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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: Oct Jeffco Emergency Preparedness Nov Jeffco School Superintendent Glass</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 6 Backyard 3-6 Jeffco Public Schools 7, Sheriff 7-8 Foothills 8</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: October 2017</p> <p>Beginning Balance October 2, 2017</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>November Newsletter 5.39</p> <p>Ending Balance November 1 2017</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 1820.02</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>\$ 5.39</p> <p>\$ 1814.63</p>
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Draft Minutes for Oct. 4 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 Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Lt. Shawn Allen, Deputy Grey LaCerte / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. The meeting started at 6:57 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Lt. Shawn Allen, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, just transferred from the mountain where he worked for 7 mo. There has been a lot of graffiti in the Dutch Creek area. Some of it is racist. They are working with CDOT. It was removed last Wednesday.

With the cooling of the weather, they are expecting a rise in Puffers. They are trying to get the word out, "Don't leave your vehicle running unattended". What about remote starters? They can still enforce the Puffer Law, but prefer to educate.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker is **Deputy Grey LaCerte, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.** He is the Emergency Management Coordinator. He handed out "The 5 Phases of Emergency Management".

By State Law, every county has to have an Emergency Management department. In Jefferson County it is part of the Sheriff's Department. They have 9 employees. Five are Emergency Managers. They have Incident Management Team. They manage large incidents / disasters, fires, hail, flood, etc. They work disasters before, during, and after. They are only about half done with the 2013 floods.

Day to day, they write plans such as for snow storms. They determine who can do what.

The 5 Phases of Emergency Management are Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. Prevention is concerned with before an emergency. It includes activities that prevent or reduce. An example is not developing in a hazardous area. Mitigation is concerned with before an emergency. It includes activities that reduce the damaging effects. An example is cutting trees to reduce damages. Preparedness is concerned with before an emergency. It includes plans or preparations to help or save lives. An example is a 72 hour kit. Every family should have supplies to survive for 72 hours and a family evacuation plan. Response is concerned with during the emergency. It involves putting your plans into action. An example is evacuations. Recovery is concerned with after an emergency. It involves actions taken to re-

turn to normal or a safer situation. An example is cleanup and repairs.

FEMA is not there to make us whole. It is only there to put things back to the minimum conditions. The money is only for uninsured items.

The Emergency Management Team gets to deal with state and federal bureaucracies. They manage the resources for emergencies. They can be sent all over the country.

How do they handle the radio coverage issue? They have coverage over 93% of the state. Most areas have several systems to manage this issue. They also have repeaters and similar systems.

A good example is Texas. They built in a flood plain. FEMA will not pay to rebuild properties. They will mitigate money to move people and the area can never be built on again.

Emergency Management funding grants come from federal dollars and Sheriff's Department budget.

If a city does not have an Emergency Management Team, the county has to cover the area.

Do they do many mock scenarios? Yes, but they try to work with reality. They do internal drills and Quarterly Training that are county-wide, regional exercises, and state wide exercises.

Do they have a plan for volcanos? No. That is not a lately scenario in our area.

What about avalanches? Not in metro area.

Fire is their #1 risk. Followed by floods and storms (like hail).

Their website is on www.jeffcosheriff.com. Their Hazard Mitigation Plan document is about 600 pages.

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

We do not have a President.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,820.02.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The following are Community meetings.

17-125861 is for 3000 S. Rooney Rd. It is to rezone to allow an auto repair shop. It is at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 26 at Red Rocks Baptist Church.

17-125708 is for 9700 Old Coal Mine Ave. It is to rezone, plat, and a new SDP for multifamily housing with community room. It is at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Columbine Hills Church. It was 16-120667PA from Oct. 13, 2006 for an apartment building with 27 units for learning development and low income people.

The following is a Pre-Application meeting.

17-123584 PA is for 8035 W. Bowles Ave. It is 4 apartment building on the north side of Bowles Crossing. There will be 106 units with 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units. It will be a gated development. They want a parking exception. The current requirement is 2.25 parking spaces per unit. They want 1.8 parking spaces per unit. The north side faces Raccoon Creek Golf Course.

The following is a Site Development meeting.

17-125848 SD is for Bonaventure Senior Living at S. Alkire St. It is north of Topsy's. There will be 163 senior living apartments (independent, assisted, and memory care). It is on 6.15 acres.

The following is a Site Application meeting.

17-124327 SA is for the Federal Prison on Quincy Ave. They want a 5,000 sq. ft. metal prefabricated office building. It will house Central National Paving and Roofing Program Management.

The following is a Rezoning meeting.

17-126488 RZ is for Willow Springs. It is for ODP, PD, and rezone. It is west of the hogback.

A Jefferson County Liquor Hearing for 5924 S. Kipling Parkway Units J & K. It is a transfer of ownership of a retail liquor license. It is in the morning on Oct. 5.

VC 17-126970 is for Bowles Crossing. They want a sign Height variance. They want 2 16 ft. signs. 12 ft signs are allowed. They also want 2 smaller signs.

There will be a Board of County Commissioners Town hall on Oct. 17 from 6:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. They will discuss the 2018 budget. Details are on the website.

The new Jefferson County website will be live on Oct. 16.

Our room reservation for the South Precinct for Jan. - May 2018 has been approved.

Adopt a Highway will be Oct. 14 at 8:30 a.m. We will meet at the West Bowles Community Church.

There is a Chore Services Flyer from Senior Resource Center. Free help is available for people over 60 years of age who need help around the house. It includes yard clean up. Services are available in 3 hour increments from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00a.m. or 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Services can be used 3 times per year. Their year runs from July to June. All workers are bonded and secured. To schedule an appointment, contact Trujillo Loretta at 303-235-6952 or email at ltrujillo@srcaging.org. Their website is www.srcaging.org.

Our speaker in Nov. will be Jason Glass, Jefferson County Public School Superintendent, at the Lilley Gulch. We have no plans for Dec. Will we have a Pot Luck? We don't know if we have the room.

The speaker on Foreclosures has cancelled twice.

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

New Business Peter Burns from Belleview Farms asked about By Law updating. There are 12 new (See page 6)

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — I'm so glad it's October. Don't get me wrong . . . it's not that I like cold . . . it's just this time of year is perfect in my mind. We don't need the AC and we don't yet need the heaters. The grass has pretty much stopped growing so I don't need to mow. The gardening is done so I don't need to water etc. Fall is a time of calm for me – physically at least. Things ramp up at school so it all seems to break even in the end.

It seems like the neighborhood had a good time at the fall picnic. We provided hotdogs and drink to all and we had a time to chat with some of the local LEO's to see that they really are just decent people with a job I wouldn't want. Kids had a chance to romp around in the bouncy castle and we enjoyed the pies. Our next event offering is the late fall hayride from the shelter at the park. I've been guaranteed the hayride will indeed take place this year!

Note that for the next 6 months our board meetings will be held at St. Philip at 0900 on the second Saturday of the month. We really do like it when folks from the neighborhood come and share with us what's on your mind. I wish we could actually DO what you'd like us to do, but we try our best to do what we can to help. I've greatly enjoyed getting to know more of you. I've sat on the front porch of several of you as you've shared your story with me. I like that, it helps me to . . . Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

From September Board Meeting Meeting called to order at 9:11 a.m. September 9, 2017 at St Philip Church. Officers Present: Randy Montgomery, Don Hochhalter, Jennifer Gerdes, Pat Miller. Board Members: Ralph Miller. Community Members: None

Treasurers Report: Presented by Pat and Seconded by Jennifer

Old Business: Membership status – Pat – No new members

Columbine Knolls Voice

From August 8th 2017 Board Meeting Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm In Attendance: Lee Woodbury, Skip Wilcox, Steve Hantelman, Judy Alliprandine, Birgit Whitelaw, Matt Hale, and Tony Tierney Guests: 7

Public Comments: Question about a PIPSA that was sent in and Skip said he just received it in the mail last Friday.

Tony talked about a voice mail we received regarding a property at 6337 West Geddes Drive holding a party last Saturday night. There were five police cars there because of a disturbance. There are 8 to 10 adults living at this house. Maybe we should contact the owner of the house about this nuisance. We need 5 or 6 neighbors to complain together about this rental house. This is a zoning violation and Jefferson County should be contacted.

McDonald's property on Coal Mine has a 20 year ban on other fast food restaurants built on that location.

Safeway lot will become a bare lot. No plans have been submitted to do anything with this lot.

Lights on football field – nothing in the county planning stage for setting up lights.

Committee Reports: Membership – Skip said we now have 323 HOA members.

Matt talked about HOA members abusing our Sponsor Discounts especially for Lapels Cleaners.

Safety, Beautification, and Maintenance Metal top was put on the Sheridan entrance tower. One of the guests volunteered to give the HOA some of the reflective vests worn by workers.

Covenant Enforcement and Architectural Control Working through violations and the PIPSA

Special Events August Pool Party on the 9th is our next HOA event. Free for HOA members. Some members bringing desserts.

Treasurer's Report Financials emailed prior to meeting to all board members

NEW BUSINESS Steve told the board about software changes regarding the HOA website and new costs for email accounts. Steve provided three options for using email accounts and needed the board to vote on which option to use for next year. Skip motions to go with one email account / Birgit seconds, all in favor.

Executive Session begins at 7:51 p.m. Executive Session ends at 8:16 p.m.

Lee motions to have our attorney take follow up action on the current covenant violation court case / Birgit seconds, all in Favor.

Board meeting adjourns at 8:27 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Happy October everyone. We are in the season of cool, brisk mornings, vibrant colors in the landscape, pumpkin patches, apple pies, comfort food, football, costumes and trick or treating. I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall and enjoying some of the festivities of the season with friends and family. Remember lots of trick or treaters will be out and about in the neighborhood on Halloween, so please be extra cautious if you are out that even-

ing. If you have kids or grandkids who will be trick or treating, make sure they have glow sticks or flashlights to be visible. For those staying in to hand out treats, enjoy all the different costumes and try not to eat too many sweets! Halloween is one of my favorite times of year in our neighborhood; with so many houses taking spirit with decorations, lots of families mingling with friends as they cross paths and visiting with their neighbors who are handing out treats, and I must say we have some of the most generous treats. There's always something special on every block!

Thank you to those who attended the September HOA Meeting. We had some good discussions and began some planning for 2018. One of the items discussed in the meeting for future planning was the survey being created by the social committee. Please take a moment to participate in the survey mentioned in this newsletter and being announced on NextDoor to help with planning future social activities for our community.

The next CKSII Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm in the Art Room at Coronado Elementary School. All homeowners are invited to attend, this is a great time for interested homeowners to meet neighbors, have questions answered, share ideas and get involved in your community. Also make sure your calendars are marked for the CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride on Sunday, December 3rd beginning at 6 pm in the Coronado School Parking lot. Santa says he'll be stopping by again this year! Hope to see you there! *Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA*

From September 12th, 2017 meeting minutes—President, Jennifer Blake called to order the September 12, 2017 meeting of the HOA Board of Directors at 7:00 pm. Board members Jennifer Blake, Debbie Opperman, Bob Pellegrini, Larry Opperman, Bob Haberkorn, Pam Horiszny, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with representatives of DARCO Property Management.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 338 members, of which, 102 are permanent members. Debbie and Pam presented a new format for the Treasurer's Report to the rest of the board. This new format makes it easier to identify what is truly in the budget for the fiscal year and what is dues collections that go towards the subsequent year's budget. Additionally, it more succinctly reflects the financial position of the HOA both current and for the anticipated year-end.

Management Report: Three inspections were conducted in August. Forty-nine notices were mailed to homeowners. The violations included: 4 campers stored in view, 3 trailers stored in view, 20 homes with trash containers stored in view, 4 dry grass, 1 lawn needs mowing, 17 weeds in lawn or rocks, 3 dead trees, 1 tree with broken limbs, and 2 with poor driveway concrete. No violations were referred to the HOA attorney and there are no violations outstanding with the HOA's attorney. DARCO also reminded the Board that under the terms of our legal retainer, we are entitled to an annual visit by our attorney to a board meeting to answer questions or provide guidance.

ACC Report: Bob Pelligrini reported 15 requests and 12 approved with 3 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 2 for paint, 2 for doors, 2 for windows, 4 for sheds, and 1 for fence.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake reported that the committee welcomed 10 of the 12 new families to the neighborhood on July 19. There will be one more delivery later this year.

Landscape Committee: Stephanie H. reported that she's been taking care of some of the simple weeding and dead heading and planted a couple new plants.

Social Committee: Jennifer reported that there is no additional news to report but that the social committee is still working to identify options for future neighborhood activities. They are planning to send out a survey, likely in the NextDoor environment to gather feedback on neighborhood opinions.

Updates: NextDoor Site – Currently 423 neighbors, 57% households participating. (Jennifer)

Upcoming Special Event Dates: December 3, 2017 – Holiday Hayride

Next Meeting Date: November 14th, in the Coronado Art Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The September 13th monthly meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary was attended by Officers/Board members and guests. A homeowner expressed her frustration with another neighbors inconsiderate parking habits and asked how the association might be able to help. The group offered some suggestions.

Committee members were asked this month to submit budget requests for review because the Annual Budget will be addressed at the October meeting.

News Flash The 1st Annual Easter Egg-hunt Event was presented for consideration. The budget review is a great time for community members to offer suggestions to help the current Board/ Officers make decisions concerning the 2018 calendar of events. Please try to drop by the October 11th CWCA monthly meeting. Also scheduled for the October meeting is a presentation by Ron Hopp, Director of FHPRD. Ron will give an overview of the current expenses and those that need to be addressed in the near future. The presentation covers how the District has shored up the budget within current budget constraints and how dollars from a potentially Passed Mil Levy will be utilized. Those of us in Columbine West have FHPRD amenities within our community, such as the Columbine West Pool & Park, the Dutch Creek Trail system and Victory Park, (ie Little Green Park). The playground at Dutch Creek Elementary was installed with matching funds from FHPRD and the ball field is maintained by them also. Please remember to lock up your cars, trucks and bicycles. Close your garage doors when you are not in visible sight too. Crimes of opportunity are on the rise.

Remember that the JCSO 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.

A reminder that CWCA voted to eliminate the December monthly meeting, to give everyone a well deserved break and enjoy the holiday activities. This means that we will not have a Holiday Potluck, but will once again offer the Volunteer Appreciation Evening in January, after we ring in the New Year of 2018. 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 Leawood Rappporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes August 8, 2017 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Chip and Angela Langowski and Debby Baker.

Treasurer's Report – Richard presented the Treasurer's Report which included LCA current account balances, payments received and bills paid.

Leawood Annual Picnic, August 26th – Board discussed details to be sure that all things were already taken care of or are assigned. No one has contacted Board Members to offer their assistance with the picnic.

LCA Post Office Box – Debby will write up the Board Resolution stating which Board Members will hold the keys to the box and which Board Members can access the box. Board Members will sign the Resolution and Richard will take the Resolution to the Post Office. Hopefully this will resolve the issue with the Post Office and allow access to the box again.

September Garage Sale – The Board agreed to the request by Kevin Ashton to cancel this years' fall garage sale. The resident participation has been low in the past few years. The Board will discuss in January whether to limit the garage sale to one per year.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes September 13, 2017 The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/Special Projects, Linda Smith/VP Secretary and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Public Comment/Correspondence - Dave was contacted by a resident on Leawood Drive regarding concern of dead trees behind his house. The resident was told by the County the area belonged to the District, but we have no information as to ownership of the property. Linda has contacted Jefferson County Planning and Zoning for further information. As of the meeting, no call back from the County has been received. Linda will follow up and request the deed to this area.

A birthday party at the Weaver Pavilion left a mess with chalk drawings all over the sidewalk and even on the tables, along with piles of chalk material and lots of trash. Dave washed tables and scrubbed the walk. Most people clean up after themselves, but we were amazed the adults would have left the mess that we found. At the same pavilion, there is graffiti on the backside of the stone structure that will need to be sandblasted. Dave tried the anti-graffiti product he has but is unable to remove it. If there is a resident that has sandblasting equipment that they would allow us to use, please let Dave know.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. We have most of our property tax income. Additional ownership tax revenue is still coming in and Lottery funds have been estimated. The Colorado Department of Local Affairs informed us we have been chosen for a Certificate of Valuation audit related to our Conservation Trust funds. Donna will provide information needed. Invoices for the month include: Weston for September landscaping services, doggie bag vendor, United Site Services (port-a-potties), Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel, Swingle Tree for weed spraying at Tract T, Weaver and Kendall parks, DBC for supplies, an additional invoice from Weston for an extra cutting at Leawood Park before the LCA picnic, deposit to RPM Motorsports for a new ATV, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Debby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Dave said we again have someone dumping yard waste in our dumpster at Sheridan. We have been assessed extra charges in the past for waste that was not put in the dumpster. Reminder again, this is not a public dumpster.

Weston Landscaping came in to perform their regular mowing and an extra mowing in Leawood Park for the picnic. A number of irrigation repairs have been made. Doggie bag holders were inspected and replenished. Dave dug out a channel for the water to drain from the storm drain toward the creek. The small cross-over wood timbers are too low which causes mud and silt buildup at Raccoon Park. Dave trimmed all bushes along the path from the small wood bridge upstream toward Fair Drive and trees upstream along the same path. We discussed the 4x4 spacers along the path at Raccoon Creek that allows weeds to pop up. These need to be replaced as soon as Dave can do it. Bushes along the walk at Weaver Park near the soccer field were trimmed since they were sticking out onto the sidewalk. Swingle Tree sprayed for weeds at Kendall, Weaver and Tract T. We will need to replace the Purple Robe tree near the New Bridge in Weaver Park. This is the second Purple Robe tree that has been lost so the replacement tree will be a different type.

NEW BUSINESS 2018 Property and Liability Insurance - Linda received a request to update our coverage and a form for Designation of Member representation. Donna gave Linda updated information and Linda will send that to the Colorado Special District Pool Administrator.

2018 budget - The budget process will begin at the October meeting. Linda will send the public notice info to the Colum-

bine Courier. The budget will be approved at the December meeting along with setting the mil levy.

OLD BUSINESS Review of field leases - South Jeffco Sports is using the baseball field at Leawood Park and Front Range Christian School is using the soccer field at Weaver Park. No issues have been reported so far.

2017 Projects - No update.

The meeting was adjourned 7:25 PM.—*Linda T. Smith, Director, Vice President and Secretary*

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of September 6th, 2017 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip and Angela Langowski.

Treasurer's Report - Richard presented the Treasurer's Report, which included LCA current account balances, payments received, and bills paid.

Leawood Annual Picnic - There was a good turnout for the picnic. Rhonda suggested that the LCA Board provide information about the picnic and parade to Leawood Elementary two weeks before next year's picnic so that they can notify their students and parents via Friday folders. Picnic should also be extended to 4:00 p.m. and the picnic signs changed to reflect new time. The LCA would like to thank Linda Smith, Dave Padilla Leawood Parks Manager and the volunteers who helped set up and clean up after the picnic. We could not have done it without you.

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Annual Homeowners Meeting The August Board meeting was held on August 30, 2017. Because of the late meeting, we were unable to provide specifics from the Board meeting in the September newsletter. The September Board meeting was cancelled. Here is an update on recent Board activity.

It's hard to believe that fall has crept up on us. The pool is closed and Halloween is just a few weeks away. Please remember to watch out for the kids walking around our neighborhood as they go to and from school. Also, be aware on Halloween for the trick or treaters running around the neighborhood.

At the August Board meeting the Board met with representatives from our trash contractor, Waste Connections. We had a heart-to-heart about the glaring failures of the last two years' large item pick-up. Since we have a five-year contract with them, we could have terminated that contract based upon these failures. The Board voted to retain Waste Connections for the final year of the contract. The Board had to balance those shortcomings with the good job that has been done with the week-to-week trash collection. Waste Connections has offered Woodbourne incentives if we sign another five-year contract with them. The Board will be discussing this in depth before we will agree to sign another contract. Stay tuned for further updates on this.

You may have noticed that we have hung additional signs on the tennis courts. Over the past two years, we have had more issues with individuals climbing the tennis court fence to get in to the courts. This represents an unnecessary risk since every home in Woodbourne gets a key fob that provides access to the tennis courts. While we would rather have not posted the new signs, it was apparent that the reminder was needed.

We have an opening for a volunteer on our ACC committee. The committee usually has three members and we just had one leave due to personal commitments. The committee business is conducted entirely by email and it is a critical service to our neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact Sommer Wall at woodbourne.2013s@hotmail.com or Litha Spies at lspies@msiho.com, or myself at james_m@woodbournehoa.org.—*James Meyer, President*

state laws that need to be addressed.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 7:50 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*



Cohope Trash cleanup on Oct 14
Anyone lose a Thunderbird hub cap?



Jeffco Public Schools—On the Issues—From Superintendent Ron Glass Moving on Up: 6th Graders Head to Middle School—In my conversations around Jeffco, I have heard a lot of questions about the transition of 6th graders to middle schools. Specifically, the questions have focused on why Jeffco decided to make this shift, what the total cost of the shift will be, and how our students with special needs will be supported in the transition. In this edition of On the Issues, we'll address these questions.

In Jeffco, we have a variety of grade configurations. Some communities transitioned to a 6-8 grade model years ago. Others use a K-8 and 9-12 model or a K-6 and 7-12 configuration, and some are organized in K-6 elementary, 7-8 middle school, and 9-12 high school.

Last school year, the decision was made to shift to an instructional model where the majority of our 6th grade students will attend 6-8 grade middle schools, which is the most common configuration nationally. Across the U.S., 75 percent of 6th grade students attend a middle school and surrounding Colorado school districts also use this model. There is no national movement to move 6th grade students back to elementary school.

Committees of Jeffco staff and parents at our middle schools have planned community events to inform and support students and families with this transition. We also have 6th grade transition information for families on our website.

Why did Jeffco decide to make this shift? First and foremost, we want to provide more options and services for our kids! This model strengthens our schools' abilities to customize student learning experiences. More 6th graders will now have the opportunity to take accelerated classes and pursue interests through expanded elective opportunities.

An additional year in middle school also helps us build strong school communities. Rather than transitioning in one year and out the next, three years in middle school allows relationships to form, the staff to get to know students and families, and the students to get to know each other.

Finally, our facilities played a key role in this decision. Speaking generally about Jeffco, our middle schools are under capacity, and many of our elementary schools are over capacity. This transition will move students out of over 100 temporary buildings and into schools.

How much is this transition going to cost? In all, we are expecting a total cost of less (possibly much less) than \$32 million. To date, the Board of Education has allocated \$14.5 million in funding for additions to Drake and Dunstan Middle Schools. Jeffco Public Schools also planned for potential additional costs, and reserved an additional \$2 million to cover any incidental expenses from the annual capital transfer (a fund for building and facilities needs).

It is possible additional funding needs may arise as we work to complete the transition district-wide. For example, additional classroom space may be needed at Summit Ridge, Ken Caryl, and Creighton Middle Schools. The estimated cost for additions to all three schools is \$15.5 million. The Board of Education has not yet approved these additions.

The 6th grade transition will create some ongoing savings for Jeffco, as well. Specifically, the decommissioning or elimination of temporary classrooms can save \$650,000 annually in ongoing maintenance and operations cost.

Will students with special needs be supported in the transition? Yes! The vast majority of students with special needs will receive services in their middle school, just as they did in their elementary school.

Some of our students with more intensive special needs attend schools that host special programs called "centers" with specialized supports. Each year, in partnership with families, we analyze student learning needs to ensure the appropriate supports are in place. This transition will not change these important practices.

The big question...and next steps! And the answer to what everyone has been wondering - yes, 6th graders will still go to our Outdoor Lab Schools! We know Jeffco families, students, and staff value this great experience and 6th graders will absolutely get to continue this important Jeffco tradition.

I encourage parents and students to take advantage of opportunities to learn about their middle school by attending open house events and parent meetings at the elementary and middle schools. Your school's principal is also a good source for information. Certainly, there are logistical issues to manage with this change – but the shift will offer exciting opportunities for our students, and we feel this brings great new options for Jeffco kids.

Check out the Parents' Guide to 6th Grade Transition here. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSrmDYXccQ>)

There was a presentation made to the Board of Education Oct. 19 on the 6th Grade Move-Up. The meeting was streamed live; the 1-hour mark is where the 6th grade move-up discussion begins.

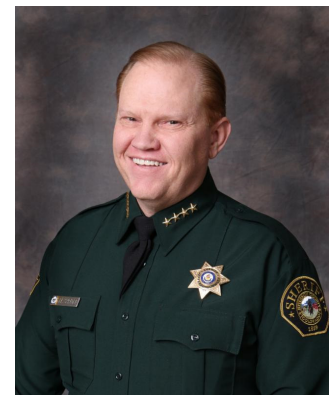
Jeffco students, parents, families, staff, and community members may engage with Dr. Glass via Twitter @COJasonGlass and through his blog, <https://advancejeffco.blog/>.

From Jeffco Public Schools email

BEHIND the BADGE by Sherriff Jeff Shrader— By focusing on the strength of Jefferson County we designed a new website with our citizens' needs at the forefront. Data and analytics told us what you access most and the new website was built to get you the information you need quickly. Yes, our new website more vividly represents the Sheriff's Office, but also is confirmation of our vision: for Jefferson County to be a safe place for all people to live, learn, work and play.

Easier to Contact Your Sheriff's Office With new fillable forms you can use to submit questions or requests, but that is just the beginning.

Works on Any Device More than 48 percent of our users access our website on a mo-





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The November meeting speaker will be Jeffco School Superintendent Jason Glass. The meeting will be November 1st at 7 pm at Lilley Gulch due to elections.

bile device. With that in mind, we made sure that our new site will work for you, wherever you are... whether using a desktop computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Notify Me Now you can subscribe to receive emails or text messages when information gets updated on our website. Subscribe to get notified about our meetings and events, county news, and more.

Access Buttons These buttons provide one-click access to frequently visited pages on our website. Some of the buttons will change during the year depending on current events or incidents. The buttons are unique in different areas of the website, bringing helpful information one click closer.

Alerts When there is a need to alert the county of an emergency or important notification, a large bar will appear on every page of the website. Updates will be posted here as situations progress.

Search Bar The new search bar provides quick and easy access to what you need with predictive search that suggests options based on what you type into the bar.

Navigation Ribbon The ribbon along the left side of the website provides one-click access to things such as events on social media platforms. It also gives you a way to get back to the Jefferson County home page, if needed, from anywhere in the website.

Global Navigation The global navigation provides clear and easy navigation to all areas of the website. You can find things by types of service or directly to the department or division.

Welcome to the new www.jeffco.us/sheriff

Foothills Information Save the Date: Boo-rific Bash & Splash, October 27, Ridge Recreation Center

Night of Classic TV, November 3-11, Ridge Recreation Center

Free: Mind-Body Open House, November 10, Peak Community & Wellness Center

Second Saturday, November 11, Ridge Recreation Center

Thanksgiving Eve Skate, November 22, 12-3 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m., Edge Ice Arena

Winter Break Camps, October 30: registration begins for families currently attending our Before & After School Programs

November 14: registration begins for all other families

December 4: deadline to register