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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Mar. 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: Mar. 20, 6:30 pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference rm
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **Mar 6 County Commissioners April 3 May 1 June 5**

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Draft Minutes for Feb. 6 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Cal Johnson / At Large, Alicia Combes, Ralph & Pat Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Rachel Landess / Columbine Knolls, Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Cindy Coats & Mel Ochs / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West, Susan Ganz / Williamsburg II, Gordon Neuenfeldt / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Alyssa Quinn & Scott Morse / Platte Canyon.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Deputy, went over the statistics. He also showed us how to get the information from CrimeReports.com.

You may have gotten a phone call from Code Red. They are verifying addresses and personal information. 38,000 people were not included. Go to <http://cne.coderedweb.com> to update your information.

Smart911 is another program. Go to www.smart911.com to create a safety profile. You can include personal information on yourself and others who reside at your address, even your pets, any special needs, and allergies.

A message went out about a sexual offense that occurred at C470 and Wadsworth. It was in the underpass for walkers and bike riders. The deputy had no additional information.

There is such a tunnel where the lights are typically out. Contact CDOT.

There is a person who was running a bombs for drugs operation from his residence. He makes bombs and gives them to others in exchange for drugs. It has been a REAL media circus at Palisade Park. There were Bomb Squads, ATF, etc. at a RAID.

How does the Sheriff's Department define Public Right of Way? This is a question for Highways and Transportation. The Sheriff's Department does not enforce Covenants. As of Feb. 28th, old Parking Brochures are no longer valid. The number of days that a vehicle can be parked was increased from 14 days to 28 days.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

The speakers tonight were **Alyssa Quinn** and **Scott Morse** from **Platte Canyon and Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sewer District**.

They have a water contract with Denver Water and a waste water treatment contract with the City of Littleton.

The water rates for 2013 will be going up. The cost of waste treatment for a single family residence is \$217.52 / year.

The 2 water and sewer districts have many intergovernmental agreements. Each District has a 5 member elected board. They have a total of 13 employees.

Maintenance includes root cutting, root treatment, and hydraulic cleaning. Sewer maintenance involves closed circuit television inspection every 4 years.

In order to keep the sewers clean, please don't put grease down the drains.

They do water maintenance from March until October. Maintenance involves valve, fire hydrant, and dead end main flushing.

Where does ownership and maintenance start for the customer? Customer owns the sewer pipe up to and including connections at the sewer main. For water, the customer is responsible from the curb stop to the house. If something goes wrong, the cost is usually \$5 - 7,000.

They use the curb stop for water because they can shut off the water to a house at the curb stop. If a homeowner needed to repair their pipe to the water line, then the water would have to be shut off for the entire street. This is not good for the other customers. If you need help finding your curb stop, you can contact your water and sewer district.

Several areas are being targeted by an insurance company. It is just a sales letter. It is not coming from the Water and Sewer District.

There is a new thing happening when a home is sold. The contract includes scoping out the pipes. There are some companies that are using the information to insist on the seller to fix the issue or the buyer will not buy the house. You can contact Platte Canyon or Southwest Metropolitan Sewer and Water District for help. They can evaluate the scope results with the customer.

Does the bentonite in the area shift pipes? Yes. Generally the pipes collapse on the sides, but flow is not affected. Repair is not needed.

What they have been doing lately to repair main lines is to use a liner. The liner goes into the existing line. Then it is cured in place. This option is cheaper.

There are lots of water conservation rebates available from Denver Water. The washing machine rebate ends in June. On Financials, Platte Canyon Water and Sewer District has revenues from taxes. Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sewer District does not because they were making enough on investments to cover the revenue needs. And everyone should be aware of how investments have been doing the last few years. At the current projections, Southwest will run out of money in 2030. They are looking at their options now. A mil levy would require a vote. A surcharge only needs a notice to be published, then Denver Water would collect the additional monies.

City of Littleton sewer rates were discussed. The treatment plant is owned by Littleton and Englewood. The associated costs are offset by the City's general fund. If you don't live in the City, then you don't contribute to the general fund. This is why the City voted to charge out of city residences more.

Reports from Officers

Roll Call was taken. We had 15 members present and have a quorum.

Winnie Burdan, President, was not present.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, said that we have asked the County Commissioners to speak at our next meeting.

Another possibility is Foothills Parks and Recreation District.

The County Commissioners made a lot of changes to the Planning Guide. A vehicle can now be parked 28 days per year instead of 14 days. 28 days/year is the maximum time allowed for recreational vehicles to be parked on the county right of way in the unincorporated part of the county. The revised policy will change the regulations for parking cars/trucks on the county's right of way(which includes county maintained streets) and it addresses other situations that weren't addressed in the current policy. They also did away with notarized affidavits. They still need complaints from 2 different addresses, but they no longer need to be notarized.

Deer Creek Golf Club has an application to rezone the back 9. They intend to build houses.

At the County Commissioners meeting, they voted on a new bus bench contract. The old company went out of business.

They also passed a resolution in favor of the 2nd Amendment, the right to bear arms.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,645.77.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The November minutes were approved without any changes.

Old Business None.

New Business. Jeffco Zoning Resolutions, section 9 Home Occupations has all of the details about allowable types of home occupations in unincorporated Jeffco, the permit process, and details of the process to be followed if a person applies for an exception to operate a type of business that is not allowed under the current zoning regulations. If the person applies for an exception to operate a type of business that isn't currently allowed in the zoning resolutions, then a hearing on their application for exception will be held by the Board of Adjustment and a yellow hearing notice sign will be prominently posted on that property for at least 15 days prior to the hearing date. The Board of Adjustment may attach conditions to any approval they may grant. (*See page 4 for County Regulations*)

Announcements The Jeffco Student's Annual Senior Citizens Prom is Saturday, March 9, from 3:30 until 5:00 at Summit Ridge Middle School. It is free.

Rachel Landess from Columbine Knolls HA introduced herself. No one has been attending from their HOA. A different member of their Board will attend each month.

We adjourned at 8:56 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills Civic Association

From Draft Minutes of the January Board Meeting Meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by vice president Robert Bruso. There were seven board members and two home-owners in attendance.

Treasurer's Report Bills to Colorado Lasertype, P. O. Box rental for 2013, and Pro Disposal bill for fall Dumpster day have been paid.

Old Business Discussion was held on modifying the Columbine Hills Civic Association membership form to mention CHI-CA activities such as the "Adopt a Park" project that involves our new playground at S. Kendall Blvd. and W. Canyon Ave. Envelopes have been purchased for the annual membership drive that goes out in February.

Vice president Bruso will file Columbine Hills Civic Association's non-profit status with the state.

Discussion centered on limiting Dumpster Day to a once a year activity due to cost. Discontinuing the Annual Garage Sale was also discussed.

New Business Motion was made and passed to donate funds to Columbine High School for their After Prom expenses.

Motion was made and passed to donate funds to CHE towards enhancing learning expenses.

Motion was made and passed to add Robert Bruso to the check signing list.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:15 a.m.— *Secretary, Randy Montgomery*

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner The Annual Meeting of the Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners' Association was held on January 8, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to vote new members to the Board of Directors and review and approve the CKSII 2013 Annual Budget. The membership approved the 2013 Annual Budget and elected Jon Brouillet and Bob Pellegrini to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors. Current Board of Director member, Debbie Opperman, was elected to an additional two year term. Completing the second year of their two year term on the Board of Directors will be Stephanie Haberkorn, John Schutt, Jane Schaefer and Tom Telschow. I would like to thank both Ron Cunning and Justin Phillips who are leaving the Board of Directors following the completion of their terms. Ron not only served as treasurer but was the liaison between our trash provider and the HOA. Justin chaired the ACC Committee. Both members will be greatly missed. Barb Steward will continue as the newsletter editor and Greg Steward will continue his duties as webmaster. The Social Committee, consisting of Bob Haberkorn, Jon and Susan Brouillet, Dean Fitches, Steve Kalney and Tom and Donna Telschow, is ready to start planning an exciting event for the summer and the Holiday Hayride. The Landscape Committee, consisting of Debbie Opperman, Jay Seifert, Donna Telschow, Anita and Tom Schickantz and Joan Weyhmler, will be busy maintaining the gardens at the entryway on Chatfield and Yukon. A special thank you goes to all of the volunteers that have agreed to help make this a successful year!

The Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors will have a full agenda to address at the regularly scheduled meetings during the upcoming year. This will include: Approval of ACC requests; Ongoing enforcement of the HOA covenants through our property manager and attorney; Managing the CKSII Association approved budget; Communication through the monthly newsletter; Maintaining the website; Working with Waste Management to plan the large trash pick-up day; Scheduling and marketing CKSII Community Garage Sale; Recruitment and engagement of new members; Planning and implementing a summer event and the Holiday Hayride; Maintaining the gardens at the entry way on Chatfield and Yukon; Decorating the entryway on Chatfield and Yukon for the holidays.

We are still in need of additional volunteers. Please contact me or any board member if you are interested.— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President*

From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2013 President, Stephanie Haberkorn, called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Stephanie confirmed that there were HOA members in attendance from 24 homes plus proxies from 5 other homes, bringing the total to 29. Current HOA membership at the time of the annual meeting was 258. The ten percent attendance requirement for a quorum was therefore met and business could be conducted.

Secretary Jane Schaefer read the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Matt Schaefer to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Steve Kalney. The vote was then taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Cunning gave the treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2012.

PROPOSED BUDGET: Ron Cunning presented the pro-posed 2013 HOA Budget with an estimated income of \$65,465.00 and estimated expenses of \$68,750.00. Members asked questions regarding the decline in anticipated income for 2013 compared to 2012. It was explained the 2012 income was a projection based on anticipated new mem-

bers. The HOA membership continues to grow with a total of 292 paid members on December 31, 2012. Dean Fitches motioned to approve the budget as presented. Bob Haberkorn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: Since 2013 is an odd-numbered year, the bylaws require that three board of director vacancies need to be filled. Debbie Opperman, Justin Phillips and Ron Cunning have completed their two-year term. The floor was opened for nominations. Debbie Opperman, Robert (Bob) Pellegrini, and John Brouillet were nominated. Nominations were closed and the vote taken. All three nominees were unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

The Leawood Rappoter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of January 8, 2013 The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm. In attendance were Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, and Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros. The treasurer was not present so the treasury report was not discussed other than a few invoices that need to be paid for Santa Party crafts. The minutes of the November LCA meeting as published in the December Rappoter were approved.

The 2013 Membership Drive will begin in February. No changes in fee structure were discussed and the membership form will be included in the February and March issues of the Rappoter. The 2013 LCA Scholarship application will also appear in these issues, with the application deadline on March 31st. Scholarship rewards will depend on the donations received since the last scholarship was awarded. Nancy Bock will head up this program again this year.

Dates were set for the following events: Easter Egg Hunt - March 23 (bad weather day March 30), Garage Sale - May 17/18, Spring Cleanup - June 8. The board decided to have an LCA Volunteer Night to encourage Leawood residents to join the board and/or volunteer to help the LCA with membership and events going forward. This event will take place on April 9th. The LCA will purchase pizza, beverages, and cookies and hold an open-forum type meeting.

This event will hopefully encourage Leawood residents to come learn about the LCA and share ideas and opinions about upcoming and possibly new events/activities. The six members currently on the board really need some assistance to keep moving forward, and there is hope that this neighborhood gathering will give some folks incentive to get more involved, even if on a minor scale.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm. The next LCA meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 at the ReMax building.

From Leawood Recreation and Park District Minutes of Jan. 9, 2013 The Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Mibby Luedecke, Donna Snyder, Charlie Campbell, Linda Smith and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

Approval of Minutes— Mibby moved the minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting be approved as submitted, Donna seconded and the motion passed.

Public Comment— A resident requested the Board consider installing some kind of mile markers for walkers/runners to reference distance at Weaver Park. The Board will add this idea to the project list for 2013. Discussion was to use flat stone to decrease vandalism. Also discussed was mapping distance on several routes and publish on website for use and a map on a permanent basis on some sort of stand. It was suggested this may be a good Eagle Scout or Boy Scout service project. Kyle will check with entity who does the "Walk a Flat 14er" for possibly their criteria and use.

Treasurer's Report— Donna submitted the Treasurer's Report and identified bills to be paid. Income from Ownership Tax revenue was received. Bills include: doggie bags invoice, license renewal for trailer, Jeffco Clerk and Recorder fee, Waste Management invoice, L&M invoice which had been in dispute for the amount, internet service, Dave's invoice, snow removal invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Denver issued a refund so current invoice was credited. This will be an ongoing credit for a while. Reimbursement funds were received from Vintage Reserve for the drain work. Mibby moved the report be approved and bills paid. Charlie seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report— United Site Services credited our account for \$1,000 for accidentally taking down a tree while servicing the potty at Weaver Park. Goodland Construction will start work on replacing broken concrete at Raccoon Park, Sheridan at Tract T and adding a pad and enclosure for the dumpster at Raccoon. Work will begin as the weather permits. Dave spoke to a representative of Recreation Plus related to replacing a platform on a piece of play equipment and repair of another one in Weaver Park. Snow removal was done several times. Trash from cans was removed and taken to dumpster in Raccoon Park. Refilling dog-gie bag holders was done on an ongoing basis.

Old Business — Projects — The 2013 Project list was reviewed and updated. Review of needs of storage space was discussed again, along with cost saving measures regarding the need for water reduction and water saving ideas for landscaping.

Meetings for 2013 Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Leawood Elementary School, Wednesday, April 10, 2013, Leawood Elementary School, Wednesday, May 8, 2013, Leawood Elementary School

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

Williamsburg II News

President's Message Good riddance January! Not only were we left with the post-holiday blues, but many football fans had to swallow a bit-ter defeat! And we all endured some brutal cold temperatures.

Welcome February, where we know warmer weather is on the horizon and we can all enjoy more daylight each day. Our annual dues drive is well underway and I'm pleased to report that we're already ahead from this time last year. Please continue to support your community and thank you!

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter, see a list of planned events for 2013 as well as an article highlighting recent achievements at Ute Meadows Elementary School. Feel proud to live in a community with a school staffed by stellar educators! 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 January 8, 2013 Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Debra White and Winnie Burdan. Committee member Bill Ganz also attended.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz, presented the Budget for 2013. After brief discussion, the budget was approved as written. All 2012 bills have been paid. Beginning balance for 2013 is \$1,776.33. As of tonight's meeting, 2013 dues are trending ahead of last year at this time – thank you to the early responders.

Historian: Deb White has the Historian's book up to date with Hayride pictures and names of lighting contest winners.

Old Business: The Hayride was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Board will follow up with Bear Creek Ranch for a tentative booking date for the 2013 HOA hayride. Looking at December 14th.

New Business: We are still looking for another board mem-ber. If you are interested please contact one of the current mem-bers. Mike Eppers brought up the message board at Ute Meadows Elementary stating the Awards given to Ute Meadows. He will write an article for next month with an explanation of these awards as they are quite prestigious. Dates were looked at for the 2013 Williamsburg II Events. They are planned as follows: Egg Hunt Saturday March 23, 10AM; Garage Sale June 7 & 8, pending Canterbury's plans; July 4th 10AM Bike Parade; Movie Nite July 20 at dusk; Sept Something to be announced; Hayride & Santa Sat Dec 14, 4 - 6PM; Lighting Contest Wed Dec 18 7PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m

Jefferson County Home Occupation Regulations—Section 9: Home Occupations (orig. 6-23-81; am. 4-20-10)

A. Intent and Purpose

1. To provide for the operation of commercial activities on lots, parcels or tracts of land used for residential purposes under certain conditions. Such commercial activities shall be defined as "home occupations". (orig. 6-23-81)
2. Contained in this section is a listing of permitted home occupations along with conditions, exclusions, limitations and regulations regarding such home occupations. (orig. 6-23-81)

B. Permitted Home Occupations

The following home occupations are permitted providing the requirements and conditions of paragraph "C" below are met: (orig. 6-23-81; am. 12-17-02)

1. Craft work, such as the making of pottery and jewelry. (orig. 6-23-81)
2. Garment work, such as tailoring, dressmaking, millinery work, ironing and garment repair. (orig. 6-23-81)
3. Office facilities for sales representatives, professional consultants and professional services. (orig. 6-23-81)
4. Repair services for small electronic, electrical and mechanical appliances. (orig. 6-23-81)
5. Tutoring, music lessons, dance lessons and similar specialized tutorial or instructional endeavors provided no more than 1 student is present at a time. (orig. 6-23-81)
6. Artistic endeavors, such as art studios, portrait studios, photography studios, writing and lithography. (orig. 6-23-81)
7. Garage sales, not to exceed 3 sales per calendar year and which shall not be held for more than 4 consecutive days per sale. (orig. 6-23-81)
8. State licensed or certified small day-care home. (orig. 6-14-88; am. 7-12-05; am. 10-25-05)

C. Conditions and Requirements

Home occupations shall be operated subject to the following: (orig. 6-23-81)

1. Such home occupation shall be in conformance with other existing laws and regulations of the County. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 12-17-02)
2. Such home occupation shall be conducted entirely within a lot, parcel or tract of land and carried on by the inhabitants living there. The home occupation is limited to the use of 1 additional employee beyond those living on the subject property. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 7-1-03)
3. Such home occupation shall be clearly secondary to the use of the lot, parcel or tract of land for residential purposes and shall not change the character thereof. (orig. 6-23-81)
4. The total area used for such home occupations shall not exceed 25 percent or no more than 800 square feet of floor

area per lot, parcel or tract of land and shall be limited to the main residential structure, except for state licensed or certified day-care homes which may utilize outdoor play areas. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 6-14-88; am. 7-1-03)

5. There shall be no more than one wall sign advertising the home occupation. The sign shall be limited to a maximum of 4 square feet and shall have no exterior, interior or neon lighting. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 12-17-02; am. 7-1-03)

6. All incidental storage of stock, supplies or products shall be contained within the total area used for the home occupation. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 12-17-02)

7. There shall be no exterior storage on the lot, parcel or tract of land of material or equipment used as a part of the home occupation. (orig. 6-23-81)

8. There shall be no offensive noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat or glare noticeable beyond any boundary line of the lot, parcel or tract of land due to the conduct of the home occupation. (6-23-81)

9. The home occupation may increase vehicular traffic flow and customer parking by no more than 2 additional vehicles at a time, except for state licensed or certified day-care homes. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 6-14-88; am. 7-1-03)

D. Specific Exclusions and Limitations

1. Exclusions - In no event shall any of the home occupations listed above be interpreted to include the following commercial activities: (orig. 6-23-81)

a. Body or mechanical repair, modification, or painting of motor vehicles and repair of internal combustion engines. (orig. 6-23-81)

b. Animal hospital or kennel. (orig. 6-23-81)

c. Medical/dental facilities other than office consultation services. (orig. 6-23-81)

d. Health care facility providing residential services. (orig. 6-23-81)

e. Restaurant. (orig. 6-23-81)

2. Limitations – There shall be no more than 2 home occupations operated on 1 lot, parcel or tract of land. (orig. 6-23-81)

E. Administrative Exception

The following home occupations may be allowed upon approval of an Administrative Exception as set forth in Section 3 of this Zoning Resolution: (orig. 7-1-03)

1. Hair, nail or similar beauty salon or barber shop. (orig. 7-1-03)

2. Mail-order business. (orig. 7-1-03)

3. Large day-care homes. (orig. 10-25-05)

F. Board of Adjustment Home occupations, except those specifically excluded above, which do not meet the provisions of this section may be allowed upon approval of the Board of Adjustment under conditions set forth in Section 4 of this Zoning Resolution. (orig. 6-23-81; am. 12-17-02)

COHOPE Treasury Activity: February 2013

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

Beginning Balance Feb. 6, 2013 \$ 1645.77

Deposits \$ 0.00

Withdrawals \$ 113.01

Website charge \$20.97

March newsletter \$8.46

Ending Balance March 6, 2013 \$ 1616.34

Board Appointments Pest Inspector At its Feb. 12 public hearing, the BCC reappointed current Parks Department employee, Alicia Doran, as the Jefferson County Pest Inspector. She was also issued a pest inspector license. Doran began working for Jefferson County in 1998 as the Weed and Pest Management Specialist. Her duties as the pest inspector include coordinating, planning and implementing the noxious weed and pest management plans for the county. She provides technical weed and pest management assistance to other agencies and the public. She also responds to noxious weed and pest related complaints.

C-470 Coalition Update At the Jan. 29 staff briefings, the BCC was briefed on the latest information from the [C-470 Coalition](#). Since the last briefing in November, a public survey was completed specific to C-470 Segment 1, Kipling Parkway to Interstate 25.

The survey revealed that public support was highest for a sales tax funding alternative and support for an express toll was much higher than an all-toll alternative. Jeffco residents showed the lowest level support for the express toll compared to those surveyed from Douglas and Arapahoe counties. Jeffco residents supported other funding sources such as a sales or property tax.

The Jeffco Transportation and Engineering Division also has concerns with the express toll alternative and believes it would not be the best solution nor equitable for Jeffco residents. It recommended, and the BCC agreed, to take a neutral position regarding the express toll lanes for Segment 1.

The coalition was initiated by the Douglas County Commissioners in February 2011 to look for ways to improve C-470. Several counties and cities are members, including Jeffco. Currently, Commissioner Donald Rosier serves on the coalition's Steering Committee and Director of Transportation and Engineering, Kevin French, serves on the Technical Working Group. For more information, please visit www.c470coalition.com.

When In Doubt, Get Out! By Sheriff Ted Mink— There is an old saying that we'd like to put to rest. The idea is inaccurate, and deceiving. We wait cautiously every year to use the term. This would be about the time to dig it out. We've already had three fires. So to say that 'Wildland Fire season' is approaching is a falsity. Quite frankly it isn't upon us---it has already begun. The Front Range is no stranger to wildland fire. A revival of our evacuation levels, and collaborative efforts with the Ready, Set, Go! initiative amplify our existing emergency preparedness public education efforts. Our aim is to achieve the common goal we all share; preventing a loss of any kind.



Sheriff Ted Mink

With large fires occurring month of the year, evacuations have become more commonplace. We encourage the adage, 'when in doubt, get out!' If you feel threatened, go! Keep in mind, in some cases, there is no time for formal evacuation notifications due to quickly changing conditions.

Evacuation Levels Level 1: Be ready. There is an incident in the area. Residents are advised of the level 1 evacuation and are asked to leave if they need additional time to exit an area or have health conditions (especially respiratory conditions that could be made worse by smoke). Residents are encouraged to move livestock and pets out of the area, and to prepare for a full evacuation. Evacuations are voluntary, but residents are encouraged to leave if concerned. There will be no road closures in effect in most cases.

This is when you are thankful you took appropriate planning actions, long before the threat of a wildland fire. You've already created defensible space by clearing brush and other fuels away from your home. You've used fire-resistant landscaping and hardened your home with fire-safe construction measures. You assembled emergency supplies and belongings in a safe spot. And, you planned escape routes and made sure all those residing within your home know the plan of action. Need help with your emergency planning? Go to the Jeffco Sheriff website for the Jefferson County Emergency Preparedness Guide.

Level 2: Leave soon. Residents are notified there is a full evacuation and are informed to leave. Evacuations are mandatory and entry to evacuated areas may be denied. Residents are encouraged to evacuate as soon as possible. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk.

Level 3: Leave immediately! Residents are notified there is immediate and imminent danger, and they should evacuate immediately. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. Leave immediately and as quickly as possible. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

Ready, Set, Go! Don't let the first time you educate yourself on wildland fire be in the aftermath. Join with us and be a part of Ready, Set, Go! Ready, Set, Go! is designed to teach individuals how to best prepare themselves and their properties against nature's threats, and how to be best prepared to evacuate.

The Ready, Set, Go! initiative is a three step process, or action plan, to prepare properties long before a fire is upon you; get set to depart from ones home; and to understand the role of evacuation in our area. The initiative significantly increases the safety of the homeowner and family. Not to mention, it allows the firefighters to best do their job of extinguishing the fire, thus increasing the chance of saving homes and loved ones.

Ready: Make a list of your 5P's: People, Pets, Pills, Photos and important Papers. Shut off natural gas and propane.

Place metal (not wooden) ladders against the side of your house. If time permits, remove combustibles (patio furniture, firewood, etc.) within 30 feet of your home. If you have sprinklers (with adequate water supply), place them around your home, connected and ready to be turned on. Put on any protective clothing and gear you are not already wearing. Close windows and doors to the house to prevent sparks and embers from blowing inside. Close all doors inside the house to prevent draft. Take down your drapes and curtains and close all blinds to deflect heat. Leave exterior and interior lights on to offer visibility to responders. Fill all bathtubs, sinks and other containers with water to deflect heat.

Set: Take a deep breath and remember your plan. Lives always take priority over property. Face your car toward the street and close all windows. Keep the keys handy. Load your 5P's into the car. Wear protective clothing made of natural fabrics such as heavy denim, cotton, and pure wool to shield you from heat, embers and flames. Wear sturdy shoes, a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants, hat, and a handkerchief. Have thick canvas or leather gloves, and light-colored goggles on ready. As you leave, post a visible form of notification that identifies that you have evacuated. Hang a white cloth at the end of your driveway. If you have time, write "evacuated" on it.

Go! Tune into the local news radio station and listen for instructions. Obey orders of law enforcement and fire department officials. Follow the emergency instructions regarding evacuation routes. Your normal route may not be the safest. Drive with your headlights on for visibility and safety. Do not block access to roadways for emergency vehicles or other evacuees. Do not abandon vehicles on the roadway. Do not stop to let pets have a break. Drive calmly, obey the rules of the road and pay special attention to fire trucks.

The Ready, Set, Go! program is the result of a nation-wide discussion on how to protect homes and lives in what the fire service calls the Wildland-Urban-Interface - where development meets natural vegetation - and the Ember Zone, an area where the wind driven ember fall-out from a wildland fire can threaten property and lives. The program was developed



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The March 2013 meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. All 3 Jefferson County Commissioners are scheduled to attend and will give a Powerpoint presentation and answer questions. Please submit your questions to one of the officers (see page 1 for contact information) before the meeting.

for national roll out by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) with support from US Forest Service, US Fire Administration, Department of the Interior, Firewise and The Insurance Institute for Home Business Safety (IBHS).
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Jeffco Public Schools news – February, 2013 A KNIGHT FOR A PRINCESS Jeffco's Student County Council is hosting the annual Senior Citizen Prom on Sat., March 9 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Summit Ridge Middle School, 11809 West Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, 80127. This year's theme, A Knight for a Princess, will create a Renaissance vibe. The Joe Peterson Orchestra will perform and light appetizers and beverages are served. Prom attendees can play Bingo, blackjack and take fun photo booth pictures. For more information and to RSVP, contact Cindy Barnett at 303-982-6939. .

Coffee with the Superintendent Superintendent Dr. Cindy Stevenson invites parents and community members for coffee and an opportunity to discuss important school and district issues. Wednesday, April 10, 2013 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Irwin Preschool, 1505 S. Pierson St. Lakewood, CO 80232 Please RSVP to 303-982-6808.

JEFFCO'S ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE CLIMBS Jeffco Public Schools celebrates more students graduating from high school. Jeffco continues to make steady gains in our on-time graduation rate with a 2.3 percent increase to 81.4 percent. In comparison, the state graduation rate is 75.4 percent. The district also boasts an increasing 2011-12 on-time graduation rate for its neighborhood high schools at 88.3 percent. The increase shows the district's emphasis on maintaining an upward trend in graduation rates. "These results show that the hard work our schools have been doing is the right work," said Superintendent Cindy Stevenson. "It's important to acknowledge that preparation for graduation starts in preschool and kindergarten, where children make connections with adults who care about their success."

This is an invitation to family and area friends to our March 9 gig at Summit Ridge Middle School. This dance is to honor our senior citizens by our senior high school Jeffco honor students. Anyone 50 and over (or close to 50) are invited.

Please let me know how many of your invitees will attend. This is helpful for the food count. Our 10-Piece Band, JPO's Andrews Singers and David Hixson will be featured. The JPO music is for dancing and listening pleasure.

Saturday, March 9, 3:00-5:30pm, Admission- FREE, Summit Ridge Middle School, Simms & Coal Mine, Littleton
Bette Peterson