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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Nov 5, 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: November 10, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Nov. 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: **Nov 4 Habitat for Humanity, December Christmas Party**

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Draft Minutes for October 7 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Winnie Burdan / At Large, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Larry Major / Columbine South Estates, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Clay Cromley / Westbury HOA, Captain Allen Simmons / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Julie Rist / Jefferson County Public Library, Tori Merritts, George Jackson / Williamsburg II.

The meeting was convened at 6:54 p.m. **Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Captain Allen Simmons, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, said that how the response time is calculated has changed. The time starts when the dispatcher takes the car and ends when the car arrive at the location. Last month the response time was 7 min., 52 sec. There were 299 Priority 1 calls in Sept. That was down 16% from Aug. Since Sept last year, overall crime was down 2%. However motor vehicle trespass is up 8%.

There were 47 back flow preventers stolen in 2 weeks. They made 3 arrests.

There were several motor vehicle trespasses south of Bowles and east of Kipling. Burglaries are up 25% north of Bowles and west of Kipling.

Have there been a lot of activities at the schools? There have been a lot of custody disputes. A parent forgetting to pick up a student.

Columbine has had several fake bomb threat calls.

Southwest Plaza is almost done renovating. They expect more traffic starting in Nov. 14 when they re-open. They are asking for extra deputies to work while off-duty.

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

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

Tonight's speaker was **Julie Rist** from **Jefferson County Public Library**. She wanted us to know that she was attending as a private citizen and Library volunteer.

It has been 29 years since the mil levy has changed. The population has increased 30%. There are 550K residents in the district. They have 34% more library card holders. They have 6M items for check out. They have 1.8M visitors a year. They have done a lot of cut backs already.

There is an item on the ballot to increase the mil levy by 1 mil. This would cost the average homeowner \$1.95 per month. They have polled the community asking what they want, what they want to keep, and what they want to get rid of. The result will be analyzed by a committee of 74 people.

The current budget is less than what it was in 2008. They have reduced their hours twice. They have reduced their staff. Some days they open and close early. Some days they open and close late.

If the mil levy is approved, they will go back to normal hours; increase their materials budget; update their technology; and repair their buildings and finances. They based the levy increase on their 5 year budget plan and 10 year forecast. Julie distributed yard signs.

What does the paragraph mean? The library proposes that the money collected from the mil increase can only be used for the library and it removes Tabor restrictions.

How is the budget set? Their Board is conservative. The budget is also approved by the County Board of Commissioners.

Will the levy increase be used to build new libraries or just maintain existing buildings? The first 5 years the money will only be used to repair, plan, and stabilize. Then they will save and look at expansion possibilities. The under served areas are in the south part of the county, northwest around Stanley Lake, and Arvada.

Is there still a Book Mobile? Yes, it runs on Saturday for 4 hours.

How many attempts for a levy increase has been tried in the last 29 years? The last attempt was in 2000.

Jefferson County Public Library is in the bottom quartile. We really want to be better than average for our community. How do you respond to Why are Libraries needed? When you do a Google search, there are too many responses and the responses change based on how you ask the question. As digital literacy increases, citizens needs to differentiate good information from bad information. Studies have shown that there is a difference in retention between reading something from paper and a digital source. It is better than reading it from paper. A city in Texas went to a all digital format. They have been open for 6 months. Our library personnel are watching it.

The Library is still the "People's University".

Tori Merritts asked to speak to us. She is running for the open District 4 School Board seat. District 4 is mostly in Lakewood. Whether you do or do not vote for the recall, you can still vote for the replacements. District 1 has 1 candidate. District 2 has 2 candidates. District 5 has 3 candidates.

Reports from Officers Roll Call was taken. We had 12 members present and we have a quorum. We do not have a President.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,654.57.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Out Adopt a Highway event will be Oct. 17, Sat., at 8:30 a.m. We will meet at the West Bowles Community Church. The property at 8290 W. Coal Mine has a rezoning application. They are proposing a 2-story senior living facility with 80 units. This is the property where the dog kennel is.

A 12900 sq. ft. clinic has been proposed near the CVS Pharmacy at the southwest corner of Kipling and Bowles. The site development plan is on the county website.

The Fun City location is planning on medical buildings, which they are already zoned for, and a separate standalone Emergency Room, which they are not zoned for. They will need to go through the rezoning process for the ER. Construction has started at Simms and Bowles, by the Rite Aid.

Celebrate National Pro bono Week is on Oct. 29, Thurs., from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You can meet with an attorney for 15 min. on topics such as divorce / custody, tenant / landlord, eviction, small claims, criminal / juvenile / traffic, and cases about money. It will be held at the Jefferson County Court House.

There is a pre-application for the southwest corner of Coal Mine and Pierce. They will be having meetings with area HOAs. It is now zoned as agriculture. The time and place are TBD.

Our November meeting will be at Lilley Gulch. Our speaker is from Habitat for Humanity.

Diane has filed our request for the meeting room at the Jefferson County Sheriff's South Precinct. Elections still get the first choice.

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

New Business None.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 7:57 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*



THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From President's Corner November 2015— 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 we do to build stronger parks, recreation and schools actually helps you. Realtors say that they often include information 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 our 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 vision of drivers. The 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 tot 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 CHICA President*

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Fall time in Colorado! Cooler temperatures and spectacular colors! Does it get any better? As you have heard or seen the news recently that Colorado is known for its abundant wildlife, and animals inevitably find their way into our communities. While most people are fascinated or delighted when wildlife, such as a fox, raccoon or skunk, wander into their neighborhoods, these incidents can cause serious problems. Jefferson County Animal Control Officers are not authorized or trained to handle nuisance wildlife; however, there are many resources available, nonprofit and for-profit, to manage the situation. Animal control does not endorse any particular service or company and strongly recommends that consumers check references, licenses, insurance and bonding before hiring any company. Colorado State Division of Wildlife: 303-291-7227 Urban Wildlife Rescue: 303-340-4911 Animal Damage Control: 303-884-9100 Critter Control: 303-274-8837 Acorn Wildlife Control: 303-979-0900 Urban Wildlife Services: 303-588-1869 All American Wildlife Damage Specialist: 303-840-7743 A All Animal Control of Denver: 303-452-2113 EnviroCritter: 720-295-7378 AGD Varmint Control: 303-748-8879

Please take a minute to read the minutes included in this newsletter for more details of the meeting. I encourage anyone interested in becoming involved in the HOA to attend the next meeting and experience the positive force that is working hard to deal with issues that impact this community. The Board will be looking to fill four 4 vacancies at the beginning of next year so again please feel to contact me if you are interested. — *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

From Board Meeting Minutes – Sept. 8, 2015 President, Jon Brouillet, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members Jon Brouillet, Jennifer Blake, Debbie Opperman, John Schutt, Steve Kalney, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 319 members which Debbie reported is an all-time high. ACC Committee: John Schutt reported 11 requests and 10 approved with 1 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 6 for paint, 2 for solar panels, 1 for a shed, and 1 for a fence.

Management Report: Three inspections were conducted since the last Board meeting. Thirty-three violations were processed by mail and/or personal contact. This included 16 RVs; 9 dead trees, 3 visible trash containers; 3 weeds; 1 lawn with dry grass; and 1 political sign.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake reported that three properties sold and they will visit those homes in November after the pending sales close and closer to the next meeting.

Old Business: RV Notifications & Communications – Jon Brouillet would like feedback from the board about RV rules being posted to the website. Roger consulted with the HOA lawyer regarding what the HOA can do going forward for

clarification.

New Business: Social Committee for Holiday Hayride – Jon will be calling a meeting of the Social Committee to start preparations for the Holiday Hayride. Board Positions – There will be four potential vacancies on the HOA board in the upcoming year. These positions are for two year terms and elections will take place at the January 12, 2016 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The August 11th CWCA meeting was at the pool pavilion, the Board conducted business as usual and welcomed a visitor to the meeting. Kathryn Kinney is a resident on S. Webster St and wanted to inform the Board/Officers about a postcard she received from the County addressing the proposed rezoning and development of Coal Mine Ave/ Pierce. Her home's backyard is adjacent to the property. Presently we have 383 paid members, that is 100% of the CWCA 2015 goal, plus extra donations from generous households. National Night Out was a huge success. There was approx. 100+ people in attendance. Lucky 13 Fire Truck and Jeffco Sheriff office had vehicles and staff on site. Lots of food was supplied by Target & Shiloh House. Newsletters are now available for pick up at 7860 W. Portland Ave. The Fall Festival is being planned for October 3rd, 2-6 p.m., offering a chili cook-off (with prizes), potential neighborhood car show, hayride from 3-5 p.m. by Blue Moon Stables, entertainment at 2:30, plus more items. The September Headliner will be addressing the Fall Festival. Watch the newsletter for more details. Come join the neighborhood. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is September 8th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elementary, second Tuesday of the Month.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes: September 1, 2015 The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. In attendance were Rhonda Eveleth, Heather Hanley, Debby Baker and Paul O'Connor.

The board discussed the success of the annual Picnic. Board members brainstormed ideas for next year including what items will need to be purchased, potential flyers for the parade, food orders, water igloos, and more.

Board members discussed the need for website training. Heather will contact Mike regarding training and board member access to the new website.

Heather will inquire about costs and logistics for a holiday hayride in 2016. Heather will search high and low for new goodies to use in the welcome baskets.

Lori will post upcoming LCA meetings, FYP's and events to the Leawood Facebook page. Rhonda briefly discussed Front Yard Parties (FYP). Upcoming FYP's- September 11th at 6140 S. Fenton Ct. and Sept 25th at 5431 W. Fair Dr. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

These September minutes were finalized and approved, via email, on September 10, 2015.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes September 9, 2015 The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School teacher's lounge by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Resident Debby Baker was also present.

Public Comment - No comments.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid were submitted by Donna. Property tax revenue and ownership tax revenue funds were reported. Kyle and Donna discussed the information sent from Lottery. We need to file a challenge with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to add Country Farms and Vintage Reserve to our number of houses in the District for additional Lottery funds. Invoices for the month include: reimbursement to Girl Scouts for the Monarch Butterfly Way station, United Site Services, Waste Management, Denver Water, Excel, L&M for grass cutting and extra fertilizing, DBC Irrigation, doggie bags vendor, Valles Construction for mulch and tree planting, FICA taxes, Weston Landscaping, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – Dave reported the Platt Canyon C-Line contractor will back in to re-seed the trail to the old poty. Concrete repairs should take place soon on damaged areas by the same contractor. Dave and Board members are researching bee keepers that may be interested in removing bees from one of the logs from a tree recently cut down. The first attempt did not remove all the bees. This needs to happen by September 29 since the contractor will be removing the logs from the park at that time.

Organic fertilizer was spread on the bluegrass for the second time and broadleaf control was done also. Lots of low hanging branches were trimmed and more needs to be done. Dave will proceed with additional trimming as needed. Repairs to irrigation lines were done. Drip lines for new trees were checked. Mulch was added to beds in Tract T, xeriscape areas in Raccoon Park, areas in Weaver Park and Leawood Park. Urban Drainage's contractor removed thistle along Dutch Creek. Dave repaired a bench in Leawood Park and lots of doggy bag holders were replenished.

Old Business – Projects - Dave was given the okay to contract with Corona to install a steel door and grate at the old poty structure. We will use this to store pipes and other irrigation supplies. Also Dave was given approval to repair fence

ing in Weaver Park west of the pavilion and to continue trimming branches in Weaver Park.

Open Board positions – We had a discussion on the open board positions. We would like to invite residents to apply for one of the positions. Mibby will be stepping down soon. Please call Kyle and/or come to the next Board meeting in October. We discussed the current open position and offered the position to Debby Baker. Kyle moved to appoint Deborah Baker to fill the vacant position of Charlie Campbell. Mibby seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Welcome, Debby.

New Business – Ball field request – We had a request from a resident for his son’s team to practice two days a week at the Leawood ball field. Kyle checked with Jeffco Sports since they have used this for a number of years. They would like to use it also but need all the days during their season. Kyle is to check on pricing for field rentals to see if we are getting current rates other locations are getting. We will discuss the request again in November.

Leawood Marketplace on Facebook had a comment that a user of the Leawood pavilion had to clean trash left by another user prior to them setting up for their party. We discussed hiring someone to come in on Saturday and Sunday to remove trash left by users. Currently, L&M does this on Monday when they come to mow. Recent activity in this park has caused us to go this route. Dave will follow up with someone to check if they are interested. A truck to carry trash away will be needed.

Future Meetings - The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School in the Library. Meetings will be held in the Library or Teacher’s Lounge due to the other meeting room being turned into a kindergarten classroom.

The meeting was adjourned 8:28 p.m.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

WoodBourne

From Notes From the Board The September Board meeting was held on September 16, 2015. The meeting covered several items related to the end of the summer season.

There will be no increase in our monthly dues for 2016. Our HOA remains in a solid financial position and I look forward to presenting those financials at our next annual meeting.

The final repairs to the clubhouse from the hailstorm last year will be made this fall. This includes painting the exterior and roof touch-up.

The pool has closed for the season and the grills have also been put away until next year. Our pool furniture will be put into a pod storage box until next year.

Are you on the HOA email list? If not, please visit the HOA website (www.MSIHOA.com) and get signed up. It is a great way to receive reminders of our events. Did you know we are also on Facebook?

Our next Board meeting will be held on October 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Kim Herman with Management Specialists at 720-974-4234 with any questions. — *Jay Hansen, President*

Williamsburg II News

From President’s Message October arrives. Indian summer. Warm days. Cool nights. Pumpkin flavored everything. Love this time of year. Let’s hope for a mild Fall and a winter with cold and snowfall that’s manageable. Thanks to all attending the Wine and Cheese Social last month. Fun event once again. Like ‘em or not, the holidays will creep up on us quickly. Mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas Hayride scheduled for Saturday December 12th as well as the annual home Christmas Lighting Event on Wednesday evening, December 16th.

From HOA Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2015—Mike Eppers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members in attendance were Mike Eppers, Jeff Talmadge, Jessica Clark, Wyatt Koeniger, Mark Hickman and Chris Falin. Debi Clark, Scott Clark and homeowners George and Sue Jackson, were present.

Summer events were reviewed. Plans finalized for Wine and Cheese Social. CoHope and Foothills liaison roles taken by George Jackson. Foothills again interested in matching funds program. Stray dogs and licensing discussed. Homeowners concerns regarding trash cans being properly stowed reviewed. Chris Falin to work on and complete new homeowners welcome packets.

COHOPE Treasury Activity: August—September 2015

Beginning Balance September 2, 2015	\$ 1727.69
Deposits	\$ 20.00
Johnstone \$20	
Withdrawals	\$ 93.12
Picnic chicken and ice \$56.15 Website charge Aug to Oct \$26.29	
September newsletter \$5.39 October newsletter \$5.39	
Ending Balance October 7, 2015	\$ 1654.57

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The November 4th meeting will be at Lilley Gulch Rec Center (6147 S. Holland Way) at 7 pm. The speaker will be Steve Snyder of Habitat for Humanity.

Foothills Park & Recreation District, Contact: Kate Dragoo, Communications & Marketing Supervisor (303) 409-2525; kate@fhprd.org

Foothills Winter Camps for kids Winter Camps are fun for ages 5 to Grade 6 at Foothills Park & Recreation District! Field trips, swimming, sports, group games, arts and other enrichment activities will round out your child's camp experience. Kids on the Move Camp and Camp Hoppers will be offered during winter break Dec. 21 – JAN 5 (no camp Dec 25 & Jan 1). Program locations are Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, 6147 S. Holland Way; and Ridge Recreation Center, 6613 S. Ward St. For more information and registration forms, call 303.409.2511 or visit www.ifoohills.org/camps.

Mind-Body Open House, November 13 Have you ever wanted to take a Yoga Class, but didn't know where or how to get started? Or maybe you are curious about other types of Mind-Body classes, such as Pilate Reformer, Tai Chi, or Barre classes and would like to learn more? Here is your chance! Foothills Park & Recreation District invites you to attend our FREE Mind-Body Open House on Friday, November 13 from 4-7pm. We will be hosting FREE 20 minute introductory sessions that will cover the fundamentals of each class, including proper form and techniques, explanations and demonstration of moves, with opportunities for you to participate! We will also offer FREE chair massages, door prizes, local vendors, mind-body practitioners and more. Discover the amazing benefits of Mind-Body classes through Foothills Park & Recreation District! For more information, visit www.ifoohills.org/events or call 303-409-2263.

Thanksgiving Eve Skate, Nov. 25 Spend your holiday with friends and family at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Edge Ice Arena (6623 S. Ward St.). Public skate fees apply. Free skate rental during public skating hours will be offered to anyone donating a non-perishable food item on Wednesday, November 25 from 12-2 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Donated food will be given to a local food bank. For information call 303.409.2222 or visit www.ifoohills.org/events.

Holiday Pottery Sale at Foothills, Dec. 4 & 5 Find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Annual Holiday Pottery Sale at the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127). Handmade pottery produced by students and instructors of Foothills Pottery Program will be on display and available for purchase. Sale will run Friday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information visit www.ifoohills.org/events or call 303.409.2612.