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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Dec. 12, 5:30-7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: December 12, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Nov. 15, 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: December Christmas pot luck at Sheriff's South Precinct

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Draft Minutes for Nov. 1 Meeting Attendance:

Diane Suchomel / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Peter Burns / Belleview Farms HOA, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Jason Glass / Jefferson County Public School Superintendent, Lt. David Swavely / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.
The meeting started at 6:57 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Special Reports – Lt. David Swavely, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, there has been an uptick in vehicle trespass. The suspect is hooded and around 20 years old. They have been using a rock to break windows of locked cars. They arrested someone recently who used one of the stolen credit cards. PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR.

There have been some major marijuana grows discovered in residential areas.

How many people are assigned to schools in Jefferson County? About a dozen.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker is **Jason Glass, Jefferson County Public School Superintendent**.

Jason asked what we thought the Common Core? To bring all students to the level of a blue collar worker. To meet the National School Board Dept. of Education which is illegal.

Common Core was put together when 47 states got together to define a common expectation or a set of standards. It is compared across the nation and the world. There is an on-going debate on how to teach math. Should Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry all be taught together or one at a time. The Common Core was implemented in Colorado in 2011. Yes, but data is collected and then sold. This is not true in Jefferson County. They buy tests from companies which provide the assessment data. But there are laws to protect companies from selling the data.

What we are really talking about is much more complicated. ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) is really just a repackaging of No Child is Left Behind which was part of the war on poverty. Now it is more about testing.

At one point they were trying to turn control back over to the states but recently the government has been re-implementing the standards.

What Jason thinks is more important is keeping students involved. They need hope and engagement. Hope is a better predictor of success and finishing college than the SAT. Students are engaged when in grade school. It is lowest in 11th grade. It rebounds in 12th grade. Discipline issues may be related to engagement.

Why are they moving the 6th grade to middle school? The elementary schools are crowded and the middle schools have space. In the nation, 75% of 6th graders are in middle school. Also with the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades together, there is a community in place. The downside that it is disruptive. In the southwest part of the area they will need to expand into trailers or limit transfers into the school. They will need to spend \$15M.

What does Jason think about Unions? Jason wants to look out for students, parents, etc. Unions want to protect the teachers.

Does Jason think there is an issue between tenure and unions? Originally schools were run by political machines. When

a new party was elected, teachers were replaced. Tenure was a way to protect teachers. There have been reports that people working for the union and being paid as a teacher, but not teaching. Jason does not think that this is happening in our district.

What does Jason think about taxes? He will continue to push for more money so he can do more for the students. Teacher's starting pay is \$35K with the average at \$55K. They do not plan to close any schools for 2 years.

Reports from Officers Roll Call was taken. We had 7 members present and had a quorum.

We do not have a President.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was not present. We have \$1,814.63.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The following are Community meetings.

17-125708 is for 9700 Old Coal Mine Ave. There have been major changes since the pre-application. The location, height and number of units has changed. It was 16-120667PA from Oct. 13, 2006 for an apartment building on the west side of the church and with 27 units for learning development and low income people. Now it is on the east side of the church, 4 stories, and 56 units. More meetings to come. The issue is that they didn't tell the Case Manager about the changes.

17-128219 is for 5057 S. Eldridge St. It is to rezone to allow 10 detached homes at "Red Rocks Point". It is at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Red Rocks Baptist Church.

17-128941 is for 5890 S. Alkire St. It is for the Willow Springs area parcel west of the hogback. It is to rezone from agriculture and commercial to PD for multifamily and commercial. It is at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 16 at Waterstone Community Church. *(Update—Diane attended this meeting. There was a large turnout (130+) and her impression was the community was opposed to it.)*

Corporate Violations - Sept. - Oct. - Zoning violation for marijuana grow. 17-12661700 is for 5923 S. Ward St and closed. 17-129211 is for 8546 S. Carr St. They had over 200 plants.

Other Corporate Violations - 17-126252 is for 4907 S. Xenophun Way. It was a summons for people living in an RV in front of the house with an electric cord from the house. There was als a business being run at the location. 17-129413 is 14776 W. Byers Ave. for a short term rental violation.

17-125971 is for a withdrawn application. It is for 8035 W. Bowles Ave. It was for a 166 unit apartment complex. They had asked for a decrease in the number of parking spaces per unit. They will stick with the required 2.25 spaces per unit. It is related to 17-123584 PA. The north side faces Raccoon Creek Golf Course.

17-125848 PF is for Meadowbrook Heights. It is for 82 single family homes. The builder is Cal Atlantic Homes. They plan to extend S. Cody Way north from W. Ken Caryl. A second access from S. Cody Way to W Payne.

17-129493 MVR is for 5700 W. Bowles. It is for a minor variation. They want 27 parking space instead of the required 40. It is for Just For Paws Veterinarian.

Liquor License Hearing on Nov. 2. for 12652 W. Ken Caryl Ave. It is a new beer, wine, liquor license.

The new Jefferson County website is at <http://planning.jeffco.us>. HINT - go to the site map at the bottom of the page.

Permits are now under Business Development and Projects. For a permit search, go to <https://permitsearch.jeffco.us>. In September we sent a letter of support for the Mil Levy increase for Foothills Park and Recreation District was sent to Columbine Courier. It has still not been printed.

Our December meeting will be a Pot Luck at the South Precinct.

Please offer suggestions for speakers. It was suggested to get Planning and Zoning to speak in January. The reason is covenant changes, about business variances. Another suggestion is someone to go over the new Jefferson County website and how to find stuff.

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

New Business None.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 8:48 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2017		W. R. Moore, Treasurer
Beginning Balance October 2, 2017		\$ 1814.63
Deposits		\$ 0.00
Withdrawals		\$ 38.36
December Newsletter 5.39		
Website (3 months) \$32.97		
Ending Balance December 6, 2017		\$ 1776.27

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — November – such an interesting month. The gorgeous Fall is nearly over – I don't think I've ever seen the leaves so vibrant around here before. The gardens are all turned over and put to bed. I doubt I'll get the motorcycle out much more. [Though I do try to sneak one or two short trips in December just because I want to say I rode every month this year] I don't like having to turn the heat on in the house – I love fall because I can pretty much control the house temperature by opening or closing windows – and that doesn't cost much. November is an opportunity for feasting and family. I am truly thankful that America has the tradition of Thanksgiving. I'm so thankful for another year of life and all that has happened that has been wholesome and good. I'm glad I'm done mowing for a bunch of months! 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. We host a "shindig" for Halloween. The fire-pit and cookies and hot cider at the end of the driveway is a great way to have neighbors in for a bit. My son hosts a block party every fall, I hope to do the same this year.

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 some time ago. I ask one thing and that is your consideration - if and when you call. I'm still teaching; I don't answer my phone during the school day. I do glance at texts if you are comfortable with texting. 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*

Columbine Knolls Voice

From September 12th 2017 Board Meeting Call to order at 7:05 pm. Board members in attendance: Birgit Whitelaw, Judy Alliprandine, Lee Woodbury, Skip Wilcox, Tony Tierney. Absent: Larry Wambsganss, Matt Hale, Nathalie McClish
Public Comments Andrea Rollins from Artspark Creative Studio in Littleton made a presentation to introduce the community to her Littleton studio, which offers a non-judgmental opportunity to children and adults to develop their own creativity. She encouraged all adults to participate in the studio's adult creativity sessions, from 1 – 2:15 every Wednesday.

Committee Reports Membership: Skip reported that we have 329 members now.

Covenants and Architectural Control: We continue to get new PIPSA forms, mainly for painting. In addition, the committee continues to work on covenant compliance.

Special Events/Programs: The Halloween party will be on Friday, Oct. 20, 6pm at Normandy.

Treasurer's Report: Natalie will send out the financials and post them on the website.

New Business: Idea for the next special interest presentation: Invite Mary Ann Bonnell from Foothills to talk about living with coyotes. We agreed to contact her about doing this at one of our winter meetings. Given the very low attendance at the last special interest presentation, we discussed several options to try to make the timing more attractive. For the next one, we agreed to try holding the special presentation at 7pm on our normal board meeting night, and to postpone the board meeting until afterwards. Judy will contact Mary Ann.

Executive Session: An executive session was held to share information from our attorney.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Covenant Change Petition The HOA Board wants to notify all Columbine Knolls Homeowners about a petition that is circulating the neighborhood by an unknown group. After reviewing the details, the HOA Board highly recommends not signing the petition. The petition seeks to completely ELIMINATE ALL covenants and allow for Jefferson County regulations to govern our community. While Jefferson County Regulations establish general guidelines, they do not account for the architectural makeup of our community, which is unique. Additionally, by signing the petition it would eliminate all storage restrictions on Recreational Vehicles (RV) and Trailers, thus allowing the permanent storage of an unlimited number of motor homes, trailers of any kind and any other type of recreational vehicle on every lot. Overall, the petition will allow any Columbine Knolls Homeowner free rein to build any size or type structure (steel building or large warehouses), store anything outside (RV's and trailers in unlimited quantity) and ultimately destroy one of the things that makes Columbine Knolls a great residential neighborhood. The HOA is focused on building community and supporting the rights of every property owner by ensuring that the current covenants, approved by a majority vote of all property owners, maintain the great foundation on which Columbine Knolls has thrived. Further, the current covenants have allowed the architectural design and harmony that makes Columbine Knolls unique to remain intact, which is what this petition seeks to disrupt. The HOA urges you to maintain the current protective covenant structure by NOT signing the petition.

We encourage you to talk to your neighbors, come to the next HOA meeting to ask any questions and make your position known. The next HOA meeting is November 14th at Normandy Elementary at 7pm.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Happy The CKSII Board of Directors did not meet in October; however, Board members and committees were still at work enforcing covenants, reviewing ACC requests, planning future social activities, conducting fall clean up in the entry gardens, preparing annual renewal notices, paying association bills and welcoming new neighbors. The Social Committee led by Brenda Abbott with volunteers: Joseph Alcala, Jennifer Blake, Dean Fitches, Bob & Stephanie Haberkorn, Amy Kowalski, Michael Oren, and Donna & Tom Tellschow recently met and are preparing for the next CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 3rd for this fun filled event to kick off the holiday season!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CKSII Social Activities Survey. The response rate has been great and the HOA/Social Committee will be reviewing the results to see how we can improve the activities offered in the future. At the time of the deadline for the November newsletter over 60 homeowners have participated in the survey and there is much excitement for opportunities to get to know neighbors.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride on Sunday December 3 beginning at 6 pm 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 monthly meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary was attended by Officers/Board members, neighbors and our guest speaker Ron Hopp. Ron set forth a very detailed presentation on the needs of Foothill Park and Recreation Dept. After the presentation he was available to answer questions and clarify some issues. Are you a Silver Sneaker participant? You may or may not know that FHPRD accepts payments from your medical insurance provider that offsets your entrance fees. What you might not know is that FHPRD has a contractual limit on how many daily fees they can actually recoup monthly from each Silver Sneaker participant, depending on the individuals insurance provider. So, not every time you swipe your card for an admission is FHPRD getting a payment. Finding out the information was illuminating to everyone in attendance. Many thanks to FHPRD for honoring our Silver Sneaker residents. Thank you also to the neighbors who took the time to join us at the meeting. Daylight Savings time will begin again on Sunday, Nov.5th so enjoy the extra hour of rest, if you can. 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. 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.

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.

Comments & Concerns Regarding Neighbors Dealing with Rats

Columbine West residents have recently been commenting on Nextdoor.com that they either have seen rats or have trapped and disposed of rats. Mary from Ontario/ Yukon writes : We've lived here over 35 years. NEVER have we seen rats. We caught 5 rats the last two days. Yukkk!! If you do make a map of the areas where they are being reported, I would love to see it. I was wondering if the construction by 7-11 was driving them out.—written Oct 22nd. Paul near Yukon and Ontario Place writes: We've caught 2 to 3 per week all through the summer. We've been using the Tomcat rat traps from Home Depot. We've been in our house for nearly 20 years, and this is the first year with the rats. It's like they all got the memo or something. A real pain in the butt. - written Oct 12th. Bel from 7200 block of S. Yarrow Crt writes : We've been battling rats too. Tried everything except the poisoned because we have dogs and we don't want that to accidentally kill them. Our best success for the large rats were actual snap traps. We got them at Ace Hardware, and have had the best success with the large ones. The key is to hot glue dog food onto the piece that activates the trap. Otherwise the trap won't go off because they take the food too fast. The little ones are less wary and ran into the traps that electrocute them. Desiree from S. Upham St. writes: My dog caught a large rat last week and brought it to me. Yikes I have never seen rats here before either. Bill located at 6900 Block S. Ammons St. writes: I've been in the hood a little over 6 years now, found two dead ones in my back yard a month or so ago. Don't know what killed them. - written Oct 16th. To put this into perspective a neighbor from a nearby community wrote this...Leigh from Vintage Reserve: "A female rat can mate as many as 500 times with various males during a six-hour period of receptivity— a state she experiences about 15 times per year. Thus a pair of brown rats can produce as many as 2,000 descendants in a year if left to breed unchecked. (A rat matures sexually at age three to four months.)" They are pests not wildlife. They carry diseases and they are destructive. The association will be looking into researching the current situation a bit further and potentially trying to arrange a speaker to come and talk to residents. Maybe a professional exterminator can explain the best way to get rid of them without too much cost for our neighbors. We will post information in the newsletter about an upcoming speaker.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes October 4, 2017 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Debby Baker, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip and Angela Langowski.

Treasurer's Report - Richard presented the Treasurer's Report. Invoices included Colorado Lasertype for the Reporter, Xcel for the Jay Court entrance and additional invoices for the picnic.

Leawood Annual Picnic – The attendance was down from last year. The board brainstormed about what could be done, including creating a flyer to include in Leawood Elementary Student's Friday folder.

Santa Party - The Santa Party will be held Wednesday, December 6 at Leawood Elementary. Refreshments and crafts will be in the cafeteria. We should be able to use the Library for Santa.

Jay Court Entrance - The board discussed the entrance at the Jay Ct.; something must be done on both the east and west side. A decision was made to start over. Board will meet on Saturday, October 28th to clear out all the existing plants and mulch and prepare the sites for new landscaping to be done in Spring 2018. O'Toole's will donate all the new plants and Jennifer Dawe from O'Toole's will assist with the new landscaping design.

Front Yard Parties - Rhonda said the Front Yard Parties were very successful. More people wanted to host a FYP than there were dates available. Discussed if the number of FYPs should be increased. A decision will be made after the new year.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes October 11, 2017 The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/ Special Projects, Jennifer Dawe and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. We have received all our property tax income. Additional ownership tax revenue is still coming. Invoices for the month include: Weston for September landscaping services, doggie bag vendor, United Site Services (port-a-potties), Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel, DBC for supplies, internet provider, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Jennifer moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Debby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Weston Landscaping came in to perform their regular mowing. A number of irrigation repairs have been made. Doggie bag holders were inspected and replenished. Dave met with the home owner at 5805 W.

Leawood Dr. to look at the downed trees that owner reported. Some of the trees in question are in the creek which is the domain of Urban Drainage. Dave contacted Urban Drainage to alert them to the issue.

New Business – 2018 budget – A draft of the 2018 budget was discussed. The budget will be approved at the December meeting along with setting the mil levy.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 8:00 PM.—*Debby Baker, Director*

Posting location: District Board's agendas are posted by the Clerk to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners board.

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board President The October Board meeting was held on October 18, 2017. The meeting was a bit longer due to the cancelation of the September meeting. We covered two months of community issues at the meeting. We will run a summary of the important issues from both the September and October meetings here.

October has flown by. With it the leaves have been stripped from the trees, Halloween has come and gone, and we are getting ready for the holiday season, starting with Thanksgiving.

During the October Board meeting, the Board discussed and decided to renew a three year contract with Management Specialists to continue as our community managers. We also discussed the 2018 budget and our expectations for operational expenses. Remember that we will be holding a Special Budget meeting on November 15, along with our regular Board meeting.

Next month, we will be discussing the bids and timelines for the Fremont Street Entry project. We have been receiving interesting proposals and bids and look forward to making the entry something that reflects the character of our neighborhood. We should be making a decision soon and we will let the community know when we do.

The Board has received community concerns about traffic in Woodbourne.—*James Meyer, President*

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Needs Volunteer Victims Advocates—The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is seeking Volunteer Victim Advocates (VVA) to provide assistance, advice, and/or comfort to victims and witnesses of crimes. A VVA meets with victims at crime scenes immediately after an incident has occurred to provide crisis support and necessary resources. Advocates refer victims and witnesses to supportive programs, and serve as a liaison between the victim or witness and law enforcement.

Volunteers must be 21 or older. No prior training is necessary, but volunteers will complete a 40-hour comprehensive training to ensure they are fully equipped to provide the best possible services.

If you are interested in helping victims of crime, please fill out an online application. Once you have submitted your application please call Victim Services at 303-271-5339 to speak with a staff member.



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The December 6th meeting will be our Christmas pot luck at 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). Cohope will furnish sandwiches and sodas.

From Jeffco Website:

New Jefferson County Motor Vehicle Service - Renewal by Phone Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Motor Vehicle Division is now offering renewal by phone. "We are continually striving to improve the motor vehicle customer experience and are proud to offer this new service," said Clerk and Recorder Faye Griffin.

If your vehicle requires an emissions test, you should complete it at least two business days before renewing by phone. If you have changed or updated your auto insurance, you should wait 2-4 business days before renewing by phone.

Pay by Phone: Call 303-271-8100, select option 9. This service is available Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Payment: Credit Card or eCheck - Subject to convenience fees

Commissioner Rosier to leave Jeffco for Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board—Veteran Jefferson County Elected Official Donald Rosier announced that he will resign from the Board of County Commissioners in early January 2018, to become General Manager of the Sterling Ranch Community Authority Board. Rosier was elected Commissioner in 2010 and re-elected to serve another four years in 2014 and is term limited next year. Sterling Ranch is a 3,400-acre mixed use master planned walkable community in northwest Douglas County.

Rosier is known for being a strong advocate for the citizens of Jefferson County on a range of issues. His dedication serving on numerous boards and commissions, strong presence in the business community, and efforts to collaborate across county government will create lasting impacts throughout the county. During his tenure, Rosier utilized his technical expertise and strong attention to detail to ensure all decisions met the needs of county residents. As a result, he received many awards, took on leadership roles both locally and nationally, and is recognized as a community leader in many fields including transportation, development, business and technology.

Rosier serves or has served on 15 different boards and coalitions in various capacities while a Commissioner, including actively being involved with the planning, design and ultimate completion of the Jefferson County Parkway. He is probably best known for forming and chairing the WestConnect Coalition, which brought former adversaries together for completion of the western beltway. The beltway project has been fought over for almost 25 years and Rosier was instrumental in negotiating a 10 million dollar land deal for right-of-way and open space between Jefferson and Boulder Counties and the City of Boulder. This led to the execution of a corridor charter between three counties, four cities, two metropolitan districts and the Colorado Department of Transportation for needed improvements along the corridor.

Rosier is a fifth-generation Coloradoan who grew up in Arvada and graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in civil engineering. Rosier and his wife, GeriAnn, have lived in south Jefferson County since 1992 and have a daughter and two sons. An active community volunteer, Rosier served as a member and chairman of the Jefferson County Community Development Advisory Board for eight years. He also teaches Sunday school, coaches lacrosse and volunteers at local schools.

Rosier represents Jefferson County in Commissioner District Three, which is the south part of Jeffco. The vacant position will be filled, according to state statute, by the Vacancy Committee of the Jefferson County Republican Party.