

COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Aug 4, 7:00 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Aug 23, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Aug. 20, 6:30 pm, 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: **August 3 Pot luck Picnic**
Sept 7 Dan McMinimee, Jeffco Schools

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Draft Minutes for July 6 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Don Mullins / Columbine West Civic Assn., Bob Ham / At Large, Mary Parker / At Large, Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Burke Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Sharon Hilderbrant / Westbury HOA, George Jackson / Williamsburg II, Lieutenant Jon Everhart / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, David Baker / To Bee or Not To Bee.

The meeting was convened at 6:59 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Lieutenant Jon Everhart, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, said that there were 31 motor vehicle trespasses. It is down a little. 75% of the vehicles were unlocked.

There were 13 residential burglaries: Mostly unlocked vehicles with a garage door opener in sight, open garage doors, or unlocked shed. 2 burglaries where the perpetrator cut a screen to open the window.

From June 30 through July 4, there were 375 firework calls for service. They confiscated 2 - 55 gallon barrels of fireworks. The bomb squad detonated them. There were 2 minor fires and 11 summons issues.

At Red, White and You, there were over 40K people. There were no issues this year. Last year 27 kids who got lost and were found. This year there were only 4 kids.

Fun City has been vacant for 16 months. The last 2 months, they have had issues. The building will be demolished around Nov. 2016. It will house Urgent Care and Doctor's Offices.

How are illegal fireworks found? Do you go where there are calls or drive around? Both. If it leaves the ground, it is illegal.

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

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

Tonight's speaker is **David Baker**, who owns and operates **To Bee or Not To Bee**. His shop provides full service Bee-keeping Supplies. It is at 8280 West Coal Mine Ave. Their phone number is 303-728-4422. The State organization can be reached at 1-800-SPYBEES.

The rules is every community are different. In Jefferson County, you have to apply for a Miscellaneous Permit for honey bee hives which are only allowed in certain types of residential zoned areas . It costs \$50. It allows the residence to have 2 hives per 4,000 sq. ft. and 1 additional hive per each additional 4,000 sq. ft.

David Baker got interested because his mother had a hive in her house soffit. Someone removed it but offered to return the bees the next year. Hudson Gardens has a program and he attended. Five years later he has 25 hives. In his backyard, his hives are in a chain link fenced dog run. For some reason, his bees don't like to go through the chain link fence. So they exit straight up and out of the enclosure.

Feral bees have been declining recently due to a few pests and diseases. But David expects the bees to mutate and eventually survive.

Beekeepers are the best defense against Africanization of bees because they monitor their bees all the time. There are currently no Africanized bees in Colorado. Africanized bees don't have the gene to cluster. Clustering is what keeps bees alive over winter. Clustering is where all the bees gather together in a cluster around their queen, beating their

wings to keep warm. The bees constantly move to the outside to moderate the temperature. At the center the temperature can reach 90 degrees.

What is the difference between our bees and Africanized bees? Africanized bees are more aggressive. Although their venom and behavior are similar when they are disturbed, they do not stop attacking. They emit a pheromone that other Africanized bees respond to.

A healthy bee colony has between 50,000 and 100,000 bees in the hive. The bees have a range of 3 - 5 miles around the hive. This means that they cover 50.5 square miles or over 32000 acres around their hive.

The benefit of bees is pollination ... and the honey.

Different pollen sources cause honey to have different colors and tastes.

People who have bee hives can be stewards for the community. They know how their bees interact with the environment. They become aware of pesticides and herbicides. They are more likely to plant pollen friendly gardens for their bees. They support better ecosystems. Beekeepers make good neighbors. They know their hobby scares people and they try to educate and be involved with the community.

Gardens with native flowers attract native species of bees.

Hudson Gardens has a great education programs. Aspen Academy also has a program.

Colorado has over 900 bee colonies.

What about Swarms and Extractions? They have a Swarm List with about 100 beekeepers in Boulder, Castle Rock, and Colorado Springs. This list is for people who will collect swarms. The service is usually free because they get to keep the bees. However if the bees are in a structure, there may be a fee.

When bees are swarming, they are usually not aggressive as long as you leave them alone. They are very docile. They just want to be with their queen as they find a new home. Usually at least once a year, the bee colony will raise 10 - 15 new queens. Then the old queen will take about half the hive and establish a new hive. The old hive is maintained by the new queen. The new queen is the survivor of the new hive queens.

How long do bees live? In the summer they live about 6 weeks. In the winter they live longer. A queen lives 3 - 5 years.

There are several organizations and each have a Swarm List.

Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) was an issue. Then it went away. There is not a lot of research on the subject.

What is supersedure? It is how a bee colony keeps going. Only queen bees get royal honey. That is how they raise new queens. It is their diet! Bees feed larvae royal honey to produce more queens.

How do beekeepers mitigate swarms? There are several ways. If they give the colony a lot of space, they the colony will not swarm. Another way is to take the old queen, put her in a swarm box, and split the colony themselves.

What is the difference in taste between filtered and unfiltered honey? First there is no definition of filtered or unfiltered honey. Filtered honey could be strained through cheesecloth which generally removes bee parts like legs or put through reverse osmosis which removes all pollen from the honey. If honey crystalizes, it is the good stuff. If it does not crystalize, it is highly filtered.

What about spun honey? This is a process where the crystals are ground to make them smooth.

If you have a hive, should you notify your insurance or lawyer? David did not know. He has heard of no incidents caused by bee hives.

Can you sell the honey? In Jefferson County the permit only allows hives for personal use. If you want to sell to individuals or online, there is a \$15 3-hour class that you need to take. If you sell over a counter, there are a lot more regulations.

Where should you put a hive? Check local regulations for any restrictions. After that put it where it is convenient for you.

How much honey do you get from a hive? You can get about 5 gallons or 100 pounds of honey per year.

David's email address bakersbeesllc@gmail.com. Their website is www.tobeeornottobee.us.

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

We do not have a **President**.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,896.16.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The County Commissioner Meeting on the Deer Creek golf Course will be held on Aug. 2. They will discuss rezoning the property. This round of hearings are only determine if the currently designated "open space" there is eligible to be rezoned. At a later hearing, they will discuss the buildings.

On 6/29/16, the permit was issued for the church's 80' stand alone cross with a cell tower. The address is 9700 Coal Mine.

Westgold Meadows Senior Living is progressing.

Our Aug. 3rd meeting will be in Clement Park in Shelter 6. It will start at 6:00 p.m. It is a pot luck. CoHope is providing soda, water, and chicken.

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

Last year COHOPE was asked to get involved in the fireworks issue. They want to reduce noise and put up a banner asking that fireworks be confined to only certain days. They want everyone to approach neighbors and explain issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, babies, and scared animals. Did anyone do this in HOAs? (See page 6)

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — Hey neighbors, hope you had a fun filled Fourth of July celebration. I do so much enjoy the freedoms we have as Americans. I've travelled to a few foreign countries, but there is no place like home. Yes, things are screwed up with our political scene and with our morals, but the basic fiber of our great country is sound.

Yes, I have finally gotten thawed out from our cool spring, but I hope I'm not whining about the heat. Unless the hail gets 'em, I should have a decent crop of tomatoes this summer. Neighbors, please, let's do a better job of keep our bushes trimmed back from the sidewalks and those noxious weeds under control. Most of us really work hard on our yards, but all it takes is that one yard with uncontrolled weeds to spread it to the rest of our yards. It's my view that whoever introduced that wood vine to the community should be fined!! That is the most obnoxious weed I've ever seen. I don't like dumping poison on it but it is strangling my little corner of the world, it reminds me of Kudzu from down in the South.

Previously our newsletter included special announcements and recognition for folks in our community, if you have a special event or someone who has accomplished something worthy of special recognition - please send us a brief announcement and we'll do our best to include it in the next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you out and about this summer – please feel free to stop and chat and let us know how we can make Columbine Hills a better neighborhood. Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

From CHICA BOARD MEETING, June 11 2016—Meeting called to order at 9:09 a.m. on June 11, 2016, at Park shelter on the corner of Canyon and Kendall. Officers present: Don Hochhalter, Jennifer Gerdes, Pat Miller. Board Members present: Ralph Miller, Michaelle Otto.

Pat M. gave treasurer's report Don moved to approve the report and Ralph M. seconded the motion. Motion passed CHICA would like to acknowledge the resident who gave a generous donation to our organization and Thank them! THANK YOU!!

Old Business: 1. Pat M. gave membership status – 236 CHCA members 2. COHOPE - Council of Homeowner Organizations for a Planned Environment 3. stone – planning a summer event around unveiling of stone in park

Tentatively, it was agreed with Brett Horman, the Eagle Scout candidate in charge of the project, to unveil the stone sign and commemorate the playground build anniversary on July 17, 2016.

New Business: 1. Dumpster Day - Randy M. continues to try to locate a provider. 2. Community Garage Sale – Asking Randy about reusable banners for next year 3. Summer event in park – There was talk of an event but nothing decided. This will be tabled until next meeting

Meeting was adjourned 10:08 a.m.

Columbine Knolls Voice

From May 10th 2016 Board Meeting Board Meeting called to order at: 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Board Members: Matt Hale (on phone), Lee Woodbury, Birgit Whitelaw, Steve Hantelman, Nathalie McClish, Skip Wilcox Guests: 11 homeowners

Public Comments: There was a concern brought up as a result of the discussion from April's board meeting that neighbors could or should sue other neighbors. Does the board support this or endorse this? The board does NOT encourage this but encourages neighbors talking to each other and trying to resolve any differences on their own. The right of each property owner can take legal action was addressed as a point of information.

We should add an article in the Voice newsletter to encourage homeowners to work together and resolve any issues they might have with each other. The board should not get involved unless it involves covenant violation and complaint. There was a discussion on the clarity and details of the board minutes and when they get approved and published in the newsletter and on the website.

Discussion on voluntary HOA and management companies but people in attendance want to keep our HOA voluntary.

Committee Reports: Membership: Currently there are 327 members down 14 from last year.

Should we reprint the directory because it is missing a sort by street name? No. The printed copy is already out of date. It is online.

We would like Skip to be chairman of a membership committee.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Plants in at Sheridan court entrance and the plants will grow big eventually. Talked to each neighbor to be sure to help water the new plants at the entrance and they agreed.

The Lamar street entrance cleanup is starting. Could use some help with this and should add an article to the Voice.

Covenants and Architectural Control Committee: We are working to enforce covenants regarding the removal of trailers with 3 letters and personal conversation with the homeowners.

Let's see if we can move the online PIPSA form to public section from the private member section. This would make it

easier for all people to submit the form regardless if they are a member of the site or not.

Special Events/Programs: Put new signs out for the community garage sale coming June 3rd and 4th. Let's try to add an article in the Voice talking about the garage sale event.

Cleanup set for June 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. We need a few board members at this event and we will need a membership list there to verify members of the HOA.

Treasurer's Report: There were a few minor changes from last month's budget. We saved some money on the printing. We will ask Kari Kline to pay some money for advertising on the printed directory since she has done that in the past. Insurance quote is adequate. Lee motioned to approve and pay the insurance/Birgit seconds, all in favor.

Need new set of checks or use Bill Pay at the bank.

Add to the website the budget and P&L statement for the HOA.

New Business: Smartwebs needs an updated list of the new homeowners. How can we get the data updated?

Skip will call the county to see how we might get the latest information.

Adjourn at 8:40 pm:

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. The late spring rains have made it absolutely gorgeous. What a great time to live in Colorado!!! For the 4th of July Holiday I'd like to encourage you to display your American flag if you happen to have one. It's so nice to see homes show their pride in our country for the holiday.

Thanks to all of you who own RVs and boats for limiting the time that they are parked on the streets or in your driveways prior to and after use. Everyone appreciates your efforts!

Thanks to our Landscape Committee for continuing to work on the entrance gardens on Chatfield and Yukon. They are doing a great job this year!

In June Stephanie Haberkorn and I had the privilege of meeting some of our new neighbors. We delivered welcome baskets to 10 new homeowners. It was great to meet you all and hope you find living in CKSII an enjoyable experience.

Also, for those who live in Section 3 you may have noticed some beavers building dams on the North edge of Columbine Knolls South II. Foothills owns the section of land where the beavers have been living and they were able to collaborate with a specialist from the Colorado Division of Wildlife to relocate the beaver habitat to a new, safe location. The beaver dams came close to flooding a couple of properties in our neighborhood so we are thankful to Foothills and the Division of Wildlife for safely relocating the beavers. —Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The June 14th CWCA meeting of volunteers was at the Pool Pavilion, where there was approximately 30 residents in attendance for the 3rd month in a row. Thank you all for taking the time to attend and share your thoughts. The Board had asked JCSO to attend our meeting and we had (3) officers available to answer neighbors questions. Lt Happ spoke about current police activity around the 7500 block of Fremont Dr. He told us it was a stolen vehicle they pinned into a cul de sac, that then hit a patrol car and the suspect ran from the scene. He was able to tell us that the suspect was caught less than a month later. Other activity around the 7200 block of Webster & 6800 block of Roxbury has been continually monitored. A property at Frost/ Teller is unoccupied and was the site for retrieving a few stolen cars,(3) warrants for arrest and burglary. Thank you JCSO for cleaning up the mess. The Deputies asked neighbors to report any suspicious activity to the Tip Line phone #303-271-5612, please be able to provide a description of the activity, along with license plate number, which is crucial. The recent spray paint tagging and baseball bat to car side mirrors is still an active case investigation. Some other neighbors are concerned about speeding and speed mitigation, speed bumps and more signage. Lt Happ took the address of Ontario Way & Zephyr Way and will be submitting a request for mobile speed trailers to be placed at each of these areas. Be advised it may take 3-4 weeks for the trailers to show up, due to increased need for them throughout the County. The Deputies also spoke about upcoming firework displays and that extra patrols will be in the area. If you can give the JCSO a correct address for illegal fireworks being exploded, it is asked that you please call the non-emergency dispatch #303-271-0211. Deputy Jamie Gonda, our Nextdoor spokesperson, is encouraging us to continue with a National Night Out event. CWCA was partnering with Shiloh House/ Target over the last few years, but they have since made a switch to hold their activity at Clement Park. We would like to try and have an ice cream social. If anyone is interested in heading up this event please contact the CWCAtalk@gmail.com. It was a pleasure to have (3) JCSO deputies at our meeting and everyone walked away with answers. The monthly agenda covered all upcoming events including Free swim nights, Yard of the Month, Dumpster Day & National Night Out. A newly formatted organizational structure has been implemented by the Officers/ Board members to help streamline volunteer duties within the association. If you have questions, feel free to call the voicemail line or email 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 July 12th , 2016 at 6:30 p.m., Columbine West pool pavilion, second Tuesday of the Month.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes June 1, 2016 Present: Richard White, Paul O'Conner, Debby Baker, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Chip and Angela Langowski.

The June 4th neighborhood cleanup day was discussed. Richard said the cost of the bins went from \$375 per bin to \$425. The bins will be delivered between 6:45 and 7 a.m. on the day of the cleanup. Rhonda said there were no responses to the offer of helping to bring trash for elderly people or people who couldn't bring it themselves.

Regarding the Jay Court neighborhood entrance, Richard is mowing it and keeping it up. Planting flowers to spruce it up was also discussed.

Rhonda said that most of the Front Yard Party dates had been filled and will be listed in the June Reporter. There is one date open in Sept. for someone to host. There was discussion about making flyers to advertise them.

Paul said there were now 154 total paid memberships; more likely coming in because of the recent membership flyer that was mailed in May.

There was also discussion of the Leawood Park Board remodeling the shed at Leawood Park to accommodate their files. Currently, the LCA uses it to store supplies. Paul said the LCA may have to build a new shed or pay for space to use in the Park Board shed.

Regarding the discussion of consolidating neighborhood trash pickup, Debby said she received 15 calls supporting it, and comments against it. For a cheaper price, the companies would need to have all residents participate. Since it is highly unlikely that all residents would agree to one company, the subject will not be pursued any further.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes June 15, 2016 The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. at the Pavilion in Leawood Park by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Jennifer Dawe, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Linda Smith/VP/Secretary, Debby Baker/Special Projects, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Residents Rick and Susie Olson were also present.

Public Comment/Correspondence – Two residents whose house backs to Raccoon Park came to the meeting to ask that two trees be added to an area near their house. Several trees had been taken down in that area and they asked for trees to cover the holes left by the tree removal. Water to the trees will be an issue, so Dave and the residents will discuss the watering issue and get their suggestions on the trees that could go in that area. Resident also asked about considering a tree sale with one of our tree vendors at our wholesale price. Dave will report back to the Board at the next meeting on both issues.

Treasurer's Report – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report. Lottery funds, property tax and ownership tax income was received along with a new income fee that needs to be explained. Invoices for the month include: Denver Water, United Site Services, Waste Management, Xcel, DBC for irrigation supplies, Weston Landscaping lawn service maintenance for May and June, post office box rental fee, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Debby moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – *(Note again: Thanks to the residents for being patient with the mowing in the parks. As you know we are working with a new contractor and getting them used to how we like the parks cut. Also note, Urban Drainage has a new contractor, Terracare, cutting the creek areas. They cut down the slopes into the creek areas.)*

Dave reported the benches have been ordered and would arrive in about 6 weeks. However, due to a request for a recent bench dedication, we will delay the order until the details can be worked out. The concrete replacement has been done in the areas that were broken by the C-line contractor. Repairs to irrigation heads were done and all lines inspected. Two spray heads in Raccoon Park that were damaged by kids, were repaired. Trees were trimmed that had grown over several resident's properties. Urban Drainage removed a downed tree in Weaver Park. We had to remove one tree at the west end of Weaver Park that fell.

Weston Landscaping will be coming in on Saturday, June 17 to mow all parks. Doggie bag locations were inspected and refilled as needed. Due to the high use at Leawood Park, Dave is having someone come in on Friday to take trash to our dumpster so this park is not overwhelmed on the weekend with additional trash. Leawood Park is really used a lot during the week and filled with trash. This should help for weekend traffic. It was noted at our meeting in the Pavilion at Leawood Park that a lot of the picnic table benches are being vandalized. Someone is pulling at the cracks making them unsightly and hard to sit on. We will look at repairing them if possible. (Added to project list)

New Business – Park bench dedication - We received a call from a person asking about the possibility of dedicating a bench or picnic table to a long term resident. Kyle traded calls and if the details can be worked out, we will consider granting their request. Dave is getting firm prices for the table or bench and a plaque to go along with our order we are putting on hold. Next meeting we will firm up the request.

LCA Picnic - Debby reported the LCA had chosen Saturday, August 20 for the Leawood Civic Association picnic. Linda was asked to consider getting door prizes. Also, LCA asked if we would consider expanding our need for space in the pavilion to include space for them to store their party supplies so they will not have to find other space. We looked at the space during the meeting and are still considering how we can make this a more usable area.

Old Business – 2016 Projects - We had a walk-thru of Leawood Park and added items to our project list. We will have a walk-thru of Raccoon Park at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 8:39 p.m.

Meeting Dates Day/Time: 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless noted), 6:30 p.m. Location: January to May – Leawood Elementary School June, July and August – Park pavilions or Board member’s homes (school is closed) September to December – Leawood Elementary School

Posting location: District Board’s agendas are posted by the Clerk to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners board at the county.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

Woodbourne

From Note From the Board President I would like to thank outgoing President Jay Hansen for all of the work he has done for the neighborhood. The previous two Presidents, Jay and Carrie Kollar, both continued a tradition of service to the community that I hope to live up to.

The June Board meeting was scheduled for June 15, 2016. Unfortunately, due to the work and travel schedules of several Board members, we did not have the quorum necessary to transact business. I was unable to attend but Vice President John Edmonds was there and he reported to me that many homeowners were present and engaged in spirited discussions with the Board on several subjects.

One community concern was the community large item trash pickup that was scheduled for June 11, 2016. We apologize to the community for the miscommunication around the event. Ultimately, the disconnect occurred within Waste Connections, our trash company. The Board has requested that Waste Connections have a representative present at the July Board meeting to answer to the community and ensure that this does not happen again.

Another item of discussion was the “Render’s Retreat” sign on the covered patio at the pool. It has never been the Board’s intention to introduce controversy, and we are taking community input into account regarding the next steps to be taken on this issue.

Finally, the Board is aware of the need to redo the Freemont entrance between South Simms Street and South Robb Street. The Board is formulating a project to renew the area beyond merely killing the weeds and ground cover. As you can see, there are a lot of things going on and the Board continues to be responsive to the needs and requests of the community. —*James Meyer, President*

(Cont. from page 2) Or put notices in the newsletters? There was chatter on NextDoor.com about Sleepless in Littleton.

New Business Mary Parker is running for State House District 22. Her June 27th Town Hall was written up in the Columbine Courier. Her next Town Hall will be on Aug. 1 at the Columbine Library from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Our speaker for September is Superintendent Dan McMinimee of the Jefferson County School District.

We adjourned at 8:17 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: June 2016	W R Moore, Treasurer
Beginning Balance June 1, 2016	\$ 1896.16
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Withdrawals	\$ 5.64
August Newsletter \$5.64	
Ending Balance August 3, 2016	\$ 1890.52

From Jeffco website Keeping of Ducks as an Accessory Use We are in the process of updating the Zoning Resolution pertaining to the keeping of ducks as an Accessory Use. Accessory Uses are governed by Section 5 of the Zoning Resolution. Staff has created a first draft of the revisions and is soliciting comments on the proposed changes.

The proposed changes affect only Section 5.C.1 of the Zoning Resolution. Proposed updates include:

Allowing for the keeping of duck as an Accessory Use on certain residential properties.

Restricting the combined number of chickens and ducks allowed on a residential property.

Clarification of when the keeping of chickens and ducks is governed by Section 5 or by the underlying zoning district.

This update includes only Section 5 of the Zoning Resolution. Red-marked drafts with the proposed changes to these regulations are available in both Word and Adobe PDF formats.

We are very interested in any comments or concerns that you or your agency may have with these proposed changes.

Please send comments to Elyse Dinnocenzo, 303-271-8732 by Friday, July 22, 2016.

From DRCOG website Public Hearing Aug. 17 DRCOG will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at its 1290 Broadway office in Denver. This public hearing is an opportunity to comment on the redetermination of air quality conformity for the 2015 Cycle 2 2040 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan (2040 RTP), Amended 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and associated air quality conformity documents – DRCOG Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Particulate Matter (PM10) Conformity Redetermination, and the Denver Southern Subarea 8-hour Ozone Conformity Redetermination. Read supporting documentation and find out how to provide comment at <https://drcog.org/node/156372>.

Top Tips for a Safe Summer by Sheriff Jeff Shrader—Think 'Stranger Danger' for Grown-ups

Every summer, we receive reports of residents opening their door to people calling themselves 'neighbors' only to discover they are anything but. As the weather becomes nicer, watch for this and other door-to-door scams.

Be savvy if approached by traveling home improvement contractors, magazine salespersons, or any stranger who comes to the door. Of course, not everyone who comes to your door has bad intentions. We simply advise a healthy dose of caution and a firm 'no' if necessary.

Do not let a stranger into your home. If he/she is selling something or asking for a donation, take the organization's information and say you'd like to research it before making a decision. If you question the legitimacy of the company, contact the Better Business Bureau. Please report any suspicious persons or crimes in progress by calling 911 immediately.

Register for Emergency Notifications Summer means wildfire season. To ensure that you receive emergency notifications from the Sheriff's Office during wildfires or other emergencies affecting your neighborhood, register your cell phones - landlines are automatically registered. This service is available to JeffCo residents, and it's especially important for those living in mountain communities susceptible to wildfire. For more information or to register, visit www.jeffco.us/sheriff/emergencies/code-red/

Drive Safely Driving: it's something most of us do every day. The number of traffic crashes in Jefferson County has dramatically increased in the last several years. We have not been immune to tragedy. In 2015 in Jefferson County, 61 people died in traffic crashes. Remember to keep your eyes on the road, and be especially vigilant to motorcyclists, and cautious when driving near cyclists.

Beware Pepé le Pew... In May 2016, JeffCo Public Health reported several rabid skunks. Experts now believe that rabies is spreading amongst the skunk population. This strain of the disease can easily spread to a dog or cat that comes in contact with a rabid skunk. A domestic animal contracting rabies must be euthanized. Our Animal Control urges pet owners to stay current on their pets' rabies vaccine, and prevent pets from roaming.

...and Wile E. Coyote While we're on the subject of wildlife, let's talk coyotes. This once-skittish canine has come to enjoy life in the 'burbs', where it has lots of things to eat, many places to hide, and no natural predators. But although it's a common sight, the wily coyote is indeed a wild animal. And it may be more aggressive in the summer, defending its new pups. If you encounter a coyote on a walk, haze it by yelling, clapping, or throwing a stick. Do this to help re-instill a healthy fear of humans in our local coyote populations. Find more tips on our website.

Request a Vacation Check Finally, if you're going on vacation, you can request a house check on your home by calling the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at 303-277-0211. Deputies will make an effort to do extra patrols, and will know how to reach you if there's a problem at your house.

From Jeffco Website **Jeffco's Bills at the Colorado General Assembly** Jefferson County introduced two new bills during Colorado General Assembly's 120-day legislative session, which adjourned May 11. Jefferson County's two introduced bills dealt with land, county planning and commission approval requirements.

The first bill, HB16-1274: Disconnection of Land from a Municipality, passed and will be effective Aug. 10. Governmental and processing changes include county or special district meetings with municipality and property owners to discuss the impacts of disconnection of land from a municipality.

The second bill, HB16-1340: County Planning Commission Approval Requirement Exemption, was postponed indefinitely. This bill would have allowed certain land use cases to be exempt from having to go before the Planning Commission if the proposed project was permitted under existing zoning laws or is contemplated by a plan, including the county's master plan, a proposal, or an application that has already been approved by the planning commission.

During this legislative session, 468 House Bills and 218 Senate Bills were introduced. This legislative session saw a mix of bipartisan successes and disappointments. Successes included the state budget, the modernization of CO prohibition era liquor laws, marijuana business, the treatment of youth felons and K-12 education. Disappointments involved hospital provider fees as an Enterprise, the presidential primary and transformation and construction defects reform.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Hires New Public Information Officer On June 30, 2016, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office welcomed a new Public Information Officer to its Public Affairs Unit. Jenny Fulton had served as the Director of Strategic Communications for the County of Peoria, Illinois (pop 188,000) since 2005. She was responsible for public information duties for the county as well as the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

In 2007, Jenny formed the Central Illinois Public Information Officers (CIPIO) Committee and served as its chairperson until her recent departure for Jefferson County. Under her direction, the CIPIO Committee managed public information for three large scale disasters, including record flooding of the Illinois River in 2013 and an EF-4 tornado that struck Washington, IL, later that same year.

Sheriff Jeff Shrader is pleased to have Jenny on his Public Affairs team and believes "she will be a great asset to JeffCo. She brings a lot of experience and a new perspective to our agency and I know she will have a successful future serving the citizens of Jefferson County."

Earlier this year, Jenny earned the Civilian Employee of the Year Award from the Peoria County Sheriff's Office for her use of social media to help apprehend suspects and keep the public informed of emergencies, severe weather outbreaks, and other significant events.

Jenny earned a B.A. in English Writing from Knox College in 1996.





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The Wednesday, August 3rd meeting will be our annual pot luck picnic at Shelter 6 in Clement Park starting at 6 pm. Candidates have been invited. Cohope will furnish sodas/water, utensils and fried chicken. Please bring a dish to share. The September 7th meeting will be 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). The scheduled speaker is Dan McMinimee, Superintendent of Jeffco Public Schools.



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SAVE THE DATES WHAT In Plein Sight, Art in Open Air for Jeffco Open Spaces, an outdoor painting demonstration and public art sale and show. Events are free and open to the public.

WHEN AND WHERE Sept. 19. Pre-event Kick-off Reception and Art Show, Monday, Sept 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Atrium of the Jefferson County Administration Building, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden. Open to Oct. 9. Oct. 4 to 8. Painting in the Parks. Tuesday, Oct. 4, South Valley Park north trailhead; Wednesday, Oct. 5, Mount Falcon Park upper trailhead; Thursday, Oct. 6, Crown Hill Park; Friday, Oct. 7, White Ranch Park upper trailhead; Saturday, Oct. 8, Clear Creek Trail in Golden west of the Washington Street bridge. Oct. 8 and 9. In Plein Sight Art Show and Sale. Original paintings will be available for purchase on Saturday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days, at the Golden Community Center, 2nd Floor, Clear Creek Room, 1470 10th St., Golden.

What is In Plein Sight? A series of indoor and outdoor art events, Oct. 4 to 9, celebrating the wild beauty of the publicly owned foothills and mountain landscapes in Jefferson County, to raise funds for PLAN Jeffco. Using paint, canvas, brush and imagination, 27 professional artists from around the region and out of state will take inspiration from the scenic county open space parks, Oct. 4-8. Bring the family, enjoy the fall colors and watch the artists as they capture the glory of October in Colorado.

The results will be available for purchase, Oct. 8 and 9, at an art show and sale at the Community Center in Golden. Dozens of original, freshly painted scenes will be available at a wide range of prices, a rare opportunity to bring some of the beauty of open lands to home or office. The kick-off event is a reception for the opening of a Private Art Collection, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 19, at the Jefferson County Administration Building. The collection features spectacular paintings by local artists using a variety of mediums, including water colors, oils and acrylics. The works, capturing Jeffco Open Space in various seasons, have never before been shown in public.

Hosted by PLAN Jeffco of Lakewood, a nonprofit conservation group supporting open space land acquisition and maintenance.

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