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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Nov.7 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Nov 12, Dec 10 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Nov. 20, 6:30pm, 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: **Nov. Jeffco5 Dec. Christmas Pot Luck Jan –NO MEETING**

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Draft Minutes for October 2 Meeting—Attendance: Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Joe Peterson / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Mary Parker / At Large, Ralph & Pat Miller, & Alicia Combes / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Larry Major & Al Nemes / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Bette Peterson / Westridge—Lakeview Meadows, Ken Witt, John Newkirk, Julie Williams, Tonya Aultman-Bettridge / Jefferson County School Board Candidates, Bill Bottoms / Representative for Jeff Lamontagne, Jeffco School Board Candidate, Angie Baker.

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

Winnie Burdan, President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports –No one from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was present.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speakers were **Ken Witt, John Newkirk, Julie Williams, Tonya Aultman-Bettridge, and Bill Bottoms.** The first 4 are Jefferson County School Board candidates. Bill Bottoms is Jeff Lamontagne's representative. Each candidate was given 5 minutes to speak. Then the audience will ask questions.

Ken Witt, is a candidate for District 5. His profession is Information Technology. He has done Security and Policy work for organizations the size of Jefferson County schools. He wants to deliver results within budget and the timeline. He has a wife and 4 kids. 3 of his kids have graduated. The last is attending Columbine High School. He will be a grandfather soon. He plans to listen and draw to common goals. He wants to be responsible with the resources.

John Newkirk, is a candidate for District 2. He is running because he is crazy about great education. He went to Jefferson County schools. He has a wife and 2 kids. His wife also attended Jefferson County schools. He has a child in grade school, middle school, and high school. His profession is Engineer. He has in his profession for 30 years. He thinks the challenges for the school district are budget, class size, and curriculum. He has also done a lot of volunteer work.

Julie Williams, is a candidate for District 1. She has been a professional for 24 years. She has worked with hundreds of children and parents. She has a husband and 2 kids. She and her husband both attended Jefferson County schools. She has a child in middle school and high school. She wants to be the "Mom's" voice on the Board. She will listen to people. She will talk about or talk through issues.

Tonya Aultman-Bettridge, is a candidate for District 1. She is a long time Parent Volunteer. She has 1 kid in 8th grade. She has been involved in PTA. She works at a Non-Profit. They mostly research impacts to children, youth, and parents. They were involved with the Study of Prevention of violence against the community. She wants teacher evaluations to include real feedback.

Bill Bottoms, is representing Jeff Lamontagne. Jeff is a candidate for District 2. Jeff has been involved since the Green Mountain High School suicides in 2001. He started Second Wind Fund. He bridges all communities. He has a wife and 2 kids. His wife teaches at Lakewood High School. He has been involved in the school system for over 40 years. He un-

derstands that 70% of the voters do not have kids in the school system. He wants to provide accountability and clear transparency.

Questions - Do you support Jeffco school system participating in the In Bloom data system?

Ken said that this is his background. There are 2 pieces involved. The Dashboard has been approved for Pilot. It is currently in place. The In Bloom software is the second piece. He is concerned about how careful they are about that we ask of students and how the information is used. He is also concerned about the consolidation system in In Bloom software. It is a database, but what data is in it. It is a new software package. The costs may escalate and become out of control. It has not been adequately researched. In Bloom is a Non-Profit business. He considers it to be risky.

John is not opposed to the Dashboard. Technology is a tool. He is concerned that they are collecting data from students and teachers. Then they are uploading the information to a national depository. He is also concerned about how In Bloom will use the information. He is concerned about "late bloomers". The information may be used to steer the students away from some opportunities.

Julie wants to protect the privacy of the students and teachers. There is a potential to collect over 400 data points. But what the data points are has not been disclosed. Information is also collected from third parties. The security of the system is the responsibility of the Schools. She is not OK with the national database.

Tonya wanted to make sure we knew what In Bloom is. They collect test data, grade data, teacher data, and attendance data. There is an agreement on the website. In Bloom is accountable if a data leak comes from them. She has concerns about privacy and security. She wants a committee of teachers, IT, legal representatives to look into it. She is for using the software if it passes a Security Audit. For privacy concerns, she hopes that they only collect information that can affect the student's progress. She is excited about the possibilities that In Bloom provides.

Bill said that all of the data collected by In Bloom is already being collected in various databases. In Bloom just brings it into 1 database. Teachers are excited about using it. He said that Jeff is also concerned about Security and Privacy. If the Audit is good, Jeff is for it. The purpose of the software is sound.

Several candidates had left by this time due to other commitments.

Question - Are our students safe?

Tonya said that a good crisis response plan exists now. The schools just have to keep with it. They have been Target Hardening which means that there is 1 entry point and it is secure. They have also been covering glass so someone can not look in from outside. School Resource Officers are using Safe To Tell.

Question - In Bloom again. There is an impression that parents are not in favor of using the software.

Bill said that teachers are supporting it. In his position, he is supporting it. He has a personal experience where his son's test scores were available to him before they were to his son. He believes that In Bloom will make teachers more effective and parents will be better informed. He thinks that parent's concerns will be calmed by the Audit.

Tonya said that she has listened to the concerns of several parents. Some don't want the software. Some do want the software. The dashboard is still in pilot. Parents have the option to opt out of the dashboard. Nationally, In Bloom is brand new. It does not have a lot of data. It is on the cutting edge.

Question - What is your position on Amendment 66?

Bill said that it is controversial. He said that Jefferson county is significantly under funding students. The budget is \$70 - 75M. That breaks down to about \$800 per student. Jeff is in favor of this amendment. The under funding is compromising the students' education. The Board will be responsible for how the funds are spent.

Question - How can the size of the school administration be reduced? The premise is wrong. The Administration Overhead Costs for Jefferson County Schools are 5%. Most businesses consider 8% to be excellent. The norm is 10 - 12%. The number of Administrators has shrunk since 2009. The recent Annual Reports show it that it has increased since 2007. Although the Annual Report was not available this year. It has dropped.

Question - What would prevent administrators from dedicating the new money from Amendment 66 to an area but also moving the currently dedicated funds somewhere else? This could happen. The current budget could be decreased.

Reports from Officers Roll Call was taken. We had 16 members present and we have a quorum.

Winnie Burdan, President, was present. She handed out a copy of a newspaper article on Jefferson County Board of Commissioners being increased from 3 to 5. For more information, go to www.Jeffco5.com.

If you want information when Bill Bottoms sends it to her, please give Winnie your email address.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The speaker for our Nov. meeting will be Carl Neu, Jeffco 5 group.

Our Adobe-a-Highway Fall Cleanup will be Oct. 5 at 8:30 a.m. If you have not already done so, please sign the waiver.

A Community Meeting on the Jared's Nursery rezoning will be on Oct. 3 at 6:00 - 7:00. It involves 23 acres from the pond to Oak St. The proposal is for a 2 phase project to build an event center with indoor sand volleyball courts, restaurant, bar (possibly including a brew pub or distillery) in the portion of the property that is near the southeastern corner of W Bowles Ave/S Oak St. Only that portion of the property would be rezoned. It would involve the area between where the existing pond along the south side of W Bowles Ave and S Oak St. There would be on-site parking associated with the

event center. They need to amend the existing PD to permit the volleyball courts. The proposal is being made by Mr Lauren Bauman of Kowman LLC, not by Jared's Nursery. The proposed entrance to the event center would be off of S Oak St. (*Update—Some COHOPE members attended this community meeting which was fairly well attended by community members. People raised a number of concerns about the proposed development - including impact it would have on traffic on S Oak street which is one lane in either direction in the area where they want to put the driveway entrance to the development; questions about whether there would be a sufficient number of parking spaces on site; concern about the possible impact lighting in parking lot would have on adjacent residential areas, etc. If a formal application for the project is submitted to the County, then the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposal and property owners within 500 feet of the property will receive a hearing notice from the County).*)

A pre-application was filed for the southwest corner of Belleview and S. Alkire St. They want to build an apartment with a max of 280 units. It will be between C-470 and Alkire.

The application for the northwest corner of Bowles and Kipling where they want to build apartments over the existing stores on the west side of the property. It needs to be rezoned to Mixed Use. They will build an access bridge from S. Lewis St. The application is 13-116024PA. The address is 10251 W. Bowles Ave.

The Jefferson County Liquor License Hearing will be Oct. 3. They have 2 "Show Cause" hearings. This usually means that establishments have been caught selling liquor to minors. There is also a Transfer of Ownership Hearing.

A foreclosure has been filed on the building/property that Fun City occupies (9670 W Coal Mine Ave), not on the Fun City business. According to the Jefferson County foreclosure website a foreclosure sale for that property is scheduled to be held on Nov. 6, 2013

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,762.61. We got our deposit back from the Summerset Festival. It was cancelled due to the wet conditions.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The Minutes for September were approved with one correction to attendance.

Old Business There is no information on when our Crime Prevention Deputy can attend our meeting again.

New Business Has anyone had Roof Repairs done? One company is asking that home owners sign something that says that they will use the company if they can get your insurance deductible waived. Don't do this. Check out companies with the Better Business Association and Colorado Roofers Association.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 8:26 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: September 2013 W. R. Moore, Treasurer

Beginning Balance Sept 4, 2013	\$ 1770.43
Deposits	\$ 65.00
Summerset refund \$65	
Withdrawals	\$ 7.82
Oct Newsletter \$ 7.82	
Ending Balance Oct 3, 2013	\$ 1827.61

RTD Board of Directors to Host October, November Telephone Town Hall Meetings Forums give the public opportunities to ask questions, participate in polls

DENVER, Oct. 14, 2013—The Regional Transportation District (RTD) Board of Directors will host a series of live telephone town hall meetings with constituents between Oct. 24 and Nov. 13. Residents in each of RTD's 15 districts will be called at random through an automated system and invited to take part in the public telephone forums. Those who choose to join in can learn the latest about bus and light rail service, RTD's FasTracks transit expansion program and other projects. The dial-in number for all of the meetings is: 1-877-229-8493, PIN No. 112070.

"The response to our telephone town halls in the past was very positive," said Board Chair Lorraine Anderson. "Not everyone can come to a public meeting, so this allows us to tap into technology to go straight to the people in the comfort of their homes."

These interactive calls will reach out to some 450,000 people across the Denver metro area and allow board directors to converse with community members. Residents simply stay on the line after answering their phones and will be connected to the meeting automatically.

Anyone who doesn't receive a call, but wishes to participate, can dial into the toll free number listed above. During the session, participants can ask their elected board member questions and use their keypad to answer live polls.

The schedule for the 2013 telephone town hall meetings is:

Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.—Director Bruce Daly, District N, which includes western Jefferson County, including Conifer, Evergreen, Lakewood, Littleton and the bulk of the county's unincorporated southwestern area.

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THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills Civic Association

From Draft Minutes of the September Board Meeting The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Secretary Randy Montgomery. There were six board members and one homeowner in attendance.

Treasurer Report Colorado Lasertype bill was paid.

Old Business Dumpster Day is October 5th. The November meeting will be at St. Philips Lutheran Church at the corner of W. Ken Caryl Ave. and S. Kendall Blvd. At meeting time there did not seem to be much interest in the fall garage sale. This information resulted in discussion on media information and placement of signs.

The Holiday Hayride of December 7th needs to be confirmed.

Foothills Park and Rec. will proceed with installation of bike racks and some benches.

New Business The Columbine Hills Civic Association needs to register as a non-profit organization and also with the state as a Civic Association. New laws passed in this last legislative session require that voluntary HOAs and Civic Associations register with the state. In past years it was just the mandatory associations that were required to register.

The pre-school cottages on W. Elmhurst Ave. have been sold and are under renovation to be converted into residential housing units / private dwelling units.

A resident has offered to sell a stone slab, at a nominal sum, to replace the entrance sign destroyed on So. Kendall Blvd. Engraving and installation would be required. Discussion followed the proposal.

Dumpster Day's added feature is to request donations to be given to a local food bank and also used children and adult books be donated to the CHE school's "Give and Take Book Box." Donation boxes will be available at the Dumpster Day site.

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.—*Randy Montgomery, Secretary*

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner | The highlight of this month's CKSII HOA Board of Director's meeting was the presentation and discussion of covenant renewal for Sections 2 & 3 with Candyce Cavanaugh, legal counsel for the Association. The Board and guests were able to ask questions and get clarification about the proposed changes to Sections 2 & 3 Covenants and better understand the process for communicating these changes, followed by the voting process.

Several Board members and guests commented on the positive results that have been noted as a result of the covenant renewal homeowners in Section 1 voted to approve in 2008. Please see the minutes for more details.

CKSII has seen an increase in the number of families with young children over the past few years and there is growing interest in planning more activities that focus on that segment of the community. If you would like to become involved, please contact me or any other board member.

Colorado is known for its abundant wildlife, and animals inevitably find their way into our communities. While most people are fascinated or delighted when wildlife, such as a fox, raccoon or skunk, wander into their neighborhoods, these incidents can cause serious problems. Jefferson County Animal Control Officers are not authorized or trained to handle nuisance wildlife; however, there are many resources available, nonprofit and for-profit, to manage the situation.

Animal control does not endorse any particular service or company and strongly recommends that consumers check references, licenses, insurance and bonding before hiring any company.

Colorado State Division of Wildlife: 303-291-7227 Critter Control: 303-274-8837 Urban Wildlife Rescue: 303-340-4911 Animal Damage Control: 303-884-9100 Acorn Wildlife Control: 303-979-0900 Urban Wildlife Services: 303-588-1869 All American Wildlife Damage Specialist: 303-840-7743 All Animal Control of Denver: 303-452-2113 EnviroCritter: 720-295-7378AGD Varmint Control: 303-748-8879— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President*

From Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2013 President Stephanie Haberkorn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members Stephanie Haberkorn, Jon Brouillet, Tom Tellschow, Debbie Opperman, John Schutt and Bob Pelligrini were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management, Candyce Cavanagh – OCH- Attorney at Law, Brian Newman – Integrity Roofing systems and 4 homeowners.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 303 members.

ACC COMMITTEE: Tom Tellschow reported eight requests, all approved, with two in pending status. Applications were for roofing and screening.

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Three inspections were completed. Twenty-one notices or personal contacts were generated in August. Violations were for trash cans in front of house, dry grass, dead foliage, weeds, basketball hoop in street, screens and fencing. Also noted were several fencing issues along Wadsworth. There has been an increase in the number of homes for sale as home values increase. Bob Pelligrini brought up a concern regarding the amount of posted con-

tractor signs in the neighborhood due to the most recent hail/rain storm. Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management will be looking into the issue and will address accordingly.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Bob Pelligrini reported that he verified that the planters at the Chatfield entrance are functioning and will provide enough water for the new plantings. A big thank you to the volunteers who assisted in the planting efforts. Stephanie Haberkorn mentioned that the irrigation system for the planters needs to be checked every spring to verify that it is functioning properly.

COVENANT RENEWAL: Candyce Cavanaugh, HOA Attorney, made a brief introduction of her background/experience. She assisted the HOA in reviewing and issuing updated Section #1 Covenants. She will be assisting the HOA in providing updates to adopt the Section #1 Covenants to Sections #2 and #3. Hard copy handouts of the Guide to the CKSII Homeowners Revised Covenants dated 10/08 were distributed to the Board outlining what changes were made for Section #1. Candyce answered questions regarding home business, schedule and roles and responsibilities of the HOA during this process.

NEW BUSINESS: Homeowner asked that if construction of a “tree house” is planned would an ACC form be required? It was the opinion of the HOA board members that an ACC form must be submitted for approval. John Schutt is still working with Waste Management to “bundle” days together for trash pickup. Homeowner Jennifer Blake wondered if there was any interest in the neighborhood to form a Mom’s Group as she would like to be contacted if there are any ladies interested. Stephanie Haberkorn will be getting with Bob Haberkorn to set up a Social Committee meeting to go over details of the upcoming Holiday Hayride.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board The The September Board Meeting was held on September 18, 2013. Several important issues were discussed at the meeting.

Effective January 1, 2014, our monthly dues will increase by \$3.00 per month to \$54.00 per month. We have not increased the monthly dues in several years. However, our annual costs have increased each year. We firmly believe that Woodbourne provides a great value for your monthly dues. Our association is in great financial condition, but the annual operating cost increases cannot be ignored and the Board wants to maintain that financial strength. Many of you have volunteered to help make this community great and we want to continue that tradition. If you have questions about the rate increase, please feel free to call me at 720-220-6805.

The clubhouse may need to be temporarily closed for roof repairs. Our clubhouse took a good hit in the hailstorm. On September 23, 2013, Board members met with the insurance adjuster to start the claim process. Our pool furniture also took hard hit but, fortunately, it was very near the end of its useful life. The pool furniture lasted longer than anyone thought it would. We will keep you posted if the clubhouse needs to be closed during any of the repairs.

Not all of the articles in our newsletter are written or submitted by the Board or Woodbourne residents. Sometimes our publisher, Colorado Lasertype, adds filler articles to our newsletter. Last month, such an article (concerning inBloom) was included in our newsletter and it caused a bit of discussion. The Board did not write or endorse this article one way or the other. I would like to remind everyone that Woodbourne does not pay for our newsletter and the newsletter is delivered free to each of us by the swim team in exchange for the use of our pool during the summer.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Hay Ride on December 20, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is always a fun event. More information will follow as we get closer.

Please remember that if you use the clubhouse, you are fully responsible for cleaning the clubhouse after your activity. Try to leave it the same, or better, than you found it. Last month in the newsletter we asked for volunteers to form a garden club to help with the front entrance at Fremont and South Simms streets. We did not get a single phone call. We are asking again for volunteers. Please consider helping out with this good cause.

Please contact the Woodbourne Community Manager, Kim Herman, with Management Specialists at 720-974-4234 with any questions.— *Jay Hansen, President*

Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.—Director Jeff Walker, District D, which covers parts of Bow Mar, Denver, Englewood, Lakewood, Littleton and Sheridan.

Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.— Director Kent Bagley, District H, which includes all or parts of Englewood, Littleton, Cherry Hills Village, Greenwood Village, Highlands Ranch, Centennial, Columbine Valley and Lone Tree.

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The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Recreation and Park District Minutes of September 11, 2013 The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Linda Smith, Donna Snyder, Charlie Campbell, Mibby Luedecke, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Residents Matt Ericksen, Diane Norell and Ike Nelson were also present.

Public Comment –A resident reported an encounter with two walkers on the path at Sheridan who insisted he get off his bike and walk around them because they were walkers. They claimed he had no business on a bike on the path. The resident said he had read the minutes from the August meeting where we were looking into options relating to safer interaction of bikers and pedestrians. He brought documentation from the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S. 42-4-1412 (2013)) relating to bikers and electrical assisted bikes. Board members said we were looking for appropriate signage to advise both riders and walkers to be aware of one another. The resident suggested we have a campaign of some kind to educate users of the paths. We will discuss again at the next meeting.

Another resident asked the board's intent of adding more trees to the west end of Weaver Park along the south boundary of several large home sites. Dave said we needed to trench the area and add a water line in order to be able to water the trees. We would add this to our project list for 2014 projects. We mentioned that, as was planned for all the parks, more trees would be added proactively to mitigate any future loss of existing trees, such as the area near the large cottonwood tree on the other side of the path in Weaver Park. A line would need to be trenched for this area also; so we would consider doing it all at the same time. The other item mentioned was to add landscaping to several of the bridge areas. This is on our project list, but has not been completed yet. It was also mentioned the civic association would like more information as to what the District is doing on an ongoing basis. The board noted that we publish our minutes in the Reporter each month, as well as provide minutes to the Vintage Reserve HOA, and always welcome anyone to come to our meetings. The board asked if the Civic Association was concerned that the Reporter was no longer an effective way to communicate to the residents. The board also said that the Civic Association had from time to time sent a representative to the park board meetings, but hadn't done so for most of this year. The resident said he would be attending meetings as the representative for the civic association.

Treasurer's Report –Donna submitted the Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid. Invoices include: United Site Services, L&M for grass cutting and plantings at Tract T, Denver Water, Excel for regular service and repair to lights at Weaver Park, Creekside Gardens for plants, Weston Landscape for coring at Weaver Park for irrigation and utility lines, KS Electric for locates, Sturgeon Electric, invoice for mulch at Weaver and Leawood Parks, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Most of our issues with Denver Water have been resolved, but billing is still incorrect. Charlie moved the report be approved and bills paid. Mibby seconded and the motion passed. Donna asked to research a better place for our accounts that may give us more interest income.

Parks Manager Report –Dave gave a great presentation on the Tract T xeriscape project and a detailed account of the problems with electrical work related to the Weaver Park Pavilion and controller for the irrigation at the soccer fields in Weaver Park. He had several contractors working with him to find the cause of the problems. They spent a considerable amount of time trying to find lines and wiring issues. Issues included a likely lightning strike burning out the GFI's installed in the pavilion, as well as the age of the existing electrical lines. The problem has been solved and irrigation lines have been repaired. Doggie bags were checked and replaced as needed. L&M removed trash, mowed and trimmed all parks. Recreation Plus changed out the damaged tunnel in the play area at Weaver Park. Drip lines were checked for the trees on the Weaver Drive parkway. The contractor for Urban Drainage planted six new trees and re-seeded the hillside area at the re-stabilization area.

Correspondence –None

Old Business –Amy Abraham of Powered By You asked for an extension of her permit to use Leawood Park on Saturday mornings for the boot camp she is offering. Charlie moved to extend her permit to the end of October. Kyle seconded and the motion passed. Kyle will submit an invoice to her for the use of our park. The Leawood Elementary School PTSA is looking for sponsors for their Fun Run on October 5 starting and ending in Leawood Park. The run will snake thru the Leawood community. Charlie moved we contribute \$500 to the run. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Conversation and plans for 2014 budget will begin in October. The project 2013 list will be reviewed and revised as needed.

Future Meetings Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 6:30, Leawood Elementary School Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 6:30, Leawood Elementary School

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes, September 10, 2013 Picnic: The picnic tally was updated to a total of \$1,592 with an income of about \$642 for a net cost of \$949. An estimated 150 people attended the most successful Leawood Picnic yet.

Membership: Paul will update the 2013 membership list for a final tally. Starting next year Paul will also track the various payments in the membership list which means Richard will not have to track a separate list. We want to decide on either mailers or flyers for next year's membership drive and make it happen.

Treasury: Richard will need to make some additional adjustments to the scholarship fund based on totals on the web payments that were not accounted for. He did start putting money from the bake sale and other donations into a separate scholarship savings account. Richard still needs to ask/invoice the Park Board for their \$250 donation.

Upcoming Events/Planning: Mike proposed that the Santa Party be on Wednesday, December 4th as not to conflict with the Park Board meeting, with Holiday Lights judging on the weekend of the 13th -15th. We also need to get volunteers to be judges and put that in the Rapporter.

Rapporter: Mike and Laurel have discussed the need to redesign the front page of the Rapporter to a more modern look and make the front page more static. It is open for input.

Williamsburg II News

From President's Message Indian summer. Warm days. Cool nights. Love this time of year, albeit without all the flooding. Ironic how mention was made in the September newsletter by myself and our gardening contributor about how summer had been relatively mild, however those thoughts came about in late August as the newsletter was coming together. Then BANG! Here comes a massive hailstorm, shredding roofs, gardens and landscaping. The flurry of new roofing will be with us for some time. And then a week of rain and the ensuing flooding in September! Though lawns are green and lush again, the price isn't worth it. Let's hope for a mild Fall and a winter with cold and snowfall that's manageable.

Speaking of snowfall, the holidays will creep up on us quickly, whether we like it or not. Mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas Hayride scheduled for Saturday December 14th as well as the annual home Christmas Lighting Eventon Wednesday evening, December 18th.

Williamsburg II remains a great community in which to work and live. Thank you to all who contribute, cooperate and work hard to keep it that way.

From HOA Meeting Minutes for September 10 Mike Eppers called the meeting meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Bill Ganz, Deb White, Winnie Burdan and Sharon Erickson.

Newsletter/Web page: Address for one of the Yard of the Month winners was not correct. Correct address will be checked and noted in next month's newsletter. We apologize for the error. Mike will contact Kathy Morelli and have her upload the Treasure's Report and a statement about CIC (Common Interest Community) document information to the web page. Title companies and Realtors request this information as one of the real estate contract requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz presented the Treasurer's report. All bills have been submitted and paid. Balance in account as of 9/4/2013 is \$3145.34. Income is on track to cover the remainder of the year's events.

Architectural Committee Report: One request concerning repainting of a house was received. The board does not need to approve painting projects and Bill let the homeowner know that he could proceed without approval needed.

New Business: The board again discussed other events the HOA could sponsor. One suggestion was sponsoring a shredding truck ("document destruction") for homeowners. The board will follow up and gather additional information concerning cost and logistics.

The board would like to have feedback and other suggestions from homeowners. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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Jeffco Public Schools news – October, 2013 by Beverly Craddock, Communications Services,

Jeffco school earns national honor Ralston Elementary School is a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School award winner. The school is one of only five Colorado public schools chosen for the honor. According to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, "National Blue Ribbon schools represent examples of educational excellence, and their work reflects the belief that every child in America deserves a world-class education."

School interest nights begin Many Jeffco schools hold interest nights for parents and students who are considering enrollment. Specific dates and locations can be found on the district webpage at www.jeffcopublicschools.org/enrollment/interest_nights.html.

STANDLEY LAKE WINS PEACEJAM AWARD Students involved in Standley Lake High School's Day Without Hate have been honored for their work to fight school bullying and violence by teaching tolerance and kindness. The PeaceJam Global Call to Action Award recognizes the school's impact to inspire Jeffco students to stand up for peace. "We are just so thrilled to have you all be the awardees for the impact that you've had since 2007, you started with 12 students who needed to do something," said PeaceJam Foundation spokeswoman Kate Cumbo. "And last year alone you had 120,000 students participate in a Day Without Hate."

STUDENTS REACH OUT TO LOCAL FLOOD VICTIMS More than 80 students from Lakewood's Jefferson County Open School recently offered help to Colorado flood victims. Three groups headed out to help in partnership with Boulder Flood Relief. One group went to the Four Mile Community Center in Boulder and organized hundreds of donations to be given to flood victims. Another group went to Longmont to clean up the damage done at a manufacturing business to help them get back up and running. The last group went to a mobile home park in Milliken to clean and help tear down damaged homes. The students feel grateful that they got this opportunity and were able to give back to the community.

BCC Presented with Preliminary Budget The BCC was presented, at both the Oct. 8 staff briefings and the Oct. 15 public hearing, with the 2014 Preliminary Budget. The BCC was also presented with the Public Trustee's Budget at the public hearing. Due to changes in state statutes, the Public Trustee's budget is prepared separately.

The preliminary budget is the initial presentation of the entire county budget. It provides the opportunity for the commissioners to meet with the public, elected officials and county staff to provide input and fine tune the budget before the commissioners adopt the final budget later in the year. Staff will continue to meet with the commissioners to review department and elected official budgets between now and the final adoption on Nov. 26.

Some 2014 guidance included keeping operational budgets flat; merit increases for employees; and business cases and capital projects will be considered but limited due to revenue forecasts. Some realities the county faces as it works on the budget are increases in demand for services, especially for Human Services; declining state and federal funding; employee retention; and the costs associated with recovering from the flood damage.

The proposed 2014 budget is \$478.7 million. This includes \$87.3 million in transfers between departments and \$18.6 out of the fund balance to cover expenditures that the revenues will not cover.

The proposed budget will be before the board for final adoption on Nov. 26. The hearing is open to the public and will be during the board's hearing agenda. BCC meetings are on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. in the first floor hearing room located in the Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway.

The preliminary budget can be viewed online at www.jeffco.us/budget.

Apply for Housing Authority Board The Board of County Commissioners is looking to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Jefferson County Housing Authority Board

This board provides oversight on a variety of affordable housing programs for the residents of Jefferson County. Board members are required to be from Jefferson County and are appointed to five-year terms.

How to Apply Applications can be found online or by calling the commissioners' office at 303-271-8525. Applications can be emailed to commish@jeffco.us or mailed to:

Jefferson County Commissioners Office, 100 Jefferson Parkway, Suite 5550, Golden, CO 80419

Completed applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2013.

To learn more about volunteer boards, go to www.jeffco.us/bcc and click on the volunteer boards link on the left.

Cultural Council Vacancy Do you love the arts and sciences and want to get more involved in your community? The Jefferson County Cultural Council has an upcoming vacancy for the Commissioner District 2 that serves central Jefferson County in the communities of Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Edgewater.

This board serves as an advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the distribution of Tier III funds generated by the Scientific Cultural Facilities District (SCFD).

Since 1989, the SCFD has distributed funds from a 1/10th of one percent sales and use tax to cultural facilities throughout the seven-county Colorado metropolitan area. Each county is provided with the funds collected within that specific county for distribution. The funds support cultural facilities whose primary purpose is to enlighten and entertain the public through the production, presentation, exhibition, advancement and preservation of art, music, theatre, dance, zoology, botany, natural history and cultural history.

Dog Licensing—By Sheriff Ted Mink—The Residents in unincorporated Jefferson County have been required to license their dogs since 1994. In 2007, Lakewood, Golden, Wheat Ridge, Westminster, and Arvada joined the county's licensing program and residents in those cities have been required to license their dogs ever since.



Sheriff Ted Mink

The original purpose of the county licensing program was to expedite returning pets to owners, to encourage the spaying and neutering of dogs by offering a reduced license fee, to establish a fund to pay for medical treatment of injured stray animals, and to provide a source of revenue to move the animal control operation toward self-sufficiency.

In 2007, although the primary purpose remained the same (returning pets to owners), the focus changed to raising money to build a much needed new animal shelter to replace the old and non-functional Table Mountain Animal Center. Consequently, residents now have the new Foothills Animal Shelter that offers excellent services for county pets and county residents.

Now that the shelter has been built, the focus is changing once again and animal license fees will be used to support operations at the Foothills Animal Shelter. Due to this change, the board of directors decided that Foothills staff should administer the licensing program instead of the sheriff's office. This change took place in July of 2013.

The license fee has always been a source of revenue to support providing services (animal control and sheltering) to the citizens of the county and is necessary for continued operations.

Although the sheriff's office will no longer be administering the program, we will continue to enforce the requirement in unincorporated Jefferson County as our experience and our motto has always been that "a dog license is a ticket home."

Please note, as of July 20, 2013 owners with licensed pets, will now receive renewal notices from PetData, Foothills Animal Shelter's licensing partner. If you have never licensed your pet, or have any questions, the below information will assist you with the licensing process.

The below information is provided by Foothills Animal Shelter

If lost, could your pet tell anyone where they live? Could your pet hop on a bus, jump on the light rail or call a cab? Unfortunately, none of these options exist for your beloved animal. We want to ensure that you and your pet are never separated. So we offer an annual license to help you and your pet enjoy a long, happy companionship.

Benefits of a License in Jefferson County: You can be contacted immediately if your missing pet is found. As a responsible pet owner, you avoid receiving a fine for having an unlicensed dog. Your pet licensing fee helps support Foothills Animal Shelter -where thousands of homeless pets are cared for each year.

Does your pet need a license? All dogs 4 months of age and older must be licensed with Foothills Animal Shelter within 30 days of living in unincorporated Jefferson County or the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Westminster or Wheat Ridge. You may choose to license any cat or other pet that might benefit from pet licensing services.

Annual Registration Fees \$15 per year if your pet is spayed or neutered \$30 per year if your pet is unaltered
Rabies Vaccination. To obtain a pet license, by law, you must present a current rabies vaccination certificate (not just a rabies tag). Is your pet due for a rabies vaccine? Weekly affordable clinics are held at Foothills Animal Shelter and throughout our community.

License or Renew Your Existing License In Person: There are 50 licensing sites conveniently located throughout Jefferson County. Online: Register for a new pet license or renew your pet's existing license. Mail: Contact PetData, Foothills Animal Shelter's licensing partner.

Update Your Information Updating your contact information or your pet's information is simple (such as a change in address, if you no longer own your pet or if your pet has passed away). Call: 303-278-7577 (8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, Mountain Standard Time). Online: Update your information

Found a Pet With License Tag? If you have found a pet with a license tag labeled Jeffco License or Jeffco Lic, the below steps can help the lost animal get home quickly.

Online: Tag Look-up allows you to contact the owner directly, if they have released their information for this search.

Questions About Pet Licensing

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Holiday Shopping Safety Tips Don't leave purchases in plain view in your vehicle. If you're making multiple stops on your shopping trip, place all of your purchases in your vehicle's locked trunk or otherwise out of sight. The parking lots are teeming with people, one of whom might have a different idea about who should get those new gifts.

Be vigilant, especially after dark. As you come and go from stores and malls during the holiday season, be aware of your surroundings. Don't get so absorbed in your phone conversation that you fail to recognize what's going on around you. If you're carrying a purse, hold it close to your body. If you're walking through parking lots at night and feel unsafe, ask store security for an escort, or walk out with other shoppers.



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The November meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 pm at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. A Representative from Jeffco5 is scheduled to attend.

Park and School Fees and Regulations Adopted The BCC, at its Sept. 24 hearing, approved amendments to the county's park and school fee regulations. The changes are in sections one and 15 in the Zoning Resolution and sections four, nine, 32 and 33 in the Land Development Regulation.

The revisions include: Creating a fee schedule to provide predictability and eliminate the need for appraisals; Establishing the requirement for minimum common useable area and communal amenity; Allowing private areas to qualify for dedication credit if it exceeds the minimum common useable area and communal amenity; Allowing flexibility when fees need to be paid; The ability for the BCC to require inclusion of property within a park and recreation district; Creating an appeal process for land dedication, inclusion and fees.

When a developer develops a property, along with building residential units, it needs to provide necessary community facilities such as schools and parks to support the citizens that move into that development. The county regulations provide the developers a formula for determining how much land or fees are needed when they are creating their plans. Both the Zoning Resolution and the Land Development Regulation can be found online at www.jeffco.us/planning.

The Cultural Council meets every Wednesday evening from the last Wednesday in April through the second Wednesday in June. The council meets in Hearing Room 2 at the Administrative and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. Members also attend a few other activities such as a retreat in September, presentations to the Board of County Commissioners in June and to the SCFD Board of Directors in late September, and a check distribution ceremony in October.

The time commitment to the council also includes reviewing up to 10 applications each week prior to the interviews on Wednesday evenings, from April through May. Council members average about 150 hours each year on council activities.

The person right for the job is one who is interested in the cultural and scientific activities within the community, one who appreciates what these organizations offer to Jeffco citizens, but also has a mind for business and a good understanding of financial issues facing small businesses. The role as a member of the Cultural Council is not just to give away money, but to judge the viability of these organizations and choose to distribute monies in a way that is, first and foremost, beneficial to the citizens of Jefferson County.

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