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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Feb 5, 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Feb 24, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Feb 18, 6:30pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference rm.
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **Feb 4 NERL, March 4 Mary Ann Bonnell—coyotes, April 1, May 6, June 3**

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Draft Minutes for Jan 7, 2015 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Logan MacMillan / Vintage Res, Mary Ann Bonnell / Jeffco Open Space, Mary Lindsey, Chuck Hause & Lou Fohn, Jeffco Historical Commission, Dennis Dempsey / Jeffco Planning and Zoning.

The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Captain Al Simmons, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, was present. He researched a question from a previous meeting about whether two complainants are needed to report parking problems. The answer is for abandoned vehicles—no, but for major motor vehicle (including RV's and trailers) —yes.

The Crime stats are down 33% from November in their sector 44 area (area on east of county South of Bowles avenue and west of Platte Canyon to Kipling) day time burglaries have been up. One occurred when a person was home. If you see anything suspicious call the Sheriff's department.

Car break-ins at Jeffco Open space parks continue, so do not leave valuables in your car when you go to them. Either take them with you or leave them at home.

Response times for priority calls are meeting their 5-6 minute goal.

There have been increased coyote attacks (5) centered around Kipling and Belleview. Mary Ann Bonnell from Jeffco Open Space was present to discuss those. You should supervise your pets by keeping them under watch and staying with them when they are outside, even in your backyard. Coyotes can jump 6 foot fences easily and can be very aggressive to pets. This is breeding time and they are staking out territory. If you see a coyote try to make yourself look big by raising your arms and yelling while moving towards them. That should encourage them to leave. Keep your pets on a leash and close to you when you are out walking. Legally you cannot shoot or poison coyotes. Live traps are an option but they are pretty smart so they are not very successful. There are contractors who have been pretty successful at trapping them. You can call Jeffco Animal Control at 303-271-5070 or if it is an emergency, 911.

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

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

Tonight's speakers were **Mary Lindsey, Lou Fohn and Chuck Hause** from **Jefferson County Historical Commission** and **Dennis Dempsey** from **Jeffco Planning and Zoning**. Ms. Lindsey is the chair and Mr. Hause and Fohn are members of the commission.

The commission was formed in 1974 as an umbrella group for various historical groups in Jeffco to keep track of things historical and Landmark Properties in Jeffco. They won the State Honor award in 2014, and yearly publish a magazine "Historically Jeffco." Each year they recognize 2 people for their preservation activities—one from the past and one from the present. They also support student's research on Jeffco History and have a spring symposium. The last one had John Fielder talking about his Colorado photographs. This year it is May 2 (Saturday) at 8:30 am at the Boettcher Mansion. It is open to the public, but you have to pay for lunch if you want it. At 2 pm they will have a tour of the Mt. Vernon area. They have monthly meetings from 2-4pm in rooms 1566/1567 at the Jefferson Administration and Courts Facility in Golden. There are now about 40 buildings on their Landmark / preservation list. If you know of one that might be added contact them and let them know about it. The contact info is ddempsey@jeffco.us, 303-271-8734. Their

website is <http://jeffco.us/planning-and-zoning/boards-and-commissions/historical-commission/> .

Lou Fohn and Chuck Hause grew up on farms in the Columbine and Normandy areas and are documenting the history of that area. It includes the Columbine Hills, Columbine Knolls, Columbine Knolls South and South II areas, including the Waterton and Chatfield areas. So far there are no Landmark properties in that area.

Waterton water treatment plant went online for Denver in 1899, and was the first plant west of the Mississippi. Marston Lake dates from the 1890's also, but the water was not treated. There were mostly farms and some small towns in the area until the 1950's.

Lockheed Martin tested rocket motors for the Titan missile at their site southwest of Chatfield. Housing was needed in the area, so developers started buying up the farmland and building neighborhoods. The area saw a lot of change after that—the dirt and gravel farm roads are now paved. Littleton was the main shopping area. There was an airport south of Funplex on the east side of Kipling that Aspen Airways flew out of. You can still see some of it.

Chuck and Lou reminisced quite a lot about the way things were when they grew up.

Questions—What is under Chatfield Reservoir? Mostly farm areas, but there was a small town of 150 homes called Riverside Acres. Some of the homes were moved before the reservoir was filled in, and the rest were knocked down.

There was a uranium mine in Waterton Canyon, but it was never a commercial operation.

Are there any archeological sites in the area? There are to the east in Arapahoe county, but none known in this area.

Reports from Officers. We only had 3 members present so we did not have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1573.18 .

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was not present.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The new emissions testing rules are now in effect. New vehicles can go 4-7 years without tests. In 8th to 11th year they will require a computer test. Jeffco website has the particulars.

As of January 1 Association Managers must disclose all fees and remunerations.

The County is updating Zoning Section 7 (telecommunications) to comply with new law. This can increase the height of towers under administrative approval.—January 14 hearing at P & Z and BOCC hearing on February 3.

There is a preapplication meeting on 5021 South Jellison Way (east side of Kipling north of Belleview) to tear down the Shell gas station and replace with businesses.

There is a planning Commission meeting tonight for the southeast corner of Kipling and Quincy for 54 single family homes and some commercial.

There is a rezoning hearing for 11645 West Belleview to change ODP for self storage.

Bowmar is having a Board of Trustees meeting on January 19th where they may discuss the Southwest Plaza annexation and the path forward for them.

The self storage place on Bowles south of Topsy's has been withdrawn.

There is a second referral for site development plan for 1 Manor House Road.

The Jeffco Liquor License meeting is tomorrow. There is a new application for 9100 West Ken Carle Avenue. The 7-11 wants to sell 3.2 beer. There is also a license transfer for 11727 Ken Carle Avenue Suite B (Twisted Comfort).

Next year Xcel will have a different rate for LED lighting (ie street lights).

The sidewalks have a lot of snow on them. Unincorporated Jeffco does not require removal, but maybe there should be some initiatives to get it cleared.

True Value on Kipling shut down because their lease was up.

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

New Business None.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 9:00 p.m. *Ray Moore, Treasurer*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: January 2015	Beginning Balance December 2, 2014	\$ 1727.21
Deposits		\$ 0.00
Withdrawals		\$ 154.03
December newsletter \$6.86		
Website Nov 2014 to Feb 2015 \$26.19		
Christmas Party food \$62.98		
P.O. Box for 2015 \$58		
Ending Balance January 27 2015		\$ 1573.18
W R Moore, Treasurer		

Libby Szabo To be Sworn-in Jan. 30—Jefferson County's newest county commissioner will be Libby Szabo, a resident of Arvada and a state legislator. She will be sworn-in at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 30 in Hearing Room One of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden.

Szabo was Assistant Minority Leader of the Colorado House of Representatives. She was serving her third term as a state legislator when she was chosen by the Republican Party to fill the vacant seat of Jefferson County Commissioner from District One in northern Jefferson County. *(cont. page 5)*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner for January 2015 — Can you believe it is 2015 already? I hear it is one of the curses of getting older. Each year is now a smaller fraction of your life and therefore seems like a much shorter period of time. In part, I'm jealous of the big old bears that get to hibernate during this time of year – I no longer enjoy winter like I used to.

Speaking of snow – let's make every effort to keep those sidewalks clean. There are some teens that advertise in the classified sections for snow removal – take advantage of those young backs and call them for the tough jobs. My neighbor and I have an unwritten policy of "first man out cleans both our walks". I love it when I come out to go to work in the mornings and he's already done mine. I get his when the snow falls during the day. The point is – be a great neighbor and help them with this chore.

Our new composer of the newsletter has introduced a digital method of contacting each other; it's called Next Door Columbine Hills. If you get a request via e-mail to join then I'd suggest you do so. Your e-mail address will not be sold, nor will you be flooded with junk mail. It is a pleasant way to communicate with your neighbors.

Here's hoping you had a great Christmas Holiday and enjoy a Happy New year.— *Randy Montgomery, The Columbine Hills Civic Association president rmontgomery@frcs.org*

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Happy New Year to everyone from the Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors! We hope that 2015 will be filled with new possibilities and good fortune.

The CKSII Board of Directors have been busy working on community projects throughout this past year. Here are a few highlights: Jennifer Blake, Robert Sudar, and Steve Kalney were elected as new members of the HOA Board of Directors. John Schutt was elected to an additional two year term; Continued enforcement of the CKSII HOA Covenants through the Association's property manager and attorney; ACC Committee reviewed and approved over 76 requests for improvements within our community; Regular communication to community members through the monthly newsletter, The Review, and website at www.cksii.org; Managed the CKSII Membership Approved 2014 Budget; Welcome committee visited 14 new neighbors with welcome baskets; Supported the Covenant Renewal for Sections 2 & 3; Supported the Social Committee that planned and implemented the Annual Holiday Hayride; Recruited a Landscape Committee maintained the gardens at the CKSII Monuments at the entry way on Chatfield and Yukon; Decorated the CKSII Monuments at Chatfield and Yukon with lights for the Holiday Season; The CKSII Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers who give freely of their time to improve your community by enforcing the covenants and planning improvements to property where CKSII has easements. There will be three members rotating off the Board in January at the end of their terms. This could be your opportunity to make a difference right here in your community. Please consider serving on the CKSII Board of Directors. You may be surprised how many great people you will meet! If you are interested please feel free to contact me or any other Board member to discuss the opportunity. — *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The December 9th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary was the end of year Holiday Potluck. No business was conducted, just eating and laughing. We had a couple of brand new neighbors stop by and introduce themselves, grab some food and share some stories. The CWCA Officers and Board members are thankful to all the neighbors who volunteered time and talents in 2014. We are looking forward to more involvement from neighbors this coming year. Drop by a meeting, give us a call or just show up at scheduled events.

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.

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. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is January 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elementary, second Tuesday of the Month.

The Leawood Rappporter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes Dec 10, 2014 The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Linda Smith, Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Residents Debby Baker and Faye Gardner were also present.

Public Comment – A resident came to meeting out of concern about the information that was in the minutes related to Foothills Park district possibly seeking tax dollars due to their defeat of a mill levy increase. Currently, we have no information on anyone trying to seek tax revenue from our District, although the board is aware that the Vintage Reserve Metro District is looking into contracting with Foothills for residents to access a pool. We will inform the District if this is a future concern. Another resident had a concern about horses leaving their business on the trail and sidewalk at Raccoon Park. We will address the unknown resident to clean up after their horses if we can find out who the user(s) are. Any information will be appreciated.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Donna. As usual at the end of the year, a small amount of property tax and ownership tax revenue was reported. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services, Denver Water, Waste Management, DBC Irrigation, doggie bag vendor, Colorado Special District Property and Liability Pool insurance, Evergreen Newspaper for Budget announcement, snow removal invoice, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Donna also reported the FICA payment will be paid and she will be conducting our usual annual transfer from Conservation Trust Fund to our banking account. Board members noted that if Leawood residents are no longer receiving delivery of the Courier, the District will have to find another publication in which to post its statutorily mandated notices. Mibby moved the report be received and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – Dave reported Urban Drainage had their contractor remove downed trees at Weaver Park related to the beaver damage and also one tree in Raccoon Park (unrelated to the beavers). There are no more signs of the beavers in our parks. Trash was picked up in all parks and taken to our dumpster in Raccoon Park. Fall clean-up was complete in all parks.

Dave had an issue with kids filling up the potty in Weaver Park with snow (about 4 ft. high). The snow turned to ice and had to be chipped out with a bar and pick in order for the potty to be serviced. This took a lot of his valuable time. Our new trees at Raccoon Park were watered by Dave, along with landscaping by the dumpster, trees in Weaver Park and some of the parkway trees. Hand-watering of trees, especially those that are newly planted, will likely be required until or if there is significant moisture.

Dave met with Platte Canyon Sewer's contractor related to damage caused during the sewer relining project, including the deep ruts in the native grass at Weaver Park along the path walk that parallels the iron fence in the soccer field caused by the bypass team. The area will need soil and new grass. Dave suggested a plan for repairing this area and installing new potty structure at the same time. The plan is to have the projects done close together. A walk-thru meeting has been scheduled with Jacobs Engineering on December 16 to go over re-seeding areas and damage to sidewalks and signage.

A call was received by Dave from a resident adjacent to Leawood Park pavilion. The resident stated someone had driven into the park around 8:30 PM and their lights were shining into their house. **REMINDER:** Vehicles are not permitted in the parks at any time by anyone. Sprinkler lines and boxes can be damaged and it is expensive to repair the lines.

Correspondence – Linda received an email from Mike Shaw of the LCA forwarding information from Heather Gutherless of Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. She noted the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved revised Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations. They made three changes to the regulations during the hearing. They clarified language about minimum lot sizes required by Public Health, added a requirement for a document to be recorded that notifies future owners of the restrictions associated with accessory dwelling unit, and added a lot and building standard that addresses site constraints for properties over 1 acre that are proposing a detached accessory dwelling unit.

Old Business – Projects, Budget – The 2015 budget was finalized and approved, with the District anticipating to have expenses for 2015 within the revenue amounts expected to be received. Linda moved to adopt the 2015 Budget. Mibby seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A resolution to set the mill levy is also required each year. Donna moved we adopt a resolution to keep the mill levy at 3.730 in accordance with state law. Mibby seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Donna will file the necessary documents with Jefferson County and Colorado Division of Local Governments.

Meeting Dates Day/Time: 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless noted), 6:30 PM

Location: January to May – Leawood Elementary School, June, July and August – Park pavilions or Board member's homes due to school being closed, September to December – Leawood Elementary School

The meeting was adjourned 7:52 PM. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

WoodBourne

From Note From the Board President Due to the holidays, the January newsletter goes to print prior to the December Board meeting. Therefore, there is no new business to report at this time. Information from both the December and January meetings will be included in the February 2015 newsletter.

Remember that from December 1, 2014 through January 15, 2015, Waste Connections will pick up any waste / trash associated with the holidays, including holiday trees, at no cost. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Waste Connections at 303-288-2100.

A big thank you to Gardening Committee for the wonderful lights display at the front entrance on Freemont. It looks amazing.

The Holiday lights contest winners will be published in the February 2015 newsletter and via Facebook.

Just a reminder that the HOA dues have increased to \$57.00 per month effective January 1, 2015. If you pay your monthly dues through an auto-deduct/ach from MSI, you do not need to do anything. If you pay through your bank's bill pay system, you will need to update for the new amount with your bank. If you pay with a coupon each month, new coupon books were mailed around the first of the year with the new amount.

Thanks and have a great winter season! — *Jay Hansen, President*

Williamsburg II News

From President's Message The frenzy of the holiday season wanes. The holiday décor comes down (always faster than it went up) and is securely stored away in the basement or garage. A more "normal" routine returns to our lives. Happy New Year!!! Welcome 2015 and the month of January, which can often feel like one of the longest months of the year as the celebrations and festivities from last month quickly become distant memories. The last 35 days or so were fun indeed and oh boy, we did enjoy them, often to excess! Many of us attended the HOA sponsored annual Holiday Hayride. Always nice to see neighbors gather to enjoy caroling, refreshments and youngsters visiting with Santa. Thanks to all who participated. Five homes in our community received recognition for their holiday decorating efforts during the annual Holiday Lighting Event. Congratulations to them and to all those in the neighborhood that helped make our community look so festive.

Looking ahead to the New Year, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place the later part of March. Early June we'll sponsor the community Garage Sale again. Bike Parade on July 4th. With the cooperation of Mother Nature, outdoor Movie Night will return in the summer. And the Wine and Cheese Event will be repeated again next fall after receiving overwhelming positive reviews! Watch for more information to come in future newsletters. Have ideas for other community events? Contact us and let us know!

From Jeffco Sheriff—Jury Duty Scam The phone rings, you pick it up, and the caller identifies himself as an official from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Warrants Unit. He says you failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. The scammer is quick to offer a solution—a fine, payable by credit card that will clear up the problem. This is when you should hang up the phone. It's a scam.

Jury scams have been around for years, but have seen a resurgence in the past few weeks in Jefferson County. As a rule, courts, or the sheriff's office will never ask for confidential information over the phone. Instead, these offices generally correspond with prospective jurors via mail or email, providing written proof.

This scam's bold simplicity may be what makes it so effective. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, victims are caught off guard and may be quick to part with some funds, or information to defuse the situation. Protecting yourself is key: Never give out personal information when you receive an unsolicited phone call, and most certainly never wire or send money as a result of such call.

The 'jury' here at the Sheriff's Office have a unanimous verdict: when in doubt, hang up.

To report a fraud, please call the Fraud Reporting Hotline at 303-271-5550 or email: sheriff@jeffco.us

Jeffco Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy starting in March! Jefferson County, Co. — The highly anticipated return of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy is around the corner and we are now accepting applications. The academy will begin on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, and is a 10-week program designed to provide Jefferson County residents with hands-on experiences and information about how the Sheriff's Office functions. The class will be held each Wednesday evening from 6-9:00 p.m.

Participants will learn about the many aspects of law enforcement from veteran deputies who teach in their own areas of expertise. In a classroom setting — enhanced with tours — citizens will explore various aspects of law enforcement, and acquire firsthand knowledge of patrol, criminal investigations, K-9, Bomb Squad, detention operations, and more. Each class provides insight into the challenging tasks deputy sheriffs and investigators must face daily.

If you've ever been curious about law enforcement and how it really works, or perhaps have an interest in exploring the possibilities of a career in law enforcement, this academy is the place for you. Participation in any physical activities is strictly voluntary.

Participation in the academy requires a commitment of one night a week for ten weeks. There is no fee for the academy and participants must be residents of Jefferson County and at least 18 years old. Space in the class is limited, so don't delay. Once the academy is full, applicants will be placed on an eligibility list for 2016.

For further information and an application, visit our website, or contact Mark Techmeyer, Public Information Officer at 303-271-5602 / mtechmey@jeffco.us.

Szabo is a Colorado native. She and her husband, Denes, have four children — Angel, Jessy, Nissa, and Karly — and will have been married 32 years in March.

The Szabos own a family business that has been in operation for more than 40 years. Commissioner Szabo also has experience in the mortgage lending and financial services industry. She is very active in her community, coaches youth sports, and volunteers at her church. *Kathryn Heider Public Information Officer 303-271-8515 kheider@jeffco.us*



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The Wednesday, February meeting will be February 4th, at 7:00 pm at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. The speaker will be **David Warner** from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. David has more than 30 years of experience creating and managing technical information, communications, and outreach activities on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. He has worked at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for more than 24 years and is currently the External Relations manager in the Public Affairs Office.

David is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council. He served as the executive director of the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association from 1988 to 1993. From 1985 to 1991, David managed renewable energy and information projects at the Colorado Governor's Energy Office. He has a degree in Environmental Conservation from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

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

STEIN STAFF AND STUDENTS TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR SCHOOL Stein Elementary School staff and students organized their community to beautify their school. Teachers and staff created a Beautification Committee to paint, plant and plan to make Stein a more welcoming environment to their students and families. "Our building is an older building and some of the inside and outside spaces needed some extra attention," said sixth-grade teacher Melissa Girard. "We have placed a lot of our budget towards resources and academics, but not much on the building itself." The committee started with creating student billboards in the hallways to feature school news and student success, landscaping and painting. The committee's next projects will focus on painting the school's library and getting new books.

COAL CREEK CANYON SPARKING MOVEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM Coal Creek Canyon K-8 School is moving; not, the school, but the staff and students. The school was recently named a Jeffco All School Movement School and staff received training on Mindful Life Schools. The training promotes the district's SPARK initiative which has the goal of increasing movement and success for students. Instructional coach Karen Goodman and Jeffco's Healthy Schools coordinator Emily O'Winter were awarded a grant to support the program.

TAKE FIVE Five minutes is all it will take you to see some of the amazing things happening in Jeffco Schools recently. The Five-Minute Film Festival gives you a snapshot of exclusive video stories from JPS-TV, the official YouTube channel of Jeffco Schools. The festival highlights Basketball Day in Jeffco, All County Choir, Belmar Elementary School, the National Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Lakewood High School teacher Sara Shackett and Our Generation, a Jeffco student rock band. Visit JPS-TV on YouTube for more Jeffco stories.

READY, SET, ACTION The Green Mountain High School GMTV school news crew recently took a behind-the-scenes tour at 9News. Students talked to the news anchors and sat in the studio during the 12 o'clock news broadcast. GMTV produces Green Mountain's daily school announcements, presenting the content in the same format as 9News. When they are not in the studio, students are writing and producing their own short videos to air during commercial breaks or as features on the announcements. Follow them on Twitter at @GMTVrams or YouTube.