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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Dec 9 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Dec 9 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Dec No public meeting,
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **Dec 3 Xmas pot luck**
Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3

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Draft Minutes for Nov 5 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assn., Dan Muldoon, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Captain Allen Simmons / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Ralph Miller & Alicia Combes / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Clayton Cromley / Westbury, John Wolforth, Mike Schuster, & Nathan Buxton / Jefferson County Planning and Zoning..
The meeting was convened at 6:59 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Captain Al Simmons, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, was present. They have 16 employees training for patrol. They should be available in January. They have another class in the Academy that will graduate in January. Response time for Priority 1 issues has been averaging at 5 - 6 min.

From October to November, there was an increase in crime. There was a spike, an 80% increase, in vehicle trespass. They have several warrants out for suspects. They are interested in a blue 2011 Outback Station Wagon. Call them if you notice a car driving slowly through your neighborhood. There is still a trend of bicycle thefts via open garage doors. From November 2013 to November 2014, there was a 25% decrease in crime.

Who pays for the traffic cameras? CDOT does.

No one from **Foothills Parks and Recreation District** was present.

No one from **Jefferson County Public Schools** was present.

Tonight's speakers were **John Wolforth, Mike Schuster, and Nathan Buxton** from **Jefferson County Planning and Zoning**. Mr. Wolforth is the Director. Mike Schuster is the Interim Zoning Administrator. Nathan Buxton is a new zoning inspector. Mike replaced Mike Chadwick and has been improving the system. He has been cleaning up the backlog of complaints, realigning staff, and tracking issues. They have about 1,000 complaints yearly, mostly in the summer. Tammy (another zoning inspector) has been out on a medical leave, leaving them short-handed. There was a backlog of 180 inspections when Nathan came on board. They have now caught up.

What is the process? A complaint is filed. An inspection occurs within 14 days. When the violation is verified, the Inspector issues a notice. The owner has 10 days to fix the violation. If the owner does not contact them, then a Summons and Complaint is issued. A court date is scheduled on the regular monthly docket. The judge could give fines and specify a time frame for the violation to be fixed. If the issue is not resolved, another Summons is issued. The process normally takes 4 - 6 weeks.

Who should you call for distressed properties? Distressed is defined as having a hazardous condition and the property is unoccupied. A hazardous condition could be a broken window, a fence down, or a fallen gutter. If the property is occupied, then call Planning and Zoning. If the property has a hazard and is unoccupied, then call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. If the property has no hazard and is unoccupied, then call Planning and Zoning. They will try to work with the Bank or Property Preservation Company. Planning and Zoning and the Sheriff's Department are fixing this process.

How can you get a list of home occupied businesses? You can use Jmap on the Jeffco website to search for Misc. Permits on properties for the last 25 years. However there would be more items included under Misc. Permits than just busi-

nesses. Planning and Zoning can run a report. Misc. Permits are typically allowed for 1 year, then they have to reapply. The Board of County Commissions meeting is on the 18th.
 Question / Statement—It is rumored that counties want HOAs in place. Yes, counties benefit from the presence of HOAs. Then the county needs to give HOAs more support such as checking our covenants. They cannot.
 When a permit is requested, regulations are checked. Then permits go to zoning where they check for clearances. Then the Zoning Inspector inspects the site for electric, plumbing, etc. compliances. The inspector does not necessarily look at clearances.

How does mediation work? Planning and Zoning will mediate between 2 individuals. They will not mediate between a person and a HOA.

If an automobile violation cannot be seen from the street, they won't do anything. Can someone store a vehicle in the back yard? Yes. A violation exists if the vehicle is not licensed and not operational. Can someone store their parent's RV on their property? It depends on their zoning. If it is behind a fence, it is legal. If they are running a storage yard, then they must have a permit. If the vehicle is on the street, then call the Sheriff's Department.

What about Commercial Vehicles? If it is in a residential neighborhood, then call Planning and Zoning. If the vehicle can be used for personal transportation (i.e., have passengers), then it is legal.

Someone knows of a house that is abandoned, the fence is down, and it has a dead tree. Contact Planning and Zoning with the address. They can find bank information if it is in foreclosure or contact the Property Preservation Company.

Reports from Officers

Roll Call was taken. We had 10 members present and we have a quorum.

We do not have a President.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,727.21.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

On Nov. 6th, the Jefferson County Liquor License Authority Hearing includes a new liquor license for 8966 W. Bowles Ave. They want to serve beer, wine, and liquor on-site.

On Nov. 6th at 6:00, the Community Meeting will be at the Ken Caryl Ranch House on 9849 W. Coal Mint Ave for a self storage facility.

On Dec. 3rd at 6:00, the Community Meeting on 8950 W. Quincy Ave on the rezoning the property to allow for the existing Dance Studio.

On Nov. 18th at 8:00 a.m., the Board of County Commissioners will consider the proposed version of the Accessory Dwelling Unit regulation. The Planning Commission unanimously voted in favor of version 3 of that proposed regulation on Oct. 29.

On Nov. 6th, there is a Pre-application meeting for 9670 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is to build two Medical buildings on the Fun City property with two additional buildings in the future. The property Fun City is located on was in foreclosure, but is not now. The new owners have apparently decided to go in a new direction with the property. No word on if Fun City will relocate or where. Fun City was renting the place and was not involved in the foreclosure.

On Nov. 12 at 6:15, there is a Planning Commission Hearing on the rezoning of 5118 S. Alkire St. It is for 288 multi-family residences. The County Commissioner's Hearing will be Nov. 25th. *(Update—the Nov 12th meeting was delayed. No information as to when it will be rescheduled.)*

The Foothills Parks and Recreation District mil levy did not pass. If you are willing to share with them why you voted No, please send your reasons to info@fhrp.org.

The 2015 budget for West Metro Fire has been available for viewing since Nov. 1. The vote is Nov. 18th.

We need to reserve this room for next year. Cheri will complete the form for the first Wed. of each month except Aug.

Our Holiday Pot Luck will be Dec. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. We will not have a speaker. COHOPE will provide sandwich stuff and drinks.

Old Business The position of President for COHOPE is still open.

New Business None.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 8:50 p.m. *Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2014	Beginning Balance November 5, 2014	\$ 1734.56
Deposits		\$ 0.00
Withdrawals		\$ 7.35
November newsletter \$7.35		
Ending Balance Dec 2, 2014		\$ 1727.21
W R Moore, Treasurer		

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner— It's nearly time for our mid-term elections; I hope you are involved. Make your voice heard – GO VOTE. I just want to remind you, anything that we do to build stronger Parks, Recreation and schools actually helps you. Realtors say that they often include info for prospective buyers about neighborhoods that have exceptional parks and schools. This actually drives up property values – and that's one thing I certainly want, I want my property to hold its value, I want our community to be attractive.

The trees here – as I write this are gorgeous! Let's be sure to get those leaves raked up once trees have dropped those leaves. If your neighbor can't quite keep up consider going over with your kids and rakes and be a good neighbor. Do you actually know your neighbors? Imagine your house as the center of a tic-tac-toe grid; could you name the folks on the 8 squares around your house? Let me encourage you to make that grid, go meet those folks and write their names on the 8 squares around you. Learning their names is the first step to being a good neighbor. Then find out what you can do to help them out.

There are some folks who do need help with site-line issues. If you have a corner property it is imperative that you keep bushes trimmed low enough to not block the of vision of drivers. Columbine Hills Civic Association will soon be sending out letters to all corner properties whose trees block signs and bushes block vision. If you get one of these notices, please take steps to quickly correct that. Even better – as you drive and notice your vision hindered – go to that neighbor and offer to help them correct it. That would be much better than receiving a notice from Jefferson County roads.

By the way, someone HAS been sending letters to neighbors about issues – and using the Columbine Hills Civic Association board as the source of the warning letter. At this point we have not sent out any such notices; it disturbs me that someone would do that! If the letter is not signed by me on official Columbine Hills Civic Association letterhead, it is a false notice. I have gone to the recipients and apologized for something we haven't done. I enjoyed meeting folks, but not in that way.

Speaking of meeting folks, one of our community members hosted a street party last week on Ken Caryl Place, I was invited to attend and enjoyed meeting a number of you. Let me encourage more of you to do that. Let me know; let the Columbine Hills Civic Association know what we can do to make our community better.— *Randy Montgomery, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

From 2014 October Board Meeting Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Randy Montgomery. Board members in attendance were Michaelle Otto, Don Hochhalter, Steve DeMarco, Kelly Goodbar and Ralph Miller. Two homeowners were in attendance.

Old Business: Ralph Miller presented the Treasurer's report: Colorado Lasertype bill and the Columbine Hills Civic Association's non-profit status with the State of Colorado was paid.

New Business: Ron Hopp, Director of Foothills Park and Recreation, Gary Ramos, and Colin Insley from Foothills Park and Rec. were also in attendance. Director Hopp presented the case for a vote for the mill Levy that is on the November ballot.

Two residents notified the Columbine Hills Civic Association that they had received letters from the Columbine Hills Civic Association regarding their barking dogs.

Columbine Hills Civic Association does not mail letters regarding barking dogs. This is an issue to be taken up with Jeffco Animal Control. The board found this very disturbing that a resident in our community would take it upon themselves to mail letters and say they (the letters) were from the Columbine Hills Civic Association. President Randy Montgomery will be contacting the recipients of these letters. If any of you are recipients of correspondence that you may think is suspect, please notify the Columbine Hills Civic Association.

It was decided that the Columbine Hills Civic Association will not have a board meeting in January 2015. For the last two years they have been canceled due to snow storms.

Columbine Hills Civic Association will be sponsoring a Chili Cook-off from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the large covered picnic shelter at the corner of So. Kendall Blvd. and W. Elmhurst Ave. Date is Saturday, January 24, 2015. YUP! That's correct, January 24! You bring the Chili and the Columbine Hills Civic Association will supply the plates, bowls, cutlery, hot chocolate, crackers, bread, cookies and whatever else goes with a Chili Cook-off. More details to come in future newsletters.

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

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner The CKSII Board of Director's did not meet in October but Board members and committees were still at work enforcing the covenants, reviewing ACC requests, preparing annual renewal notices, paying association bills, supporting the on-going covenant renewal for sections 2 & 3 and planning the Holiday Hayride. The Social Committee Jenifer Blake, Susan Brouillet, Kim Pellegrini and I met and are planning for the next CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7th for this fun filled event to kick off the holiday season.

Hopefully all of you received your mail in ballots for Covenant renewal for Sections 2 & 3 and have had time to review, sign and return them. If not please take the time to do so as over the last few month's I have talked about the importance making sure your vote counts. I understand there have been posted flyers from some folks that do want to consider adopting the Section 1 Covenants and I respect their right to voice their opinions but please consider these simple facts.

1) The adoption of these covenants will combine the current three sections into one and will help eliminate much of the confusion that many of us homeowners have to do deal with trying to interpret covenants for each of our respective covenant section.

2) Provide more consistent interpretation of the covenants.

3) Ensures funding for the HOA to provide improved consistency in covenant enforcement.

4) All Existing home owners member are not required to join the HOA and are considered "grand-fathered" until your home is sold then at that time the new home owner will be required to be HOA member.

5) The adoption of these proposed covenants will not require any financial commitment on any current home owner as the current home owner is considered "grand-fathered" until your home is sold.

6) Ensures a better chance that our home values will maintain or increase in value over time.

In addition, all HOA Board members are term limited, unpaid volunteers, who take the time to give back to our community to make it a better place for us all to live.

May you all have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!— *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board At the October 14th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary the Board conducted business as usual. This year the membership drive secured 379 paid memberships, which allowed all budgeted projects to be completed. A warm thank you to all of the neighbors who contributed with the funding needed. 32 violation letters were sent to homeowners in Sept. The association is in need of a new person or team to handle the Newsletter Delivery Coordinator position. This position is very important to continue keeping the residents informed in a timely manner of community events and covenants. Contact us if you can help with this important volunteer position. Ideas for the 2015 CWCA Budget Review were discussed and all those which were approved will move forward for additional discussion by the Budget Committee. We look forward to some new events coming to the community. Watch for details. Please call the CWCA voicemail at (303-904-8218) or email us at cwcatalk@gmail.com. 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 Rappoter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes Oct 7, 2014 The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Rhonda Eveleth, Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Nancy Bock, Heather Hanley, Richard White, Debby Baker, and Ike Nelson.

Richard stated that all picnic bills have been paid in full. Paul will email Richard any/all of the most recent LCA Memberships. Board members will return all banners, signs, and other picnic related materials to the LCA Shed.

Mike will email Heather a list of current vendors and contacts. A new Leawood Civic Association website will be discussed further at the November meeting. A service provider will be selected, by the board, before 2015. The board discussed LCA membership rates for 2015. It was unanimously decided to keep all membership levels the same. (Bronze level= \$20-\$39, Silver level= \$40-\$59, Gold Level= \$60-\$99, and Platinum level members= \$100+).

Richard will decide whether a final mowing and trash clean-up at the Jay Ct entrance is necessary. If so, he will contact Rich. The board selected an electrician to meet with Mike and Richard, regarding electrical needs, at the Jay Ct entrance this Sunday, October 12.

The board discussed a concern with the lack of cleanliness of the Leawood Park Port-a-Potty. Debby will bring this issue to the Leawood Park Board meeting, scheduled for Wed., October 8.

Debby will include, in the November issue of the Rappoter, that LCA will need volunteer judges for the annual Holiday Lighting Contest, as well as Santa Party volunteers. If interested, please let a board member know! Please visit our Facebook page at <http://facebook.com/leawoodneighbors>. Lori will post the remaining winter events to our Facebook page, as well as all LCA Mtgs. and Leawood Park Board Mtg. dates. Please note that the LCA Board is still in need of a volunteer for creating Leawood bumper stickers, t-shirts, mugs, and more, from the Café Press website. In the meantime, Heather and Mike will create a few options for the board to review. Rhonda mentioned that the Front Yard Parties (FYP's) were a great success this year. A thank you to all the hosts will be in the November Issue of the Rappoter. We look forward to next years' FYP'S!

The board discussed the upcoming Holiday Dinner, scheduled for Tues., December 9. Mike will make reservations at the Hacienda. Paul will email Nancy all Platinum LCA Members so that invitations can be sent. The board also reviewed any needs for the Santa Party, scheduled for Wed., December 3. Richard will pick up all Santa Party related decorations, tree, serving bowls, etc., from the shed. Nancy has ordered crafts for the children. Debby will purchase tattoos and bells. Nancy, Debby, Heather, and Rhonda will work on snacks and beverages. Mike Shaw motioned that LCA purchase a Santa Suit. (All previous suits have been borrowed). Paul O'Connor seconded. All in favor. Debby will

purchase the Santa Suit for this years' party.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

From Leewood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes Oct 8, 2014 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at Leewood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Linda Smith, Charlie Campbell, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Also present was resident Debby Baker.

Public Comment – Debby noted a resident had contacted the LCA about feces on walls of Leewood Park port-a-potty. Dave stated it had been cleaned up and this happens every so often. United Site Services does the cleaning twice a week, and we will remind them to check walls when they service our equipment.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Donna. Additional property tax revenue and ownership tax revenue was reported. Donna reported funds were transferred from savings and our FICA tax was paid. Invoices for the month include: L&M for contract grass cutting, also sprinkler repair help and extra parkway trimming, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, United Site Services, Denver Water, DBC Irrigation, Valles Construction for repair to fence at Brennan Property due to Vintage Reserve resident taking it down, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Mibby moved the report be received and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – Dave met with Jacobs Engineering and the contractor who will be doing the work on the Platte Canyon C-Line Sewer Rehabilitation project. Staking has been done for the fence installation to give the contractors access to areas they need for this work. Valles Construction installed 50 feet of new fence at Weaver Park where we border the Brennan property. This is fencing that was removed by a Vintage Reserve resident to have a waterslide. The ATV was taken in for warranty maintenance and new tires were installed. Graffiti was reported by a resident at Leewood Park. The sheriff was called and a report made. The back wall was tagged with red paint. Dave covered it the best he could but will have to redo it at some point. An electrician will be in Leewood Park on October 22 to install an electric light on the back side of the pavilion that will shine downward and has a motion sensor. Also a timer will be installed on the electrical feed to the pavilion that will turn off the electrical outlets at 10 p.m. in accordance with park closing rules. Weston has done the final trim on all the trees in Raccoon Park, and will return in early 2015 to complete any tree removal and installation per the contract. L&M has completed the final fertilizations for the parks with organic fertilizer. Irrigation tests were done and several repairs were needed. Dave reported he would blow out sprinklers around Oct 15. Dave reported we had a beaver (or two) build a dam at the west side of the new bridge – east side of Weaver Park (the bridge leading directly to Tract T), as well as two other dams located downstream. The dams were pooling water upstream by the new project, and a number of the willows planted at the bridge at its installation and other trees were cut down by the beavers. Urban Drainage was called. They could only secure the trees in the area by adding wire around the trees in the creek area and could not trap the beaver. A contractor was sent in to wrap new trees by Urban Drainage. Dave met with the contractor in regard to trapping the beavers. Two traps were set and were checked daily but no beavers were caught. The trapper suggested the beavers were dumped in our creek by some unknown party and were likely wary of the traps. Also, the trapper would prefer to place the traps directly at the dams, but doing so at this location was not advised given that the traps can be seen above the water and a child could wander down to the creek and be hurt by the trap. Since no beavers were caught, the dam was dismantled and debris hauled away, as were the two others downstream to the east. Dave has wrapped the trees on the parkway and as many as he could in the creek bed. Although the trapper was not able to catch the beaver and did not present an invoice, the board agreed to compensate him for his costs to install the traps.

Dave received a call while we were at the meeting with a report from a neighbor that he had just seen a bear in Raccoon Park. The sheriff was called immediately and advised of the report and the location. Reminder - keep lids on trash cans and dog and cat food inside so bears are not tempted.

Old Business – Projects: No new items. We are working on budget for 2015.

New Business – 2015 Budget – The budget for 2015 was reviewed as presented by Donna and several amounts were changed. Percentage increases were added for potential increases for Denver Water and Xcel. Linda will place public notices in the Columbine Courier as required for budget approval. Notices will be in the November 5 and 12 issues.

Beavers – Information noted in Parks Manager Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. — *Mibby Luedecke, Special Projects Director*

Woodbourne

From Note From the Board The October Board Meeting was held on October 15, 2014 at the Woodbourne Club House. The Board is getting ready for the Holiday Events as well as finishing up business for the year.

It is hard for me to believe that the pool is already closed for the season and we will soon be back into the Holiday season. With that, I would like to announce the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest for 2014. There will be three categories, (most traditional, brightest, and wildest). Your HOA Board will again be the judges and will make our decision sometime between December 20 and 28, 2014. Gift cards will be delivered to the contest winners in January of 2015.

We are still working with the contractor to complete the final touches on the Simms fence north of Freemont. I hope that all the work will be completed before year-end. We appreciate everyone's patience and we are so sorry this has taken so long. If the fence company has damaged your landscaping, please contact Kim Herman so we can coordinate repairs

for you.

The front (Simms and Fremont) entrance project is complete. The concrete curbing was added in October and it looks great. Woodbourne thanks everyone who had a hand in the project.

Next month we will include a flyer in the monthly newsletter with an update on the fund-raising for the covered patio and how you can donate, donation levels, and payment options. You can also visit www.WoodbourneHOA.org/patio for additional information. — *Jay Hansen, President*

Williamsburg II News

From President's Message Thankful indeed. For a roof over our head, food on the table and the abundance most of us have in our lives. I'm also thankful to live in a community that by and large cares about their neighborhood, which was clearly evident earlier this summer when the HOA Board pondered its future. So, thank you to those who served so many years and have now exited (Susan, Winnie and Debra) and thank you to those who stepped up to the plate to fill board positions (Chris, Jessica, Wyatt). Thanks to new and old committee chairs (Scott, Bob, Debra, Kathy, Holly, Jim, Lori and Jessica). Your efforts are truly appreciated.

A final thank you is extended to all of the neighbors who attended the first annual Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet. What an awesome turnout, with nearly 65-75 folks in attendance and almost as many bottles! Thankful for recycling! Response was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to hosting again next year.

Other than some left over candy, Halloween is but a memory. If the candy didn't add any inches to your waistline, don't despair, as we can now focus on that most gluttonous holiday we all know and love as Thanksgiving, stuffing ourselves silly just short of a food coma. Be sure to pace yourself so you can stay alert enough to get in line early at the retailers and purge yourself of some hard earned cash. Here's hoping you're first in line and get everything on your Christmas list before everyone else. Whatever your plans are, my wish is we can find a sense of balance. Let's practice some portion control on Turkey day. Give your arteries a breather, take a brisk walk and allow some blood to flow again. At the end of the day, be sure you've celebrated with friends, neighbors and family and are thankful for all you're blessed with. Happy Thanksgiving!

As you emerge from that food coma and realize the holiday season has pounced upon you, remember to mark your calendars for the December community events sponsored by the Williamsburg II HOA, which include the annual Christmas Hayride scheduled for Saturday December 13th as well as the annual home Christmas Lighting Event on Wednesday evening, December 17th.

.From HOA Meeting Minutes for Oct 8, 2014 Mike Eppers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Mike Eppers, Jeff Talmadge, Jessica Clark and Chris Falin. Debra White, Historian, and Scott Clark were present.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reported that 148 of the 317 homes have paid dues or 47% of homes. This doesn't reflect the fact that some homeowners often pay double or more when submitting dues. Automatic billings of Xcel and Website have been paid. Jessica Clark submitted receipts for costs incurred for the Wine and Cheese event. Jessica states most supplies were bought in bulk and leftovers stored for use at other events.

Historian: Deb White has pictures from the Wine and Cheese event and will forward those to Kathy Morelli for the website and to Scott Clark to post on Facebook. All other information is up to date.

Covenant Control: The homeowner cited last month has resolved the problem at issue. The Board extends its appreciation for their prompt attention to the matter. No other new issues to report, other than the same recurring homeowners who refuse to comply with proper storage of boats, trailers, RVs.

Web Page/Facebook: Scott Clark reports our Facebook page remains current and continues to see more activity each week. Remember to check this for updated information concerning events and news in our neighborhood. Website is up to date.

Old Business The Fall Wine and Cheese Event held in early October was a great success. Attendance estimated at up to 75 folks. Definitely do again next year. Perhaps have a port a potty so attendees don't have to use homeowner's bathrooms. Thanks to those who opened their homes. Thanks Jessica Clarke and her events committee for finalizing the details and putting everything together.

Thank you to our VP, Wyatt for contacting Foothills about the mowing in the open space at the north end of our subdivision. Looks good and helps keep the weeds down. He also contacted Jeffco Road and Bridges concerning the potholes in the neighborhood and several of the large ones have been repaired.

Wyatt Koeniger, VP, continues to contact Allied Waste for large item pickup, but has been unable to confirm. Wyatt will continue to follow up with Allied to confirm details and any cost (hopefully zero additional charge for current customers). Likely schedule this as a spring clean-up event.

Several committee positions remain open (CoHope, Block Leader Coordinator, Foothills Liaison). Volunteers needed.

New Business Jessica Clark has booked with the Hayride company for our December 13th date. Jessica will have more detail at the November meeting, including the possibility of having vendor Snoasis providing hot chocolate service. Santa has been booked.

Lighting event night confirmed. Board member Chris Falin will be out and about to find five winners.

Annual Dues drive in January was discussed. In an effort to increase participation, several options were reviewed including a front entrance banner (like the community garage sale banner), monthly flyers hand delivered in Jan, Feb and March, and possible online payment through a PayPal account. Also, recognition of dues paid utilizing small yard flags. Also discussed was creation of email database for the community for the sole purpose of keeping residents informed about neighborhood news and events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

From Jeffco Website: Looking for Volunteers for Boards and Commissions: The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on three of its boards and commissions.

Applications must be turned in by **5 p.m. on Nov. 30**. They can be found on the volunteer board vacancies page or by calling the County Administrator's Office at 303-271-8500.

Liquor Licensing Authority— The Liquor Licensing Authority is designated as the "local licensing authority" for the unincorporated portions of Jefferson County. Duties include granting licenses per the Colorado Liquor Code and the Colorado Beer Code; and reviewing requests for special event permits. Applicants should have experience with the Colorado Liquor Code. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month and there are three members.

Community Services Advisory Board—The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) makes recommendations to the BCC regarding matters related to Human Services for low and moderate income residents. It makes recommendations for recipients for federal funds made available to Jefferson County from the Community Services Block Grant and similar grants. It also serves as liaison for the BCC and the Human Services Division to the Jefferson County community on issues related to human services. There are nine members and the board meets once a month. To apply, please use the CSAB application.

Community Development Advisory Board—The Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) makes recommendations to the BCC regarding matters related to community development, housing and economic development for low and moderate income residents. It recommends recipients for federal funds made available to Jefferson County from Community Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and similar grants.

There are nine members on this board and it meets once a month. When applying for this board, please use the CDAB application.

Youth and Adults Working to Protect Jeffco Youth—On Halloween eve, Skyler Basta, a senior at Wheat Ridge High School and member of their BE (Breathe Easy) Team, bravely stood before a room of more than 50 adults at the Lakewood Cultural Center to share what she is seeing in her world - kids smoking tobacco and marijuana, an increase in the use of some of the latest vaporizing and flavored products now sold in local stores, and many of her peers struggling with addiction. Basta strongly encouraged the adults in the room to take notice of these concerning trends and behaviors that are taking place in their communities.

The well-attended event, entitled "Youth and Addiction", was sponsored by the Tobacco-Free Jeffco Alliance, a coalition working to address tobacco use in Jefferson County, Colorado, and featured a presentation on the latest tobacco and marijuana products targeted at youth. Dr. Nathaniel Riggs, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Colorado State University, presented on the impact of nicotine and marijuana on the developing youth brain. "Young people are wiring their brains until the age of 25, and the use of drugs, like nicotine and marijuana, can disrupt that process impacting their brain function," said Dr. Riggs.

This educational event was followed just two weeks later by a training, sponsored by Jefferson County Public Health, informing high school BE Team members about the harms of tobacco use and the skills needed to advocate for tobacco prevention among their peers, in their community, and in their schools.

BE Team and Tobacco-Free Jeffco members are available to provide educational presentations to area organizations and key leaders on these alarming new products, the health effects of marijuana and tobacco use on youth, and recommended solutions. "Based on our feedback from the Youth and Addictions event, we expect the demand for our educational information and presentations to grow," said Charmaine Brittain, parent and member of Tobacco-Free Jeffco. "We hope more youth and adults will join our coalition to help us protect the health and welfare of our children, our future workforce," Brittain added.

Dr. Lorrie Odom, a physician and member of the Tobacco-Free Jeffco Alliance, explained, "There are many more products now specifically targeting our youth, a population that is especially vulnerable to addiction, resulting in a concerning detrimental impact on their physical and mental health." Strawberry flavored cigars for less than a dollar, cotton candy flavored juice for nicotine vapor products, and marijuana gummy bears are just some of a large and growing menu of products causing concern.

The Tobacco-Free Jeffco Alliance will be holding its quarterly meeting on December 3, 2014, from 4:30-6:30pm at the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building in Golden, Colorado. Visit www.tobaccofreejeffco.com, call 303-



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The Wednesday, December 3rd meeting will be **at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. This will be our annual Christmas pot-luck dinner. The January meeting will be January 7th, also at 7:00 pm at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road.

Note: there will probably not be a newsletter for January due to the holidays.

275-7555, or email tobaccofree@jeffco.us for more information about this meeting and additional ways to get involved. Nancy Braden, Health Communications, 303-239-7137, nbraden@jeffco.us

From West Metro Fire Rescue website: Turkey Fryer Safety—Thinking about using a Turkey Fryer this year? Do you know the real risks involved with using a Turkey Fryer? Watch a short, informative yet humorous video from William Shatner and State Farm about Turkey Fryers and their hazards. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETBD0EqQGoU> Here are some safety tips when using a Turkey Fryer: Avoid oil spillover--don't overfill the pot. Turn off flame when lowering the turkey into oil. Fry outside, away from the house. Properly thaw the turkey before frying. Keep a grease-fire-approved extinguisher nearby.

Good News About Jeffco Schools—Melissa Reeves, mdreeves@jeffco.k12.co.us, Office 303-982-6567

JEFFCO SCHOOLS SALUTE VETERANS Jeffco Schools has a long tradition of honoring our nation's veterans. Schools showed off their pride and patriotism by holding school assemblies, creating memorials, raising flags and hosting veterans' breakfasts and lunches. Bear Creek High School (BCHS) celebrated veterans by hosting a 5K run and community event with the help of the Bear Creek High School Foundation. "It's a chance for us to come together as a school community and give back to our vets and our broader community and be a part of something bigger than ourselves," said BCHS Principal Kevin Carroll. Watch the JPS-TV YouTube video story. Lakewood High School (LHS) honored vets with a rendition of The Star Spangled Banner at a special school ceremony. Watch the JPS-TV YouTube video story. Mandalay Middle School eighth-grade students attended a presentation on G-forces by former Lt. Commander John Horan. Students were even able to try on the gear worn by Navy pilots. Visit Jeffco's Facebook page to see more pictures from schools that honored veterans. .

CLOTHING DRIVE TO KEEP STUDENTS WARM AND DRY Colorado winter weather can be extreme — that's why Serving Kids is asking schools and the community for help in organizing clothing drives for students in need Monday, Nov. 17 through Friday, Dec. 12. Supported by a partnership between the Jeffco Schools Foundation and Jefferson County Administrators Association (JCAA), the volunteer-led program provides a week's worth of new or near-new clothing like jeans, coats and shoes. "We're challenging our schools, district departments and members of our Jeffco community to help our mission by donating items our students need or by organizing clothing drives in their neighborhoods and schools," said JCAA executive director Jill Colby. The most needed clothing items include men's T-shirts, new underwear and socks, jeans in all sizes, shoes and winter boots, gloves and coats. For more information, call JCAA at 303-982-2225.