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Calendar for upcoming meetings: **August 6- picnic**  
**Sept 3 R-1 Supt McMinimee Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3**

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**Member Survey—Please take a minute to answer these questions and reply to Diane Suchomel, Cheri Paavola, or Ray Moore ([diane@cohopejeffco.com](mailto:diane@cohopejeffco.com) , [cheri@cohopejeffco.com](mailto:cheri@cohopejeffco.com), or [wrmooorej@msn.com](mailto:wrmooorej@msn.com))**

**We have not had many replies, so please take a minute to do so.**

Are the speakers and topics at Cohope meetings interesting to you?

If not, what type of speakers/topics would you like to see?

What would increase participation in meetings?

Are there speakers/topics you would not like to see at Cohope?

Are there any other suggestions you have that might increase participation?

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: July 2014</b>	<b>Beginning Balance June 4, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 1933.67</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$ 24.70</b>
July newsletter \$7.35		
August Newsletter \$7.35		
Colorado Periodic report \$10		
<b>Ending Balance Aug 6, 2014</b>		<b>\$ 1908.97</b>
<b>W R Moore, Treasurer</b>		

**Draft 2 of Jefferson County’s Accessory Dwelling Unit** regulation is ready for review. Staff’s deadline for this regulation update has been moved back from August to the end of this year, so we took some extra time to rewrite the draft and to create a very detailed comment and response log. Attached is Draft 2, showing changes from Draft 1, and the Comment and Response log, showing comments received and how staff addressed them. If you want to see a clean copy of the draft or all changes from the existing regulation please go to the Regulation Revisions website - <http://jeffco.us/planning-and-zoning/regulations/regulation-revision/>.

Because of the revised deadline, we are also able to have another comment and response period prior to the public hearings. So please let me know if you have any additional comments by Monday, August 18.

Thanks! Heather Gutherless, AIC Senior Planner Jefferson County Planning and Zoning [hgutherl@jeffco.us](mailto:hgutherl@jeffco.us)  
303-271-8716 100 Jefferson County Parkway, #3550 Golden, CO 80419

**September 13-14: Summerset Festival at Clement Park—Cohope will again have a tent to answer questions and pass out information and balloons. If you would like to help out, you can sign up for a time at the August picnic or contact Ray Moore. The festival goes from 9 am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday.**

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

**Foothills Community Entertainment - FREE** Foothills Park & Recreation District presents opening act Keep Kalm (winner of 2014 Battle of the Bands) and headlining act Divide Zero (winner of 2013 Battle of the Bands) on Thursday, August 7, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park, 7306 W. Bowles Ave. Street Eats 5280 and other food trucks will be on site and have unique foods available for purchase. Bring the family and lawn chair/blanket to enjoy a picnic and watch the sunset over beautiful Johnston Reservoir. [www.ifoohills.org/concerts](http://www.ifoohills.org/concerts)

**Shakespeare in Clement Park - FREE** Foothills Theatre Company, part of Foothills Park & Recreation District, is proud to present A Midsummer Night's Dream as the first annual Shakespeare in the Park series. Four performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream will be held on Friday evenings, July 18 – August 8 at 7 p.m. All performances are free. Experience one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies at the Grant Amphitheater in Clement Park (7306 W. Bowles Ave Littleton, CO 80123). Bring your blanket, chair and picnic basket to enjoy theatre with the whole family. Food available for purchase from various food trucks. [www.ifoohills.org/concerts](http://www.ifoohills.org/concerts)

**Doggy Dip, August 17 & 18 – sign up now** Dogs will rule the pool when Foothills Park & Recreation District hosts the annual Doggy Dip at two pool locations and dates. It's the "coolest" end of the summer season pool party for your dog! Two locations & two different dates this year, pre-register your pooch now.

Sunday, August 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Deer Creek Pool (8637 S. Garrison Street, Littleton, CO 80128 | 720-981-8393)  
Monday, August 18 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Weaver Hollow Pool (12750 W. Stanford Avenue, Morrison, CO 80465 | 720-981-3108)

Sign your dog up for one or both events. The Doggy Dip is for dogs only; open swim for people is not available. Pre-registration is recommended. Fee is \$10 per dog; each dog must have its own handler 12 years of age or older. Owners must provide proof of their dog's current vaccinations. Register at [www.ifoohills.org](http://www.ifoohills.org) or call.

**Sept 18: Mill Levy Presentation by Executive Director, Ronald Hopp** 7 p.m. at Peak Community & Wellness Center.

**Oct 14: Mill Levy Presentation by Executive Director, Ronald Hopp** 7 p.m. at Peak Community & Wellness Center.

*From Hindman Sanchez: CAI National Call to Action—*By: Loura K. Sanchez Early yesterday CAI National issued a call to action regarding **H.R. 4969**, a bill that if passed could invalidate community association rules and architectural standards that govern the installation and use of amateur radio towers and antennas. The bill as written would allow homeowners who want to install a radio tower or antenna for amateur radio use to do so without any architectural review approval and without following any of the associations existing guidelines.

Here is the proposed bill:

#### **113TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION H. R. 4969**

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 25, 2014 Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

**A BILL** To direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE This Act may be cited as the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS. Congress finds the following:

More than 700,000 radio amateurs in the United States are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in the amateur radio service.

(2) Amateur radio, at no cost to taxpayers, provides a fertile ground for technical self-training in modern telecommunications, electronics technology, and emergency communications techniques and protocols.

(3) There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of amateur radio stations established at the residences of licensees. Such stations have been shown to be frequently and increasingly precluded by unreasonable private land use restrictions, including restrictive covenants.

(4) Federal Communications Commission regulations have for 28 years prohibited the application to amateur radio stations of State and local regulations that preclude or fail to reasonably accommodate amateur service communications, or that do not constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish a legitimate State or local purpose. Commission policy has been and is to permit erection of a station antenna structure at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur service communications.

(5) The Federal Communications Commission has sought guidance and direction from Congress with respect to the application of the Commission's limited preemption policy regarding amateur radio communications to private land use restrictions, including restrictive covenants.

SEC. 3. ACCOMMODATION OF AMATEUR SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS. Not later than 120 days (*see Page 8*)

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**From Letter from the President** Dear Columbine Hills Civic Association Neighbors, A few weeks ago I was elected as president of our civic association—I'm humbled that those on the board would elect me to this position. I wanted to tell you just a bit about me. I grew up in Leadville, CO and since then have lived most of my adult life along the front range of our great state. I have been teaching secondary and collegiate sciences well over 35 years and I've always been an active member of my local congregation. I'm a people person.

Why have a civic association? Our ordinary goals are to assist you in maintaining the value of your home, to make you want to live here in Columbine Hills, and to keep you informed of regulations passed on to us from Jefferson County. We do NOT want a "Highlands Ranch" (as I often hear) that regulates every move you make. I feel that what you do in your house and in your yard is your business as long as you do not encroach on the liberties of your neighbor.

Obviously the regulations of Jefferson County take precedence, unwritten rules of courtesy should apply next, and finally, our agreements as a civic association are down the line. Please, if you have a disagreement with your neighbor, do all that is within you to resolve that. The Columbine Hills Civic Association is not an arbiter.

My main goals are to: 1. Increase the enrollment of Columbine Hills Civic Association members. We have approximately 1300 homes and less than 20% are enrolled. I can't see that a \$25 donation is that much of a burden. We could do more if we had significantly more members. People want us to do more, but we are stretched already in what we are able to do for the community. Please give me ideas to increase membership.

2. Make Columbine Hills more attractive for residents. I understand we don't want unnecessary burdens, but we need to keep the value of our property. I understand some don't like the large vehicles parked on the street and in front yards. I understand you don't like being forced to walk in the street because trees and bushes crowd the sidewalks. Actually — each newsletter has the appropriate numbers to call in Jefferson County. Wouldn't it be better if you went to your neighbor and offered to help trim the bush, take down those Christmas lights, mow those weeds etc.? That's the way a community would ideally function. Personally, I'd love to be able to raise four chickens in my back yard, I'd love to have several community gardens, I'd love to have more functions for the community, I'd love to have work days for our seniors, etc. I'd love to see several committees from you—the community members that would direct the activities like an Easter Egg hunt, awards for Christmas lighting, and awards for well-groomed yards etc. 3. Help the Columbine Hills Civic Association save money. I have some ideas and would love to hear from you, my neighbors. Help us help you become a Columbine Hills Civic Association member.— *Randy Montgomery – [rmontgomery@frcs.org](mailto:rmontgomery@frcs.org)*

**From 2014 June Board Meeting** Meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m. by President Randy Montgomery. Board members in attendance were: Michaelle Otto, Steve Demarco, and Ralph Miller. Two community members were present.

**New Business:** Columbine Hills resident Brett Horman, a scout working on his Eagle Scout badge, was in attendance. He has volunteered to "lead the charge" on the research to help us on the installation of our next entrance sign on So. Kendall Blvd. Donations can be made to help with the cost of the entrance sign. Just fill out the Donation form in the newsletter and check the box that says "Donation for improvement and beautification project."

The mischief report is down with only three incidents in May: 5/6 – 7600 Block of S. Depew Way – assault-misdemeanor, 5/21 – 5700 block of W. Ken Caryl Place – trespass vehicle, 5/21 – 7500 block of S. Fenton St. – trespass vehicle.

Michaelle Otto was appointed as temporary secretary.

During the membership drive, 38 donations were received above the suggested \$25 donation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.— *Secretary, Michaelle Otto*

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. The late spring rains have made it absolutely gorgeous. What a great time to live in Colorado!!! Also, summer means the kids are out of school and more kids will be riding bikes and playing outside. Please be especially careful as you drive through the neighborhood. For the 4th of July Holiday I would like to suggest, if you have an American flag, to display outside in support of the holiday, etc. It really gives off a positive vibe in the neighborhood.

Thanks to all of who own RVs and boats for limiting the time that they are parked on the streets or in your driveways prior to and after use. Everyone appreciates your efforts! I also have been receiving some not so positive feedback on our Waste Management Trash Service. We take your feedback seriously and you have my assurance that we will be working diligently with Waste Management to try to correct these issues. In June, Jennifer Blake and I had the privi-

lege of meeting some of our new neighbors, Mike and Renee Cunningham, Todd Taugye and Dan and Christina Poppa. We were able to present them with welcome baskets. It was great to meet you all and hope you find living in CKSII an enjoyable experience. Special thank you goes out to Susan Brouillet for putting the baskets together! We had an excellent meeting in June which was attended by both board members and members of the CKSII community. It is great to have community members take the time to come to our meetings to let us know what is on their minds. Thanks to all those who attended. Please check the June minutes to see what was discussed. — *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

*From* **Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2014** President Jon Brouillet called to order the meeting of the HOA Board of Directors at 7:00 pm. Board members Jon Brouillet, Jennifer Blake, Steve Kalney, Bob Pellegrini, and Debbie Opperman were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Opperman reported the HOA currently has 301 members.

ACC Committee: Bob Pellegrini reported 10 requests, all approved. New applications were for 3 roofs, 6 paint jobs, and 1 front patio.

Management Report: 3 inspections were completed. 31 notices or personal contacts were generated in May. Violations noted were: 11 for screening, 5 trash cans, 5 dead trees, 6 weeds, 2 bushes needing trimming, 1 tall grass needs mowing and 1 fence repair required.

Landscape Committee: Bob Pellegrini reported: The irrigation system is running now. There might be some planting that needs to happen but perennials are coming in.

Welcome Committee: Jon Brouillet reported that he and Jennifer Blake visited 3 properties on 6/10/14. Again, the visits were very well received.

Old Business: Garage Sale was a success despite weather conditions. Jon Brouillet has taken the action to post signage at the entrances of the North part of the neighborhood to increase visibility in the future.

New Business: Trash Service: The HOA Board as a whole is concerned about the lack of quality service from Waste Management. Barb Steward volunteered to contact competitor trash service companies and get prices and will have updated information at the next HOA Meeting 8/12/14.

Solicitations: Jon Brouillet has been receiving several complaints from neighbors regarding the amount of door-to-door solicitations. Greg Steward recommended contacting the Jefferson County Sheriff's department and request what, if anything, can be done. Jon Brouillet has taken the action to contact the Sheriff's department and provide information that will be published in an upcoming CKSII Newsletter.

Update on Covenant Renewal for Sections 2&3: Greg Steward provided information on the process and encouraged questions. An introductory article was published in the June newsletter. In the upcoming months, additional information will be provided to the homeowners in Sections 2 and 3, which are up for renewal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

*From* **A Moment With The Board** At the June 10th CWCA meeting at the pool pavilion, our weather was threatening, huge clouds and some thunder, but the Board conducted business as usual and welcomed a visitor to the meeting. Presently we have 320 paid members, that is 82% of our 2014 goal. It is hoped to reach our goal at Dumpster Day. Thank you Cindy for planning the Big Event and the weather report for Saturday looks to be cooperating. Some conversation addressed the issue of barking dogs in the neighborhood. An article dedicated to the issue will be drafted. A letter from concerned neighbors addressing the distressed home on Webster was read aloud. Contact will be made with those concerned to share updates that the Board has on the property. Plans are underway for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5th. Come join the neighborhood. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community.

## **The Leawood Reporter**

*From* **Leawood Civic Association Minutes June 3, 2014** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. In attendance were Rhonda Eveleth, Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Nancy Bock, Heather Hanley, Richard White, Ike Nelsen, Debby Baker, Dan Perkins, and Lori Patik. Lori introduced herself to the board. She is very active at Leawood Elementary School and expressed interest in helping the Leawood Civic Association with Leawoods' Facebook page.

The board discussed the main entrance at S. Jay Ct. Additional plants & flowers will be planted this summer. Mike purchased bulbs for the entrance lighting and met with Clark Hill Electric. Mike will follow up with Clark Hill Electric regarding the electrical repairs that need to be made. Richard, as the new Maintenance Committee Chairman, will con-

tact a new lawn service and coordinate a meeting, at Jay Ct., to discuss lawn and maintenance needs.

The membership mailers have been successful, accounting for several new memberships. Paul explained that twenty three new memberships have been recorded over the last month (all from the new mailers). Richard provided the treasurers report for May 2014. Since there were no applications received for 2014, the \$788.00 in the scholarship fund will be retained for next year. Debby will provide Richard with any/all receipts from the Easter Egg Hunt for reimbursement. Debby will also support Richard, as needed, with mailbox duties.

Dan has begun researching bylaws. Mike and Dan will work, this year, on creating new LCA bylaws, policies, and procedures. Heather will email Dan the initial draft of Board Member & Officer Roles and Responsibilities. A formal bylaws sub-committee will be created in the coming months.

Lori will take on the role of Facebook Administrator and regularly post events and updates on the Leawood Facebook page. A twitter account was briefly discussed and will be considered at a later meeting. Rhonda will coordinate the Front Yard Party schedule for this summer. Heather created a FYP flyer to be handed out to neighbors. This will be provided to all hosts prior to their party. Mike will order FYP signs to be placed on the hosts' yard the day of the party. If you are interested in hosting, please let Rhonda know at rhondaeveleth@leawoodneighbors.com.

The board discussed the following upcoming events; Clean- up Day and the annual picnic. Rhonda has created signs for the Clean-Up. Volunteers have been scheduled and the dumpsters have been reserved. Paul will provide the most current membership list, to Rhonda, prior to Clean-Up. Mike has secured two 30 yd. dumpsters at \$325/ea., from 5280 Waste. Both dumpsters will be placed in the Leawood Elementary School parking lot.

Tasks and assignments were made for the annual picnic, scheduled for August 23 including; food/ beverages, activities, bake sale, parade, and much more. Lori will contact a fundraiser regarding fire safety and a neighbor about a potential bouncy castle. If you have a classic car and/ or local business and are interested in participating in the parade, please email Richard at richardwhite@leawoodneighbors.com or Mike at mikeshaw@leawoodneighbors.com. Rhonda will contact volunteers for the raffle. Heather will create a full, ½ and¼ pg Picnic registration form for the Reporter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes June 11, 2014** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. at Leawood Pak by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Mibby Luedecke, Donna Snyder, Linda Smith, Charlie Campbell, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Residents Chuck Sova and Dan Lynes also were present.

The first part of the meeting was a tour of Leawood Park, Raccoon Park and Weaver Park to review projects done or in process and to suggest new items for consideration.

Leawood Park – We looked at the new pine trees recently installed, agreed to continue with adding trees as planned, add more trash containers, add bike rack and note to add fence painting for next year's budget.

Raccoon Park – Dave said the tree vendor would begin grinding the stumps of the removed trees next week. He reviewed where the new irrigation would be installed and tied in for the new trees we would be planting. Note was made to clean up xeriscape area in the fall. Placement of the type of new trees was discussed with consideration of taking out the tree at the east end due to its gangly appearance. New trees species to be added include at least two pines and three trees (as suggested by the CSU Forester and resident and board input).

Weaver Park – The board will entertain bids for relocation of the potty structure. Previous contractors did not follow through on their bids. The board discussed timing the relocation of the structure after the Platte Canyon sewer work is complete. Dave pointed out the new irrigation lines for the new trees and explained the line was extended west to accommodate three new trees. One tree is dead and under warranty and will be replaced, and five more trees will be planted. The additional net for the tennis court has been a very popular addition. The play area was discussed for updating and will continue to be on our list. No time frame for this yet, as we have lots of expenses for trimming and new trees this year. The bridge abutments have had the majority of graffiti removed.

The triangle area owned by the District near the tree farm has been blocked off by fencing from an adjacent property owner and we are having trouble getting into the area to cut the weeds. Dave is trying to contact owner for entrance.

Tract T – We will look at Zone 14 (north end of Sheridan walkway) for additional xeriscaping to save on water.

Because of weather conditions, the meeting that was planned in Weaver Park was moved to Linda Smith's house on Gray Court. The rest of the meeting proceeded.

Public Comment– One resident asked the Board to install a new layer of Fibar to the playground at Leawood Park.

Dave is to check on pricing and schedule the work, hopefully in time for the neighborhood picnic. Another resident who backs to Raccoon Park talked to Urban Drainage about repairing the creek bed behind his house where the water is undermining the existing structure. He had planned to do it himself but Urban Drainage, who manages the creek, said for the Board to request the work to be done and they would add it to their list of projects.

Treasurer's Report – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report. Tax revenue, ownership tax revenue and lottery income were reported. Invoices for the month include: L & M for contract grass cutting and irrigation line work, Waste Management, United Site Services, Horizon for supplies, DBC for irrigation supplies, fee for PO Box, Denver Water, and Excel.

Charlie moved the report be accepted and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – Dave reported on irrigation clock repairs and other irrigation checks. Due to lots of rain, the irrigation systems were turned off and on as needed. L&M has been cutting areas to keep up with growth. Raccoon Park has been cut three times already. Lots of doggie bags are being used and Dave replaces them several times a week. Dave checked into several nurseries for available trees for Raccoon and Weaver Parks. He is trying to get us the best deal. A new irrigation line was trenched at Weaver Park for the new trees to the west and additional ones we are planning to add. Five trees were removed from Raccoon Park at the diversion ditch area as planned. Trenching for the new irrigation line and planting of replacement trees will begin as soon as the stumps have been removed. Weston will still be safety trimming trees in Raccoon. Dave met with resident regarding backyard deck and the resident is satisfied the oil stain is no longer an issue.

Correspondence – An informational letter from Poudre Tech Metro Districts re Wellhead taxation. Info did not relate to our District.

New Business – Future project planning – Additions to our ongoing project listing will be updated from the walk-through and prioritized at the next meeting.

Amendment 64 question – A resident informed us of a private residence adjacent to a park had marijuana growing in their yard. The plants have since been removed.

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

## Williamsburg II News

*From President's Message* to all that participated in the Community Garage Sale, though it appeared there weren't as many homes involved as in prior years. Regardless, for those that did, perhaps your garages and basements are less cluttered and your wallets have a bit more cash in them. The board extends its appreciation to Beth Schneider of Keller Williams Realty for sponsoring the event again this year.

A special THANK YOU is extended to all the homeowners who attended the June HOA Board meeting to discuss the future and viability of the Board's future. The overwhelming response was appreciated and encouraging. See related article and Secretary's Meeting Minutes for more information. And due to the positive and supportive discussion, the Board will resume its sponsored community events, including the ever popular Bike Parade in July and a proposed Movie Night in August. Summer will pass before we know it, so set time aside from the busy-ness of daily life to relax and enjoy it. Go outside and get to know your neighbors better. Summer memories last forever. Create them each day!

*From HOA Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2014* Mike Eppers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Winnie Burdan, Debra White, Mark Hickman and Sharon Erickson. Approximately thirty homeowners were also in attendance.

Mike announced that we would forego the normal board of directors meeting format and address the purpose of this meeting. He thanked everyone for coming and commented that this was something we had been hoping would happen. Mike's summary of the reason for the meeting followed the President's letter in the June newsletter. Though the current board members have enjoyed their time on the board, several of the current members are ready to move on and pursue other interests. They have served on the board for years and feel it is time to get "new blood" on the board. Over the past year there has been a continued request in the newsletter for an additional board member (there are currently 6 and a full board is 7) – no one has come forward. There have also been continued requests for more participation and input by the HOA membership (Williamsburg II homeowners) at the board meetings. This has not happened.

At the annual meeting in March, the board started a discussion concerning the continuation of the board. One of the suggestions was that the board goes on a "hiatus" until others in the community felt the time was right and started up the board again. Based on these discussions, the President's letter was written and published. The letter appears to have accomplished what the board had hoped – a large turnout of homeowners at this meeting.

The meeting was opened up to the homeowners present for discussion. The consensus of those present (appeared to be unanimous) was that they wanted a continued, active HOA which includes a continuing board. Those who spoke gave several reasons for why they moved here and why the need for an active HOA was and is important. They include:

Sense of community as reflected in the events offered; Appearance of the neighborhood reflecting pride of ownership and the following of covenants in place; Covenants that are not highly restrictive – allow personal expression without "being told what to do" while still maintaining a well-kept community; Keeping property values up.

The group present appeared to concur with these reasons for living here. They also commented on how pleased they were with the board's work over the years and thanked us for our time commitment. The board appreciates that feedback and we also acknowledged that the success of the events may have been our own "undoing." They went well, were well attended so "who knew we needed more people involved." This opened up more discussion as to what the needs were in running an active HOA. Several board members summarized what the board and officer commitments were based on

our By-laws.

There were also discussions as to the current committee members in place - Historian (Debra White), Architectural Control (Bill Ganz) and CoHope (Winnie Burdan). There seemed to be quite a bit of interest on the part of those present to become more active members in the running of the HOA. There were also several questions concerning HOA dues and the low participation rate by the community. Susan Ganz, Treasurer, addressed this and said that historically the equivalent of 42% - 44% of the homeowners pay dues. Several people present commented on this low percentage and wondered if there was a way to increase the participation. Susan did tell us that subsequent to Mike's letter there had been "a flurry" of dues checks sent to her - we are now at 49%. A question was also raised as to whether finances were an issue. Mike commented that this was not an issue and that we are able to cover bills (insurance, Xcel & water) as well as scheduled events.

Mike then asked for a show of hands as to those present who were interested in joining the board. Three people expressed interest. The next request was for a show of hands for those interested in running or serving on a committee - there were 13 people with raised hands. A signup sheet was sent around for those interested in serving on the board and those interested in committee membership - names, emails and phone numbers (optional) were provided. Along with setting a follow-up meeting, several people present asked that if in light of the renewed energy and participation could we reinstate the Bike Parade for the Fourth. All agreed that this was a good idea. Debra White will contact the Fire department and see if they can have a truck there to lead the parade (follow up - a paramedic truck will be there). Several people present volunteered to organize and run the event - Bike Parade back on for July 4th at 10:00 a.m. at Eagle Meadow Park. Though we do not normally have a board meeting in July, a suggestion was made to schedule a meeting. Several homeowners present felt that a meeting should be scheduled sooner than July in order to getting things going while enthusiasm was high. This was agreed to by the board and with input from the board and members present the meeting was set for Monday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Sharon Erickson's house (7151 S. Lewis Street). Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

**Elder Abuse- The Invisible Crime** —By Sheriff Ted Mink The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is taking a systemic approach to one of the fastest growing crimes in the county. Until recently, elder abuse has been slow to gain attention, causing elder abuse to be under-reported and under-investigated. Recognizing that over 20% of Jefferson County's population is over 60-years of age (and projected to be 27% by 2020), the Sheriff's Office began partnering with the Jefferson County's District Attorney's Office to address the growing trend. The DA's office created an Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit, the only one of its kind in the state of Colorado, which is leading the charge in elder abuse prosecution, burglaries, robberies, runaways and other crimes. The advocates mail out letters, make phone calls and meet directly with victims of crimes.

The elder abuse cause is also gaining momentum thanks to new legislation, effective July 1, 2014, making it mandatory to report elder abuse. The law (C.R.S. 18-6.5-108) stipulates that medical professionals, social workers, care facilities, guardians, financial institutions and emergency services providers shall report abuse or exploitation to law enforcement within 24 hours. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office recognizes the time sensitivity of these cases and considers elder abuse cases a high priority. The DA's Office subsequently assigns an investigator to review the report. The new law will allow Jeffco to better identify and prevent elder abuse, prosecute offenders, and assist elder abuse victims. The legislature also recognizes the need for swift action in investigating and prosecuting these cases.

**What is Elder Abuse?** Elder abuse can be any type of crime perpetrated against an at-risk adult. (*At-risk adult includes anyone 60-years or older for crimes committed before 5/16/13, and 70 years or older after 5/16/13.*) This can include physical abuse, financial exploitation, caretaker neglect, neglect and sexual abuse.

**Warning signs of elder abuse** The Sheriff believes that law enforcement, prosecutors and the community can do a better job in protecting the elderly against crimes and abuse, but we need your help. Do you recognize any of the below warning signs? Physical Abuse: unexplained bruising, scratches, burns, broken bones or other injuries.

Neglect: changes in personal grooming, weight loss, unkempt appearance, unsanitary living conditions, dirty and un-bathed. Caretaker Neglect: when adequate food, clothing, shelter, psychological care, physical care, medical care, or supervision is not secured for an at-risk adult in a timely manner.

Exploitation: large withdrawals from, or depletion of bank accounts, changes in designation of beneficiaries to wills or other financial documents, actions exceeding the scope of a power of attorney, new friends or relatives appearing in the elder's life, unnecessary purchases or expenditures.

Sexual Abuse: bruising around genitalia, venereal disease or unexplained infections, torn, stained or bloody clothing.

Emotional Abuse: overbearing or threatening caregiver, changes in mood or behavior.

**How to Report** Individuals identified as mandatory reporters who fail to report elder abuse could face a class 3 misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 6 months jail and/or \$750 fine. To report elder abuse occurring in Jefferson County please call: 303-277-0211. As always, in case of an emergency please dial 911.



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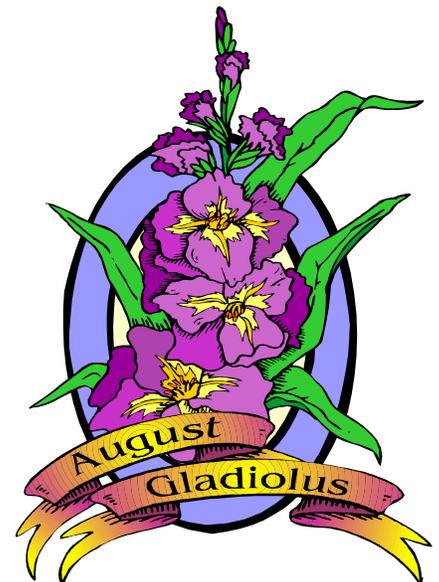
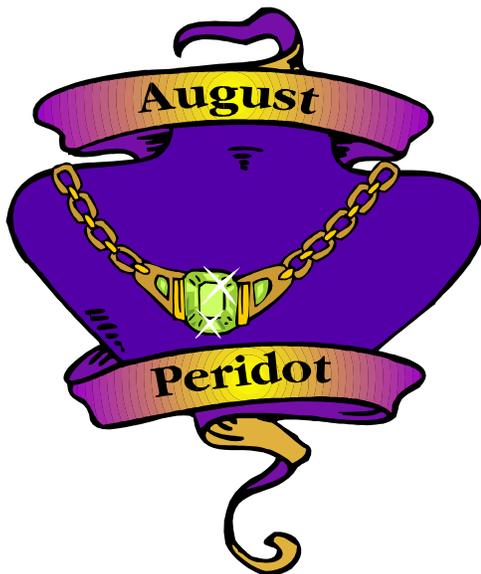
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The August meeting will be the annual pot luck picnic at Clement Park on Wednesday, August 6 from 6:30 on. It will be at Shelter 6 again. Cohope will furnish drinks and fried chicken. Please bring a dish to share. Candidates will be invited. The picnic is open to anyone to attend, not just Cohope delegates.

The Wednesday, September 3 meeting will be **at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. The speaker is scheduled to be new R-1 Superintendent McMinimee. Please send your questions to Diane Suchomel at [diane @cohope jeffco.com](mailto:diane@cohopejeffco.com).



after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall amend section 97.15(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, so that such section prohibits application to amateur service communications of any private land use restriction, including a restrictive covenant, that—

- (1) precludes such communications;
- (2) fails to reasonably accommodate such communications; or
- (3) does not constitute the minimum practicable restriction on such communications to accomplish the legitimate purpose of the private entity seeking to enforce such restriction.