

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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## Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Dec 6, 5:30 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: Dec 13, 6 pm, The Peak.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Dec. 7, 4 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: **Dec 7 Potluck Jan 4—  
No Meeting Feb 1 Action Center Mar 1 Apr 5 May 3  
June 7**

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**Draft Minutes for October 5 Meeting** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Cindy Coats & Don Mullins / Columbine West Civic Assn., Pat Ham / Westridge-Lakeview Meadows, Bob Ham / At Large, Al Nemes / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Burke Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Captain Scott Happ / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, County Commissioner Casey Tighe / Jefferson County Commissioner.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President,** welcomed everyone.

**Special Reports** – Captain Scott Happ, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, is the new commander of the South Precinct. Motor vehicle trespasses are happening the same as usual. There was a 100% increase from last year. 80% of the vehicles were unlocked They have been breaking windows when purses, laptops, etc. are visible. Are you using bait cars? Yes and stake outs. Also if you have a system that can start your car remotely are now legal to use. Please lock your doors and hide valuables.

There is no ordinance requiring an owner or business to clean up graffiti. Diane is the leader on Graffiti issues.

We used to have a Sheriff assigned to our HOA, but no longer. Yes they have been discontinued.

You can now send a tweet or email to the Sheriff's Department from NextDoor.com.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is considering QStarTech for remote live action mobile cameras. Do you use game cameras? Yes, but they aren't as effective. They have solar cameras that are moved around in high traffic areas.

Friday is National Coffee with Cop Day. They will be at the Starbucks at Bowles and Parkhill from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 5th is Pancakes at the Precinct at the South Precinct from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Tonight's speaker is **Commissioner Casey Tighe, Jefferson County Commissioner.**

The Sheriff's Department does great work. Commissioner Tighe is proud of them. There have been issues nationwide.

It was a bad day at the jail today. A prisoner committed suicide. There were 1300 people housed in the jail yesterday.

Prisoners range from regular folks, folks with mental health issues, drug users, and BAD people.

The budget gets approved in Dec. You can go look at the Proposed budget on [jeffco.us](http://jeffco.us). The Commissioners got it last week. The budget is \$541M. \$209M comes from property tax, federal funds, state funds, and fees.

The average home is valued at \$410K. Unemployment is at 3.2%. Inflation is at 2%. Wages have stayed low. Property values are going up quickly.

They are seeing more homeless people. The reasons include they can't afford rent or mortgages, mass transportation allows them to travel to our area, and mental health issues. They are addressing these issues by taking a holistic approach to mental health, property prospect, trying to keep kids in school, job counseling, and addressing or helping with car issues.

The most expensive item on the budget is employees. They have addressed the attrition issue in the Sheriff's Department and Human Services. They are proposing a 2.6% pay increase and more dollars for benefits.

Someone mentioned that Planners and Enforcers are stretched thin. How will the Amendment for an increase in the minimum wage impact our County? Casey thinks that there will be some impact but it will not be huge. He will ask the budget office this question. Current Road and Bridge projects are the Wadsworth and Waterton Canyon intersection is being re-engineered, Kipling to Rocksbury is getting asphalt overlaid, and C-470 from Kipling to Broomfield is being studied. Morrison is building which is causing issues on C-470. They are looking into Toll Lanes. A Bond may be issued to build it and the tolls will pay off the bond. They will incorporate turnarounds so that Emergency Vehicles can get to an accident faster. RTD is cutting services to our area again. Route 116 is going away. Call-n-Ride is still in place. This issue is compounded by density versus sprawl and how we are going to grow in Jefferson County. The courthouse is getting full. We need 2 - 3 more judges according to the metrics. The County is responsible for building the courthouses. They need to look for a long-term solution. There are also Security issues that need to be addressed. Will the County be asking for a Mill Levy soon? No, we are doing OK. Property values are increasing. The mill is lowering but the values are increasing the overall fund. There will probably be a slight rebate (\$80) this year due to Tabor. The Senior Resource Center works well with the Commissioners. They provide transportation and day care. Jefferson County has the largest percentage of older population. Seniors need things like transportation and Meals on Wheels. On the Freeway Toll Road combination, would you do something like the Jefferson Parkway where they sell the road to a private investor for 99 years. Casey would prefer that the tax payers own the road but it all depends on how we can pay for the expansion. Can we pay for the road via taxes whether by sales tax or vehicle registration fees? For example if you live in the area, you pay via registration fees but don't pay a toll. If you do not live in the area, then you pay the toll. The Jeffco Master Plan covers transportation. They work with RTD and DRCOG as they develop the plan. Do the commissioners involve the utilities when you plan a new development? Yes, they get a letter from Utility Districts asking if they can support service. Someone thanked the Commissioners for keeping pot out of the County. It doesn't seem to be an issue. Casey passed out a handout, Economic Profiles. How much property is left in the county for residential development? Casey didn't know but it is not a lot. **Reports from Officers** Roll Call was taken. We had 13 members present and we have a quorum. We do not have a President. **Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was present. We have \$1,755.09. **Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present. The Minutes for Aug. were approved. **Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present. The Foothills Parks and Recreation District's representation for District 4 is Tony Esolen. On Sept. 13th there was a Community meeting on PA-16117979 for Assisted Living and Hotel at North Bowles and Alkire by Tipsy's. There will be 10 buildings on 23 acres. PA-16120667 for 9700 W. Coal Mine Ave. The church wants to be rezoned to build 27 Studio apartments for developmentally impaired or qualified low income people. PA-16121308 for a 5 story Storage Facility at 13351 W. Bowles Ave. It will be a 113K sq. ft. building. PA-16121642 for 6191 W. Plymouth. PA-16121846 for 9895 W. Remington Pl. They want it rezoned for a religious establishment. PA-16121872 for 5234 W. Leawood Dr. The property is in Jefferson and Arapahoe counties. They want to build 28 - 30 homes. RTD has a meeting on Oct. 29th. They will discuss changes. They want to eliminate Route 116L. Route 100 section between the Federal Center and SW Plaza - proposal is to change it to Route 99 as of Oct 23rd and the rest of Route 100 going north from the Federal Center will stay as it is now. The W Line was initially scheduled to run 4 times per hours. They want to change it to 2 times per hour. We need to schedule the room for COHOPE next year. We voted to not have a meeting on Jan. 4 and July 5. **Old Business** The position of President for COHOPE is still open. Last month the School District Board Chairman asked us to sign a letter of support for the mil and bond issues. The motion failed. **New Business** Our Adopt a Highway date is Oct. 8. We will meet at the same church at 8:30. The area was just cleaned by the County so there may not be much to do. **Announcements** Our Nov. meeting will be at the Lilley Gulch Rec Center, 6149 S Holland Way . The speaker will be Joe Hart who is a Transportation Planner with West Connect Planning. We adjourned at 8:22 p.m. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*  
*The November minutes will be put into the January 2017 newsletter due to vacation crunch.*

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2016</b>	<b>W R Moore, Treasurer</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance November 5, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 1749.45</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 20.00</b>
Johnston \$20		
<b>Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Ending Balance December 7, 2016</b>		<b>\$ 1769.45</b>

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — YAY, the elections and campaigning time is nearly over; I don't think I remember a more divisive season in my life! I'm disenfranchised with the whole process and with the major candidates the major parties put forth for consideration. What must the rest of the world think of us – if this was the best we could come up with? Honestly, I hope and pray things don't fall apart over the next few years of our nation. All this seems to trivialize things here in Columbine Hills – where all the women are strong, the men are handsome and all of the children are above average. [Pardon to Garrison Keillor]

First I'd like to report that several of our senior citizens have reached out for assistance. I enjoyed getting to meet Mary and Helen. One of you even offered to come along side to assist in my effort to help our seniors – that really warms my heart. Now for everyone else, we have that half page form at the back of each newsletter; the Neighbor Helping Neighbor portion. I was very excited about putting that idea out there, but I've been equally disappointed that it hasn't been used to what I feel its extent should be. We have a group of people who live in Columbine Hills who are willing and able to assist you with a single specific need. IF you have a need, cut out that form, fill it out and send it in to our PO Box. If you need regular help, please utilize the classified portion of the newsletter and contact the people who advertise there. I have, I've had Lone Wolf Sprinkler and Trees by Mr. B at my house. I WANT to use someone local – I hope you would have that same vision. I often see people asking for advice on services, and I think – the answer is in the newsletter – just use it.

I'm looking forward to fall activities in our neighborhood. Use this time to plan a block party, invite your neighbors for a simple cook-out, share ideas, and make friends. I'm going to do something I've thought about for some time now; I'm putting my phone number out there for folks who need to contact me and don't use e-mail like I do. My number is out of state; in this age of cell phones, I didn't see the need to change my Wisconsin number when we moved back to Colorado. I ask one thing and that is your consideration of if and when you call. I'm still teaching; I don't answer my phone during the school day. If you feel you must call, please call after 5:00 and before 10:00 p.m. I hope I don't regret this . . .

My number is 920-941-0711. Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had..— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

**From CHICA BOARD MEETING, October 8, 2016**—Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. at Park shelter on the corner of Canyon and Kendall. Officers present: Randy Montgomery, Jennifer Gerdes Board Members present: none Community Members present: none

Old Business: Stone – Looking for an engraver. Thank you again to the Trost family for holding on to the stone and thank you to Don Mance for the donation of the bricks that are at the base of the stone.

Dumpster Day – Wanted to thank again the folks that helped organize and run the day. We will try to reevaluate next year and make sure we are able to stay longer or limit what people are bringing in order for more people to participate. Some people weren't able to participate as the trucks filled up very quickly.

Yard of the Month – We will be starting this again next year starting in June. The months we will be doing this are as follows: June/July/August/September.

Meeting was adjourned 9:34 a.m.

## Columbine Knolls Voice

**From September 13th 2016 Board Meeting** Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

In attendance: Board Members: Matt Hale, Lee Woodbury, Steve Hantelman, Skip Wilcox, Birgit Whitelaw, Judy Aliprandine, Nathalie McClish. Guests: 14 attended only 13 signed our guest list as requested.

**Public Comments:** Matt makes a statement about the language used at the August meeting. Matt makes a statement about limiting any trailer discussion to 10 minutes at board meetings.

Question on contractors in the neighborhood with their trailers and trucks. Can the HOA do anything about this? What are we doing to try to get more home owners to join the HOA?

Discussion on covenant violation letter.

**Committee Reports - Membership:** Skip has visited many new Columbine Knolls homeowners welcoming them to the neighborhood. There are 365 HOA members now according to Nathalie.

**Safety, Beautification and Maintenance:** Clean up Yard of the Month is an idea to use volunteers to help with yard cleanup for someone in need.

Letter to duplex owners asking them to take care of the unsightly weeds.

Discussion on the cleanup of the Kendall and Ken Caryl and which contractor will work this. Table this for next time.

Place something in the newsletter to ask people if they need help in snow removal.

**Covenants and Architectural Control Committee:** On 8/2/2016 the magistrate presiding in the two court cases filed by CKHA involving covenant violations of storing trailers and/or recreational vehicles ruled in favor of the HOA. On 8/16/2016 the two defendants filed a notice of appeal of the magistrate's ruling. The appeal is now in process, is quite

involved and takes a significant amount of time to complete.

**Special Events/Programs:** Pool party was a great event. Halloween event coming up on October 28th. There will be a magician.

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial reports emailed to board members and passed out at the meeting for discussion.  
Old Business: board member opening  
Adjourn at 8:17 p.m.:

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

*From President's Corner* The CKSII Board of Directors did not meet in October; however, Board members and committees were still at work enforcing covenants, reviewing ACC requests, conducting fall clean up in the entry gardens, preparing annual renewal notices, paying association bills, welcoming new neighbors and planning the Holiday Hayride. The Social Committee led by Bob Haberkorn with volunteers: Joseph Alcalá, Jennifer Blake, Dean Fitches, Stephanie Haberkorn, Bob Pellegrini, Robert Sudar and Tom Tellschow recently met and are preparing for the next CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 4th for this fun filled event to kick off the holiday season!

Have you heard that Coronado is working hard to build a new playground? The school's goal is to build the new playground the summer 2017, but community support is needed to achieve this goal! Many families in the community enjoy the playground at Coronado, so a new and improved playground is exciting for everyone in CKSII! This project is estimated to cost over \$150,000 and the school is looking for volunteers to help with the build, donations and help with fund raising. The school is also applying for a Grant, which takes into consideration collaboration with the community. If you have questions about the new playground or would like to get involved please contact Lori Bosanko, loribosanko@yahoo.com or Leslie Dennis, lesliedennis@comcast.net. Coronado will be presenting plan options at the November 1 HOA Meeting and at two open houses on November 7 from 5-6:30 p.m. and November 16 from 6-7 p.m. Also, watch NextDoor, future newsletter articles and the message board in front of Coronado to find out how you can be involved in helping the dreams of the new playground come true.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride on Sunday December 4 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Coronado Parking lot. Santa says he'll be stopping by again this year! Hope to see you there!!—*Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

*From A Moment With The Board* The October 11th, CWCA meeting of volunteers was at Dutch Creek Elementary where there was approximately 23 residents in attendance. The first hour of the meeting was hearing from some neighbors who were desperate to share their information concerning drug activity near their homes. They were asking how the Association could help them in their desire to have the activity cleaned up. The article on the front page of the November newsletter was written by a concerned neighbor who felt the information needed to be shared community wide. The Board/Officers also agreed to designate the November CWCA Community Mtg for the sole purpose of having the Jeffco Sheriff's Office and potential representative from the DA Office along with Jeffco Zoning attend. Thank you to those who took the time to attend and share your thoughts. Our new meeting night is the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we hope this change might help neighbors who couldn't attend find the time to join us. Our Garden Day clean up scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, 9a– noon was a huge success. We had 8 volunteers to tackle the entrance at Roxbury/ Pierce to trim the overgrown evergreens and apply new mulch. Our Co-Hope representative reported on the last meeting.

Remember that the JCSO Deputies asked neighbors to report any suspicious activity to the Tip Line phone at 303-271-5612, please be able to provide a description of the activity, along with license plate number, which is crucial. If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is November 8th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary, second Wednesday of the Month.

**DRCOG: Nominations sought for Metro Vision, John V. Christensen awards**—Nominate a person, project, program or plan that deserves recognition for improving quality of life in the region. The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) welcomes nominations for the John V. Christensen and Metro Vision awards.

**Metro Vision Awards** This year's Metro Vision Awards will recognize projects and programs that help further our shared aspirational vision of the future of the metro area. We welcome nominations of projects, programs and plans that foster local innovation around transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, community resiliency, promoting access to opportunity and aging and disability resources.

The **John V. Christensen Memorial Award** has been presented since 1972 and is regarded as one of the region's most prestigious awards. Established in memory of John V. Christensen, one of DRCOG's founders and an Arapahoe County commissioner, it recognizes individuals who promote cooperation and collaboration for the benefit of the region.

See <https://drcog.org/news-and-events/awards-celebration/awards-nominations> for more information

## The Leawood Reporter

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes October 5, 2016** Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Nancy Bock, Debby Baker and Chip Langowski. The meeting began with a discussion of the omission of the October School News from the Reporter. The school news was inadvertently left out by Colorado Lasertype as they attempted to fit in the neighborhood content. Debby asked Lasertype if they would be able to add additional pages to the newsletter. Colorado Lasertype explained that they try to balance the articles to ads 50/50 to keep down costs to the LCA. During the months of October through February, there usually are not enough ads to cover the additional two pages needed to include all the content. If LCA wants to keep the 2 additional pages during those months with less ads the additional cost is \$182 per month. LCA will ask the Park Board if they would be willing to cover a portion of that cost. The sharing arrangement would lower LCA's cost for the months in question. A motion to add the additional pages to the Reporter was approved subject to the willingness of the Park Board to assist with the additional cost.

The board then discussed whether the omitted school news could be sent out in an email. Mike Shaw will be asked to send them out. This brought up the need to have additional board members involved with communications through the neighborhood website and Facebook. Chip agreed to contact Mike and set up a time to do cross-training.

The discussion then turned to finances in general and the need to complete the yearly financial audit before the end of the year. The board agreed to conduct the annual financial self-audit after the November board meeting.

The board then discussed publishing and distributing a printed directory to all households as had been done in the past. The item was tabled due to a lack of neighborhood interest.

The next item discussed was the Santa Party which will be held at 6:00 p.m., December 7, 2016 at Leawood Elementary. Nancy will reserve the school. Debby will put a prominent article in the Reporter. Santa and Mrs. Claus have confirmed their attendance.

The final item discussed is the end of year dinner for the Platinum Level LCA members and the LCA board. The dinner will be held at Hacienda Colorado on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Paul will contact the restaurant for reservations. There will be no LCA Board meeting in December due to the Santa Party and the dinner.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes October 10, 2016** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at Leawood Elementary School's Teacher's Lounge by Vice President Linda Smith. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/Special Projects, Jennifer Dawe and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Kyle Sargent came in after the meeting started.

**Public Comment/Correspondence** – Donna stated a notice from the IRS related to quarterly reports was received. She has responded and corrected the information.

Debby brought a request from the LCA related to additional costs for printing extra pages for The Reporter. Seems there was not enough space for the Park Board's minutes and additional pages had to be added. The publisher said there would be an additional cost of \$180 per month in the future if this is a recurring event. The Board was asked if they would pay for \$90 of this cost. Currently we pay \$75 of the total \$185. We asked if there could be an attempt to keep the pages to three while still providing all of the information and not go to extra pages, with an option to purchase additional pages if that didn't work. The response was moved by Jennifer and seconded by Donna and the motion passed. We will monitor the space required in the future and adjust accordingly.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Donna. Income included lottery funds and Donna reported having received slightly more funds than last year. Invoices for the month include: Denver Water, Weston Landscaping lawn service maintenance for October (and last billing), United Site Services, LCA quarterly fee for Reporter, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, doggie walk bags, Dave's invoice, reimbursement to petty cash, and Linda Smith for laminating C-line information. Debby moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Jennifer seconded and the motion passed.

**Parks Manager Report**– Dave met with Platte Canyon Water District and the contractor with regard to the C-line activity. Currently the pipes are in place and are near Kendall and Weaver Drive. Kyle asked that Platte Canyon be requested in the future to have their contractors capture all of the shavings from their splicing of the plastic lines, as these are currently left on the street and eventually washed into the storm sewer. Dave reported the tree trimming in Weaver Park will begin around October 19-28, depending on the weather. Several trees in Raccoon Park will be trimmed during that time also. Irrigation lines will be blown out on October 18 by Dave and Weston. Dave reported on loose planks on the West bridge where several will need to be replaced. The aprons of the West bridge that were mud jacked some time ago need to be raised again. He is waiting on pricing to take out the existing concrete and have it replaced so it will be level with the bridge. The ATV is due for service and will be taken in soon for maintenance or trade-in. Fall cleanup will be done around the first week of November. We are still waiting on pricing for sidewalk repairs from our current provider. Dave may need to try another company if a proposal does not come in a few weeks. Dave and helpers planted one Autumn Blaze Maple in Weaver Park and a cottonwood in Raccoon Park. Irrigation tests were done in all parks. Doggie bag holders were checked and replenished. Urban Drainage removed a downed tree in Raccoon Park. It was upstream from the diversion dam on the south side of the street.

**New Business** – A preliminary review of the 2017 budget with suggested cost increases for Xcel, Denver Water, liability insurance and landscaping contractor. A draft of the budget will be adopted at the November Board meeting with final approval at the December 14 meeting. Linda will send a public notice to the Columbine Courier per statute notifying the

public of our budget and that it can be reviewed at the home of Kyle Sargent, 6328 S. Harlan Way.

**Old Business** – 2016-2017 Projects – We continue to prepare the new projects list format, and will update the list in conjunction with the budget discussion.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned 8:01 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 Notes From the Board President** During one of our most recent Board meetings an interesting topic of neighborliness came up. One of the things that we as a Board try to encourage is the opportunity for Woodbourne to be more than a "garage community" where people come home, close the garage door, and never come out to meet and interact with our neighbors.

We hope that we help to set the tone for neighbors to interact with each other on a friendly social basis. Sometimes a simple hello is enough to start a conversation. It was also mentioned that this is a neighborhood where we should help one another. The gestures do not have to be large. In fact they can be quite small. These little things help Woodbourne be a better place for us all to live. Our covenants, articles, and bylaws, are more than just regulations that we abide by. They also represent a promise that we made to each other when we moved in. Neighborly consideration and thoughtfulness makes our whole neighborhood a better place to live. We want to continue to be the neighborhood where we can have a Fourth of July Parade or support Ute Meadows on the Ute Scoot and feel safe and neighborly. The Board does its best to support those values, and we hope you do as well.—*James Meyer, President*

**Action Center information**—The Action Center's mission is to provide an immediate response to basic human needs and promote pathways to self-sufficiency for Jefferson County residents and the homeless.

Our vision is to be a fluid and financially sound agency that identifies and responds to the basic human needs of the residents of Jefferson County.

Since 1968, The Action Center has been committed to expanding and refining its services to meet client's ever-changing needs. In the summer of 2011, The Action Center launched a new brand including a new logo and a slight modification to its name. The new look holds the same dedication, compassion and caring values that the organization was built upon and will only increase the ability to broaden The Action Center's reach in the community ensuring that clients are treated with open arms and receive the best possible services. [Click here to read more about the new brand.](#)

The Action Center's goal is to give clients a continuum of services to meet their current needs and the means to become self-sufficient. It is through the following programs that The Action Center gives help, provides hope and builds dignity while breaking the cycle of poverty. *From [theactioncenterco.org](http://theactioncenterco.org)*

**Happy & Healthy Eating Reminder: Prevent Foodborne Illness this Holiday Season**—No matter how large or small your holiday guest list may be this year, it is important to be aware of safety issues when thawing, preparing, stuffing and cooking your turkey and other holiday meal additions. A few simple steps can help keep foodborne illness off the menu this Thanksgiving.

**Safe Thawing:** Thawing turkeys must be kept out of the "danger zone" temperature (between 40 and 140°F) — this is the temperature range where foodborne bacteria multiply rapidly. See [Safe Methods for Thawing](#), (Spanish version).

**Safe Preparation:** Bacteria present on raw poultry can contaminate your hands, utensils, and work surfaces as you prepare the turkey. After working with raw poultry, always wash your hands, utensils, and work surfaces before they touch other foods.

**Safe Stuffing:** Bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165°F, possibly resulting in foodborne illness. Follow these steps to safely prepare, cook, remove, and refrigerate stuffing ; [Spanish language instructions](#) .

**Safe Cooking:** Set the oven temperature no lower than 325°F and be sure the turkey is completely thawed. Cooking times will vary. The food thermometer must reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165°F. For more information on safe internal temperatures, visit [FoodSafety.gov](http://FoodSafety.gov)'s [Safe Minimum Cooking Temperatures](#)

Other resources:

View the JCPH Food Safety web page. <http://jeffco.us/public-health/healthy-environments/food-safety/>

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*From Jeffco website*

**The Power of Crime Prevention by Sheriff Jeff Shrader**—Did you know about two thirds of car "break-ins" in Jefferson County happen to cars left unlocked? Meaning there's no "break-in" at all. As of the first of October, 634 car trespasses were reported in JeffCo. Of those, 66 percent were unforced. Clearly, criminals take the path of least resistance.

Unfortunately, minor crimes like car trespasses often involve the theft of identifying materials like credit cards, licenses, or registrations - allowing thieves to commit much bigger identity theft crimes soon after.

Since criminals usually look for the lowest-hanging fruit, prevention methods are effective in keeping crime rates low. Yes, there will always be unpredictable and unpreventable crimes. But we know many of the crimes in our county can be prevented.

The Sheriff's Office has a dedicated team of certified crime prevention deputies whose sole purpose is to work with citizens to prevent crime. Through on-site visits, phone calls, special events, child safety activities, and other opportunities, these deputies share vital information with the public on how to keep crime at bay. Here are some ways you can take advantage of the services they provide.

**Speaking Engagements** Our crime prevention team hits the road to speak at businesses, association meetings, service clubs and even scout meetings. They instruct bank employees on what to do in a robbery, construction companies on preventing copper theft, and school groups on responsible reporting. They are available to speak to your organization on a variety of public safety topics.

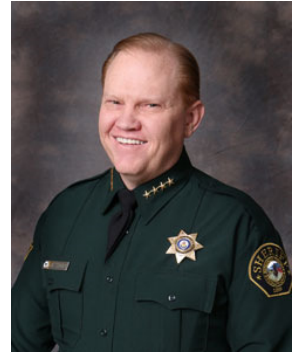
**Special Events** Crime prevention deputies attend dozens of community events throughout the year, distributing literature on topics from nuisance dogs to sex offenders. They answer questions and share information about crime and quality-of-life issues in JeffCo. Some of the events where you'll find us include the County Fair and Festival; the Rhubarb Festival; Red, White and You; and the Sheriff's Safety Fair.

**Home Security Surveys** One of the services that our team provides is an on-site security survey. A deputy will evaluate your house's strengths and weaknesses, including locks, lighting and landscaping. They then recommend changes that make the building more secure. The process takes about an hour and is also available to businesses and places of worship.

**Neighborhood Watch** The crime prevention deputies administer the Neighborhood Watch program throughout the county. There are currently more than 30 active Neighborhood Watch groups in our county, whose vigilant residents work with law enforcement to identify, prevent, and solve crimes close to home.

**National Night Out** National Night Out is a series of local celebrations held on the first Tuesday in August each year. NNO gives neighbors an opportunity to get together in a setting close to home. Of the many crime prevention strategies, communication among neighbors ranks among the most effective. NNO is also an opportunity for deputies to interact with residents in a positive, relaxed, and informal way.

**Contact Us** Taking steps to help prevent crime in your neighborhood is a smart way to protect yourself and your family. But it's also an investment in your community and your quality of life. To learn more about crime prevention services, call 303-271-5807 or email [crimeprevention@jeffco.us](mailto:crimeprevention@jeffco.us).



**Extraordinary Jeffco Women Honored by the West Chamber**—Mary Berg, deputy director of Jefferson County Human Services and Pam Nissler, executive director of Jefferson County Public Library, were honored at The West Chamber's Celebrate Women of Jefferson County breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 17, at Denver Marriott West. The event honors women who have left their mark in Jefferson County both personally and professionally. This year marks the 15th year of the Celebrate Women of Jefferson County event.

**From westchamber.org:** "Every once in a while you cross paths with a woman whose drive, perseverance and accomplishments far exceed the status quo. This woman inspires and humbles you. You admire her unceasing dedication to the things in life that matter most to her. You aspire to attain the same level of selfless service and generosity. You are proud to call her a friend, a co-worker, a family member, or mentor. Now is your chance to recognize and celebrate with her."

**About Mary Berg** Mary's vision is contagious and her high expectation for achievement spreads to every partner and community agency with which she interacts. Her expertise is known and trusted throughout the state and the country. She is trusted and called upon on a frequent basis when discussing issues to keep our families and children healthy and safe. Mary is invested in customer service. Her high expectations are clear with staff and community partners. She works to improve inter-agency cooperation for the benefit of families and has implemented strategies between Jefferson County Head Start and the Division of Children, Youth and Families to ensure that dual system families receive comprehensive un-duplicated services. Mary works to ensure that best practices are shared amongst Head Start and other community partners.

**About Pam Nissler** Pam has provided inspired leadership to Jefferson County Public Library for the past seven years. During that time, she led the organization through the devastating economic downturn (2010-2015), contributed to the delivery of award-winning library services (2010-2012), introduced a new service model to modernize library services (2013), and managed the organization through a county-wide mill-levy initiative led by the Library Board of Trustees (2015).



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The Wednesday, December 7th, meeting will be at 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). Please bring a dish to share. Cohope will provide drinks and sandwiches.

There will be **NO January meeting**. Our next meeting will be February 1, 2017 at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). No speaker information is available at this time.

Pam is an outstanding leader and continues to develop her leadership skills. She's active with two leadership groups in Colorado: The Front Range Library Directors' Council and the Metro Area Libraries Council, where C-level professionals meet to share ideas and learn from one another. Most recently, she attended the Urban Library Council's Annual Forum, to explore and help develop library frameworks at the local and national level.

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**The Giving Tree Helps Jeffco's Less Fortunate Children**—Jefferson County's annual holiday tree will be up soon in the atrium of the Administration & Courts Facility. The tree is also known as the giving tree for the tradition of gift tags with holiday gift wishes for some of Jeffco's less fortunate children. Clients from the local non-profits CASA and Jeffco's Head Start program are the recipients of the generosity of Jeffco employees and citizens through this program sponsored by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners.

The tree is scheduled to be up in the atrium on Thursday, Nov. 17. Approximately 300 tags will adorn the tree. If you are able, please pick a tag or two off of our tree and join others in giving a child a happier Christmas. Gifts do not need to be large or fancy. Some of these children are only asking for a winter coat or bed sheets. Be sure to return the unwrapped gift, with the tag attached, to the commissioners' office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. If you did take a tag but are not able to purchase a gift, please return it to the tree as soon as possible so that no child is left without a gift.

Important Dates:

November 18 – Tags will be hung on the tree in the atrium

December 9 - Gifts due to the Commissioner's Office (5th floor)

Donated gifts will benefit the children served by these local programs:

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) - The CASA volunteers serve as independent investigators and advocates for abused and neglected children in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. Children with a CASA volunteer are half as likely to spend time in long-term foster care. The gifts are for these children.

Jefferson County Head Start – A no-cost, comprehensive, child-focused and family-centered preschool program for children ages three to five. A range of individualized services are provided to eligible families who are at the 100 percent poverty level. Gifts are for children in Jefferson County's Head Start Program.

Call 303-271-8504 with any questions about the Giving Tree.

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