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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Oct. 4, 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: Oct 17, 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: **Oct C470 Nov CASA Dec Xmas Party**

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: August 2012

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| 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 |

Draft Minutes for Sept. 5 Meeting Attendance: Winnie Burdan & Susan Ganz / Williamsburg II, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Linda Auburn / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Florene Rotherham / At Large, Alicia Combes, Leanna Hickman, Sayle Hassenauer, Ralph & Pat Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Al Nemes / Columbine Knolls South Est., Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West, Maureen Lauder milk, Karen MacDonald & Jerry Anderson / Chatfield Bluffs, Viji Sekhar & John Walsh / Senior Resource Center, Gordon Neuenfeldt / Jeffco County Sheriff.

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

Winnie Burdan, President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Deputy, said that this was the Summer of Car Break-ins (most were unlocked). There were burglaries, vehicle trespasses, theft, car break-ins, misdemeanor thefts, and vehicle thefts. There has been a lot of backflow valves being stolen for the brass and copper. This is part of lawn irrigation systems. There was a bill to regulate metal recycle shops, but it did not pass.

There was a 11% drop in crime from June 2011 to June 2012. There was a 19% increase in crime from July 2011 to July 2012. If you want to look up crime statistics on unincorporated Jefferson County, go to www.crimereports.com. Or go to www.jeffco.us/sheriff/ and click on the crime map option to get to the crime map . Enter an address and a date range (up to 6 months). Then zoom out to increase the area covered.

If you are interested in sex offenders, go to the SOTAR website. Or go to www.jeffco.us/sheriff/ and if you click on the sex offender map option the next page that comes up gives you 2 registered sex offender data base options: SOTAR (Sex Offender Tracking and Registration) website and the CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigation) website .

Does Jefferson County Sheriff's department work with Foothills Parks and Recreation District about graffiti? Yes.

Do you have any information about the rumor of Blood gang signs being written on cars. Gordon had no information.

Who do you contact to get a Dead End sign? Propose it to Jeffco Highway and Transportation.

Gordon was asked to pass on our thanks for National Night Out.

Gordon will not be able to attend our Oct. meeting. He will send the information to Diane.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

The speakers tonight were John Walsh and Viji Sekhar from the Senior Resource Center.

The community partnership started in 1978. Seniors of age 60 and older are covered. They cover 10 counties. They deal with non-medical issues. They have 500 volunteers. They take a holistic approach.

In the Coordinated Care Model, they offer 19 classes including Safe in Your Space. They are a 501C3 organization so they raise money so the classes are no cost for the seniors.

They are Medicare certified. Their rates are \$22.50 / hour.

They have Adult Day and Respite care facilities in Denver and Evergreen. The rates are \$68.50 for the metro area and \$68.00 in Evergreen.

John Walsh is the coordinator for volunteers. His phone number is 303-235-6907. His email address is jwalsh@srcaging.org. He requested that everyone volunteer who can. They offer classes and programs at Southwest Plaza on Wednesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

There is an AARP Driver Safety Program for people 60 and older on Sept. 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. To register, call 303-238-8151 or go to www.SRCaging.org.

Maureen Sielaff wants COHOPE to support her concern on neon signs on businesses near subdivisions. There is a strip mall across the street from her subdivision with big, red signs and flashing signs in their windows. She has talked with County officials with no satisfactory resolution. The ODP put in place in 1985 support some regulation of the signs. One of the county commissioners implied that the ODP is only a suggestion and cannot be enforced. Commissioner Rosier wants to relax regulations for businesses. She thinks that he wants to enable them to put up any sign that they want. Someone said that lighting requirements are covered by Planning and Zoning regulations. Perhaps you should take the issue to small claims court.

It was moved and seconded that COHOPE send a letter to Planning and Zoning and the 3 Commissioners in support of her initiative: "No commercial building that was visible from a residence should be allowed to put illuminated signs on their buildings if it could be viewed by a residence."

The discussion involved adding something about hours of operation or level of illumination. Maureen wants the letter to be what she stated. She want the commissioners to stop allowing business in established neighborhoods.

The motion passed; 9 for, 3 against, and 1 abstention.

Linda Auburn wanted to discuss the rezoning request to allow an auto dealership on the south side of C-470 between Meadows Ranch and Chatfield Bluffs. In 1982 the area across from Research and Development was zoned for auto dealership for Alpine Motors. Now they want to rezone a larger piece of property. Linda wants to get the word out that Colorado Alliance for Responsible Development (ARD). More information can be obtained on their website, ColoradoARD.org or you can email info@coloradoard.org.

The County Commissioners should discuss this at the end of Sept. or beginning of Oct. She wants people to attend the meetings. It was moved and seconded that COHOPE send a letter that "we do not support the rezoning of this property for a car dealership." The motion passed unanimously.

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

Winnie Burdan, President, was present.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,852.28. Summerset is Sept. 14 - 16. He passed around the sign up sheet for Summerset.

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

Diane Suchomel was approached to be on the C-470 Coalition Citizen's committee. She declined but wanted to pass on the opportunity to a member of COHOPE. She asked if anyone was interested. The committee wants to solicit input and funding for the addition of 1 through lane between Kipling and I-25. Input needs to be submitted to the Policy Committee and Technical Working Group. *(post meeting it was discovered the C470 citizens committee had already been filled out)*

She gave us a Weed and Pest handout. For more information, go to <http://weeds.jeffco.us>. The law is CRS 35-5.5.

Utility Rates are increasing. City of Littleton Sewer rates are expected to increase by 2%. They will discuss this on Sept. 10 - 11. Denver Water rates are expected to increase by 4.5 - 5%. They will discuss this on Sept. 26.

The Planning Commissioners will discuss rezoning the lot at Wadsworth and Coal Mine on Sept. 12 at 6:15 p.m.

Comments concerning Chatfield Reservoir have to be postmarked by Sept. 6. This is concerning changing Chatfield Reservoir usage to include water storage.

Ralph and Pat Miller received kudos for their work to get a new playground installed via a joint effort by the neighborhood residents and FHPRD at S Kendall Blvd & W Elmhurst Ave .

Early voting starts on Oct. 2.

On Oct. 11 the League of Woman Voters' meeting will be about the candidates.

There will be a Community Meeting at the Lilley Gulch Rec center on Sept. 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. about the proposal to rezone a parcel near the northeastern corner of S Kipling Pkwy & W Coal Mine Ave for an approximately 15, 000 sq ft grocery store (Natural Grocers store).

The C-470 Coalition will hold a public open house at the Ken Caryl Ranch House on Sept. 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to inform the public about the possible options for changing C-470.

If you want information about an RTD stop, contact them with the street corner, address, or the 5 digit number on the sign.

Planning and Zoning items are Sept. 6 rezone, update and improve existing Telecom facility at Kipling and Ken Caryl. On Sept. 12 at 6:15 p.m. to subdivide a lot into 4 plots at Dancing Deer. On Sept. 12 and Oct. 2 a change at Woodmar Corners at Wadsworth and Coal Mine, a rezone from MR1 and A2 at C-285 and S. Turkey Creek Road, and changing residential attached units on Grizzly Drive and Deer Creek. On Oct. 9 dividing a Dancing Deer property. We received notification for Light of the World Community Church site construction / addition. There is not yet a date specified. We received notification for zoning at S. Platte and Canyon Road for commercial or multi-family use. There is not yet a date specified. Is the comprehensive Master Plan out yet?

Old Business None.

New Business None.

Announcements The next 2 meetings are at Lilley Gulch.

Who should be our Oct. speaker? Planning and Zoning was suggested. We do not have a speaker for Nov. either.

We adjourned at 9:21 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*



Summerset

Festival 2012



Thanks!



THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Draft Minutes of the August Board Meeting Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Yarish at 9:10 a.m. Six board members attendance and three homeowners were in attendance. Treasurers Report Colorado Lasertype was paid. Eleven new members were added in June bringing the total to 291 Columbine Hills residents donating to CHICA. Donations of \$115 beyond the \$25 suggested donation were received. Thank you.

Old Business Minutes of the July meeting were approved. Options for fixing the broken entrance sign on Kendall Blvd. will be discussed at the September meeting.

New Business October 13 was the date set for the fall Dumpster Day,

The September CHICA meeting will be at the picnic shelter in the park. If the weather turns bad the meeting will be at Roberts Deli. During the fall and winter CHICA meetings will be at Roberts Deli.

A motion was made and carried to dismiss. — *Randy Montgomery, Secretary*

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner The I am sure that everyone is welcoming the cool days of September and pleased that the record hot days of summer 2012 are a thing of the past! September is also the time for the kids to start back to school, so please be extra careful when driving through the neighborhood. In last month's newsletter I mentioned that we would be discussing the future of the CKSII signs at Carr and Fairview at the August HOA Board meeting and asked homeowners for comments. No feedback was received. The underlying issue regarding the signs is that the HOA does not have an easement for the properties where the signs are located. Without an easement, which we have for the properties where signs on Chatfield and Yukon are located, we would be making improvements to privately owned property. The Board considers it outside the scope of their work to make improvements to privately owned property. Following considerable discussion, the Board decided to proceed with the removal of the signs. The decision also took into consideration the numerous complaints about the lack of landscaping on the part of the HOA on those corners and the legal implications of having HOA property on private property. The Board will work with the homeowners on the removal of the signs and would like to thank them for allowing us to have the signs on their property.

The HOA Social Committee is busy finalizing plans for the Annual CKSII Community Picnic on Saturday, September 8th from 4PM-7PM at Coronado Park. Local merchants have been very generous donating prizes for drawings that will be held throughout the picnic. The Committee will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for all to enjoy. Face painting for the kids and games for all will be part of the celebration. Hope to see you there! —*Stephanie Haberkorn*

From CKSII Board Meeting Minutes August 14, 2012—President Stephanie Haberkorn called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Board members Debbie Opperman, Ron Cuning, Jane Schaefer, Tom Tellschow, and Justin Phillips were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management and two homeowners.

Ron Cuning reported the HOA currently has 285 members.

Justin Phillips reported that the committee has received 11 requests for new improvements. Ten requests have been approved and one request is pending.

Since the June Board meeting six inspections were conducted. Forty-eight notices were given either by letter or personal contact. The violations were: 18 for visible Rvs; 17 for dry grass and/or weeds; 2 for dead trees; 4 for fence repairs; 1 for a house which needs painting; 1 for a commercial vehicle; 1 for visible trash cans; 2 for a basket ball hoop blocking sidewalk; and 2 for bushes blocking a driver's view at road intersections with Carr. Two violations for a fence repair and

one for dead grass and weeds were forwarded to Danny Sullivan, HOA attorney at OCH. The property with weeds is in foreclosure. Three properties are for sale; plus two are in foreclosure and 1 is in bankruptcy. Status letters were provided to title companies for five following title transfers. Discussion followed about neighbor complaints around dry grass and weeds. Additional discussion occurred relating to commercial vehicles in the neighborhood. As commercial vehicles are a county violation, complaints will be forwarded to Jefferson County.

Debbie Opperman reported the Yukon and Chatfield entrance has been progressing well. The plants are expected to thrive over the next two growing seasons. Congratulations to the committee were extended. A motion was made by Ron Cuning and seconded by Debbie Opperman to remove the monument signs located at the corners of Fairview and Carr and to restore the surrounding area as closely as possible. The motion passed unanimously. We thank the homeowners who have allowed the signs on their property. Since we are not able to arrange for a formal easement, the HOA is electing to remove the signs. A motion was made by Justin Phillips and seconded by Tom Tellschow to authorize an email

vote on bids for the removal of the signs and the outcome of that vote will be entered into the official minutes of the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Tellschow and Bob Haberkorn reported on the Fall Picnic plans. The date is September 8th from 4-7 pm at the Coronado Park. The Board authorized a \$600.00 disbursement for supplies and food. Activities will include face painting, volleyball, horseshoes, and conversation! There will be drawings for items donated by the local area merchants.

COLLECTION NOTICE FROM THE RECIEVABLE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMPANY: Jane Schaefer reported a letter directing formal cancellation of the liability policy with Traveler's Insurance and declining the collection debt as our policy stated our coverage would be dropped for non-payment of premiums. No further communication has been received. The Board placed new coverage in November, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: Roger asked the Board to be aware of the time line for informing Sections 2 and 3 about covenant renewal. Stephanie Haberkorn will check with Candyce Cavanaugh, the HOA attorney, about meeting with the Board to review the process. Additionally, Jane Schaefer reported about notifications of a mountain lion in the community and the use of reverse 911 calls in the community.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes Minutes of August 8i, 2012 The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

In attendance were Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Nancy Bock, Richard White, and Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros.

Richard White presented the treasury report. The Park Board was invoiced for one of the dumpsters for the Spring Clean-up for both 2011 and 2012.

Mike, Paul, and Richard will work on getting the membership list updated and Mike is looking at HOA websites. The board is considering changing to a new website that is maintained by an outside source and could be much less time-consuming for the LCA board members and could possibly be the primary source of communication with residents in the future.

The picnic was discussed at length. New signs will be created to inform everyone of the Littleton Fire Department fire truck leading the parade and spraying the kids in the park afterward. The board wants to try to have as many children in the parade this year as possible, and Richard will try to get some residents to include their classic cars and possibly the vintage ambulance that was in the parade last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17. — *Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros, LCA Secretary*

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District: Minutes of August 15, 2012 The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent at the home of Linda Smith, 6417 S. Gray Ct. Board members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

Treasurer's Report—The Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid were submitted by Donna. Income included more property tax and ownership tax income. Bills include: Denver Water, Doggie Bag vendor, Excel, United Site Services, Horizon, LCA for dumpster, 2011 and 2012 picnic donations, Sturgeon Electric, reimbursement to petty cash, and Dave's invoice.

Parks Manager Report—Dave received a bid from Denver Custom Sign for repair of the parks signs. The screws are coming apart from the holders and falling off in various locations. The bid was unacceptable for pricing. Dave will have a person he knows weld the signs as needed and Dave will re-install them. We will look for another signage company to get a bid on new signs needed. We are still waiting on a bid on Spartacote floor coating for the Leawood pavilion floor. Dave is to proceed with the work when actual bid is received and after checking with Charlie.

The doggy bag dispenser and Raccoon Park sign was moved from resident's property and re-set. Dave spent a great deal of time repairing sprinkler heads and raising irrigation boxes. A number of trees were trimmed due to low hanging branches in Weaver and Leawood Parks. All tree wrap was removed on new trees on the parkway and the west end of Weaver Park. Doggy bags are being replenished at an increased rate. We have had to increase our monthly order.

Dave attended a Platte Canyon Water District meeting related to the new liner they will be installing in the sewer line. Dave gave our permission to use part of the park at Benton Way as a staging area. L&M hit a light pole at Kendall and Weaver Drive with their tractor. Excel was notified of the damage and L&M will be responsible for charges.

There was a main water break at Leawood Park just south of the vacuum breaker. The main 2.5" pipe was down about 3 ft plus deep. New parts have been installed and the water system is back on line. Dave met with Urban Drainage related to the Weaver Park stabilization project. They plan to come back in September to complete some repairs on the rock wall on the south bank because some of the material washed downstream. Also, a sand bar has built up and will be moved up stream.

Tract T irrigation controller lost power and Dave had a number of people helping find the location power source. Sturgeon Electric located the power to the feed source. The meter was shut off at the disconnect box. We now have power at the controller and should be fine. Dave met with a contact at Vintage Reserve relating to water that is coming into the park from their drain just west of the new bridge. It is the common area between houses – probably from sump pumps.

The plan is to daylight the drain to the creek about 50-60 feet. It is now causing excess water to stand and is also washing into the bridge landscaping. Dave is to get a bid for Vintage Reserve to pay for the work.

Old Business LCA - Bills, picnic, etc. – Richard White from LCA requested donations for the 2012 picnic and to consider the donation for 2011 picnic (we would like a receipt for the jumpy castle). An invoice for a second dumpster for the LCA clean-up day was presented. It was agreed we would pay all three invoices. The 2012 picnic was discussed related to the fire department spraying location and the potential for needing space in the baseball field for vintage cars if they needed a place to park other than on the street.

New Business Field Leases – South Jeffco Sports has requested to lease the baseball diamond for girl's softball for approximately 8 weeks (Sept-Oct). We agreed to lease the field for a pro-rated fee of \$250. Also, South Jeffco Sports requested to lease the soccer field at Weaver Park for youth football for approximately 8 weeks (2 hours/5 times a week). It was discussed that we would like to limit the use to 3rd-5th graders for a pro-rated fee of \$250. We felt middle school age youths would put too much stress on the field. Kyle will contract with South Jeffco for the fees. (South Jeffco Sports leases the baseball field each season.)

Leewood Elementary Community Fun Run/Walk – Kyle presented sponsorship information for the Board to consider. We would like to know more about the activity and what the funds would be used for.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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

Woodbourne

From Notes From The August Board Meeting The Board meeting was held on August 15, 2012. We would like to thank everyone for a great summer in Woodbourne. The homes all looked great and many homeowners were able to complete some property improvements that look wonderful.

Congratulations to the Woodbourne Wave Swim Team. The swim team had another great season. There were over 100 neighborhood kids that participated this year. It is great to see so many kids grow up through this program and enjoy a wonderful summer opportunity for fun, friendship, exercise, and community involvement. The pool closed for the year on September 4, 2012, after another successful summer.

The Board is continuing efforts to beautify the neighborhood. Lights will be installed at the Fremont entrance and playground. The common areas will receive a complete tree pruning. This should clean up the appearance of the trees that are currently overgrown. Finally, mulch and cobblestone will be added along Simms to the areas that have become depleted over the years.— *Carrie Kollar, President*

Williamsburg II News

President's Message Teased with several cooler days in August, it's time to really look forward to enjoying Colorado weather that September brings. Kids back in school and a steady routine returns to all the families with school children. Speaking of September, the month celebrates pancakes, coffee and cheeseburgers! See a complete list and dates in the newsletter.

Though it may seem early and many will cringe at the mere mention, the holiday season isn't too far away. Mark your calendars and save the date for the annual Holiday Hay Ride in December on Saturday the 15th. Also, the Williamsburg II annual Holiday Lighting Event will take place on Wednesday December 19th. Details and specifics forthcoming. 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.— *Mike Eppers*

From HOA Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2012 The meeting was called to order by Mike Eppers at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Winnie Burden, Debra White, Bill Ganz and Sharon Erickson. Newsletter: No corrections to last month's newsletter.

Compliments on the gardening and pet articles – thank you to Debi Clark and Debra White.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz, Treasurer, reported that the bills to Xcel and the company providing the screen for Movie Night were paid. The equivalent of 152 homes out of 317 (47.8 percent) have paid 2012 dues as of 8/5/2012.

Architectural Committee Report: Request to add addition to family room and upstairs bedroom submitted. Homeowner has necessary approvals from Jefferson County – board also approves.

Covenant Control: Increase in complaints about boats, trailers and RVs improperly stored. Reminder that per our covenants these are to be stored in the garage, behind solid fence or offsite.

Old Business: Great success with the annual Bike Parade. Nice turnout and big thank you to the fire department for leading the parade with a fire truck. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Movie Night On July 21st was also a success. It was beautiful night to relax and enjoy The Adventures of Tin Tin under the stars at Eagle Meadows Park – no wind or rain to spoil the evening. Thank you to Beth Schneider, local Realtor, for sponsoring the ice cream truck (providing free ice cream to those in attendance) and the face painting.

New Business: Holiday Hay Ride is set for Saturday, December 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Lighting Contest will take place on Wednesday, December 19th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m

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

Free Adult Senior Open House, Oct. 5 Mark your calendars and prepare to join Foothills Park & Recreation District for a day filled with fun and useful health and wellness information for adult seniors on Friday, October 5, 9 a.m. – 1p.m. at the Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward St.). Entry and participation is free. Activities include booths representing senior resources and community organizations, give-aways, chair massage, free lunch, entertainment and a performance by Reveille 3

– a tribute to the Andrews Sisters. Sponsored by: Foothills Park & Recreation District, MorningStar Senior Living, Hearing Rehab Center, New England Financial – Colorado and Ultimate Health Chiropractic. RSVP required for free lunch by calling 303.409.2264. For information visit www.ifoohills.org or call 303.409.2264.

BOO-rific Bash & Splash – Oct. 26

Bring the whole family to Foothills Park & Recreation District's BOO-rific Bash & Splash on Friday, October 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Ridge Recreation Center. This safe, indoor trick-or-treating event allows children to dress in full costume, trick-or-treat among community business tables and enjoy fun activities. Swimming in the Ridge Pools is included in the festivities, swimsuit required to enter the pool. Fee: \$5 per child, adults FREE; no registration, pay at the door. Children 5 and under MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult (age 18 or older) and be within arm's reach at all times. For directions or more information, call 303.409.2333 or visit www.ifoohills.org.

Saturday Oct. 13th will be **COHOPE's Fall Adopt-a-Hwy cleanup** day for our section of W Bowles Ave between S Simms St and C-470. Participants will meet at West Bowles Community Church at 8:30 a.m. If it is raining or snowing that day, then the cleanup will be the following Saturday, same time/same location. If you want to participate and haven't already signed the County's required waiver form, then please see Diane at the Oct. COHOPE meeting to sign that form. The County will provide trash bags and orange safety vests. Please bring gloves or anything else you want to use during the cleanup.

Drug Take-Back Day set for Saturday, September 29 The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will be joining law enforcement agencies nationwide to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The DEA's National Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

Sheriff's representatives will be set up at 2 drop-off locations in the county on Saturday, September 29 from 10am-2pm. Dakota Ridge High School 13399 W. Coal Mine Ave., Littleton (west parking lot)

Evergreen Fire Rescue 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program is anonymous. Prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications, (tablets and capsules) are accepted. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and needles will not be accepted. Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative.

Commissioners Want Feedback From Residents on County Services: Will Use Innovative Telephone Town Hall Technology to Reach 50,000 Residents As the Jefferson County Commissioners begin the annual preparation of the county budget, they are looking for feedback from residents.

They want to know which county services are most important to residents. On Sept. 25, citizens will have a new opportunity to provide valuable feedback and ask questions, without having to leave home to attend a meeting.

Phones will ring across unincorporated Jeffco inviting residents to participate in a phone meeting from 7 - 8 that evening. Calls will be placed to randomly selected phone numbers of unincorporated residents. But the meeting is not limited to just those that are called and anyone at anytime during the meeting can call in. For those who do not receive a phone call, please call, 877-229-8493 and use pin: 110646.

The commissioners will answer live questions from callers and will also ask polling questions as well.



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The October meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm** at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center (6147 S. Holland Way). A representative from the C-470 Corridor Coalition is scheduled to attend and talk about C-470 change options.

Jeffco Public Schools news – October, 2012 by Beverly Craddock, Communications Services, Jeffco Schools
Jeffco art teachers named tops in state Elementary art teacher D.J. Osmack says he loves watching kids create. For middle school art teacher Pam Farris, teaching is about seeing students find solutions to problems. The Colorado Art Education Association named both Osmack and Farris art educators of the year. Osmack, who teaches at Ralston and Kyffin elementary schools, was named the Colorado Rookie Art Teacher of the Year. Farris, who teaches at Deer Creek Middle School, won the Colorado Middle School Art Educator of the Year award.

Jeffco's top scholars garner national recognition Eighteen Jeffco seniors have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation awards students who score in the top one percent on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The semi-finalists have the opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

Jeffco's scholars are: Arvada High School: Christopher Guttormsson Chatfield High School: Katherine Decker and Evan Eshleman Columbine High School: Mitchell Clough D'Evelyn High School: Jenny Chen, Michael Feller, Joshua Graber, and Keihan Swantek Evergreen High School; Kelsey Evezich Lakewood High School: Corey Baron, Le Cheng Fan, Clara Howell, Jacob Milleville, Kaia Sargent, Jacob Stufflebeam, Daniel Tsvankin, and Vivian Zhang Pomona High School: Ben Heberlein

Free parenting conference It's time to register for the annual Helping Kids Thrive conference where parents can get valuable information about parenting like: How to stop bullying and cyber-bullying; How to empower your child at any age; How to help your teen with boundaries and expectations.

Helping Kids Thrive is being held on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5-8:45 p.m. at Creighton Middle School, 50 Kipling St., Lakewood. The event is free with some classes being presented in both English and Spanish. Register today at <http://www.hktjcmh.org/>.