

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Feb. 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: Feb. 20, 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: **Feb 6 Platte Canyon Water Mar 6 April 3 May 1**

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The December meeting was COHOPE's Christmas party at the Sherriff's South station. There was no January meeting due to the proximity to New Year's Day. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6 at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road.

**COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2012–January 2013**

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

<b>Beginning Balance Nov. 7, 2012</b>	\$ 1758.78
<b>Deposits</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Withdrawals</b>	\$ 113.01
Christmas Party expenses \$50.55	
P. O. Box \$54	
Feb newsletter \$8.46	
<b>Ending Balance Feb 6, 2013</b>	<b>\$ 1645.77</b>



**Get Your Heart Into It . . . Wear Red on February 1, 2013** Jefferson County Public Health reminds everyone that Friday, February 1, 2013 is National Wear Red Day. Wearing something red on February 1, is a simple, powerful way to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke.

Jefferson County Public Health is organizing a photo opportunity at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden on **Friday, February 1, 2013 at 12 noon**. Please join us and wear your favorite red.

Cardiovascular disease (heart disease & stroke) is the leading cause of death in Jefferson County and the nation. The good news is heart disease can often be prevented. Tackling known risk factors such as tobacco use, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity and inactive lifestyle can greatly reduce risks for illness and death from heart disease.

It's important that individuals talk to a medical provider about risk factors, screening tests, lifestyle changes, and treatment services to prevent heart disease.

- For more information on heart disease and prevention, please visit the American Heart Association <http://www.americanheart.org/>
- Act in Time! Learn the warning signs and the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately at the onset of symptoms.
- The health department also has handouts and other educational materials on heart health and reducing your risk factors: <http://health.jeffco.us>
- Get Involved in Healthy People Healthy Places Jeffco (a community collaboration working on a health improvement plan for Jefferson County).

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Knolls HOA

**Grandfathering of RVs Extended for 6 Months** In October, the CKHA Board was presented with a petition asking for the Board to extend the grandfathering of registered RVs for a minimum of one year in order to allow for more time for the covenants to be amended. At the November meeting, the Board voted to extend the grandfathering of registered RVs for 6 months (until the end of July 2013). The extension allows for the neighborhood and the CKHA Board to continue to solicit input, specifically through the special January meeting on RVs that is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on January 8th (see the separate article). Note that this extension is **only applicable** to existing grandfathered RVs; the covenants remain in effect for all homeowners that did not register their RV during the grandfathering process five years ago.

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** Happy New Year to everyone from the Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors! We hope that 2013 will be filled with new possibilities and good fortune. The CKSII Board of Director's have been busy working on community projects throughout this past year. Here are a few highlights: Jane Schaefer and Tom Tellshow were elected as new members of the HOA Board of Directors; Continued enforcement of the CKSII HOA Covenants through the Association's property manager and attorney; Successful collection of legal fee repayments of \$6383.60; ACC Committee reviewed and approved over 80 requests for improvements within our community; Regular communication to community members through the monthly news-letter, The Review and website at [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org); Managed the CKSII Membership Approved 2012 Budget; Supported the Social Committee that planned and implemented the Annual Picnic in the Park & Holiday Hayride; Recruited a Landscape Committee who purchased, planted and maintained the gardens at the CKSII Monuments at the entry way on Chatfield and Yukon; Decorated the CKSII Monuments at Chatfield and Yukon with lights for the Holiday Season.

\The CKSII Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers who give freely of their time to improved your community by enforcing the covenants, planning improvements to property where CKSII has easements and planning a couple of fun social events for our residents. There will be two members rotating off the Board in January at the end of their terms. This could be your opportunity to make a difference right here in your community. Please consider serving on the CKSII Board of Directors. You may be surprised how many great people you will meet! If you are interested please feel free to contact me or any other Board member to discuss the opportunity. — *Stephanie Haberkorn, President*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

The holiday season is always a magical time of year. Blinking and assorted colored lights and shimmering icicles that cascaded down from the eaves of houses in Columbine West provided a bright, happy, and inviting feeling. Candy canes seemed to dance around the yards as the inflatable characters swayed in the breeze. It's as though those neighbors who decorated were opening up their homes and hearts and sharing their holiday spirit with all their neighbors so all could enjoy. The aroma of fresh baked goodies wafted through the air and some treats even made their way into neighbor's gift bags. As a famous saying goes, "It is better to give than to receive".

Driving into or out of the neighborhood at night with the entrances dressed in garland and all the houses lit up brought smiles to our faces, warmed our hearts, and made us proud to live where we do. It takes us back to our childhood memories when our imaginations ran wild with thoughts of hearing Santa and his reindeer on the roof or the anticipation of what was in those presents under the tree. And those "visions of sugarplums dancing in our heads" gave us a temporary reprieve from today's stresses of trying to make a decent living, provide for our families, and balance work and family commitments. Oh, to be young and free again!

CWCA once again sponsored the lighting contest and awarded \$50 gift certificates to 2 lucky households. Due to an early newsletter deadline that was prior to judging, winners will be announced in the February newsletter. Thank you to those who brightened our December nights and took us back in time, even if it was only for a short while.

## The Leawood Reporter

*From Leawood Recreation and Park District Minutes of Dec. 12, 2012* The Board meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Charlie Campbell, Donna Snyder, Linda Smith, Mibby Luedecke and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

**Treasurer's Report** –The Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid was submitted by Donna. Additional income from property taxes and ownership tax revenues was received. There is a considerable amount not yet received according to the assessment values for 2012. A check was received from Vintage Reserve for reimbursement for Colorado Scapes work on the drain. Reimbursement from Denver Water was received, but we are still working on how this has been applied to the various parks. Kyle has the information and will contact Denver Water. Bills include: insurance premium for the Colorado Special Districts, United Site Services, Horizon, Denver Water, Evergreen newspaper for budget advertisement, Waste Management for dumpster at Raccoon Park, reimbursement to Linda for business cards purchased for Dave, Dave's invoice, snow removal invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Charlie moved to receive the Treasurer's report and pay the current bills. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave reported United Site Services accidentally took down a tree while servicing the potty at Weaver Park. They are to get back to us on how they plan to reimburse us for the tree. Dave will follow up. Goodland Construction submitted a bid to Dave and Charlie related to replacing broken concrete at Raccoon Park and on Sheridan at Tract T. We asked Dave to have them include a pad and enclosure for the dumpster at Raccoon. Charlie moved we accept the bid, Donna seconded and the motion passed. Work will begin as the weather permits. Dave picked up the Lesco water unit from storage and watered the new trees and the trees along the parkway. Trash was picked up from all parks and put into the dumpster. Having this dumpster in the park has saved Dave a lot of time. Snow was removed on park areas that were needed.

**Old Business** – 2013 Budget, Projects – Donna presented the final version of the budget with all information included and estimated for 2013. Donna moved we adopt the 2013 budget, Charlie seconded and the motion passed. Donna sent a letter to Colorado Lottery certifying we would like to continue receiving lottery funds. Donna moved to adopt a resolution to set the mil levy at 3.730 (no change) in accordance the statutory responsibility of Special Districts budget. The motion was seconded by Mibby and was adopted without objection. Donna will file the necessary forms with Jefferson County and Colorado Division of Local Governments.

Cost saving measures will continue to be discussed regarding the need for water reduction and water saving ideas for land-scaping.

**Meetings for 2013** Wed, January 9, 2013, Leawood Elem. School, Wed, February 13, 2013, Leawood Elem. School, Wed, March 6, 2013\*\* date change, Leawood Elem. School, Wed, April 10, 2013, Leawood Elem. School

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## Westbury

**Congratulations-Kudos-Hats Off-Well-Done! BUSTED!** Kudos and congratulations to our neighbors and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department! It seems that a few misguided youth find it sporting to ring doorbells and run. They've been spotted several times by neighbors, and a Jefferson County Sheriff's deputy, keeping a close eye on our Westbury neighborhood in response to a neighbor's non-emergency call, picked a couple of them up in the wee hours of Saturday, December 15th. They'll be charged both with curfew violations, and misdemeanor harassment. (It's not nice to ring doorbells at 1:30 in the morning.)

Hopefully meeting the judge, a little community service, and some long talks with their parents, will put an end to this "sport," and help them find more productive ways to spend their time. Kudos to both our deputy, and to those neighbors who kept their eyes open, gathered information, kept one another informed, and called the cops at the appropriate times. Next time you see a Jeffco Sheriff's deputy in the neighborhood, please pass along our thanks for all their help.

Remember, if anything out of the ordinary causes you even a little bit of concern, they want to hear about it. Their 24/7 non-emergency number is 303-277-0211. Of course if there's an emergency, you're strongly encouraged to dial 911 right away. Thanks for watching out for one another. That's what good neighbors do.

## Williamsburg II News

**President's Message** Happy New Year! Welcome 2013. Our lives return to routine. The holiday décor comes down and is once again securely stored away. What often feels like one of the longest months of the year begins as the celebrations and festivities have faded away. But we did have fun last month. Most of us ate and drank too much. Many of us attended the HOA sponsored annual **Holiday Hayride**. Always nice to see neighbors gather to enjoy caroling and refreshments and visiting with Santa was an added plus for many of the kids. Thanks to all who participated. Once again, five homes in our community received recognition for their holiday decorating efforts during the annual **Holiday Lighting Event**. Congratulations to them and to all those in the neighborhood that helped make our community look so festive. Looking ahead to the New Year, the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place mid to late March. Outdoor **Movie Night** will return in the summer. Watch for more information to come in future newsletters. Have ideas for other community events? Contact us and let us know! The Board is looking for a volunteer to fill one open seat on the Board. Please give some consideration to filling the vacancy and participating. 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.

## Woodbourne

**Note From the Board President** Due to the holidays, the January newsletter goes to print prior to the December Board meeting. Therefore, there is no new business to report at this time. Information from both the December and January meetings will be included in the February 2013 newsletter.

Remember that from December 1, 2012 through January 15, 2013, Waste Connections will pick up any waste / trash associated with the holidays, including holiday trees, at no cost. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Waste Connections at 303-288-2100.

The winners of the holiday light / decorating contest will be listed in the February 2013 newsletter.

Our next Board meeting will be January 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Kim Herman with Management Specialists at 720-974-4234 with any questions. Thanks and have a great winter season!

— *Carrie Kollar, President*

**DA Warns Instagram Users to Consider Safety Issues** The First Judicial District Attorney's Child Sex Offender Internet Investigations (CHEEZO) Unit is warning children and adults about safety issues when using Instagram and other social networking sites.

Instagram enables users to take a photo, apply a digital filter to it, and share it on a variety of social networking services. Instagram is very popular with people using iPods, iPADS, iPhones and Android phones. Users can follow their friends, or even people they don't know, in a manner similar to Twitter.

The CHEEZO Unit has received complaints from young teens concerned about Instagram, a popular online photo-sharing and social networking site.

Complaints made to the DA's CHEEZO Unit concern strangers, anyone unknown to the user, leaving inappropriate comments on photos posted by teens. Many of the comments from strangers are unsuitable, sexual or graphic in nature, and may be directed specifically to the young users.

As with most social networking sites, users sign up to participate in Instagram. They are asked for a user name. Many times teenagers are using their real first and last name. There is also a field for teens to provide their cell phone numbers. This information becomes public to anyone who visits the site and provides strangers with cell phone number, another way to contact kids.

"Teenagers, and adults as well, should be very cautious when joining sites such as Instagram," warns District Attorney Pete Weir. "Consider the personal information you are posting online. This information, as well as photos, becomes public for anyone to see."

CHEEZO'S number one message for online and cell phones continues to be that if you don't know someone face-to-face, you shouldn't communicate directly or indirectly with them. Teens and adults are encouraged to set privacy settings to prevent strangers from viewing your information.

Parents need to be vigilant in checking the apps on their kids' electronics to ensure they are not compromising their safety with personal information. CHEEZO encourages parents to keep an open dialogue with their kids about the sites they visit and the information they post.

For more information visit [www.cheezo.org](http://www.cheezo.org)

**Cyberbullying: More real than you think** By Sheriff Ted Mink— These days, it can be difficult to surf the Internet without stumbling onto rude or offensive posts. Comments can range from criticism to sarcasm to downright anger. They appear to be the new no-holds-barred world of nameless, faceless, anonymous individuals who slash and burn their way through the Internet with no apparent repercussions. While many people can simply shrug off these kinds of comments as overactive emotion, or egos out of control, children, preteens and teens can be especially vulnerable.



Sheriff Ted Mink

**Profile of a cyberbully** In the brave new world of social media, a cyberbully has taken hold. Take YouTube, for example, where people of all ages can put their talents on display. While the ease and accessibility of the Internet allow videos to quickly go viral, these same qualities also allow a cyberbully to spread comments on a mass scale. Instead of receiving encouragement, people eager to share their passion receive mockery. Trolling, or throwing insulting and slanderous statements for no other reason than one's own amusement, is actually encouraged. Unlike in the real world, cyberbullies feel they can act according to their whims without societal conscience.

**Perspective of the victim** There is a great variance of age and sensitivity of users on the Internet. A young child uploading a silly YouTube video of himself rapping, for example, may receive unintended backlash. While the child may be sharing a passion for music bullies may see the video as an opportunity to be cruel. Unfortunately, the child might read these comments, which, if taken personally, can be traumatic.

Cyberbullying can be even more pervasive and unchecked because of its link to the real world. Often, online personal attacks are actually extensions of bullying at school. So the same child who is the target of cyberbullies may also be the victim of schoolyard bullies. This dual threat can compound the victim's trauma. Besides hurtful comments, cyberbullying can take the form of embarrassing photos, malicious jokes, threatening emails or texts and even computer viruses.

**Law Enforcement's scope** The growing medium of the Internet is still novel in terms of the law. The difference between cyberbullying and cyberharassment is age; parties must both be underage to qualify as bullying. The seriousness of the occurrences is broken down into four main categories of threats: the kind, the frequency, the source and the nature. The kinds of threats can include lewd language, insulting or threatening a child. The frequency of the threats is determined by their increasing nature or if an outside third party becomes involved. The source of the threats is determined by your child suspecting who's bullying them, or if a stranger may be involved. Lastly, the nature of the threats may be the clearest indicator of a potential crime. These may include breaking into an account, stealing passwords, posting sexual images, sharing personal information about a minor or masquerading as a child. As the threat levels escalate a better case can be made for law enforcement to pursue.

**A solution** Only one in ten victims will inform a parent or trusted adult of abuse. Unfortunately, cyberbullying is not easy to trace. For starters, comments can be posted anonymously. Also, preteens and teens tend to fight for privacy on their phones and online. One clue to suspect a child could be the victim of cyberbullying can be a sudden change in the child's behavior.

One of the best recommendations is to offer unconditional emotional support to the child. It can be easy for adults to disregard cyberbullying and advise children not to take the comments seriously. But with the pervasiveness of technology, a child's well-being can be severely affected if adults are indifferent. Modeled after the Crime Stoppers program, Safe2Tell allows students, teachers, parents, or anyone else to anonymously call (1-877-542-SAFE) with information about a crime that has already happened, or one they fear will happen. Cyberspace can be a risky place if not navigated with some forethought. As always, the best prevention is open communication, allowing children to feel free to come to you with any questions or concerns.

Sources: National Center for Education Statistics

Dosomething.org

Stopcyberbullying.org

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

**GRANT HELPS CLOSE THE LITERACY GAP** A \$25,000 grant is making it possible to close the literacy gap for some of Jeffco's most at-risk students. The New York-based Leon Lowenstein Foundation's grant will support The Jefferson Foundation's Jeffco Summer of Early Literacy (J-SEL) program at Swanson, Edgewater, Molholm and Lasley elementary schools. "We will help close persistent income-related literacy achievement gaps with these grant funds, and we are incredibly grateful," said Katie Tiernan, Jefferson Foundation's executive director. J-SEL provides six weeks of additional, quality literacy instruction to 420 low-income K-3 students each year. Results from summer 2012, the program's first year, show that students not only maintained their literacy skills over summer, but actually improved. J-SEL is partially funded through grants from the Mile High United Way Social Innovation Fund and the Salazar Family Foundation. "The Lowenstein Foundation gift puts us within \$15,000 of raising all needed funding for the 2013 J-SEL program," said Tiernan.

**JEFFCO SCHOOLS RECEIVE PATRIOTIC HONORS** Seven Jeffco schools are being honored for their pledges to patriotism. Dutch Creek, Elk Creek, Mitchell, Parmalee, Semper and Stony Creek elementary schools, along with Standley



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The February 2013 meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. A representative from the Platte Canyon W&S/SW Metro W&S district is scheduled to attend.

Lake High School, are recipients of the 2012 Proud to be an American award from the Korean War Veterans Denver Chapter 195. "Our intention is to emphasize and congratulate the staff and students in our schools who are committed to our American heritage," said chapter chairman Bill Baldaccini. "As veterans, we are charged with pointing out the patriotic activities happening in our schools and community." Baldaccini says in the past, only one Jeffco school received the yearly honor, but they continue to get more schools added to the list of exceptionally patriotic events. Events being recognized include Veteran's Day celebrations and diversity and inclusion programs.

**2011-2012 District Annual Report Available** Each year, state and federal law requires school districts to publish an annual report on how well they performed. The document talks about student achievement, how the taxpayer's money is spent for education and highlights of the year's activities. The federal "No Child Left Behind" law and the Colorado Department of Education specify that certain information must be included in the annual report such as student achievement information and information about the qualification of the district's teachers.

A copy of the 2011-2012 Jeffco Public Schools Annual Report can be obtained at any school or viewed online here. The Colorado Department of Education also provides the required information for parents about school performance online [www.schoolview.org](http://www.schoolview.org).

**DRCOG** is seeking resident and business leaders representing a cross section of community interests to serve on the Metro Vision [Citizens Advisory Committee](#) (CAC). Applications and referrals are due **Feb. 15th**. The CAC will be comprised of resident and business leaders representing a cross section of community interests and representing geographic diversity. DRCOG encourages membership to include representation from all ages, incomes and abilities.

The CAC will serve in an advisory role to the DRCOG Board and the Metro Vision Planning Advisory Committee (MVPAC) on the most efficient ways to involve residents in the Metro Vision 2040 planning process.

The CAC will contribute to the Metro Vision 2040 update through the following responsibilities:

Advise DRCOG staff on effective and efficient ways to involve residents and businesses to ensure diversity of perspectives region wide are heard; Assist in the creation of a regional stakeholder engagement plan; Assist the DRCOG Board, Metro Vision Issues Committee (MVIC) and the MVPAC in raising awareness of Metro Vision and spreading information on regional planning issues on a resident/stakeholder level; Assist DRCOG in making connections to the broader community including finding opportunities and venues to gather input of Metro Vision 2040; Work with staff to help ensure issues and potential impacts residents care about are considered throughout the Metro Vision 2040 planning process.

As needed, provide feedback through staff to the DRCOG Board, MVIC and MVPAC on regional planning issues.

For more information about the CAC or Metro Vision 2040, contact Brad Calvert at 303-480-6839.