

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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## Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Feb.16 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: Feb 25 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One,100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Feb. 19, 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: **Feb 5 Jeffco P & Z**  
**Mar 5 April 2 May 7**

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## COHOPE Treasury Activity: December 2013-January 2014

<b>Beginning Balance Oct 3, 2013</b>	<b>\$ 1826.24</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 56.00</b>
P.O.Box \$56	
<b>Ending Balance Feb 5, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 1770.24</b>
<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>	

**Hearing Set on Water Case** The BCC has set Feb. 4 to have the public hearing to set the reasonable maximum rate of compensation for water delivered through the Rocky Mountain Ditch. The Rocky Mountain Water Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Coors Brewing Company, is asking for a permanent rate increase, which the BCC must

approve. In 1968, the BCC set the reasonable maximum rate of compensation at \$9.34 per inch per annum for the Rocky Mountain Water Company. Since then, the company has been increasing the assessment rate to address increased operation and maintenance costs and the current rate is \$25.66 per inch per annum. (See Page 3)

**Jeffco Public Schools news – JEFFCO'S ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE CONTINUES TO CLIMB** Jeffco Schools continues to graduate more students from high school by making steady gains with its on-time graduation rate of 81.4 percent. By comparison, Jeffco Schools outranks the state's 2012-13 graduation rate of 76.9 percent as reported by the Colorado Department of Education. The increase shows the district's emphasis on maintaining an upward trend in graduation rates while lowering the district's drop-out rate. "In 2011-12 we had 853 students who dropped out and last year we had 710 students," said Dave Kollar, director of Dropout Prevention and Recovery. "We're excited about the reduction and that is Jeffco's lowest dropout rate ever."

**PERFORMING FOR PEERS** Three Jeffco music groups are performing at the Colorado Music Education's Association's (CMEA) annual conference this weekend. "For us in the music profession, it's the ultimate goal to be selected to play there," said D'Evelyn High School music director Steve Martin. "We're playing for a very critical audience. Competitively, it puts pressure on you to raise your level of teaching a little bit and to keep you on your toes." Bear Creek High School's vocal group Onyx, under the direction of Nathan Payant, performs Friday, Jan. 24 at 1:50 p.m. in the Broadmoor's Hall D/E, D'Evelyn's band performs at the CMEA convention on Sat., Jan. 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the Broadmoor's International Center North and Lakewood High School's chamber orchestra plays on Saturday, Jan. 25 at noon at the Broadmoor's International Center North. "Jeffco is always well represented," said Lakewood music director Chuck Stephen. "We have some very talented directors in Jeffco and a lot of fine music programs."

**JEFFCO SCHOOLS LARGEST K-12 DISTRICT IN COLORADO** Colorado Department of Education (CDE) released the official enrollment figures for the 2013-14 school year. The numbers show Jeffco still leads the state as the largest kindergarten through 12th grade district with 82,942 students. CDE's final enrollment report includes preschool students and shows Jeffco is the second largest district from preschool to 12th grade, behind Denver Public Schools. Jeffco's overall district membership, including preschool students and other students served, is 86,011, an increase of 469 students from the 2012-13 school year.

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**Agenda Items for 2014** The Columbine Hills Civic Association board members would like input from the community as to what projects / activities you feel should be on the agenda for 2014. You can call to express your concerns and suggestions. Or email the Columbine Hills Civic Association at [ColumbineHills80128@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbineHills80128@gmail.com). Some suggested items are:

Hire a professional landscape company to trim juniper bushes on Kendall Blvd. medians; A summer activity at the playground such as an ice cream social / musical event; A volunteer group of residents to monitor the plantings at the new playground. This area is now part of Foothills "Adopt a Park" program; A campaign to Clean-up Columbine Hills by encouraging residents to report county violations. There are "pockets" where outright zoning violations go unreported and that block detracts from the entire neighborhood.

Spring Dumpster Day only, there will be no fall Dumpster Day .

Due to a lack of participation new prospectus on the Annual Garage Sale has been put forth.

Garage sale participants will no longer have to have made a donation to the Columbine Hills Civic Association to have their addresses listed on the map. All residents will be encouraged to participate.

The garage sale will have to be run entirely by volunteer residents from the community. Board members will no longer be involved in the activity. These volunteers will have to post signs (banners and signs are currently available), put information in the media such as Craig's List, etc

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

*From President's Corner* Happy New Year to everyone from your CKSII Board of Directors! I hope the holidays were joyous for you and your family. I think the neighborhood decorations were exceptionally beautiful this year. Thanks to everyone who took the time to decorate.

The CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride was a big success with over 150 adults and children attending. It was great to see so many young families and grandparents with their grandchildren at the event! Dean Fitches did a fabulous job as Santa Claus and the weather was the best we have seen in years! Thank you to Bob Haberkorn and the Social Committee for a job well done.

I am sure that the two remaining Social Committee events, the Cookie Exchange hosted by Christine Sheffield and the Christmas Caroling starting from Jon Brouillet's home, will be equally exciting.

It is with a sense of gratefulness that I conclude my fourth year as a CKSII HOA Board member and president. I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with an incredibly dedicated group of volunteers, both off and on the Board of Directors, who have worked together to make this a better community for all of us to live in. My term will end with the 2014 CKSII Annual Meeting and I will step down to allow space for a new individual to join the Board. There have been several individuals who have expressed interest in being nominated to the 2014 Board of Directors and I am very impressed by the talent represented by these people.

The CKSII Board of Directors and volunteers have been busy working all year. Here are a few of the highlights from 2013: Jon Brouillet and Bob Pellegrini were elected as new members of the HOA Board of Directors; Increased CKSII membership to 305 members, which is an all-time record; Enforcement of the CKSII HOA Covenants through the Association's property management company and legal firm; The ACC Committee reviewed over 80 requests for improvements within our community; Communicated monthly through the CKSII newsletter, *The Review*, and our website [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org); Managed the CKSII Membership-approved 2013 budget; Supported the Social Committee that planned and implemented the Annual Holiday Hayride, Cookie Exchange and Christmas Caroling; Supported the Landscape Committee, who maintained the gardens at the CKSII Monuments at the entry way on Chatfield and Yukon; Decorated the entry way at Chatfield and Yukon with holiday lights

Please plan on attending the Columbine Knolls South II Annual Homeowner's Association Member Meeting which will be held in the Coronado School library at 7PM on January 14, 2014. At this meeting, Association Members will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed 2014 CKSII Budget and elect four board members to serve a two year term. The 2014 budget is posted on the CKSII website for your review. I would like to encourage all current CKSII HOA members to come to this important meeting to vote on the budget and elect your new board members. Each Member Household, whose dues are current, is entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms can be found online at the CKSII website, [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org). I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President of your CKSII HOA for the past four years. It has been an honor to serve.— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President*

## The Leawood Reporter

*From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes of December 11, 2013-* The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Donna. Income included a small amount of property tax and ownership tax revenue. Invoices for the month include: payment to Fast Signs for bicycle awareness signs and a new sign for the entrance to the volleyball bridge area, Waste Management, United Site Services, Denver Water, Columbine Courier for budget announcements, doggie bags, Special District Insurance for 2014, reimbursement to Linda for paint for signs, Dave's invoice, invoice for snow removal and reimbursement to petty cash. Charlie moved the report be approved and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave watered trees at Weaver Park and Tract T with Lesco unit. The sign at the Weaver Park near the volleyball bridge was removed to be taken to Fast Signs to be remade. Dave then picked up the sign and took it to Horizon to have a mounting strap and more bolts added. Trash in all parks was picked up and doggie bags replenished. Dave removed snow on November 21 and December 4. Dave asked the Board if he could purchase a trickle charger for the ATV. He had trouble getting the ATV started in the frigid weather we had. The purchase was approved. Dave and Charlie attended a meeting at the Southwest Metro Water and Sanitation District office on December 6.

This meeting was in relation to the C-Line Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Jacobs Engineering Group is currently under contract with Southwest Metro for the evaluation of access and construction requirements for the rehabilitation of portions of the existing C-Line interceptor sewer. The existing C-Line concrete pipe is experiencing severe corrosion and must be rehabilitated to prevent failure, potential sewer backups and environmental damage. The Sanitation District has chosen the least obstructive method of pipeline rehabilitation available, utilizing a cured-in-place pipe lining process. This project is scheduled for late spring and early summer of 2014, and to be completed in our area by September. Kyle, Charlie and Dave will be preparing permit documents and verbage to ensure our park areas will be re-vegated. Dave asked why this project was not done when similar work was done about 2 years ago, He was told at that time they were working on the worst sections of pipe. Dave, Charlie and Kyle will keep us advised on the process.

**Old Business – 2014 Budget and Projects** – Donna presented revised budget information. Line item changes were discussed again and we will have a balanced budget. Charlie moved to adopt the budget as amended, Mibby seconded and the motion passed. Donna will send budget information to the Colorado Division of Local Governments as required. A resolution to set mil levies is also required each year. Linda moved we adopt a resolution to set the mil levy at 3.730 (no change) in accordance with statutory responsibility of Special District budget. Charlie seconded and the motion passed without objection. Donna will file the necessary forms with Jefferson County and Colorado Division of Local Governments.

**Signage in Weaver Park** – Linda and her husband painted the three wooden signs in Weaver Park. They look great and much appreciation goes to Linda and Welford Smith for their hard work. The metal sign at the volleyball bridge has been redone and Dave will replace it as soon as the weather permits. Mibby reported Dave picked up the signage about bikers and pedestrians sharing the paths. 16 signs were picked up and will be placed in Tract T and Weaver Park.

Educational information will be forthcoming in the Reporter in January. More signage was discussed for Tract T and a new sign for Raccoon Park. It was decided that all our signage have anti-graffiti coatings. These signs will be ordered.

**New Business – Permit access to Platte Canyon for C-Line Interceptor** – see notes in Park Manager Report.

**Election of Designated Election Official** – Elections for 2014 board members is in May. Timeline dates have not been set by the Colorado Division of Local Governments. We will have two board members up for re-election. Donna nominated Linda Smith as the Designated Election Official for our District. Mibby seconded and the motion passed. Kyle will assist Linda as needed.

**Future Meetings**

Wed, February 5, 2014, 6:30, Leawood Elementary School. This is a change from the second Wednesday due to board member participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

The company is requesting the reasonable maximum rate of compensation for water delivery to be set at \$56 per inch per annum and increase annually on Jan. 1. If approved, ditch customers could see an increase to \$30.34.

The ditch is 19 miles long and is located predominantly in Jeffco. There are approximately 361 who obtain water from the ditch. The Rocky Mountain Ditch also serves a major source of water for Coors Brewing Company, Denver Parks & Recreation Department, the Consolidate Mutual Water Company and the city of Lakewood.

## 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 2014 newsletter.

Remember that from Dec. 1, 2013 through Jan. 15, 2014, 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 2014 newsletter.

Just a reminder that monthly dues were increased to \$54.00 for 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014, Woodbourne will return to our normal sign policy and the roofing signs will need to be removed.

Our next Board meeting will be January 15, 2014. Please contact Kim Herman with Management Specialists at 720-974-4234 with any questions. Thanks and have a great winter season!— *Jay Hansen, President*

## Williamsburg II News

**From President's Message** Happy New Year! Welcome 2014 and the return of a "normal" routine to our lives. The holiday décor comes down (always faster than it went up) and is securely stored away in the basement or garage. What often feels like one of the longest months of the year begins as the celebrations and festivities quickly become distant memories. But last month was fun and did we enjoy ourselves! 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, refreshments and kids visiting with Santa. Thanks to all who participated.

As is done each year, 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 early to mid April. Outdoor Movie Night will likely 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 great community in which to live. Thank you to all who contribute, cooperate and work hard to keep it that way.

**Foothills Park & Recreation District** Kate Dragoo Communications & Marketing Specialist (303) 409-2525; kate@fhprd.org

**Foothills 101** Learn about your local park & recreation district. Ronald Hopp, Executive Director of Foothills Park & Recreation District, invites you to Foothills 101, an open house to learn about the District's past, present and future. Join us and become an active part of our community in upcoming presentations of: history of the District, services provided, financial information, what does the future look like and how you can help make the District better. No RSVP required, for more information call 303.409.2107.

Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m. at Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward Street, Littleton 80127)

**Daddy Daughter Valentine Ball, Feb. 8** Reserve your spot now for a night to treat your special little valentine to a night out filled with dancing, games and refreshments at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Daddy Daughter Valentine Ball. Event held at Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127) for girls ages 4-14 and their Dads, Grandpas, Stepdads, and Uncles! Formal attire is welcome (but not required). Refreshments will be provided by Chick-fil-A's C470 & Kipling location. Fee of \$33 is for a couple (District Rate \$25 per couple). \$10 added for each additional family member attending. For information visit [www.foothills.org/events](http://www.foothills.org/events) or call 303.409.2612.

**Adding Courtroom Space** The BCC approved a \$260,645 contract with A.D. Miller Services, Inc., to construct a new low-capacity courtroom and add a jury box in Courtroom 1-C. The added courtroom and jury box in Courtroom 1-C will allow greater flexibility on the types of cases that can be heard.

Jeffco presently has 31 judicial positions and 29 courtrooms. Judges are state employees, not county, but the county per statute must provide space for the courts

Funding for this project will come from the 2013 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, which will be carried forward into 2014. The project will be completed in early 2014.

**Fighting Fraud. We're In This Together**—By Sheriff Ted Mink—Billions of dollars are lost to scams every year according to the Fraud Research Center. With a nationwide increase in frauds, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office unveiled the Fraud Reporting Hotline this January. The hotline provides a streamlined approach and aims to keep you ahead of the latest schemes.



Sheriff Ted Mink

Common calls received include identity theft, forgery, check fraud, embezzlement, and scams. The number, 303-271-5550, provides victims of crime a convenient reporting mechanism to alert the Sheriff's Office of suspected criminal activity and helps identify would-be thieves before they strike again. "We're closing in on thieves with the help of Jefferson County citizens and the information they provide to the hotline," says Chief Pat Woodin. The hotline is manned Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Citizens are invited to leave their name and contact information. The Sheriff's Office knows all too well that criminals are opportunists who will steal from you if given the chance. Woodin says, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

**Current Scams** If the below requests or offers are made to you by an individual they are more than likely a scam in the making.

Claiming Craigslist will guarantee a transaction, certify a buyer/seller, or will handle or provide protection for a payment: These claims are fraudulent, as Craigslist does not have a role in any transaction. The scammer will often send an official looking (but fake) email that appears to come from Craigslist, offering a guarantee or certifying a seller.

Offering a genuine-looking (but fake) cashier's check: You receive an email offering to buy your item, or rent your apartment, sight unseen. A cashier's check is offered for your sale item as a deposit for an apartment or for your services.

Value of cashier's check often far exceeds your item. The scammer offers to 'trust' you, and asks you to wire the balance. Banks will often cash fake checks and then must hold you responsible when the check fails to clear.

These scams often involve a 3rd party. For example: a shipping agent or business associate owing buyer money.

Requests a wire service payment via Western Union or MoneyGram: These scams often claim that a confirmation code is needed before they can withdraw the money. When in truth, once you've wired money, it is gone. An apartment listing may be local, but the landlord is supposedly travelling or relocating and needs you to wire money to them abroad.

Deal often seems too good to be true. Either the price is incredibly low, or the rent is below market.

Proposed a deal to send you a money order and then have you wire money: This is always a scam in our experience—the cashier's check is a sham. Sometimes accompanies an offer of merchandise, sometimes not. Scammer often asks for your name or address for printing on the reproduced check. Suggests use of an online escrow service: Most online escrow sites are fraudulent and operated by scammers. For more information visit: [fake escrow](#) or [escrow fraud](#).

Asks for a partial payment upfront, after which goods will be shipped: They say they trust you with the partial payment. They may say they have already shipped the goods. Deal often sounds too good to be true.

Entices you with a job offer at a foreign company receiving payments: The foreign company may claim it is unable to receive payments from its customers directly. You are typically offered a percentage of payments received. This kind of position may be posted as a job, or offered to you via email.

**Reporting Fraud** If you are a victim of identity theft, immediately notify your financial institution and any credit card companies, and file a fraud alert with the credit reporting agencies. You may also need to make a report to the Internal Revenue Service and/or the Federal Trade Commission.

Also, don't hesitate to file a report of the identity theft at the Sheriff's Office by calling 303-271-5550. Chances are good that you are not the only victim. You might be required to leave a message, but your call will be returned.

The Sheriff's Office investigators often work with the fraud units of major financial institutions and credit card companies to track down identity thieves. Your help and cooperation increase the likelihood that criminals will be caught and charged with their crimes.

For more information about the do's and don'ts of identity theft, opportunistic thieves, and how to replace documents and place holds on accounts visit our [Identity Theft](#) website.

**Sheriff Awards Citizen Who Intercepted Fraud** Ivan Tjelta was recognized for his tenacious approach for customer service. Ivan was working at the customer service counter at a south Jeffco Albertson's when an elderly customer caught his attention. She explained to him that she had received a call from a lawyer in Reno, Nevada who required \$2,400 wired in order to release her grandson from jail.

Fortunately for her, Ivan excels in detecting scams and has a sincere regard for Jefferson County resident's safety. After asking a few questions he advised her to call her grandson directly, and then, upon discovering her grandson was safe and sound, she reported the incident to the Sheriff's Office.



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The February 2014 meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, **at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. Russ Clark of Jeffco Planning and Zoning will be speaking to us about Special Districts.

Each year the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) appoints members of the community to volunteer boards and commissions. These boards are pivotal to the county's operations. They provide valuable feedback to the BCC on issues that range from planning and zoning cases to how grant funds should be allocated grants. The boards and commissioners even make decisions and adopt policies on behalf of the commissioners.

If you think that this is something you would like to do, then the county needs you. There are some vacancies throughout the year, but the majority of terms expire soon and we are taking applications now through Feb. 14. In this special edition of the eNewsletter, you will find descriptions of the 15 boards that have vacancies.

**How to Apply** For the majority of the boards you may use the general application, which can be found online on the volunteer board vacancies page.

A few of the boards do have specific applications. If you are using a PDF application, after you download and complete it, please return it by one of the following means:

Mail Attn: County Administrator's Office, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80419

Fax - 303-271-8941 Email - [countyadministrator@jeffco.us](mailto:countyadministrator@jeffco.us) Completed applications must be received by Feb. 14, 2014.

Board of Adjustment—grants variances and special exemptions to established zoning regulations.

Board of Health—is the governing and policy making body for Jeffco Public Health.

Board of Review— hears appeals and makes special exceptions or amendments of the Building Code .

Citizen Review Panel— reviews grievances to determine the legitimacy of complaints against Jeffco Human Services personnel and submits recommendations to the director of Human Services for resolution.

Community Development Advisory Board—makes recommendations regarding housing and economic development.

Community Services Advisory Board— makes recommendations regarding matters related to human services.

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board—oversees the operations of the Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities Resource Center.

Fairgrounds Advisory Committee— advises on capital construction and fees at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

Historical Commission—promotes the preservation and use of historical resources and historic sites.

Housing Authority— provides oversight on a variety of affordable housing programs for Jefferson County.

Jefferson Center for Mental Health Board— provide overall direction and organization for Jeffco Center for Mental Health

Library Board— oversees the affairs of the Jefferson County Public Library.

Open Space Advisory Committee— makes recommendations to the BCC regarding Open Space lands.

Planning Commission— makes recommendations on a wide variety of land use applications .

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board— focuses on determining the near- and long-term needs of employers.