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### Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Dec. 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: Dec. 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: **December-XMAS party January-NO MEETING February**

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### Draft Minutes for the November 7 Meeting

Attendance: Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray & Shujin Moore / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Linda Auburn / At Large, Alicia Combes, Ralph & Pat Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Susan Ganz / Williamsburg II, Ken Krukar, Gordon Neuenfeldt / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Melissa Hellmuth / Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).  
The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Winnie Burdan, President**, welcomed everyone.

**Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Deputy**, said that there was a 20% reduction of crimes between 2010 to 2011. There have been thefts of air conditioners from churches, banks, and businesses. Also the back-flow valves are still being stolen for the brass and copper. This is part of lawn irrigation systems.

There were over 200 car break-ins (most were unlocked). Some break-ins involved taking hand guns. Were the cars on the street or in the driveway? Both. The deputy recommends that you don't keep the registration in your car. You should keep it in your wallet or perhaps have it laminated or put it in a luggage holder and attach it to your key ring.

There is a new Emergency Preparedness Guide out. You can attend a class monthly at the Red Cross at 4th and Sherman. Deputy Neuenfeldt also teaches a class. The Guide recommends that you have a store of 5 days of needs including medication.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

The speaker tonight was **Melissa Hellmuth** from **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Children**. CASA covers the 1st Judicial District in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. Melissa is a Recruitment and Training Coordinator. Melissa has been a volunteer since she was 5 years old. She studied Communication in College. She is very connected to Child and Animal Abuse issues. She has had 1,500 hours of training.

CASA was founded in the 1970s in Seattle. It has 70,000 volunteers nationwide. In Colorado, 16 of the 22 Judicial Districts have a CASA representation. It is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. They get grants, have a foundation, are part of COVA, and have an annual Gala in Sept. to raise funds.

They have been in Jefferson County for 11 years. Leah Varnell is the Executive Director.

CASA advocates for the safety and welfare of abused and neglected children.

Typically a case worker sees each case once a month. A Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) (with the Attorney's Office) visit's each case once a month. A CASA volunteer only has 1 child. They visit once a week. They stay with the child for the entire case. They hear more from the children. They report to the court on a regular basis.

Each case usually lasts 18 months. (This is the national average.) The child ranges in age from birth to 18 years. Children can request to stay in the system until they are 23 years old. They have 1 case that lasted 7 years. The same volunteer stayed on that case. Volunteers usually spend 15 - 20 hours per month.

The child and family come from all races, social, and economic conditions. Many times there are mental health or substance abuse issues. The common issue is that the parent can not keep their children safe. In 95% of the cases of physical and sexual abuse, the child knows their abuser. They had 800 cases and 1,500 children last year. They currently have 200 volunteers. They are seeing a 20% increase in cases.

The child is not involved by choice but they think that what is happening is their fault.

Each volunteer gets 50 hours of training before they see a child. About half of their volunteers work a full-time job. Their volunteers come from all backgrounds. A lot of volunteers have been in the foster care system. CASA volunteers go to court. They share information with the judge such as what the child has told them. They give the child a voice. They present pictures because children can change in appearance quickly. Volunteers are not attorneys or involved in the legal system. So they can stand up and talk in court.

Children involved in sexual abuse sometimes return to their home. Usually when the couple splits up. The child has a Safety Plan. They have a lock on the inside of their bedroom door. They have to have a person with them when they visit the perpetrator. In cases of sibling abuse, it is typical that the couple splits up and each take a sibling.

To be a volunteer, you have to be 21 years old and you have to pass a background check. If you are interested in volunteering, you can call Melissa at 303-271-4131 or 303-271-4357. Her email address is Melissa-Hellmuth@CASAJeffcoGilpin.com. CASA's website is [www.CASAJeffcoGilpin.com](http://www.CASAJeffcoGilpin.com).

There are 50,000 reports of abuse in Colorado. There are 11,000 children in the system. A fifth of those cases are for neglect. Each day 5 children die. 80% of those are under the age of 4. It is always OK to call to report something that seems out of place. It is nice to have the information. CASA needs more volunteers, more staff, more room to work out of, and more money.

Children covered by CASA are less likely to spend more than 3 years in foster care. And they are less likely to be moved from home to home. Most children return to their family. CASA changes children's lives one by one.

National Adoption Day is Nov. 14. Anyone can attend.

Justice Boatwright used to tell parents that "Your kids will find you when they turn 19. It is your choice what they find." Are volunteers ever in danger? Volunteers get safety training, but we rely on their instincts. If they are in a home and don't feel safe, they call 911. If they aren't safe, then neither is the child.

Can a volunteer take a child somewhere else? Yes, their visits are court ordered. They can not take the child to their home, but they can go elsewhere such as to the zoo. And it is a steadfast rule that if you promise a child something, you have to do it.

Do volunteers have liability? They are covered by the Volunteer Protection Act. They are covered by CASA's insurance as long as they are acting ethically.

Do you work with Jeffco Social Services? Yes. If a volunteer has a conflict, the Staff will talk to Social Services, the person, or a supervisor.

Can a volunteer stay in touch with the child after the case is closed? The volunteer has that option if the family allows it.

Do you have any statistics on the parents such as age, whether they graduated from High School, economics, or social standing? Melissa doesn't have that information. Her experience is that the families come from all walks.

Can we have you come back again? Yes, and she can recommend other speakers.

### **Reports from Officers**

Roll Call was taken. We had 13 members present and have a quorum.

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

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, handed out information on Green Sheen (latex paint recycling) and W. Quincy Ave. An article in a publication at the library said the County was discontinuing financial support for the Rooney Road Recycling Center. may soon lose Jeffco support. The slash collection area at the Rooney Road Recycling Center has been closed. The Household Hazardous Waste recycling center there remains open. People need to make an appointment if they want to drop off household hazardous waste. There is a fee charged to drop off items.

Quincy between Wadsworth and Kipling will be changed to 2 lanes in each direction. There will be a 4 foot wide bicycle lane on both sides of the street. A sidewalk is proposed along the south side of the street. Proposal is for 2 traffic lanes going each direction. Properties that currently have driveway access from W Quincy will still have driveway access to their property. They will try to save the large old cottonwood trees in that area along the south side of W Quincy Ave. . The cost is estimated at \$5.7M. Public comment can be made until Nov. 17. There was an Open House tonight. Currently there are 11,000 vehicles per day. It is expected to double in 20 years. Brad Bauer (303-271-8495) is the Planning and Zoning POC.

On Nov. 10, Big O Tire will allow individuals to recycle up to 8 tires.

There is an application for Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation for an auto repair shop on S Simms St, just north of the Rite Aid that is on the northwestern corner of S Simms St/ W Bowles Ave, Ross Klopff is the Jeffco case manager Section 10 of the Planning Guide has been changed so that all neighborhoods will be reclassified as mixed use. Notification only needs to be sent within 200 ft. of the property. There are more changes but they are too complicated to go into.

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**From Draft Minutes of the October 2012 Board Meeting** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Bruso. Four board members and two homeowners were in attendance.

Treasurers Report: Colorado Lasertype was paid.

Old Business: Due to lack of a quorum, minutes of the September could not be approved. The Columbine Hills Civic Association is looking for volunteers with the know how to help restore the sign working with the remnants of the original sign.

New Business: There will be no Columbine Hills Civic Association meeting in December. The Columbine Hills Civic Association encourages residents to decorate their homes for the Holiday season.

Residents are concerned about a large shed under construction in their area and whether a permit had been issued for its build. The status of the construction is being checked out with the Jeffco Zoning Department. If you notice any construction going on in your area the Jeffco Zoning Department should be notified immediately to check that proper permits have been issued.

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**President's Corner** The October CKSII HOA meeting was dedicated to a discussion of Covenant Renewal in Sections 2 and 3 of CKSII. The discussion was conducted by Candyce Cavanagh from the CKSII legal counsel of Orten Cavanagh & Holmes. LLC. She pointed out that Covenant Renewal was completed in Section 1 in 2008 after the original Covenant Renewal Committee developed a draft of a new set of covenants from the homeowner's perspective which their legal department used as a starting point to complete the set of new covenants. At that time the CKSII HOA provided funding for the legal work and costs associated with promotion of the new covenants in the newsletter, direct mailings of descriptive material to homeowners, copying and mailing costs and filing fees of the amended covenants. The opportunity for renewal of the CKSII Covenants in Section 2 and 3 will come up in October 2014. Candyce explained that much of the legal work for the covenants that was completed for Section 1 will apply in Sections 2 and 3. Once the legal work is complete then the work of the Covenant Renewal Committee begins. The original Covenant Renewal Committee was formed by CKSII residents from all three sections and relied on the CKSII HOA for funding. This is certainly a way that it could be organized again. It will be an excellent opportunity for residents interested in having the covenants renewed in Sections 2 and 3 to get involved. Those of us in Section 1 have experienced the revised covenants for four years now.

There have been two apparent things that I have observed. One is that new residents moving in are now automatically members. That has increased our membership base and with additional members we may be able to eventually lower the CKSII HOA fees for all members! I personally think this is a much fairer way to maintain the quality of our community through the work of the CKSII HOA by sharing in the cost by all residents who benefit. The other benefit I see is that the wording in the new covenants is much more specific and does not lend itself to vague subjective interpretation. This allows the homeowner to know exactly what is expected and leads to uniform standards. You will be hearing a lot more about this covenant renewal in the future and we look forward to any feedback.

We are approaching the end of the year and will be recruiting new members for the CKSII Board of Directors at the CKSII Annual Meeting on January 8, 2013. This is a great way to get involved and give back to the community. Please contact me or any other board member if you are interested.— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President, CKSII HOA*

**From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012** President Stephanie Haberkorn called to order the October 9, 2012 meeting of the HOA Board of Directors at 6:57 p.m. Board members Stephanie Haberkorn, Debbie Opperman, Jane Schaefer, Ron Cunning and Justin Phillips were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management and 8 homeowners.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Cunning reported the HOA currently has 290 members.

**COVENANT RENEWAL:** CKSII Attorney Candyce Cavanaugh was present to answer questions and provide insights into the covenant renewal process for Sections 2 and 3. Members of the original committee also presented an historical perspective on the process and work involved in having obtained covenant amendments in Section 1 in 2009. The process to inform home-owners about covenant renewal will begin in early 2013.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTION FOR ATTORNEY:** Q: What is the new law about record keeping? A: If a Board takes action outside of a regularly scheduled meeting, any emails pertaining to the action must be made available if requested. Ms. Cavanaugh suggested each Board member have an email attached to the association website to conduct business. It facilitates records transfers as officers change and is more available if requested under legal discovery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

## The Leawood Reporter

*From Leawood Civic Association Minutes Minutes of October 9, 2012* The meeting called to order at 7:03. In attendance were Paul O'Connor, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Richard White, and Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros.

The Santa Party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th. Nancy Bock will call Leawood Elementary School to get the date confirmed. Debbie and Ken Baker will help again this year and Nancy will be the main coordinator. The board voted to make a second key for the storage shed at Leawood Park so the Christmas Tree could be put in there after the party rather than keeping it at board members' homes and so more than one person could have access.

The spot lights at the Jay Court entrance do not seem to be sufficient so Mike Shaw is going to purchase some new ones. Rhonda or Mike will contact the masonry person to fix the small wall on the west side of the Jay Court entrance. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next meeting will take place at the ReMax building on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm

*From LEAWOOD METROPOLITAN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT Minutes of October 10, 2012:* The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Vice President Linda Smith at Leawood Elementary School. Members present were: Mibby Luedecke, Charlie Campbell, Donna Snyder and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

**Public Comment** The Board was part of an Open Forum held by Jefferson County School District at the school prior to our meeting. This was not part of our meeting time.

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid was presented by Donna. Income included information about property taxes we are to receive later this month. This income puts us just at our budgeted amount. We also received lottery funds, ownership taxes and property taxes. Bills include: L&M, Denver Water, doggie bag vendor, Rich Alacon for tree removal, Excel, postage, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Charlie moved to receive the Treasurer's report and pay the current bills. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

**Parks Manager Report** Dave has been monitoring the water in the parks and turning water off as the weather permitted. He will blow out sprinkler systems in the next week. Repairs were made to some irrigation lines. Insulation was put around volume breakers to protect from freeze. Dave has been replacing lots of doggie bags in the dispensers. We are glad they are being used. A downed tree was removed at the east end of Raccoon Park.

A meeting was held with Dave, Platte Canyon and Urban Drainage in regard to having Edge Construction provide access for Platte Canyon to the manhole on the west end of Weaver Park. The plan was to have Edge do the work and Platte Canyon to pay Edge. The repair to the south wall of the Weaver Park project was also done by Edge for Urban Drainage. They placed concrete along the boulder wall because of erosion under the boulders. They grouted the area and then put rip rap up and down stream.

Dave met with Vintage Reserve and the contractor on extending the drain pipe to the edge of the creek in order to get rid of all the water that is flooding part of the park east of the new bridge. They plan to install the pipe in the next two weeks. Platte Canyon, Western Slope Utilities and Dave met to go over warranty work for the first year related to sewer work done. Areas included Kendal Park and Weaver Park. They plan on seeding these areas in the next two to three weeks. They will also pay for a tree damaged at Tract T during construction.

Dave reported on replacing/or repairing concrete at Raccoon Park and installing a short sidewalk at Sheridan for access to the walk. Charlie moved that Dave get bids for this work. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

**Correspondence** Linda received information from Vintage Reserve HOA that they had two board positions available. Also received information on their Harvest Fest on Sat., October 13.

**Old Business** - Field Leases No information has been received from South Jeffco Sports to Kyle regarding whether or not the fields will be used. Leawood Elementary Community Fun Run/Walk The Leawood Elementary Fun will be held on Saturday, October 13. The District contributed not-to-exceed \$500.

**New Business** 2013 Budget Donna presented the 2013 draft budget with her suggestions for increases on maintenance and utilities. Several items were considered to be dropped in considering balancing budget items with income projected. Most income comes from property taxes with a considerable sum from ownership taxes. We still have good cash flow, but need to be cautious with funds. Funds-in-lieu-of cannot be used as operating funds, only capital improvement projects. Everyone was to look at the numbers and see where we can cut back

on utilities, especially water. A revised draft will be done at the November meeting. Linda stated she would send the budget notice required by statute to the Columbine Courier on November 1 so it will appear the week of November 5. The budget will be available at the home of Kyle Sargent for review. The notice must appear 30 days before the December 12, 2012 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Future Meetings: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 - Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.—*Linda T. Smith Vice President and Secretary*

## Williamsburg II News

**President's Message** But for a few stray candy wrappers, Halloween already seems a distant memory. A mere six days later, most of us bear the responsibility for choosing our country's leadership the next four years. Win or lose, we can all stuff ourselves silly a few weeks later as we celebrate the gluttony of Thanksgiving, inducing a food coma that will erase the memory of all those incessant political ads. Through it all, here's my wish for a sense of balance. Like political parties cooperating with each other for the greater good and perhaps a brisk walk or portion control on Turkey day. Celebrate with friends, neighbors and family. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

**From HOA Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2012** Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Winnie Burden, Debra White, Mark Hickman, Bill Ganz and Sharon Erickson.

Secretary's Report: Approved as published no changes. Thank you Susan for filling in last month.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz, Treasurer, reported that the following bills were paid: Xcel - \$20.46 Mountain High for September watering - \$98.00 Current balance in checking account is \$3169.62 as of October 1, 2012.

Architectural Committee Report: Request to replace an existing shed with a new shed. Owner will tear down existing shed after new one is complete. Board approved plans and building of new shed. Homeowner will need to obtain any approvals and/or permits required by Jefferson County.

CoHOPE: Winnie reported that CoHOPE will hold both the October (10/3) and November meetings at Lilly Gulch Recreation Center. The speaker at the October meeting will discuss proposed expansion (widening) of C470.

Web Page: Updated by Kathy Morelli. Will ask Kathy to update Board member list on website.

Old Business: The Holiday Hay Ride is set for Saturday, December 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lighting Contest will take place on Wednesday, December 19th.

New Business: Susan reported that we have a new Block Leader for Geddes on the west side of subdivision.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

### COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2012

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

<b>Beginning Balance Nov. 7, 2012</b>	\$	1787.85
<b>Deposits</b>	\$	0.00
<b>Withdrawals</b>	\$	29.07
Dec Newsletter \$ 8.10		
Internet Site \$20.97 (Nov-Jan-Feb)		
<b>Ending Balance Dec 5, 2012</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1758.78</b>



A draft copy of that proposed section is on the Jeffco website (10 pages long). This will be discussed at the Nov. 8 Board of Commissioner's meeting. Comments are due Nov. 7. The Person Of Contact is Alan Tiefenbach.

There is an application for a Natural Grocers 15,000 sq. ft. store at Coal Mine and Kipling near Chase Bank. The store will be moving from Ken Caryl and Simms.

There is an application at Belleview and Simms for a 310 multi-family unit housing. It will be a 3 story apartment complex. Some of the buildings are proposed to be 3 story and some buildings adjacent to existing single family homes are proposed to be 1 story with garden level units. The developer changed parts of their plan just before the community meeting and the documents that were on the County's website at that time reflected their original proposal. Community members raised concerns about a number of issues( including drainage problems, excessive density—too many units/acre, not enough parking, lights shining in windows of adjacent single family homes, etc.) related to the proposed development.

There is an application for a flag pole at 8154 S. Kipling Pkwy. just south of Chatfield. The pole will be 18" - 24" in diameter.

There is an application to subdivide Dancing Deer into 4 lots off Deer Creek Canyon Rd.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was present. We have \$1,787.85.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present. The Sept. and Oct. minutes were approved without any changes.

**Old Business Linda Auburn** went to the Planning and Zoning meeting where the Auto Dealerships rezoning at Kipling and C-470 was scheduled to be discussed. (There are 2 dealerships planned but up to 8 dealerships wanted.) The applicant walked out before the meeting started. The commissioners rescheduled the hearing for Jan. 9. Linda handed out an article and asked that it be published in newsletters, etc. They need community support at the Board of Commissioner's meeting which should be about 3 weeks after the Jan. 9 Planning and Zoning meeting. The Board of Commission-

**Boundary Disputes** By Sheriff Ted Mink—There is a saying "tall fences make good neighbors." For many people this could be true. However, there are some neighbors who do not respect tall fences or any other border. There are a few sayings for that type of neighbor as well. "Let's get a land survey," and "I'd hate to go to court over this." Which of those you will utter depends on just how your neighbor chooses to cross your borders.

**This land is your land; this land is my land...** If it is a fence or other structure, or even an addition to their home that is on or crossing your property line; then you have a boundary dispute. The first step to dealing with this is to talk to your neighbor and then compare deed copies. The exact wording of the deeds should tell you where your property lines lie. If they do not then you might consider contacting a surveyor.

After determining exactly where the boundaries are, in the perfect world the fence or structure would be removed. If not, attempt to enter mediation. Many homeowners associations offer mediation services. Otherwise, the courts become involved.

Some neighbor disputes have a naturally occurring root - trees. The limbs hang over the fence you built or break and fall into your yard, not to mention the rotting fruit. Maybe the roots are pushing through onto your property. Leaves, pods, fruit and the like are the property owner's responsibility to clear away. However, if branches fall and cause damage on your property for any reason other than a storm, your neighbor is responsible for the cleanup and damage. If the roots are pushing onto your property, they are considered an encroachment in the same manner as fences and other physical belongings. If the roots cross your property line, the tree owner has to remove it.

**We don't want Rover coming over...** Perhaps it is not your neighbor's property that is crossing the line, it is their animals. A wandering tomcat or unleashed dog can leave unwanted 'gifts' or otherwise damage property. As with most cases, how you deal with this depends on where you live. Many cities have ordinances covering animals and how they should be kept and whether they need to be leashed. If the animal in question is dangerous, or has hurt someone, the owner can be held liable for any injury or damage. In some cases, neighbors can get a court order to have the animal confined.

**We don't want the neighbor over either...** Last, but not least, is the most outrageous type of boundary crossing; your neighbor is crossing your borders. The person has cut a path through your yard. If you live in a rural area, you find them hunting, fishing, picnicking, etc., on your land without your permission. There is a law that covers these situations as well; it is called trespass. Many times, it carries a criminal penalty. If the neighbor is on your property doing something particularly offensive or dangerous, calling law enforcement is the best and most immediate way of dealing with them.

Otherwise, document their trespasses and file a report. Get dates and times. If you can get photos or statements from people who witness the event, that will be of tremendous help. They can be fined and ordered to stay off your property.

**Top tips to deal with a neighbor disputes** At some point everyone has had a neighbor that plays their music too loud or thinks the only way to park a car is on bricks. Neighbor disputes are quite common. But you don't have to go to uncommon lengths to work out your differences.

**Your first course of action** Calling law enforcement or suing should not be your first course of action. One of the easiest things to do is to try talking to your neighbor about the problem. Believe it or not, some people aren't even aware they're being a nuisance. A good first step is to schedule a face-to-face meeting and calmly explain your concerns. If that doesn't work, it's time to put your complaints on paper. Before you even begin, you must research whether you have a legal leg to stand on in this dispute. There are a few places to start. First, determine what kind of dispute you have: noise, property line, dog dispute or even parked cars. Then, go get a copy of your local ordinances, whether they be city ordinances, or unincorporated Jefferson County ordinances. Second, if you live in an area with a homeowner's association, look up the bylaws. It will clearly state what is and isn't acceptable in the community. Either way, take the ordinance or the by-law, make a copy and provide it to your neighbor. Then, explain that you would like to resolve things without going to the authorities.

**Your next step** Is their music still keeping you up all night? It is quite common for neighbors to retaliate by either ignoring you or doing it more often. In the noisy neighbor case, they may have even turned the volume up a bit. Well, now, it may be time to call law enforcement. Law enforcement will often respond to noise complaints and remind the offending person about the same noise ordinances mentioned earlier.

However, if things have gotten bad enough to call law enforcement, it may be time to ask for mediation. Mediation is often cheaper and less threatening than court. Jefferson County Justice Services offers mediation services that will help you come to your own compromise. The program can cover animal problems, noise complaints, planning and zoning concerns and property issues. The services are confidential, impartial, cost-free, time saving, and informal.

For more information call 303-271-4840.

**They still aren't listening** By this time, most rational people will have found a way to peacefully co-exist. But, you may live down the street or next door to someone who's unusually difficult. In this case, small claims court may be a viable option.



Sheriff Ted Mink

**Foothills Information**

December 1: Holiday Pottery Sale, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - at Ridge Recreation Center  
 December 8: Breakfast with Santa - at Peak Community & Wellness Center  
 December 12: Calls from the North Pole  
 December 14: Parents Night Out - at Ridge Recreation Center  
 December 14 & 15: Nutcracker Ballet Performance - at Columbine High School  
 December 16: Skate with Santa - at Edge Ice Arena  
 Dec. 17 - Jan. 4: Drop-in Gymnastics (extended hours) - at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center  
 December 18: Night of the Stars Youth Talent Showcase - auditions  
 December 21-31: Public Skate (extended hours) - at Edge Ice Arena  
 December 22: Holiday Skating Exhibition - at Edge Ice Arena  
 December 24 - January 8: Winter Break Camp for kids  
 Dec. 24 - Jan. 8: Open Swim - at Ridge Recreation Center Activity Pool (admission fees apply) MON-FRI: 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. | SAT: Noon-5:30 p.m. | SUN: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 December 23: Skate with Santa - at Edge Ice Arena  
 December 26-28: Winter Break Climbing Boot Camp - at Ridge Recreation Center  
 December 26-31: Lifeguard Training Course - at Ridge Recreation Center  
 December: Kids' Nite Out - Saturdays, 7-10:30 p.m. - at Ridge Recreation Center

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

**Thank you Jeffco Voters** Ballot measures 3A (58%) and 3B (54%) won the majority of votes Tuesday night with a resounding show of support for Jeffco students and the work being done in schools by great teachers and leaders. It was a remarkable effort on the part of the citizen's committee —Citizens for Jeffco Schools — chaired by Kelly Johnson and Jonna Levine. A huge debt of gratitude goes out to the hundreds of parents and community members who made phone calls, waved signs, contributed financially and worked tirelessly for the future of our children. Thanks as well to the city councils, elected officials and other community organizations that endorsed the two measures.

The money from 3A will be used to maintain class sizes, to recruit and retain great teachers, to keep the Outdoor Lab schools open, to keep instrumental music in elementary schools, and to preserve the work being done by teacher librarians. In addition, two days of school will be restored – April 10 and May 3, 2013. The [family calendar](#) has been revised to reflect those reinstated days.

The \$99 million from 3B will be used for capital renewal projects at 141 sites, including charter schools, to keep Jeffco students warm, safe and dry. There will be roof replacements, upgrades to safety and fire protection systems and many other necessary projects. More information about the proposed bond scope can be found on the [district's website](#).

**Jeffco Schools will be good stewards of the money entrusted to it by the people of Jefferson County;** spending will be transparent and always in the best interest of children. Thank you for believing in and supporting Jeffco teachers, leaders, support staff and most importantly, students

**Fall theater and music schedule** Jeffco offers a variety of student performances that are open to the public, most of which are free.

Dec. 11	Chatfield High School	Holiday Choir Concert	7 pm (\$3)
Dec. 11	Dakota Ridge High School	Winter Festival Choir Concert	7 pm (\$5)
Dec. 11 & 12	Pomona High School	Winter Choir Concert	7 pm
Dec. 11 & 12	Bear Creek High School	Holiday Extravaganza	7 pm (\$5)
Dec. 11 & 12	Lakewood High School	Band and Orchestra Concert	7 pm
Dec. 13	Alameda International H.S.	Holiday Music Fest	7 pm
Dec. 13-14	Golden High School	Holiday Concert	7 pm
Dec. 13 & 14	Standley Lake High School	Winter Choir Concert	7 pm
Dec. 14 & 15	Arvada West High School	Holiday Collage Concerts	7 pm, Sat. 2 pm
Dec. 14 & 15	Conifer High School	Theater: Warren Miller Movie Premier	7 pm
Dec. 15 & 16	Evergreen High School	Theater: Wind of a Thousand Tales	7 pm, 2 pm on Sat.
Dec. 20	Deer Creek Middle School	Choir Concert	2:35 p.m.

**School interest nights** Many Jeffco public schools are hosting information meetings for prospective students and their families. Meetings are held to help families learn about school programs, meet staff and tour facilities. [See the schedule](#) at [www.jeffcopublicschools.org/enrollment/interest\\_nights.html](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/enrollment/interest_nights.html).



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The December meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm** at the new Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. It is Cohope's Christmas pot luck. Cohope will provide drinks and some food. Please bring a dish to share. No alcohol will be allowed.

(Cont. from Page 6) **One more thing** Boundary disputes often emerge when a buyer, new to the area, purchases a piece of property. Real estate agents and mortgage companies call an Improvement Location Certificate (ILC) a "survey". However, an ILC is not a survey, even though it is prepared by a licensed professional land surveyor. For more on ILC conflicts visit our brochure.

The Sheriff's deputies are not surveyors, nor are they authorized to make a determination on the ownership of property based on plat maps or drawings included with title and paperwork. This matter must be addressed in a civil court by a judge.

**Reminders** Law says that a professional land surveyor is the only person duly licensed in Colorado to locate property boundaries. Property owners are responsible for hiring a professional to provide these services. Surveyors have legal access to properties for professional purposes but must still follow certain criteria to include written notice to adjoining property owners.

ers only allocate 3 minutes for an individual to speak and 10 minutes for an HOA to speak. If you send Linda your email address at [linda@commish3.com](mailto:linda@commish3.com), she will keep you informed. And she will keep your address hidden. (SEE BELOW)

**New Business** None.

**Announcements** The Christmas Party will be on Dec. 5 at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department from 7:00 until 9:00. It will be a Pot luck. We will not have a speaker.

It was moved and passed that we have the meeting room at the Sheriff's Office every month next year except January 2, July 3, and August 7. January and July are too close to holidays, and our picnic is in August at Clement Park.

We adjourned at 8:46 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

**Car Dealership hearing moved to Jan 29.** Case Number: 12-111707RZ - Rezoning Case Name: Jefferson Corporate Center South Official Development Plan Amendment 2 Owner/Applicant: Land Securities Investors LTD.  
Location: 10099 West Ute Avenue and PIN 69-041-03-005 Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 69 West Approximate Area: 10.96 Acres Purpose: To amend the Planned Development (PD) to allow a car dealership use.  
Today's Action: To continue the case to January 29, 2013 and require community notification for the rescheduled public hearings Case Manager: Jeanne Shaffer"