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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Apr 6, 6 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: Apr 25, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Apr. 19, 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: **Apr 5 Jeffco Transportation & Engineering** **May 3 Foothills June 7 Justin Everett, Legislative review**

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**Draft Minutes for Mar. 1 Meeting** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Peter Burns / Belleview Farms HOA, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Aliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West, Pat Ham / Westridge-Lakeview Meadows, Eric Meyer / Westbury HOA, George Jackson / Williamsburg II, Bob Ham / At Large, Lt. David Swavely / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Liz Matthews / The Action Center.

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

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

**Special Reports – Lt. David Swavely, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department,** was just assigned to this precinct. There was an armed robbery at a Gas Station just to the north. A homicide suspect was arrested at Chatfield and Kipling about 2 weeks ago. Crime is down.

The property at 4950 S. Kipling where the old Hugh M Woods has a pretty bad vagrant problem. There is a belief that the Sheriff's Dept. does not respond to vagrancy calls. Lt Swavely had a deputy check the property but no transients were there then. There are plans for a Neighborhood Center, but they have not officially submitted an application yet. The Planning Commission has about 100 days after an application is submitted. Diana has been calling the owners about graffiti. They are not responding. The building is in Jefferson County. Homes to the north and east sides are in Denver. On the other side of Kipling is Lakewood.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker is **Liz Matthews** from **The Action Center.**

They have expanded to new building in the last 2 years. They have 80-120 volunteers.

The Food Rescue Program starts with basic human needs - groceries. They provide each person in the family 5 days of food. They can get this 6 times a year. They work with Sprouts, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, etc. who donate food that is headed for the trash. It is based on the government's food program.

The Clothing Bank allows a person to select up to 15 items. The limit is 6 times per year.

They try to keep waste down. They cycle through the clothes. If they have been there for 6 weeks without being selected, then they are donated to the Epilepsy Foundation which turns them into rags. They have a partnership with goat and pig farmers. When the food is too old or too plentiful it goes to the farm.

The Betty Proctor Fund allows a person a one time grant to get 1 item up to \$150. It can only be used once. It has been used for steel toed boots (required to qualify for a job) or car repairs.

If they want to get a certificate or take classes, they will help.

They also support Prevention Services. This is for school supplies and holidays.

They also have a General Care Shelter. They do background checks. The client can stay 45 - 60 days. Meals are provided. The client must be working at a job or on an education.

They also provide bus vouchers.

Their Beautiful Junk Sale will be at the Jeffco Fairgrounds on 3/24 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and 3/25 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

They have a sale twice a year, Mar. and Oct. They sell donations that can't be used by clients.

5% of contributions go to help the homeless. They also help families who are not quite making it. Their goal is for their clients to achieve self-sufficiency. Even if they are working, they may not be self-sufficient. 31% of the kids in those families qualify for free or reduced lunch.

According to the government, a family of 4 has to make less than \$3,100 per year to be considered poor. But in Jefferson County the family needs to make \$7,000 per year.

They match people with case managers. They work with other agencies, they don't compete.

Their funding comes from grants, churches, and business foundations. They have been in operation since 1968.

The give tours of their facility 4 times per month.

It is a great place for Boy Scouts to volunteer.

Their donation center is at 8755 W. 14th Ave. They are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - noon. They do not accept furniture or electronics. You can make a donation on the website [workwithColoradoGifts](http://workwithColoradoGifts). Their website is [actioncenterco.org](http://actioncenterco.org).

From where do the clients come? All over.

Do they receive money from drives such as 9 Cares Colorado Shares? Liz did not know.

**Reports from Officers** Roll Call was taken. We had 11 members present and had a quorum.

We do not have a President.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was present. We have \$1,666.51. Dues notices will be going out this month.

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

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present.

There are 2 Community Meetings.

17-102373 for 4950 S. Kipling Pkwy. on 3/1 at 6:00 p.m.

17-103930 for 7462 S. Everett St. on 3/16 at 6:00 p.m.

The following are Pre-Application meetings.

17-103393PA for 4802 S. Wadsworth Blvd. for rezone for Assisted Living SDP. This is east of Wadsworth by Marston Lake.

17-103411PA for 8055 W. Bowles Ave. for a pre-application SDP. This is for the northeast corner of Wadsworth and Bowles.

17-102869PF for 8055 W. Bowles Ave. for Final Plat for residential / commercial in the superlot.

17-103068PA for 5690 W. Coal Mine Ave. for a rezone from A-1 to allow a commercial landscape business.

17-103183PA for 8341 S. Cody Way for a rezone of a new neighborhood. The original plat was from 1955 for 51 lots.

Now it is for 102 duplexes.

17-103818PA for 5850, 5900, and 5990 W. Bowles Ave. for a rezone then subdivide. It is for 3 acres. Remove 2 homes and a horse barn. Become 49 single homes.

17-104088PA for 10081 W. Bowles Ave. to add 2200 sq. ft. in the parking lot for a Quick Serve restaurant. It will be between the Pizza Hut and the Irrigation Store. It is on the northwest corner of Kipling and Bowles.

The following are Hearings.

16-128128RZ for a property near S. Simms and S. Alkire. It is for 4 group homes for senior assisted living or memory care at Centennial Church. It would be for a maximum of 16 beds per building. There is a PC Hearing on 3/8 and a BCC Hearing on 4/4.

17-100535RZ for 9895 W. Remington Pl. for Christ Fellowship ODP. It is a rezone to allow the church to move into the Shopping Center.

There is a Liquor license transfer of ownership at 5500 S. Simms St. #C. It is for Big Kahuna Bistro.

There are 2 library meetings coming up, 3/11 and TBD. It is about the remodel of the Columbine Library. The 3/11 meeting is from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

A plan has been submitted for Blue Heron Park. They will work on the dam and drainage.

Coal Mine Ave. Brewing Company is opening in Spring.

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

**New Business** None.

**Announcements**

The speaker for our June meeting will be Justin Everett.

We need suggestions for speakers for April and May. August will be our picnic. We will not have a meeting in July.

We adjourned at 8:00 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: March 2017</b>	<b>W R Moore, Treasurer</b>
<b>Beginning Balance March 1, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 1692.70</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 5.64</b>
Apr Newsletter 5.64	
<b>Ending Balance April 5, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 1687.06</b>

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — Three weeks until Spring!! I'm already planning on new treatments for my garden soil and looking through seed catalogues. I'm the ever optimist when it comes to gardening. Just put on a pot roast with carrots from last year's crop, and dreaming of those delicious golden cherry tomatoes. Winter didn't seem as bad as I thought it would be; the nice stretch in February tends to take the edge off old man winter. But the pessimist in me says "we'll pay for it with a cold and wet spring".

Allow me a few moments to be honest with you all. As I contemplate another year with CHCA I can't help but wonder about the "why" and "what" we do. We spend money and time planning community events to have precious few people enjoy them. We go to great effort to help keep our community attractive and are met with conflict. We put expense and time into putting out the envelopes for folks to become a member of CHCA and we only get about 20% participation. We – the board members of Columbine Hills Civic Association pour a lot of ourselves into this community not asking much in return other than help from you. Help us serve you better. Let us know what we can do to keep our community a desirable place for all of us to live. If you have ideas – please send me e-mails with your suggestions.

One more thing – as YOU plan your spring cleanup and property improvement – please keep in mind that corner properties must have shrubs trimmed low and branches trimmed high enough to allow drivers a clear line of vision. And please, trim back those bushes so that the sidewalks remain clear. This year will be another time we will inspect and report those properties that are in violation.

Our yearly membership drive is underway; please consider being a supporting part of Columbine Hills Civic Association. Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

**From CHCA BOARD MEETING, February 11, 2017**—Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m., at St Philip Church.

Officers present: Randy Montgomery, Don Hochhalter, Pat Miller. Board Members present: Ruth Severns. Community Members present: Steve and Ralph Miller

**OLD BUSINESS:** Membership status: 10 new members

**NEW BUSINESS:** Spring fling – May 20th 2017, 12-2 p.m. Each member come up with an idea to present for the next meeting. Looking for a joint venture to do with the elementary school.

Board is checking into getting flashing stop signs so people stop and can see the signs at night. CHCA may be able to assist with cost for this.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

## Columbine Knolls Voice

**From January 10th 2017 Board Meeting** Meeting called to order at 9:05 pm

In Attendance: Matt Hale, Lee Woodbury, Skip Wilcox, Bryan Slekes, Steve Hantelman, Nathalie McClish, Judy Aliprandine and Birgit Whitelaw, Larry Wambsganss and Tony Tierney

Guests: 3 guests

**Public Comments:** Adam Brewer will help if needed with covenants. Jim Rudolf would like people to know about the 2016 covenant violation statistics and would like to see a report published in the newsletter biannually.

**Committee Reports:** Membership Skip – a letter is being sent out to all home owners. 368 members for 2016 out of 1008 homes

**Safety, Beautification and Maintenance** Birgit – renewed the Sheridan entrance, new plants added. We had many great volunteers – thank you.

**Covenants and Architectural Control** There is on ongoing court case. New case brought against the HOA on structure. Covenant enforcement regarding site on corners issue with Matt trying to take care of this.

**Special Events** 2016 was a great year with the events we had. 2017 will have the same events.

**Treasurer's Report** Annual Report to members with 2017 proposed budget

**New Business** Nominations Lee nominates Matt to be President / Skip seconds, all in favor. Lee nominates Tony to be Vice President / Skip seconds, all in favor. Matt nominates Natalie to be Treasure / Birgit seconds, all in favor.

Skip nominates Steve to be Secretary / Matt seconds, all in favor. Birgit nominates Judy to be assistant secretary / Lee seconds, all in favor.

**Website** Steve discussed moving the website to a new design at a cost of \$400 from support company

Lee motions to wait until June to decide on the website changes / Birgit seconds all in favor

Board meeting adjourns at 9:46

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** Hello and happy March everyone! I am pleased to announce the officers for the 2017 Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors. Bob Pellegrini serving as Vice President and continues to chair the ACC Committee; Debbie Opperman serving as our Treasurer. Also, continuing their term on the Board is Robert Sudar as Secretary, myself, Jennifer Blake as President and chair of the Welcome Committee, Bob Haberkorn, Larry Opperman and Pam Horiszny as Directors and supporting the ACC Committee. Stephanie Haberkorn will chair the Landscape Committee and we are still looking for a volunteer to chair the Social Committee.

Thank you to the volunteers who signed up at the Annual Meeting to serve on the Landscape, Social and Welcome Committees. We are extremely thankful to those willing to volunteer their time to help make CKSII a wonderful place for each of us to live!

This is the time of year that the CKSII Board of Directors interview and selects the newsletter carrier for our community newsletter, The Review, for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to meeting with the candidates at our upcoming meeting on March 14 and want to thank Isaac Nelson for a job well done delivering the newsletters this past year.

If you are interested in staying in touch with neighborhood happenings, I invite you to join our private community site, Columbine Knolls South II Nextdoor. Currently, almost 350 neighbors are participating on the site and it's a convenient location for the Board to post time sensitive information, the Jeffco Sheriff's Office to communicate crime and safety information and neighbors to stay informed on local events or even post items for sale/free. To join go to [nextdoor.com/join](http://nextdoor.com/join) and use code BUNGRB.

The next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Community Garage Sale on June 2nd and 3rd. This is a great time to clean out your garage and closets and make a little money at the same time! —Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment With The Board** The February 8th monthly meeting was well attended and some new neighbors shared valuable information and insight. As we kick-off the Annual Membership Drive there was interest in informing neighbors on how membership dollars benefit you. - See front page letter from the president. Board Member Dave gave us an update on the Holiday Lighting winners (article inside the newsletter) and the conversations he had with neighbors when he distributed their gift cards. The Board/Officers will take all of their comments under consideration as they go forward with planning 2017. Neighbor Larry, who has a plethora of information about Community Gardens has been asked to share advice with neighbors through some upcoming newsletter articles. Larry was a restaurateur, owning (2) Lakewood establishments and is now filling his time with more locally sustainable endeavors. Thanks Larry for adding your last bus token. Neighbor Lucy, gave us an update about criminal activity and how much better JCSD is responding to our concerns. We found time to discuss the upcoming events calendar and secure some more volunteer hands to help out. If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com). Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is March 8th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary, second Wednesday of the Month.

## Woodbourne

**From Notes From the Board** The January Board meeting was held on January 18, 2017. Since the December meeting was held after the printing of the January newsletter, information from both meetings is summarized here. It is amazing how time flies. While the Board is not sponsoring any events in February, we do have the holiday of Valentine's Day. While most of us associate the holiday with romance, it can also be said that this can be a day where we think of the neighbors all around us and wish each other well. If you are having difficulty with one or more of your neighbors it is important to note that there are ways to positively address what is going on to work together as we live side by side. This month the Board would like to welcome Andre Takacs as our new community manager from MSI. We would also like to thank Jim Whatton and Brenda Tate for filling in until Andre could take over. Andre can be reached at 720-974-4227 or at [atakacs@msiho.com](mailto:atakacs@msiho.com). This information will be listed in every newsletter. Any questions regarding community functions should be addressed to Andre going forward. Welcome Andre!

While this might seem like a quiet month for the Board, rest assured that we are already planning for the Annual Homeowner's Meeting and the pool opening. The annual meeting is currently scheduled for April 19, 2017 and the pool should be open on Memorial Day weekend. At the annual meeting we should have some Board member slots open so think about volunteering your time to serve on the Board. It is only a three-year commitment and it is a great way to get involved and support our community. Feel free to contact any current Board member if you would like more information on what is involved.

I would also like to thank John and Martha Smith who are spearheading our annual Easter egg hunt. Please contact them at 720-250-4465 if you would like to volunteer to help.

Please contact Andre Takacs of Management Specialists, at 720-974-4227 with any questions. —James Meyer, President

## The Leawood Reporter

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes February 1, 2017** Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Chip and Angela Langowski, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock and Debby Baker. New officers were elected. President: Paul O'Connor; Vice-President: Chip Langowski; Secretary: Angela Langowski. Richard gave the Treasurer's Report which included LCA's current account balances, payments received and invoices to be paid.

Applications for LCA Scholarship 2017 are due by March 31st. Two \$500 scholarships are to be awarded depending on number of applicants. The scholarship form can be downloaded from LeawoodNeighbors.com

Paul will put up signs in the neighborhood for the Membership Drive on March 1st.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the south end of Raccoon Hollar on Saturday, April 8th with a make-up day of Saturday, April 15th. Volunteers are needed to help hide 1,000+ eggs.

The summer Front Yard Parties will begin in June. Information regarding sign-up will be placed in the April issue of the Reporter.

There is a proposed re-development of the Good property (also known as the Tree Farm) from a tree nursery to 26 patio homes. We will ask the developer to make a presentation at the next LCA Board meeting.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes February 8, 2017** Prior to the beginning of the Board's February meeting, Developer David Tschetter from Quizzle presented information on the development of the Good property (also known as the Tree Farm). Mr. Tschetter had contacted Kyle in December to ask for a meeting to discuss his plans. The property is located where Sheridan and Leawood Drive meet. Most of the property is located in Jefferson County and a portion is part of Arapahoe County. His concept is twenty-six (2,400- 3,000 sf) single family homes in Jefferson County and two custom houses on the Arapahoe County side. This will be a gated community with proposed entrances on Christenson Lane and the end of Leawood Drive. A pre-application had been submitted to Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. No formal application has been made. Rezoning from R1 will need to be accomplished before the process can continue. There were thirteen residents in attendance, five Park Board members and the Parks Manager. Questions from the residents in attendance included concern for additional traffic on Leawood Drive, construction traffic during the building process, the number of houses in the proposed plans, property values, and the impact on the parks. Board member Debby Baker informed the board that the Leawood Civic Association was intending to invite Mr. Tschetter to its meeting in March.

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM at Leawood Elementary School's Teacher's Lounge by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/Special Projects, Linda Smith / Secretary VP, Jennifer Dawe and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Donna. Invoices for the month include: doggie bag vendor, Weston Landscaping for tree trimming, United Site Services, Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel, invoice from Rich for trash pickup, Dave's invoice, reimbursement to petty cash, Dave's invoice for one snow removal, postage and Special District Association dues. Donna noted the check to LCA for the invoice for our share of Reporter expenses has not been cashed.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave and Jennifer will meet in a few weeks to mark where new trees will be planted in Weaver and Leawood Parks. Jennifer is reviewing information on tree types. Dave replenished doggie bags as needed in all parks.

**New Business** – Leawood Park ball field lease - After reviewing their information, the Board agreed to lease the ball field to South Jeffco Sports for their use during the spring season. The cost will be the same as last year. Kyle will notify South Jeffco Sports and ask for their practice schedule.

Kyle noted that there are expected impacts resulting from adjustments to be made to assessed property values due to the Gallagher Amendment, and that some estimate the impacts to be an 18 percent reduction in mill levy revenue to taxing districts in 2018. He asked that the board use its March meeting to begin to discuss potential impacts on the district budget and begin consideration of proactive measures to mitigate any negative impacts on the parks.

**Old Business - 2017 Projects** – Linda presented information on signage quotes she received from three vendors. She is to contact one of the vendors and perform a walk through with him for suggestions on sizing and locations.

The meeting was adjourned 8:45 PM. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## Westbury

**Mailbox Thefts in Area** While checking out posts on "Nextdoor.com" for Foothills Green South, I ran across a disturbing post that I thought should be passed along to residents of Westbury. The headline of the post was "Mailbox Theft" and there was a picture of what looked like an opened envelope which held a birthday or Christmas card. In the text of the post, the resident, from nearby Stoney Creek, stated that the picture envelope had been previously removed from their mailbox, opened and the contents of the card stolen. According to the post, it was a birthday card with cash in it and the card was left behind but the cash was gone.

This has become almost as common as packages being stolen from front porches during the holiday season. One option

to combat this theft is to purchase a lockable mailbox. Mail carriers have access via a universal key. These mailboxes can be purchased at any major hardware store and are not that expensive. This may be worth the money to protect your important mail, and in this case, birthday cash. We can all be more aware that this is a problem and take steps to make sure it doesn't happen to us.

Nextdoor.com can be a valuable tool in informing residents in your area about things like this and allow people to be more diligent and protective of their property. It's easy to sign up and has many other benefits such as the sale of unwanted items, finding handymen and other contractors and informing neighbors when things like mailbox theft is happening in our neighborhoods!

## Williamsburg II News

**Community News** There is a new email address if you need to send compliments, suggestions or feedback to the Williamsburg 2 HOA members. It is: [williamsburg2hoa@gmail.com](mailto:williamsburg2hoa@gmail.com). You may also visit the Facebook page or web site. Thank you to Kathy Morelli for replacing the backlights on the Williamsburg 2 sign with LED lights. They should last for 20 years and they look great!

Thank you to Foothills for adding a new coat of paint to the gazebo at Eagle Meadows Park. It needed a little pick me up and it looks great! If you notice an area of our neighborhood that needs improvement, be sure to let us know. Easter Egg hunt will be April 8th, 2017 with a weather postponement date of April 15th. We are looking for a volunteer for the Easter bunny. HOA is looking for a new vendor for this year's holiday sleigh ride since our current vendor was a no show and we never heard back from them.

The HOA is looking to see if we can find a tree trimming company to offer a discount to the neighborhood this spring.

Please email or Facebook message the HOA if you'd like to sign up to volunteer for any, or all of the 2017 events.

There is a vacant position for Secretary and President of the HOA board. If you would like to volunteer, please come to a meeting and let us know if you're interested.

**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Offers Drug Take-Back Day** Twice a year the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office joins law enforcement agencies nationwide to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The Drug Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

The program is anonymous. Prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications, (tablets and capsules) are accepted. Intravenous solutions, injectables, needles and oxygen containers will not be accepted. Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative. The prescriptions should be removed from the original containers and placed in a plastic bag prior to drop off.

The DEA typically holds the National Drug Take-Back events in the Spring and Fall of each year.

**Join us Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the next Drug Take Back Day!**

The Sheriff's Office will accommodate collections at three sites in the county:

Sheriff's Office Headquarters (200 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO)

Conifer High School (10441 Co. Rd. 73, Conifer, CO)

Dakota Ridge High School (13399 W. Coal Mine Ave., Littleton, CO)

A MedReturn Drug Collection Unit is available at the Jefferson Center for Mental Health south entrance on the second floor (9485 West Colfax Ave.) Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. At this location unwanted, unused and expired household medications, including prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs are accepted. For more information call 303-432-5925.

**From Jeffco Public School's Website—BoE Seeking New DAC Members to Fill Vacancies** The Jeffco Board of Education is seeking engaged parents, staff, business and community members to support the district by serving on the Board of Education District Accountability Committee. Committee vacancies will be filled by the Board of Education in June with screening and interviews with the Board prior to that time, so members appointed can begin committee work for the 2017 - 18 school year.

If you are interested in providing insight and advice to the Jeffco Board of Education, please complete this brief application, open from April 1 - 30. Further information on the responsibilities and functions for board advisory committee members can be found here.

The Board is seeking applicants for the following committee: District Accountability Committee

The following are eligible to apply: Teacher(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools

School administrator(s) employed by Jeffco Public Schools

Individual(s) involved in business(es) within the Jeffco Public Schools district boundary

Parents of current Jeffco Public Schools students

Community members without students attending Jeffco Public Schools

From **Jeffco Public School's Website**—**Good News in Jeffco Allendale Elementary** principal, Rob Malling, makes time to teach students how to play on the school's new five-hole disc golf course. Allendale received two grants this year focused on getting students to be more active and part of those funds went to purchasing these items. The district installed the disc golf baskets just before winter break and the discs arrived last week. February 2 was a beautiful day to be outside and teach the students how to play this new game. Malling hopes the disc golf course will provide years of enjoyment for our students and families as the course is open to the public when school is not in session.

Congratulations to the students from **Chatfield, Columbine, Conifer, Dakota Ridge, Golden, and Lakewood High Schools** on their performances today at the 65th Colorado All State Orchestra! (Photo courtesy Friends of Jeffco Music)

Four Jeffco high school students have been named **Presidential Scholar candidates**.

Esteban G. Arellano, Standley Lake High School, David L. Blair, Columbine High School, John G. Green, Green Mountain High School, Elyse C. Majeski, Arvada West High School. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 800 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

**Pomona High School** rallied around special needs student Kevin Bruno. The boys basketball team asked the coaches if Kevin could play in their game against Dakota Ridge High School, and of course, they said yes. See more on this heart-warming story from 9News.

**Bell Middle School** students were highlighted in The Denver Post for participating in the Golden Library's Girls in STEM competition. Read the full article here.

Congratulations to Nathan Panzer and Tyler Burt from **North Arvada Middle School**, who both placed first in their divisions (Junior Medical Science and Junior Materials Science, respectively) at the Denver Regional Science and Engineering Fair this last week. Nathan also won Best in Show of the 2017 fair! Nathan's project studied the effect of foreign substances on blood coagulation time. Tyler's project compared current aluminum can linings to new options that do not include BPA. Both will take their projects to the state competition in April.

On Friday, February 17, the entire **Peck Elementary** student body participated in a job safari. Each classroom showcased a different career, including plumbers, electricians, lawyers, and police officers. Sixth grade teacher Stefanie Taylor organized the event this year and it was a complete success. The students really enjoyed learning about so many different career options by listening to inspiring presenters.

Thanks to the generous contribution from **St. Anthony Hospital**, eight Jeffco schools now have water bottle refill stations to help keep students and staff hydrated. Water filling stations are just one way to encourage children and teens to drink more water and less of other drinks, like sugary beverages. Healthy Jeffco and its community coalitions, specifically the School Wellness Coalition and the Jeffco Sips Smart Coalition, are working to increase healthy beverage consumption through education and collaboration. Key partners in this effort include, Centura Health's St. Anthony Hospital, Jeffco Public Schools and Jefferson County Public Health. Read more about this great partnership here.

**Chatfield High School** students showed their compassionate side when six-year-old Olivia was granted a wish from Make-A-Wish Colorado®. She wished to be Olivia the Bat Princess and did the Chargers ever deliver! Olivia slayed a shark, bookworm and other evildoers all to save Charlie the Charger.

Students at **Westridge Elementary** got quite the treat a couple of weeks ago. Best selling children's author, Kate Messner, Author, visited with students during their school celebration of reading. The Ranger in Time author spent the morning talking about reading, writing and persistence towards reaching your goals!

**The Arvada West High School** Vocal Showcase has been invited to perform at the national conference of the American Choral Directors Association in a couple of weeks. They will be the third high school in Colorado history granted this honor. See more from 9News here.

**Deer Creek Middle School** student Ben Vanourek reported for The Denver Post's ColoradoKids on the Breckenridge International Snow Sculpture Championship. You can read Ben's article here.

Congratulations to the **North Arvada Middle School** chapter of the Technology Students Association! They competed at the TSA State Conference, winning 30 medals, including first place in Tech Bowl, first place in Technical Design, and second place in Challenging Technical Issues, Chapter Team, Children's Stories, Silent Movie, and Video Game Design.

Everyone had a great time and learned a lot about STEM topics along the way. Events included CO2 Dragster, Biotechnology, and more.

Congratulations to **Peiffer Elementary, Dunstan Middle School, and West Jefferson Middle School**. Peiffer received the 2017 Healthy Schools Champion Bronze Award. Dunstan and West Jefferson received the Promising School Award. The Healthy Schools Champion program recognizes Colorado schools for their success in creating healthy school environments and implementing effective school health efforts.

To get students pumped-up for CMAS/PARCC testing at **Foothills Elementary**, Principal Josh Shapiro and sixth grade teacher Chris Kenney performed "Climbing Aboard the CMAS Train," their version of Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train." Shapiro handled the guitar, while Kenney sang the altered lyrics. Check out a video of their performance here and see the lyrics here.



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Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **April 5, 2017** at 7pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). The scheduled speaker will be Michael Vanatta from Jeffco Transportation & Engineering. He will discuss the County's construction projects in our area this summer.

**COHOPE's spring-time adopt-a-hwy clean up** for our adopted section of W Bowles Ave will be on Sat. 4/8 beginning at 8:30 a.m. (If it is snowing/raining then, we'll do the trash pick up the following Saturday - same time, same meeting location). Please meet in the parking lot of West Bowles Community Church. If you have already signed the County's required waiver form you won't need to resign it. Anyone who hasn't already signed that form can do so at the April COHOPE meeting. Thank you for your continued support of our adopt-a-hwy project. This is our 11th year participating in this effort.

**Sierra Elementary** participated in Jump Rope for Heart for the first time this year, and it was so successful it will now be an annual tradition. Their amazing students raised \$15,736.35 in life-saving donations for the American Heart Association. After the kick-off in P.E. classes, they soon found out they had their own heart hero right there at Sierra. Dakota Holt was born with holes in her heart and through help from the AHA and the amazing doctors at Children's Hospital, Dakota is a healthy, happy kindergartner! The event was so much fun and they are planning on making the event even bigger.

On March 2, **Weber Elementary** celebrated multi-cultural night, where parents from various cultures hosted stations around the school. Students received stamps in their passports as they traveled the world. Places like Nigeria, Afghanistan, Mexico, Russia, and Poland, to list a few. Additionally, students from multiple grades performed various cultural dances to a highly captivated audience. What a great celebration of diversity!

Congratulations to **Conifer High School's** DECA students, who competed in the state competition in Colorado Springs from February 25 – 28. Conifer had 39 DECA students qualify to compete and the following 13 Conifer students qualified in the top 5% of Colorado DECA students and have earned a competitive spot in the International Competition with 18,000 other high school students from around the world (last year Conifer qualified 5 students for ICDC). They will compete April 26 – 30, 2017 in Anaheim, California. Please click here to view the full list of qualifiers and other awards and recognitions from the DECA event.

On February 15, Colorado Mammoth players Bryce Sweeting and Taylor Stuart stopped by **Campbell Elementary** to instruct fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students on the fundamentals of playing lacrosse. Organized by Campbell P.E. teacher Angie Gilbreath, the pair spent the entire day working with students on this growing sport. Check out a video of their visit here.