conifer, CO 80433

Celebration of Excellence If you missed Wheat Ridge High School student Tomara Conrad performing Amazing Grace on the Rachel Ray show on Oct. 4, 2011, you can catch Conrad's performance at the seventh annual Celebration of Excellence on Wednesday, April 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. The event is free and will be held at Bear Creek High School, 9800 West Dartmouth Pl., Lakewood, 80227. Other highlights include the football, softball and gymnastics state champions, Arvada Food Bank's Feeding the Future backpack program volunteers and the marching band state winners.

This event is the district's way to say thanks to our Key Communicators and to celebrate the accomplishments of students, teachers, staff and our Jefferson County community. The evening includes individual and group representation of the best of the best in academics, athletics, arts, teaching and community service.

RSVP by calling Communications Services at 303-982-6808.