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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: March 11 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Mar. 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: **Mar 5 Ron Hopp, FHPRD April 2 May 7**

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**Draft Minutes for Feb. 5 Meeting** Attendance: Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Mary Parker / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Cindi Coats & Natasha McCombs / Columbine Knolls, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Carl Neu / Jeffco 5, Russ Clark / Jefferson County Planning and Zoning.

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m.

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

**Special Reports** – No one from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Foothills Parks and Recreation District or Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker was **Russ Clark, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning**. He spoke about **Special Districts**.

Special Districts provide a service to local residents that the local government cannot or will not provide. Examples include fire, fitness, health, water, and transportation.

Metropolitan Districts provide 2 or more services.

Special Districts are funded by mill levies on assessed value of a property. A mill levy is equal to one tenth of a cent. Special Districts also have the authority to issue municipal bonds. The mills are used to pay off the bond. At this time the assessed value is about 7.96% of the residential market value and 2.9% of non-residential market value.

In the past mills were for a specific service. Now Metropolitan Districts are often established by developers to finance infrastructure necessary to support a new subdivision. The argument for this is that the infrastructure is paid for when the house is purchased and "theoretically" the price of the house is lower. Also the developer can more easily get the money needed for the infrastructure since the mill levy will pay the money back. Also the bonds supported by the mill is tax deductible. In fact some Metropolitan Districts are being created to include HOA dues and responsibilities. There are now over 100 Special Districts in Jefferson County.

When a Special District reduces their debt to a certain percentage, the debt can be refinanced and the mill levy can be increased.

To create a Special District, you need to file with the County. The County can approve it, approve it with changes, or deny it. The filing only defines the rules and service the Special District will support. The County sends out the information to other Metropolitan Districts, Special Districts, and government agencies within 3 miles of the area. There are 3 Public Hearings. The Planning Commissioners hearing happens within 30 days. There is a Public Hearing within 10 days to announce when the Hearing will be held. That Hearing happens within 20 days. Then the court approves the filing and an election is held. The vote is whether or not to have a district and who to put on the Special District Board. Then the Special District sales properties (or whatever). Later the new owners can elect a new Board.

There was a handout, "Special Districts: A Brief Review for Prospective Homeowners". If you want a copy of the Presentation, send email to rclark@jeffco.us or call him at (303) 271-8754.

**Reports from Officers** Roll Call was taken. We had 9 members present and we have a quorum.

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

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was present. We have \$1,770.24.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present. The Minutes for November were approved.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present.

There was a Community Meeting for a property on W Coal Mine Ave, east of S Wadsworth Blvd for Freedom Service Dogs. Their current business is on Santa Fe. They want to move to a Kennel on Coal Mine just east of Wadsworth. They currently kennel dogs and horses there. They want to expand the kennel so that all of the dog runs are inside. The meeting was well received by the people present.

There was a Community Meeting for Sonic Auto Dealership. It is proposed to be between WalMart and the hospital on the west side of W Coal Mine Avenue across the street from Dakota Ridge H.S There were only 2 attendees.

The applicants have submitted an amended proposal for the event center/indoor/outdoor volleyball courts/restaurant /brewpub near the southeastern corner of S Oak St/ W Bowles Ave. This business would be a separate business from Jared's Nursery.

On Feb. 12 at 7:0 p.m. there is a Community Meeting at the Ken Caryl Ranch House for a proposed dog park on the northwest corner of Ken Caryl and Kipling. (*Ron Hopp of Foothills Park and Rec. will give an update at our March Meeting*)

The election for Foothills Parks and Recreation District's Ward 2, 3, and 4 is on May 6. There is a map on their website. As of Jan. 1, all General, Mechanical and Roofing Contractors are required to be licensed by Jefferson County. Plumbing and Electrical are licensed by the state. There is information on the County website, <http://jeffco.us/building-safety/contractor-licensing/>. The contact is Ed Peck at 303 271 8258. email: epeck@jeffco.us. Please check the website for answers to questions before contacting him.

A Planning Commissioners Meeting on 13-116024PA for the rezoning to mixed use at northwest corner of Kipling and Bowles will be on Feb. 26. This is where they want to build apartments over the existing stores on the west side of the property. There is still a possibility they will build an access bridge from S. Lewis St. The address is 10251 W. Bowles Ave.

**Old Business** None.

**New Business** It was moved and passed to reserve the Picnic area for our August Candidate's meeting. The meeting will be on Wednesday August 6.

**Announcements** Mary Parker is having a Town Hall on Feb. 22 from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Substation/DMV. She will be discussing the 2014 Colorado Legislative Session and Ballot Initiatives. She will have a Town Hall each month on the 4th Saturday.

**Carl Neu, Jeffco 5**, stated that they started the petition drive on Jan. 10. They need 18,000 by the end of June. Then there will be a 40 day protest period. The election will be in 2014. If you want to help, you can contact him at carlneu@mindspring.com or call him at (303) 986-8487 (office) or (303) 910-1519 (cell).

We adjourned at 8:51 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

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

**Foothills Theatre Company presents 'Outrageous Fortune' March 14-22** The Foothills Theatre Company is proud to present, Outrageous Fortune - a play that puts many of Shakespeare's tragic characters together in a self-help group providing a smart, laugh-out-loud comedy that's also quite educational. A fun play for all ages, the fantastic comic send-up and tribute to Shakespeare's tragedies re-familiarizes the audience with the storylines and characters of some of Shakespeare's greatest works. Written by Rebecca Salomonsson - a local actor, director, theatre teacher and play write - Salomonsson studied at the National Shakespeare Conservatory and has combined her loves for Shakespeare, teaching and writing in this creative play. The show will be held at the Ridge Recreation Center (6612 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127). Show runs March 14-22, Friday night shows are at 7 p.m. and Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$10.00 or at the door for \$15.00; box office number is 303.409.2312; [www.foothills.org/events](http://www.foothills.org/events).

**Foothills' batting cages open March 15** Foothills Park & Recreation District's batting cages at Clement Park (7306 W. Bowles Ave Littleton 80123) and Schaefer Athletic Complex (9750 W. Hampden Avenue, Denver 80235) will open March 15 (weather permitting). Pitching machines range from slow-pitch to fast-pitch for softball and baseball with speeds of 45-80 mph. Spring hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Fees are: 1 round (14 pitches) - \$1.25; 10 rounds - \$11; Heavy Hitters Card (25 rounds) - \$25; Half hour rental \$20; One hour rental \$30. For more information please contact 303-409-2444 or visit [www.foothills.org](http://www.foothills.org).

**Foothills summer registration, begins Mar. 24** Foothills Park & Recreation District's summer classes will be available for online registration beginning Monday, March 24 at [www.foothills.org](http://www.foothills.org). Summer swimming lesson registration will begin on Monday, March 24 at 6 a.m. for District residents and Monday, March 31 at 8 a.m. for non-district residents.

**What are you doing during Spring Break?** Spend spring break with Foothills Park & Recreation District for open swim at the Ridge Recreation Center Pools (6613 S. Ward St.) March 24-31. (see page 5)

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**Do We Need a Civic Association?** We know there are residents who do not like any organization telling them what to do. We also suspect that in many households the monthly newsletter is never read and upon arrival goes immediately into the trash. But, let us ask those of you with this thought. If there is not some entity to set some sort of standards then: Who is going to mind the store? In 2013 60 new homeowner packets were delivered. The average sold price of a home in Columbine Hills was \$257,591. Since 2009 CHICA has delivered 200+ homeowner packets to our new residents. Many of our new homeowners who bought foreclosed mortgages engaged in renovating their acquisitions by painting, and landscaping. A lot of time, effort, and money went into these endeavors. Their home is now one of the largest investments they will ever make. A sincere thank you is due to these people for their efforts because it improves the appearance of the whole block. Would it not be nice if others nearby were motivated to follow suit with improvements of their own, large or small?

Columbine Hills Civic Association is a non-profit organization registered with the state. It is not a social club! Yes, it does sponsor some "social activities" but the main purpose is to keep Columbine Hills residents informed of county policies, resolutions, and zoning ordinances. Whether or not you like or approve of these policies it is not the Columbine Hills Civic Association's making. It is what it is. The Columbine Hills Civic Association is not in the business of telling you what color to paint your front door. (It is hoped that sensible colors are always chosen.) We do want the neighborhood to look nice and compliance with Jefferson County policies can help this happen. The Columbine Hills Civic Association's annual membership drive starts in the months of February and March. All residents will soon be receiving the donation form in the mail. We hope you consider participating by making a donation.

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** The Annual Meeting of the Columbine Knolls South II Homeowner's Association was held on January 14, 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on new members to the Board of Directors and review and approve the CKSII 2014 Annual Budget. The membership approved the 2014 Annual Budget and elected Robert Sudar, Jennifer Blake and Steve Kalney to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors. Current Board of Director member, John Schutt, was elected to an additional two year term. Completing the second year of their two year term on the Board of Directors will be Jon Brouillet, Bob Pellegrini and Debbie Opperman. I would like to thank Stephanie Haberkorn, Tom Tellschow and Jane Schaefer who are leaving the Board of Directors following the completion of their terms. Stephanie, thank you for your outstanding leadership as President of the HOA. Tom, thanks for your significant contributions as Director of the ACC Committee. Jane, appreciated all your efforts as our Secretary as well. All members will be greatly missed. Barb Steward will continue as the newsletter editor and Greg Steward will continue his duties as webmaster. The various Committees for Social, Landscaping and newly formed Welcome Committees will be ready to start planning for this year. 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 the Holiday Hayride; Maintaining the gardens at the entry way on Chatfield and Yukon; Decorating the entryway on Chatfield and Yukon for the holidays; Implementing a newly formed Welcome Committee.

We are still in need of additional volunteers. Please contact me or any board member if you are interested.— *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

**From Annual Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2014**—President, Stephanie Haberkorn, called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Stephanie confirmed that there were HOA members in attendance from 28 homes plus proxies from 12 other homes, bringing the total to 40. Current HOA membership at the time of the annual meeting was 254. The ten percent attendance requirement for a quorum was therefore met and business could be conducted.

Minutes for the 2013 Annual Meeting were distributed for review to those present. A motion to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Etzel Willhoit and seconded by Tom McEwen. No changes were made. The vote was then taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Debbie Opperman gave the treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2013. The Cash Balance as of December 1, 2013 was \$26,692.92. There were \$5,325.41 in expenses and \$33,600.66 in income. Ending balances as of December 31, 2013 were: \$54,968.17 in checking, \$13,064.59 in savings and \$43,804.10 in time deposit.

Debbie Opperman presented the proposed 2014 HOA Budget with an estimated income of \$66,945.00 and esti-

mated expenses of \$72,600.00. Members asked questions about various line items including legal fees, printing and postage costs, as well as social/welcome activities. It was explained that when establishing the proposed budget, estimates are typically made on the high side and historically the actual expenses are much lower than the estimated numbers. Etzel Willhoit motioned to approve the budget as presented. Robert Sudar seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Since 2014 is an even-numbered year, the bylaws require that four board of director vacancies be filled. Stephanie Haberkorn, Jane Schaefer, Tom Tellschow and John Schutt have completed their two-year term. The floor was opened for nominations. Jenny Blake, Steve Kalney, Robert Sudar and John Schutt were nominated. Discussion took place regarding the duties of board members. It was explained that the election is for Board of Director members and that the selection of officers is determined by all seven board members. Nominations were closed and the vote taken. All four nominees were unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

**A Moment With The Board** Our January 14th CWCA meeting was the "Open House". The Board ran through the agenda and talked about upcoming projects, community events and committee availabilities. The following events are scheduled: Community Garage Sale 5/2-4 and Dumpster/Recycle Day 6/7. The Big Event cost structure is under review as the charges for recycling have increased. Yard of the Month will begin in May thru September. National Night Out is under revision and needing more committee involvement. The one Board position plus the officers of Vice Pres. & Sec. are still available. CWCA is in need of more volunteers. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting. February 11th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elem.

## **The Leawood Rappporter**

*From Leawood Civic Association Minutes January 7th, 2014* The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Rhonda Eveleth, J.J. Scott, Dan Perkins Richard White, Paul O'Connor, Ike Nelson, and Mike Shaw. Treasurer's Report was given showing slight increase in funds since November, with a total balance in all accounts of \$5,753.30 with some reimbursements from the Park Board outstanding. Sincere appreciation was expressed for Laurel McFerrin-Ontiveros' work as Secretary and Rappporter Editor with discussion about finding a new Secretary and creating a separate position as Rappporter Editor. It was decided that J.J. Scott would take charge of soliciting articles for, and coordinating a new "Neighborhood Buzz" section for the Rappporter.

Discussion of Membership Drive and efforts to increase LCA membership included official drive dates of February through April 2014 with banners going up around March 15th, Paul to help design flyers that Rhonda will help send out around March 1st, and using CafePress.com to promote "Leadwood Pride" by selling Leawood logos on promotional materials. It was proposed to have further discussion on ways to engage the Park Board more proactively to foster better communication and cooperation in the future.

Mike discussed ongoing efforts to update the website provider in 2014. Currently searching for the right server/host for the website. Some nice aesthetic and substantive changes are coming.

Brief discussion of some neighborhood issues including creation of a template letter for friendly reminders to be considerate of neighbors, to keep property clear of unsightly materials, and to comply with Jefferson County zoning codes.

Dan to draft templates and work with Mike on the language.

## **Woodbourne**

*From Note From the Board President* I want to personally thank ALL of the volunteers who replied to our email blast and have volunteered for the Gardening Committee and the ACC. If you would still like to get involved with either group, please contact Kim Herman. The Holiday Lights contest winners are listed in this newsletter. The Board wants to thank all the homeowners who participated. We know it is a lot of work, but it is appreciated and looked great.

Attention BBQ Pitmasters, I would like to get a feel of the interest level for a Woodbourne BBQ Pitmasters cookoff. We would have the contest sometime this summer in the pool parking lot. The HOA Board would be the judges and we would cook enough meat for the judges, the other competitors, and the rest would go to the neighborhood. Cook whatever meat is in your wheelhouse. Exact details will follow once we determine the interest level. Contact me if you are interested in cooking at this event at [Woodbourne.president@hotmail.com](mailto:Woodbourne.president@hotmail.com).

The annual Holiday Hay Ride was well attended. Thank you to everyone who brought the treats. The leftover treats were given to the local fire department and did not last long. The HOA information box has moved to 7360 S Pierson Street.

— Jay Hansen, President

## Williamsburg II News

**From President's Message** Happy As we bid adieu to January, February brings increasingly longer daylight and the prospect of warmer temperatures on the horizon. Yet there was uncertainty in the air at the time this note was being drafted as the metro area eagerly awaited a victory in the Broncos/Patriots AFC title game and a trip to the Super Bowl XLVIII! The author is optimistic the Broncos achieved that result and beat the Seattle Seahawks to gain bragging rights in the football world. It's also that time of year for our annual dues drive. Please remember to submit the nominal amount of \$35 and continue to support your community. Those dollars not only fund necessary expenses but also support community events sponsored by the HOA. With declining revenue and participation, some of those popular events may end up cancelled in the foreseeable future.

**From HOA Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2014** Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Debra White, Winnie Burdan, Susan Ganz, Bill Ganz and Sharon Erickson  
**Treasurer's Report:** Susan Ganz gave a recap of the HOA expenses for the year and provided a summary sheet with the income and expenses itemized. Susan will email board members the 2014 budget for review/input/additions/changes. All bills have been submitted and paid: Balance in checking account as of 1/07/2014 is \$1181.48. 2014 dues collected \$350.00

**Architectural Committee Report:** Bill Ganz presented a request from a homeowner for approval of a new shed to replace an existing shed. Homeowner has contacted JeffCo for the county specifications – proposal falls within county requirements. Shed will be built behind existing fence. Board approved request – reminder to homeowner to obtain any county required permits.

**Covenant Control:** No new issues.

**Old Business:** Everyone who attended the Hayride seemed to have a good time. There was a lower turnout this year compared to last year – plus side was that there were no lines for the hayride. Lighting event was well received by the five winners.

**New Business:** The board spent time reviewing our record retention policy. It was agreed that records over five years could be disposed of. Newsletters back 3 years will be kept. Going forward we will archive newsletters. Susan requested that the board consider replacing the signboard at the front of the subdivision. It has deteriorated over the years. Susan and Bill Ganz will follow up and obtain estimates for replacement of the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

For more information call 303.409.2333 or view pool hours at [www.ifoohills.org/pools\\_indoor.asp](http://www.ifoohills.org/pools_indoor.asp).

**Peak Community Center closed March 23-25** Foothills Park & Recreation District will temporarily close the Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward St.) March 23-25 for annual maintenance of the facility. For your recreation and fitness needs, please visit the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St.) and Lilley Gulch Recreation Center (6147 S. Holland Way). The Peak will re-open on Wednesday, March 26. For more information call 303.409.2200 or visit [www.ifoohills.org](http://www.ifoohills.org).

**COHOPE Treasury Activity: December 2013-January 2014**

<b>Beginning Balance Feb 5, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 1770.24</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 167.85</b>
Website charge \$26.19	
February newsletter \$8.33	
March newsletter \$8.33	
Clement Park Shelter \$125	
<b>Ending Balance March 5, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 1602.39</b>
<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>	

**Jefferson County Public Library Community Meetings**

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) has scheduled a number of community meetings throughout its service area. The purpose of the meetings is to provide an update on library services, solicit input from library patrons and other Jefferson County residents and respond to community concerns. Meetings are currently scheduled for the following dates and times.

Monday, March 3, 1-2 p.m. - Arvada Library, 7525

West 57th Ave., Arvada

Thursday, March 6, 4-5 p.m. - Standley Lake Library, 8485 Kipling St., Arvada

Tuesday, March 18, 2-3 p.m. - Golden Library, 1019 10th St., Golden

Friday, March 21, 4-5 p.m. - Columbine Library, 7706 West Bowles Ave., Littleton

Monday, March 24, 3-4 p.m. - Evergreen Library, 5000 Hwy 73, Evergreen

Friday, March 28, 4-5 p.m. - Belmar Library, 555 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood

Tuesday, April 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Ye Olde Firehouse, Depew St. & West 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge

All interested parties are welcome to attend any and all meetings.

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The March meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. Ron Hopp of Foothills Park and Rec will speak about the proposed dog park and other items.

**Jeffco Public Schools news – HELPING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS THRIVE** Jeffco's Healthy Schools initiative and Kaiser Permanente's Thriving Schools are working together to help make good health a part of everyday life in Jeffco Schools. A \$200,000 Kaiser grant will be used to help schools and PE teachers purchase things like new physical activity equipment, pedometers, walking tracks or playground makeovers. "This is so exciting for us because a PE teacher in Jeffco typically has a yearly budget of \$300 to \$400 and you can't buy or upgrade equipment for nearly 500 students with that small of a budget," said Healthy Schools coordinator Emily O'Winter. "The more students move, the more they can learn and that excites me and it excites schools." She added that some schools have already seen anecdotal evidence that physical activity is helping student behavior and affecting student growth.

**STUDENTS CREATE ART TO FILL A NEED** Normandy Elementary School visual art teacher Liz Buhr and music director Jane Pelletier helped students use art for good. The teachers helped organize its first Empty Bowls fundraising event. Students from kindergarten through sixth grade made a clay bowl to be purchased for a \$5 donation to raise awareness of the challenge of hunger and to raise funds to support two area food banks. The participation was overwhelming and they raised over \$2,000. The school's Troubadours choir also performed at the event.

**TEACHER TEAM ENCOURAGES STUDENT CREATIVITY** Two of Jeffco's talented art teachers, Jenni Halsted from Fletcher Miller Special School and Jennifer Russo from Sobesky Academy teamed up to encourage and nurture creative expression for their students. The duo collaborated on an exhibit of their secondary students' work at Corner Gallery at Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Pkwy, Lakewood. "I'm aware of how unfamiliar people are with students that are nonverbal and how their abilities can be underestimated," said Halsted. "Not all kids learn the same way. That's one reason I do shows like this, for that awareness." The show runs from Sat., March 1 through Sunday, March 30 and the galleries are open during normal business hours. An opening ceremony on Thursday, March 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. will feature a 5:30 p.m. performance by the Fletcher hand-chime choir.

**BRINGING TECHNOLOGY TO THE CLASSROOM** Columbine High School Challenge teacher Robin Ortiz and para educator Candy Ward helped to bring new technology to the classroom. Columbine's Challenge program was able to purchase a new Smartboard after Ward recently secured a Westerra Grant for \$700. The Frank DeAngelis Foundation helped fund the remaining costs for the board and installation.

**CREATING CHOICE FOR CHALLENGE STUDENTS** Peck Elementary School is creating choice for Challenge students. The school is participating in the Challenge Ski Program. Twelve students have the opportunity over the next five weeks through an organization called National Sports Center for the Disabled to enjoy ski lessons in Winter Park. Peck's PTA and parent Kelly Baillie worked tirelessly to raise money for the project.