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**Upcoming Meetings:**  
Open Space: May 7(?), 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: May 26, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: May 20, 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: **May 6, County Assessor**  
**June 3 Tina Francone, RTD**

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**Draft Minutes for April 1 2015 Meeting** Attendance: Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Burke Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Mary Parker / At Large, Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Sharon Hilderbrant / Westbury HOA, Captain Allen Simmons / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Logan McMillan / Guest, Emily Richardson / Jefferson Center for Mental Health, .

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

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, welcomed everyone. (Diane Suchomel was at the Sheriff's Academy)

**Special Reports – Captain Al Simmons, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department**, was present. He did not have the crime statistics yet. He will present them next month. The response time went up slightly for Priority 1 calls.

The spike in crime mentioned last month actually leveled off and then went down.

Criminal trespass of a motor vehicle occurred on 2 vehicles at Fun City and 2 vehicles at Lone Tree.

Due to the quick thinking of a citizen, they arrested 2 people involved in a silver bar scam. The people were from Texas.

They approached a juvenile who was in an open garage, looking at a motorcycle.

They made contact with 2 guys in a white van. They found a lot of commercial back flow valves in the back of the van.

There is a Mental Health First Aid course coming up. It is two sessions: May 21 and May 28 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. It will teach participants who to handle a situation until professionals arrive.

Is open carry of guns legal? It depends on where you are. There is nothing in the State or Jefferson County statutes that prevent open carry. Although if you are drinking, it is illegal. Businesses can make their own rules.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker was **Emily Richardson, Jefferson Center for Mental Health**. The Jefferson Center for Mental Health and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department are collaborating.

In October Jefferson County Sheriff's Department received a grant. They hired 2 CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) managers. They provided 40 hours of training for officers to learn about mental health issues. The training provides communication and de-escalation techniques. Officers can refer cases to the CIT managers.

This helps cut down the time officers and dispatchers spend on Mental Health cases. They can refer the case to CIT managers. The managers have access to more information and can put them in touch with the proper services. The youngest case involved an 11 year old person; the oldest case involved a 91 year old person. The breakdown of cases is 25% youngsters, 25% elderly, and 50% 18 - 64 years old. Of the 84 referrals they've had since Oct., 31% are in active treatment with Jefferson Center. More may be in treatment, but they don't have access to the information. Since Dec., they have had 30 referrals. Before that they had 17 referrals.

The Jefferson Center for Mental Health has an office in the South Precinct. They cover Jefferson, Gilpin, and Clear Creek counties. They have over 30 offices. They are a non-profit. They have in-patient and out-patient services. They have wellness classes. They provide services for families, adults, and older adults. They get money from Medicaid, grants, donations, municipalities, and local government entities.

The phone number for Colorado Crisis Support line is 844-493-TALK (8255). It is a 24 hour line for non-violent issues or

problems. If violence is involved call 911 or the normal Sheriff's line.

**Reports from Officers** Roll Call was taken. We had 11 members present and we have a quorum. We do not have a President.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was present. We have \$1,787.88. Dues have gone out. He presented the Annual Report and 2015 Budget.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present. The Minutes for March were approved as reported.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was not present but sent information.

We have had a new At Large member request to join. It is **Winnie Burdan**. Williamsburg II has chosen not to join. Winnie was approved.

Reserving a shelter for our August 5 picnic was approved.

Our participation in Summerset was discussed. Discussion was delayed until next month.

We need to designate representatives of COHOPE to testify at county meetings for the County form. It was proposed that our primary representative be Diane Suchomel and our secondary representative be Ray Moore. It passed.

Our Adopt a Highway will occur April 18 at 8:30 a.m. We'll meet at West Bowles Community Church. April 25 will be our backup date.

It was proposed that we change the Bylaws. We want to be able to propose and vote on a issue at the same meeting. The original reason for the "Jemal" rule was so representatives could consult their HOAs before voting and the concern that At Large members were countering the votes of HOAs. It was proposed that we either repeal the "Jemal" rule or that communication would be sent out prior to the meeting with the text on short term items, but leave the rule intact for normal items. Communication could be via email or phone calls.

The City of Littleton has passed a law that using Eminent Domain for commercial deals requires a vote. There was a proposal that COHOPE support a similar rule. We had discussion on it but no action.

RTD will have a meeting on April 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ranch House.

Case Number 15-104793, Special Use Rezoning at Belleview Community Church. It is for an expansion. The Community Meeting is Apr. 14 at 6:00 p.m. at 12472 W. Belleview Ave.

Case Number 15-104813PA, rezoning for private school uses. A Pre-Application Hearing is on Mar. 26. It is for 8460 W. Ken Caryl Ave.

Case Number 15-103773 SD, Site Development Plan for the northeast corner of Coal Mine and Wadsworth.

On Apr. 2 the Liquor License Authority hearing will discuss Lucha Cantina at 8026 W. Bowles Ave. It will be in the old Hop's building.

Our speaker in May we will be Mr. Sandstrom, County Assessor. In June, we have Tina Francone from RTD. Her email is tina.francone@rtd-denver.com.

Diane will not be able to attend our meeting in May. She will be attending the Citizens Academy. Ray or Cheri will run the meeting.

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

**New Business** None

**Announcements** None.

We adjourned at 8:04 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Cohope Secretary.*

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: March 2015</b>	<b>Beginning Balance February 4, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 1573.27</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 220.00</b>
Lakehurst West \$40, Suchomel \$20, Auburn \$20 Ham \$20, Fisher \$20, Rotherham \$20, Westridge \$40		
Columbine Knolls \$40		
<b>Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$ 5.39</b>
April newsletter \$5.39		
<b>Ending Balance April 1, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 1787.88</b>
<b>W R Moore, Treasurer</b>		

Diane Suchomel did the Cohope Adopt-a-Highway pickup on April 18. Luckily there was not a lot to pick up. The next pick up will be in the fall.



# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**From March 2015 Board Meeting**—Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by President Randy Montgomery. Officers/Board Members in Attendance: Randy Montgomery, Pat Miller, Ralph Miller, Kelly Goodbar.

**Old Business:** Entrance sign: possible on Kendall and Ken Caryl

Membership Drive status – 91 new memberships

Site Line violation letters: Meeting at Randy Montgomerys house to get them sent out on March 28th.

**New Business:** Dumpster day: Calling about Electronics pick up

Co-hope News: Disgruntled neighbor has sent letter to the Columbine Hills Civic Association regarding county not enforcing its own regulations. Letter was presented to Captain Simmons. His response was to assign a deputy to resolve the issue. The issue was RV/campers on the street well past the 28 day allowed time. Also, there have been several break ins of cars on the street. Please make sure your vehicles parked on the street are always locked!

Also discussed was the coyote problem in our area. They are becoming less fearful of humans especially children. Don't ever run away, that will trigger an attack. Please inform your children as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** Spring and daylight savings time has arrived. It is so nice to be able get out and enjoy weather and take a walk or dust off the bike for an evening ride. Recently I have seen and have been getting reports from people in our community regarding pet owners not having their pets on their leashes. Please be courteous to your neighbors and obey the leash laws posted at the entryways of our nearby Coronado Park. If someone refuses to comply with the posted laws then contact the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department at 303-271-0211 and they will assist you.

I also am pleased to hear the update from the Covenant Renewal on the adoption of the updated covenants for Section 3. I know that many hours of hard work went into this effort and wanted to thank all those who helped. Moving forward this will have a positive impact on our neighborhood and will secure and increase our property values.

For those of us Gardeners/Landscapers, etc., Spring time definitely gets us in the mood to check out new plants and plan what you might want to do to your lawns this year! In addition, if this time of year motivates you to do some improvements to your home please remember to submit an Architectural Control Committee (i.e. "ACC") form before you paint the house, build a new fence, replace windows, etc. You can find the form on the website along with process instructions. It's all about keeping our neighborhood looking nice for everyone and keeping our property values up!

Also, in the spirit of Spring cleaning, keep in mind that the CKSII Community Garage Sale, will be June 5th & 6th, this is a great way to recycle unwanted treasures and make a little money at the same time!

The CKSII HOA did not have a meeting in March, but the Board members have been busy paying bills, adding new members, welcoming new neighbors, and reviewing ACC requests as well as answering emails and questions from the community. *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment With The Board** At the March 10th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary, business was conducted as usual. The Officers, Board members and a few new faces were in attendance. Through much hard work and many phone calls CWCA has secured a new Newsletter Delivery Coordinator. Thank you for stepping up Don Mullins. Starting in May the newsletters will be available for pick up at 7860 W. Portland Ave. The voicemail line along with mail-in violation notices have the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) needing more volunteers to help with neighborhood duties. This committee works in a confidential manner toward successful resolutions of covenant violations. The neighborhood has 1500 homes and in any given month there could potentially be 30 – 50 violations. If you are interested in volunteering some time please contact CWCA. The Garage Sale is scheduled for May 15-17th, if you want to be listed on the flyer, please contact the voicemail line, 303-904-8218.

A Fall Festival is being planned for the beginning of October, offering a chili cook-off (with prizes) and more details to be disclosed. Watch the newsletter for more details. Annual elections will be at the May 12 th meeting, with the slate of election candidates being set at the April 14 th meeting. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Please call the CWCA voicemail at (303-904-8218) or email us at [cwcatalk@gmail.com](mailto:cwcatalk@gmail.com). Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting, second Tuesday of the month.

## The Leawood Reporter

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes: March 3, 2015** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. In attendance were Nancy Bock, Lori Patik, Heather Hanley, Richard White, Rhonda Eveleth, Debby Baker, Bethany DeHerrera-Schnering, Dave Grove, and Paul O'Connor.

There are no outstanding bills. Paul presented the most current membership report; 30 mail-in memberships and 6 on-line memberships; One new membership to date.

Rhonda will deliver welcome baskets to the new homeowners that moved to Leawood in February.

The board discussed the upcoming events; Easter Egg Hunt (March 28) and Volunteer Night (April 7) as well as board member responsibilities for these events. A flyer announcing the Volunteer Night will be created and added to the Leawood Elementary School PTA flyer. The membership flyer will be reviewed and approved by the board, via email, for an early April mailing. Membership banners will be hung throughout the neighborhood this month. Debby stated that the LCA board should take a shed inventory in order to ensure enough space for the Park Board. Nancy reported that one scholarship application had been received to date. The deadline is March 31. Lori will post the LCA scholarship opportunity, upcoming meetings, and events to the Leawood Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes March 11, 2015** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Resident and Leawood Civic Association board member Debby Baker was also present. Resident Nancy Mockenhaupt was present for the beginning of the meeting.

**Public Comment** – Resident asked what she should do regarding parties at the Leawood Pavilion when they got rowdy. She reported a group of young people who come on a regular basis to the park. Her concern was the drinking and letting their dogs run loose. Kyle stated the Jeffco Sheriff should be called when there is any disturbance in any of our parks. We ask that we be kept apprised on the disturbances so we can also communicate to the Sheriff's Dept. about overall trends. Kyle reported he has asked the Sheriff's Dept to enforce our current park rules.

Debby asked if there was any update on the light request at Raccoon Park (Sheridan Dr). Dave stated the cost of the light was extremely expensive but that we would leave it on our project list. Debby also reported that someone had approached her that the bat houses in Weaver Park are turned the wrong way. Kyle stated this was a Boy Scout project from a number of years ago and we were not aware they were installed incorrectly and will take a look.

Kyle received a concern from a resident on Fair Drive related to the removal of trees in Raccoon Park. Kyle explained this was a project we started in 2014 and was to continue in February and March. Information was given in the Reporter and we invited people to attend our meeting before we started the process. New trees have been planted and additional ones will be planted this spring.

Linda received a request from Mike Shaw of LCA for the Park Board's member's email addresses to add to their web site he was working on. Kyle will be the primary contact for the Board. Emergency events should be addressed to Dave.

Note: The telephone number on our signage is a 24 hour phone service that Mibby checks several times a week - 303/281-8766.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna submitted the Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid. More property tax revenue and ownership tax revenue was reported. We will be receiving Lottery funds by the next meeting. Invoices for the month include: Denver Water, Waste Management, Excel, payroll taxes, snow removal invoice, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Mibby moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed. Donna reported she had completed the annual report for Conservation Trust requiring us to itemize funds used.

**Parks Manager Report** – Snow removal took a lot of Dave's time this month.

**REMINDER:** Due to re-vegetation, the port-a-potty in Weaver Park will be removed so that the ruts in the native grass can be repaired and not re-damaged. A new structure design is in the works but Weaver Park will be without a port-a-potty temporarily.

Winchester Construction has been working on areas damaged by the construction company doing the C-Line (sewer) construction. This will be an ongoing process now and through the spring. Weston Landscape was in Raccoon Park, Weaver Park, and Tract T to trim bushes and clean xeriscape areas.

Dave has been in contact with the tree company for their stock of new trees to review. Types of trees were discussed and Dave is to pick four or five to go into the areas where trees were recently removed. The new trees will be in soon as available and as weather permits.

The location of the concrete drive for the new port-a-potty was discussed and confirmed. Dave will be meeting with a contractor for design and pricing of the concrete pad and drive planned for the new area. There will be a layout area for us to review and approve at the April meeting. The drive will be permanent so we will not have any further damage to the area related to the port-a-potty. We will also have a walk from the lower sidewalk for handicap access to the new port-a-potty area. Shrubs will also be going in to dress up the area. The new port-a-potty will be installed as soon as the concrete work is completed.

**Old Business – Projects** – Linda mentioned we needed to work on new signage, especially for the Leawood Pavilion. Port-a-potty removal at Weaver Park will take place Friday, March 13th. Re-vegetation work is starting.

**New Business** – South JeffCo Sports requested rental of the softball field at Leawood Park for their season. It was moved and approved for their use.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 8:15 p.m. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## WoodBourne

**From Notes From the Annual Homeowners Meeting** The Annual Homeowners Meeting and March Board meeting were both held on March 18, 2015. This year, enough homeowners either came to the meeting, or submitted a proxy, and we were able to conduct our Annual Homeowners meeting as scheduled. We did have a quorum and we did elect three Board members. Jay Hansen and James Meyer were re-elected and Adam Brown was elected to replace Mary Ellen Nuhn. Thank you Mary Ellen for your three years of outstanding service. Sommer Wall will be the new Secretary and John Edmonds will take over the duties as Treasurer and coordinating parking stickers. Thank you to everyone who helped solicit proxies so that we could hold this important meeting.

**Fence Update:** The north section of Simms fence replacement project is finally completed. All of the repairs were covered under the fence warranty. That means zero cost to the HOA. At the Annual Meeting, some homeowners believed that we had to pay for those repairs and we wanted to get this myth cleared up.

After receiving community input and considerable discussion at the Board meeting, the Board approved the covered patio at the pool with the HOA covering any cost difference. Construction will start soon and we hope to have this project completed before this year's pool season. We will continue to accept donations through the construction phase.

[www.woodbournehoa.org/patio](http://www.woodbournehoa.org/patio)

**BBQ Pitmasters:** We need a few more BBQ Pitmasters to compete in the 2nd annual Woodbourne BBQ competition.

This was a big event last year and this year it will be even bigger. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions. The HOA and our sponsor (Tom Walker with American Family Insurance) will help the Pitmasters cover their meat costs. If you have any questions, contact Jay at 720-220-6805. — *Jay Hansen, President*

## Williamsburg II News

**From President's Message** Now officially into Spring by several weeks and loving this time of year. At the date of this writing (mid March), I'm hoping Mother Nature was accommodating and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 28 was another well received event. Thanks to all who participate and a special appreciation to our board member Jessica Clark and her volunteers for donating their time to organize and hold the event. On a more somber note, tax day looms for many of us. Don't forget to file by April 15. With this time of year comes spring cleaning, so mark those calendars and start prepping for the Community Garage Sale (see related article) by cleaning out those closets, garages and basements!

**From HOA Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2015** Mike Eppers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Board members in attendance were Mike Eppers, Jessica Clark, Chris Falin, Wyatt Koeniger, Mark Hickman and Sharon Erickson. Homeowners present were Sue and George Jackson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff Talmadge, Treasurer, was not present. Jeff had prepared and dropped off a 2015 Budget report for the board. He also noted that we have only had 65 homeowners paying 2015 dues out of 317 homes. This gives us a 20% participation rate - at this time last year we were at 38%.

**Architectural Committee Report:** No report – No new requests have come into HOA email or to any board members.

**Historian:** Deb White was not present but did phone Sharon to report that all information is up to date. As part of the annual meeting information she also let us know that she has the Yard of the Month signs as well as the banner for the annual garage sale.

Chris Falin has 2 of the Lighting Contest winner signs. Additional signs will be ordered later in the year.

**CoHope:** Still no one volunteer or volunteers to fill this committee position.

**Covenant Control:** Mike sent a letter to the homeowner with a camper parked in violation of the covenants - no response yet. No other complaints or issues.

**Newsletter /Web Page/Facebook:** Everything looks good on all our media sources. Kathy Morelli did add a Membership tab to the website - includes the PayPal link.

**Old Business** The dues drive and what is needed to increase participation was the topic of discussion. As agreed last month, envelopes will be prepared with the Treasurer's address (Jeff Talmadge) and attached to the April newsletter. This reminder method has been successful in past years. Jessica Clark will also order a banner and have it displayed at the Easter Egg hunt in the Eagle Meadows Park. The banner will then be displayed at the front entrance. A flier with the Easter Egg hunt information and dues payment reminder will also be distributed.

Wyatt followed up with the trash company to set up a large item pick up to be scheduled after the garage sale set for June. He is waiting for a call back.

He also contacted the VA to schedule a neighborhood pick up of items that homeowners were not able to sell at the gar-

age sale and would like to donate to a charity. The VA was very open to scheduling a neighborhood pick up in June. They will provide pertinent information to Wyatt - watch future newsletters for details. Thank you Wyatt for coordinating with the VA.

Jessica is getting everything together for the Easter Egg hunt scheduled for March 28th, 10:00 a.m. at Eagle Meadows Park. Again, as noted above, a flier will be distributed.

**New Business** This is our Annual Meeting and time for several board positions to be filled. The positions open are those held by Mike Eppers and Mark Hickman. Both agreed to serve for two more years as no other homeowners expressed interest in filling these positions. Officer elections occur at the April meeting (first meeting following the Annual Meeting).

George Jackson, one of the homeowners in attendance, is interested in filling the Foothills Liaison position open. Mike will get the necessary contact information and pass it on to George. Thank you for volunteering.

Mike had a homeowner contact him concerning availability of new home owner packets. These have been distributed in the past to new residents but this practice has not been consistent in recent years. Chris Falin took one of the packets and will update it. At a future meeting the method for getting these out will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Behind the badge—Sheriff's Office and Police Department--What's the Difference?** by Sheriff Jeff Shrader For all intents and purposes, police officers and deputy sheriffs perform the same functions; both promote public safety through regular patrols, criminal investigation and educational initiatives. The primary difference between the two is jurisdictional authority. Police jurisdiction begins and ends at the boundaries of the city it serves. Sheriff's deputies have county-wide jurisdiction and patrolling responsibilities in those areas that are not incorporated, ie. not within city limits. A police chief is appointed by a city manager or council while a sheriff is elected by citizens throughout the county.

The Office of Sheriff is created by the Colorado Constitution, (art.XIV, sect 8). The Constitution does not enumerate particular duties of Sheriff's but Colorado statutes specify various duties for Sheriffs. For example: "to keep and preserve the peace..., quiet and suppress all affrays, riots..., act as fire warden". A sheriff's office is responsible for many varied functions outside of patrol duties. The largest of which is the management of the county jail where sheriff deputies supervise inmates who are in custody. Deputies also transport inmates between correctional facilities and city, state or federal courthouses. In addition, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office makes possible the below services to it's citizens: courtroom security, processing permits to carry concealed handguns, vehicle title inspections, bomb disposal, fire management, search and rescue, forensic crime lab, foreclosure sales, K-9 narcotic, explosive and arson detection, crime scene investigation, civil processes:, civil court papers, board of mental health orders, protection orders, arrest warrants.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office serves 550,000 residents Jefferson County with a patrolling responsibility to 189,720 residents in the unincorporated areas of the county. As the chief law enforcement officer of the county, Sheriff Jeff Shrader oversees the largest full-service sheriff's office in Colorado with 542 state certified deputies and 283 professional staff. Additionally, about 300 volunteers support Sheriff's operations.

**Opportunities** The Sheriff's Office recruits generally start their careers in the Detention Services Division. This entry level position is crucial in developing critical interpersonal and communication skills. Deputies may progress by transferring to patrol and then promote through the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and division chief.

A 31 year deputy in his time noted that he had been able to serve in 17 various assignments within the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office offers opportunities in many specialized assignments for sworn personnel aside from patrol and investigations: motorcycle deputy, honor guard, school resource officer, crime prevention, recruiting, bicycle patrol, K-9 handler, bomb technician, special operations and weapons teams (SWAT), heavy equipment operators, firearms, driving, firearms and arrest control instructors, crime scene technicians, crisis intervention technicians, and as a resident deputy in the remote areas of the county.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office also offers:

**Challenges** A sheriff's deputy is the type of person who thirsts for challenging environments. They may be the first on scene to wildfires, wildlife calls or search and rescue operations in remote areas. They cover 773 square miles and work hand in hand with a nationally acclaimed K-12 school district, a metropolitan airport, five medical centers, 30 open space parks, 19 fire districts, 14 police departments, a highly educated work force of residents who work for heritage companies such as Lockheed Martin and CoorsTek, to small business owners who thrive in the county. While there are 245 days of sunshine, deputies work amidst snow storms, floods and high winds.

**A Fresh Demeanor** Some call it old cowboy charm, but when a deputy arrives to a call citizens have commented on the "breath of fresh air" and friendly handshake. Deputies are referred to as 'the people's cop'. Maybe it's their demeanor or the iconic sheriff's uniform, markedly different from a traditional police uniform, complete with a brass seven-point star. But its more than the psychologically of the uniform, it's a relationship built on trust. Deputies have a reputation for being honest, helpful and competent in our community. "The culture within our Sheriff's Office transcends into the community.



We are known for being approachable, and friendly. This is especially evident in our mountain communities where citizens know us by name," said Crime Prevention Deputy Gordon Neuenfeldt.

**Pride** The Sheriff's Office employees make a difference in their community every day. They affect people's lives positively by apprehending dangerous criminals, reaching out to crimes or crisis victims and helping the underprivileged community through programs like Christmas Crusade for Children. The sense of pride in their career choice is evident as they are entrusted with great responsibility.

**Independence** Jefferson County, with its unique geographic area, includes densely populated suburban centers and rural, rugged mountain regions. The 557 square miles of mountainous areas afford the opportunity for an individual deputy to embrace a spirit of autonomy.

**Diverse Communities** Many choose to work for a county sheriff's office instead of a municipal police department because of the ability to grow along with the diverse communities. Lieutenant Shawn Allen said, "This agency is a true representation of our diverse community. We have such a range of ages, incomes, races and lifestyles in the county." There is always something new to learn or a new opportunity to help our community from ranchers to businessmen, teens to elderly.

**Apply** The selection process for employment with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office consists of a number of specific phases designed to identify the most qualified candidates. The online application is submitted by clicking on the position's link at [www.jeffco.us/jobs](http://www.jeffco.us/jobs). If the position desired is not listed at the time of inquiry you may sign up for Job Interest Alerts to be notified when the position has been posted.

**Foothills Park & Recreation District (303) 409-2525; [kate@fhprd.org](mailto:kate@fhprd.org) - Battle of the Bands**—A competition of local bands comprised of middle & high school teens. Saturday, June 20, 2015, 6-8 p.m. in Clement Park. Bands interested in applying should review and complete: Rules & Regulations, Band Application, Waiver Form.

Submit completed application and CD in person by MAY 22 at: Music Go Round - 8055 W. Bowles Ave. #2C, Littleton 80123 • 303-932-8277

Grand Prize is an opening gig on July 3, 2015 for Red White & You and on August 13, 2015 for the Foothills Entertainment Series.

Additional prizes include Music Go Round gift certificate, swag bag and other prizes. Voting will be conducted by judges and include audience vote. Band selected to compete will be notified by MAY 29.

For information, contact Regina Smith at 303.409.2612 or [reginas@fhprd.org](mailto:reginas@fhprd.org).

**70's Disco Party**—May 15 Peak Community & Wellness Center, 70s music dance party! Groovy attire & dancing encouraged but not required. We'll have prizes for the best dressed & the best moves!

Dinner: Chicken ala king, green salad & beverages 530 pm to 8 pm, \$14

Don Quixote Ballet performed by Foothills Ballet Program, May 15 6:30 pm May 17 2:30 pm, Columbine High School Auditorium, \$5 in advance (at Ridge Recreation Center), \$8 at door

Viva Las Vegas Ice Show performed by Edge Skating School, May 15, 6 pm & May 16, 3 pm, Edge Ice Arena, \$10 at the door

*From Jeffco Website :* **Land Use Cases** At the March 17 hearing, the BCC heard two land use cases on the hearing regular agenda.

The first item was the New Hampshire Gardens Official Development Plan. The property is 17.8 acres and is in the Fairmount area on the 4900 block of McIntyre Street. The applicant wants to rezone the property from Agricultural-Two (A-2) to Planned Development (PD). This would allow 72 single-family residential lots. The commissioners approved the item, conditioned upon staff and the applicant working together to draft a resolution addressing comments that were made during the hearing. The resolution will be back before the board on March 31.

The second item was the Jared's Nursery and Garden Center Official Development Plan. The applicant was seeking to amend the PD zone district to allow for an events center with a restaurant/brewpub and indoor/outdoor volleyball courts. The property is at the southeast corner of West Bowles Avenue and South Oak Street. The case was denied by the Planning Commission but recommended for approval by staff. The BCC approved it 2-1 but with amendments including only indoor volleyball courts.

**Learn More About the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport** Jefferson County's Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport is a great asset to the county and its citizens. The commissioners were recently able to get a more in-depth look into the operations and on goings of the airport, when Aubrey McGonigle, acting airport director, gave them a status report during the March 3 staff briefings.

The airport is located in the northwest corner of Jeffco and is centrally located between Denver and Boulder. It is surrounded by several major office parks such as Interlocken, Westmoor, Mountain View Corporate Center and Verve Innovation Park. It also has easy access, only taking 15 minutes to drive to downtown Denver and 35 minutes to get to Denver International Airport.

The airport was founded in 1960 with a 6,000 foot runway. In 1967, its first air traffic control tower was constructed and then in 1970 a second runway was built. 1993 brought the existing terminal building and then in 1996 Pilatus, the Swiss airplane manufacturer, established its US headquarters at the airport.

To become more connected to the county, in 2000 the Airport Authority was dissolved and the airport became a county



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The May meeting will be Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. The speaker will be will be Mr. Ron Sandstrom, Jeffco Assessor. The June 3rd meeting speaker will be Tina Francone, our District N representative to RTD. The meeting will also be at the Sheriff's South station.

department. It is currently a division under the Development and Transportation Department. If officially became the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in 2006 with a name change. Now, the airport is building-out and enhancing more of its property. In 2013, it constructed a new runway safety area.

Even though it is a county division, it operates independently of the general fund and is completely self-sufficient and a self-sustaining entity utilizing a separate enterprise fund. Most of its operational revenue comes from lease agreements, fuel royalties and fuel taxes.

When it is time to make capital improvements, such as the runway safety area, 90 percent is funded through grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); five percent from the Colorado Division of Aeronautics; and the remainder comes from the airport's budget.

Some interesting facts include that the airport is open 24 hours and 365 days a year. It is a FAA Part 139, Class II Certified Airport. It has an onsite US Customs office, three runways, a 25,000 square foot terminal building, 125 T-Hangar and storeroom leases, and much more. It currently has 364 aircrafts based there, including 37 jets. This equates to approximately 120,000 operations a year. Operations are any single take-off or landing.

The airport is home to six flight schools, 11 maintenance and avionics shops, a charter operation, a commercial service operation (service to and from Grand Junction), two car rental agencies, three restaurants and a hotel. It is also a base for search and rescue missions, weather and atmospheric research, aerial wildfire suppression, and hosts an annual air show.

Based on all this, it is estimated that the airport has a \$460.5 million economic impact to Jeffco and the surrounding area. Between it and the organizations that use the airport, 2,670 jobs have been created and maintained.

So what's next for the airport? A new corporate hangar is under construction and estimated to be completed in April. Two new taxilanes are going to be constructed to provide additional airfield access. One of the bigger projects includes 400 acres on the southwest side that are under development with an agreement with Urban Frontier. Part of this is the Verve Innovation Park and the land sale that closed in January for FedEx.

**Jefferson County Open Space Wins 2014 Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education's Elementary School Program Award** The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education selected Jefferson County Open Space Naturalists and their ESI: EcoSystem Investigations Program for their 2014 Elementary School Award Category. Each year, individuals and organizations from Colorado are recognized and honored for their hard work and dedication in the field of environmental education at the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education Awards Banquet. The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education has been the statewide leader in environmental education since 1989 with over 750 members across Colorado.

ESI was developed in a unique partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools and directly correlates with the district's fourth grade ecosystems unit. The program is innovative due to its imaginative approach to learning. In the program, students form teams of EcoSystem Investigators and are guided to four top-secret kits along the trail in the preserve that are filled with experiments and assignments to solve.