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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Sept 6, 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: Sept 19, 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: **Sept SRC Oct Nov Dec Xmas Party**

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: August 2012

Beginning Balance Aug 1, 2012	\$ 1912.43	
Deposits	\$ 100.00	
Dues—Westridge-Lakeview Meadows HOA \$40 Peterson \$20 Fisher \$40 (2 yrs)		
Withdrawals	\$ 160.15	
Sept Newsletter \$ 8.10 Picnic costs \$91.65 CO State Report Fee \$10 Website Charge \$ 20.97 (3 months) Summerset Ballons 29.43		
Ending Balance September 6, 2012	\$ 1852.28	W. R. Moore, Treasurer

Foothills September Events—Kate Dragoo, Communications & Marketing Supervisor, Foothills Park & Recreation District (303) 409-2525; kate@fhprd.org

Foothills Pottery Sale, Sept. 15-16 Shop the Foothills Park & Recreation District's Pottery Booth in the Arts & Crafts Section at Summerset Festival in Clement Park. Handmade pottery at great prices. Booth times: Saturday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, call 303.409.2612.

School Year Value Pass Students ages 9 through senior year can receive a School Year Value Pass good at Foothills Park & Recreation District's facilities. Activities that can be utilized with the pass include: open gym, open swim, work out equipment, racquetball and indoor track - available at the Ridge Recreation Center, Lilley Gulch Recreation Center and Peak Community & Wellness Center. Valid September 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013. Cost is \$129 per school year, or \$18/month. Ages 9-15 must call for weight room/cardio room guidelines. For more information, call 303.409.2100 or visit www.ifoohills.org.

Middle School Sports Program Sign your middle schooler up for Foothills Park & Recreation District's Middle School Sports Program. It's most convenient because programs are offered on site at Deer Creek, Falcon Bluffs, Ken Caryl and Summit Ridge Middle Schools immediately after school. Goals include skill development, equal participation of team members in practice and league play, fair play, and sportsmanship. For more information, call 303-409-2613 or check out all MSSP offerings online www.ifoohills.org/prog_sports_mssp.asp

Ready Your Routine By Sheriff Ted Mink Your routine is perfected, day in, day out. Grab your wallet, your keys and your lunch bag. How finessed is your emergency plan routine? Grab your photo albums, your records, now what? Time for an emergency preparedness check up. Ready these items NOW. Preparedness is everyone's job. Not just government agencies but all sectors of society.

Ready your 72 hour emergency kit If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster-relief groups work hard to help you. But you need to be ready as well. You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that can naturally occur in our (See Page 5)



Sheriff Ted Mink



The Cohope Candidates Picnic on August 1 had a great turnout.

The Candidates present were (in order of speaking):

Mary Parker, House District 22
Steve Ludwig, CU Board of Regents
Casey Tighe, Jeffco Commissioner
Peter Weir, 1st Judicial District DA
Lorna Idol, House District 25
Andy Kerr, Senate District 22
Cheri Gerou, House District 25
Justin Everett, House District 22
Ken Summers, Senate District 22
Angela Schroeder, State Board of Education

Mary Dambman, CU Board of Regents
Danny Stroud, 1st Congressional District

It was a pretty good evening and an informative one also.

Do-It-Yourself Energy Assessment Workshop offered at Jeffco's CSU Extension

Is solar right for you? How does solar leasing work? Is wind energy an option where you live and how much will it cost? How can you reduce your home energy use and bills without breaking the bank?

Jefferson County's Colorado State University Extension is offering a workshop to explore possibilities and to help people decide what's right for them. Throughout the day, you'll explore:

How to conduct a basic home energy assessment to identify energy saving opportunities.

Tools to decide whether adding solar or wind energy to your specific home makes financial sense.

Fun gadgets that can help you save energy and that can be borrowed from your local Extension office.

How to determine a payback period for renewable energy at their home and how to conduct a basic home energy assessment.

Join CSU Extension at the Jefferson County Extension Office in Golden from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8. The workshop costs \$10, payable by check or cash at the door and includes lunch.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Visit CSU Extension's energy website to register and learn more!



THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Draft Minutes of the July Board Meeting Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Yarish at 9:10 a.m. Six board members were in attendance and three homeowners.

Treasurers Report Colorado Lasertype bill was paid.

Old Business Plans for the Park Playground Build were finalized and a decision was made to have a Grand Celebration right after the August board meeting. Time would probably be around 10:30 a.m.

President Bruce Yarish will look into options for fixing the broken entrance sign on Kendall Blvd.

New Business The Columbine Hills Civic Association wants to express thanks to some residents who have been attending to the medians on Kendall by doing some pruning and weed control.

Board members received calls about signs in the yards advertising businesses. It was also noted calls have been made about Garage Sale signs not being removed in a timely fashion.

Deadline for articles for the newsletter need to be received by the 11th of the month. The entire newsletter needs to be sent to Colorado Lasertype by the 15th of the month. Call 303-979-8895 and leave a message that you have an article for the newsletter. Be sure to leave your name and phone number. — *Randy Montgomery, Secretary*

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner The CKSII Board of Directors did not have a meeting this last month but all members were busy carrying out their various responsibilities including covenant enforcement, approval of requests for improvements, caring for the entrance on Chatfield and Yukon and planning the summer picnic! Thanks to all members for taking time out of their busy summer schedules to help keep this neighborhood a great place to live!

This has been a record hot and dry summer despite recent rains. I would like to remind everyone to be extra careful when it comes to anything that could cause a fire, including cigarette butts being tossed out automobile windows.

On that note, there is a way for us to be informed by telephone of an eminent danger in our community. The Jefferson County Emergency Communications Authority Board has an alert system to notify you of impending danger by phone. You can verify that your land line is registered with the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Authority Board by checking Jefferson County's website. You may also register your cell phone numbers at this same website.

At the Jefferson County Sheriff's website there is additional information about Smart911 which is another service available to Jefferson County residents. This is a free service where users create a safety profile by entering vital data they want made available about themselves, family, residence and even pets. Data given can include photos, and information regarding medical conditions, allergies, disabilities and/or special needs, home addresses of cell phone callers and floor plans to name a few. Smart911 delivers this information automatically to dispatchers, who then enable responders to be more successful with access to critical health and logistical information before arriving at the scene of an emergency. You can read more about this service at the Jefferson County website.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow neighbors for the Annual CKSII Summer Picnic on Saturday, September 8th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Coronado Park. The Social Committee is planning great food, door prizes, games and face painting! There will also be someone from our trash provider, EDS, to let you know about their new exciting recycling program.—*Stephanie Haberkorn*

I'm Not An HOA Member. Do Covenants Apply To Me? Yes, they do. HOA membership has nothing to do with whether or not the covenants or ODP apply.

When folks buy property in CKSII, they sign documents, during closing, agreeing to abide by certain rules. The Columbine Knolls South Planned Development Restrictions, which are commonly referred to as the ODP, apply to ALL properties. Of the 531 properties that make up CKSII, 507 are covered by covenants. For a detailed explanation, click on the Covenants link on any page of the CKSII web site, www.cksii.org. The twenty-four lots with no covenants are shown as Section 4. You can also download the covenants and ODP from this page in case you don't have a copy.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

Deck Collapses in Columbine West A backyard deck suddenly collapsed in the 7600 block of W. Ottawa Place and fell about 10 feet, Tuesday evening, July 3rd. Four ambulances rushed the injured to two area hospitals. Some adults were standing on the deck during an annual family party when it gave way and collapsed diagonally into the home. This walk out basement neighborhood home was built in 1978-79. It is reported that the deck was held to the house by 16 penny nails, no bolts and no supports. During this particular time of home building using nails was code. What is known is that more homes in the same area have structures built the same way... POORLY. These are our neighbors and they

wish for others to take the time to check their own decks for safety measures. Decks that were built many years ago need to be inspected and repaired where needed. If you have a deck that was already built onto your house before you moved in, check into the safety of the structure. Anyone with questions about the safety of your deck is asked to call the city or county inspector or a contractor. Thanks are extended to the emergency medical team members that assisted the family and their guests. Here's a link to Channel 4's follow-up article, which may be helpful.

<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2012/07/07/>

unsafe-construction-could-be-potential-hazard-in-decks

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes Minutes of July 10, 2012 The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. In attendance were Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Richard White, and Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros.

The main topic of discussion was the upcoming Leawood Picnic on Saturday, August 25th at Leawood Park. The theme is "Splash Bash" with water activities and summer music. Mike has reserved a great bouncy castle that includes a large obstacle course along with a cotton candy machine. There will be a bake sale with all proceeds going toward the Leawood Scholarship Fund. Raffle ticket prizes will be given along with prizes for best decorated bike and bake sale items. This year, the Littleton Fire Department will send a fire truck to lead the parade which starts at 11:30 at the Leawood Elementary School. Richard will see about getting the vintage ambulance that participated last year and some classic cars. Once the parade arrives at Leawood Park, the fire truck will park on Fair Drive and turn on their hoses, pointing them high in the air over the field section of the park for the kids (and adults!) to run through. The firemen may join us for lunch and everyone can check out the fire truck. Paul will set up a PA system for music and prize announcements.

Finally, the Fall Garage Sale dates were set for Friday and Saturday, September 21-22.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District: Minutes of July 11, 2012 The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent at the home of Dave Padilla, 6356 S. Benton Way. Board members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith, Charlie Campbell, and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

Public Comment – Linda reported a call from a resident related to the wrapping of new trees in Weaver Park, watering of these trees and bushes at Weaver creek area looking scraggly. Dave addressed the concerns relating that the trees are wrapped to protect them and the anchors were to keep them straight in the windy area. They will be removed in the future as the trees get more stable. Watering of these trees is being done by a drip system on a time clock. The bushes at the creek area are maintained by Urban Drainage. We can request to have them trimmed from time to time but the balance between residents who want them more natural looking and those who do not is a fine line. Urban Drainage has cleaned much of the debris from the bushes due to the heavy rain a while ago, but was not able to get it all. Each water event through the creek creates more debris depending on how hard the run-off is.

Treasurer's Report – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report and bills to be paid. Bills include: United Site Services including an extra charge for resetting the potty in Weaver Park that was tipped over and pushed down the hill, Denver Water, L&M, Horizon for irrigation supplies, Arborist Arms, reimbursement to petty cash, and Dave's invoice.

Parks Manager Report – Dave met with Advantage Sign Company to get pricing to repair several signs we have and to get prices on additional ones. He has asked Denver Custom Signs to give us pricing also. We plan to place a new sign at the corner of Sheridan and Coal Mine for Tract T. Repairs were made to several irrigation lines and tests were run on other lines. Urban Drainage called to let us know there was a break in the 2" main water line that their contractor installed. The water was shut off and the repair was made.

Dave reported the vandalism of the potty in Weaver Park. It was turned over and pushed down the hill toward the creek. United Site Services was called to set the potty right again. Also the bollard from the volley ball bridge was removed and tossed in the creek. The bollard was retrieved and put back in place. Dave disposed of a load of trash from the pavilion at Leawood Park. Trees have been given extra water due to dry conditions, along with several grassy areas. Arborist Arms trimmed three cottonwood trees at Leawood Park, removed the center stem of a downed tree in Raccoon Park, trimmed Russian Olive trees at Weaver Park and a cottonwood on the SE corner of the soccer field.

The ATV was taken in for its 100 hour warranty service at RPM. Charlie reported his discussion with the homeowner at the corner of Jay and W. Leawood Drive. Our entrance sign was discovered to be on his property. We have agreed to move the sign and doggy bag holder to the other side of the walk at the north entrance. Charlie brought to our attention again four properties whose fence lines are encroaching into park property. These encroachments were identified in our property line survey done in the past. We discussed our process. One homeowner was going to extend a fence and Charlie notified him that the extension would be on park property. Dave reported information he received regarding Spartacote for the Leawood Pavilion. This is a coating that would be applied to the Leawood pavilion floor to aid in cleaning and resisting stains. It has a life of 7-10 years. Donna moved for Dave to get an estimate, and if it is within the range of \$1,000-1,500, to proceed with the work. Mibby seconded and the motion passed. Dave also reported he had several

encounters with residents having their dogs off leash. Linda is to call Animal Control and ask for a patrol. (Note: Patrol was to begin July 13 per Jeffco Animal Control after Linda and Donna called.)

Old Business Review of Special Meeting of June 21- Postponed until August meeting so that Charlie and Dave can prioritize the new additions to the list. (Note: The entire list is in the June 21st meeting minutes.)

LCA: Bills, picnic, etc. – We discussed the picnic and that LCA wanted to have a fire truck in the parade and vintage cars. Per the Reporter, it was discussed that they mentioned we were to be invoiced for one of the dumpsters for the clean-up. No invoice has been received as of this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Future Meetings: Wed, Sept 12, 2012 – Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m. Wed, Oct 10, 2012 - Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m. Wed, Nov 14, 2012 - Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m. Wed, Dec 12, 2012 - Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.—*Linda T. Smith Vice President and Secretary*

Williamsburg II News

President's Message "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."— Warren Buffett

Welcome August and what's often referred to as the dog days of summer. With the relentless heat and drought this summer, many of us are already "dog tired" of this weather. Let's hope September brings some cooler temps.

Speaking of August, that dreaded phrase every kid hates to hear is on the horizon. Back to school! Sorry kids! Jeffco students return to the classroom Monday August 20. Check your local school websites for more information.

The July 4th Bike Parade was an outstanding success this year. Always a well attended event, this year we had a record turnout. Thanks to all who participated.

Williamsburg II remains a much desired community in which to live. Thank you to all who contribute, cooperate and work hard to keep it that way. "Like" us on Facebook!— *Mike Eppers*

WoodBourne

From Notes From The Board The July Board meeting was held on July 18, 2012. Good news. The fence project is completed. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive. We believe that this makes the Simms side of the neighborhood look great!

This summer has been passing quickly. We appreciate all the homeowners efforts to keep the neighborhood looking great despite record heat and dryness.

Come enjoy the pool before school starts. The Board will be handing out popsicles at the pool on Sunday, August 19, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. The pool will remain open through Labor Day.— *Carrie Kollar, President*

area: wildfires, flood, tornadoes, winter storms and extreme heat or cold. You should also be ready to be self-sufficient for at least 3-5 days. The 72-hour emergency kit should be individually tailored to meet the basic survival needs of your family. Most families prefer to store their emergency supplies in one location that is relatively safe, yet easily accessible if evacuation is required. Items may be stored in a 32-gallon trash can, suitcase, duffle bag, backpack, footlocker or individual pack. Please visit our website for more information.

Items to include: Maps of evacuation routes; Photos of property saved digitally; First aid kit; Sanitation kit; Pet supplies; Candles and matches; Pen, paper, addresses, phone numbers; Copies of all legal documents, marriage license, mortgage, ownership documents, and wills; Non perishable food items; Utility knife, battery powered radio, water purification tablets, and flashlight.

Ready your mobile phone E911-Many people do not realize that YOU must register for E911 to receive the emergency (commonly referred to as 'reverse') notifications. You will not be in the database until you have registered.

Smart911-Create your free profile on www.smart911.com to give crucial information to dispatchers and emergency personnel in the event of an emergency. You may include floor plans, disabilities, allergies, pet information, and preferred entryways. You may attach several telephone numbers to an address. Without Smart911 dispatchers have minimal location data. The dispatchers only have the information if you call 911.

Twitter-Add Jeffcosherrifco to your twitter account for up to the date information, especially in an emergency situation. Data concurs that traditional media reports are often available a half an hour after the event whereas twitter tweets are within minutes of the event (Kaplan, 2010).

Email alerts- Click here to join our email alert database that is Jefferson County specific.

Join the conversation and tell us what you Ready on Facebook...

Like' Jefferson County Sheriff for updates, crime prevention and emergency preparedness tips, photos of wanted individuals, community events, and more.



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The September meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station—8100 Shaffer Parkway. A Senior Resource Center representative is scheduled to attend.

Jeffco Public Schools news – September, 2012 by Beverly Craddock, Communications Services, Jeffco Schools
Jeffco outperforms the state in TCAP results The 2011-12 Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) achievement results show the district is outperforming the state in all grade levels and content areas — reading, writing, math and science. Jeffco's scores range from three to 11 percent higher than those of the state.

Jeffco's biggest point of pride is the above average growth in math at elementary, middle and high school. Additional points of pride include: An emphasis on writing and reading at the middle school level has resulted in improved seventh-grade reading and writing scores.

Jeffco elementary students continue to show high academic achievement and above average growth in reading, writing and math. 84 percent of sixth-graders scored advanced or proficient in reading.

Jeffco exceeds the state by an average of: 8 percent in science; 7 percent in reading; 7 percent in math; 6 percent in writing.

A three-year trend of scores shows that Jeffco is holding steady across most grade levels in reading and continues to outpace the state at all grade levels. Colorado students in grades three through 10 take the TCAP tests which replaced the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) this year.

Schools back in session August 20 The first official day of school for the 2012-13 school year is Monday, Aug. 20. Information about registration, fees, supply lists, free and reduced meal applications, and more is available on the district's website at www.jeffcopublicschools.org

Bond ratings remain healthy Jeffco's strong financial management was recently reviewed and affirmed by both Standard & Poor's and Moody's rating agencies. Jeffco maintained its AA- (S&P) and AA2 (Moody's) ratings. Both of those ratings speak to the district's sound financial practices in spite of declining revenues and challenging economic times.