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Upcoming Meetings:
 Open Space: Jan. 11?, 5:30-7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
 Foothills: January 23, 6 pm, The Peak.
 Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
 DRCOG: Jan. 17, 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: January Michael Madrid, Planning & Zoning

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December Meeting Christmas Pot Luck Attendance: Diane Suchomel, Cheri Paavola, Ray Moore, Maureen Sielaff, Burke and Bette Steinke, Bob and Pat Ham.

COHOPE Treasury Activity: December 2017	W. R. Moore, Treasurer
Beginning Balance December 6, 2017	\$ 1776.27
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Withdrawals	\$ 73.62
January Newsletter 5.39	
December pot luck food/supplies \$68.23	
Ending Balance January 6, 2018	\$ 1702.65

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — It's hard to believe 2017 is nearly in the books. So much has happened this year. Is it just me, but the tragedies we've endured at the hands of wacko's seems unprecedented. Yet there have been a host of things for which I am thankful – it's not all negative. I pray that 2018 is gentler than its 2017 sister.

Our winter hayride is just around the corner, CHCA will sponsor the ride as well as provide hot coca and cookies and other treats on the 10th at 5:00 in the evening at the shelter of the baseball pavilion. This is totally done at our expense – there is no charge for you. Come. Enjoy the snacks. Talk with your friends and neighbors. Discuss what is important to you. Rumor has it that Santa will be there too!

This month I want to mention that I've gotten to appreciate you more. I've made more CHCA friends this year than before. Shout out to Iris, and Lori, and Dave and Cindy and Linda. For those of you whose yard sales I visit and ask questions that are so helpful – I'm sorry I've forgotten your names, but I know who you are. It's entertaining to be your CHCA president. Kudos to the CHCA board: Jenn our secretary who faithfully assembles the newsletter, to Don and Michael who are so willing to step in and do the work that it takes to keep this community running, to Ralph and Pat who attend COHOPE meetings and handle our finances, to Kelly and Ruth who are faithful supporters of the agenda we are trying to accomplish, to Steve who comes and keeps our meetings on a much lighter note – would have loved to know you as a Junior High kid! This is what living in community is all about – getting involved in each other's lives, therefore . . . Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

November Board Meeting: Meeting called to order at 9:05. Officers present Randy, Pat, Jenn. Board members

present Michaelle, Ruth, Ralph. Community Members Alicia Combs Treasures report presented by Pat Miller second by Ralph Miller.

Old business: Membership status – slow – total 308. Winter Hayride – needs: hot chocolate – Michaelle contacting Robert about this – est \$4.5 Michaelle and Jenn making baked goods. Jenn making flyers – Give to Michaelle. Michaelle bringing coffee. Randy bringing fire pit and Jenn bringing light and marshmallow sticks. Randy getting smores ingredients. Randy getting a contact number for the day of event – will check in with them. Randy motion to get certificate for Hogback for Bruce Yarish for being Santa – Michaelle.

New Business: Items for pres corner – speeding and watching for kids. Winter hayride. CHCA board party – Light judging Dec 17th 5 p.m. – Find 2 houses per quadrant – Potluck – Randy's house.

Items for newsletter – Christmas light judging will occur on Dec 17th. Winners will get \$25 – 1 award per quadrant will be awarded – ask for graphics.

Covenants – Randy would like to talk to Lawyer about covenants – we were able to get copies of the covenants for each quadrant and need to discuss with council – Jenn getting a copy of the covenants for Ralph.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Columbine Knolls Voice

From October 10th 2017 Board Meeting Call to order at 7:10.

Public Comments Approximately 50 residents attended to inquire about the petition currently in circulation which reportedly seeks to either nullify the covenants, or the HOA, or both. Because none of the board members have seen the petition, and no copies are available, discussion could not be definitive. Most of the neighbors in attendance came to express their support for retaining both the covenants and the HOA. One person spoke in opposition. Many speakers felt that a petition, circulated to only a portion of the community, is not an acceptable way to change covenants, and that the community should investigate the possibility of updating the current covenants to clarify the process for changing them.

Committee Reports Membership: 1 new member joined at the meeting. A letter is being planned to go out to all new homeowners, describing the HOA and inviting them to join.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Birgit needs help with maintaining the Lamar St. entrance; several people volunteered. She also needs help to help senior residents who request it, s/a fall leaf-raking. She also proposed creating an award for "property of the year."

Special Events/Programs: The Halloween party will be held at Normandy at 6pm October 20. Treasurer's report was presented and copies were made available.

Covenants and Architectural Control: 4 PIPsAs were approved since the last Board meeting: new fence, garage addition, new siding & paint, driveway extension. Lee reported that the two property owners who were taken to court because they were in violation of C-6 of the protective covenants have removed the trailers and motor home from their respective properties in compliance with the County and District court orders.

New Business: The HOA will host a special community presentation on living with coyotes. This will take place at 7pm Jan. 9, prior to the HOA Annual Meeting.

John Buresh was appointed to fill the current board vacancy. This is a temporary appointment to fill out the year. Permanent board members will be voted on by residents at the January Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Happy Holidays to everyone in our Columbine Knolls South II community! By the time you receive this newsletter Thanksgiving will be over and everyone will be busy planning their next holiday. This is a great time to reach out to those less fortunate and offer a helping hand. I am so grateful for the beautiful community we live in and for the support of family and friends.

The Board and Committee Volunteers had a busy and productive 2017. Several highlights to share include: improved welcome kits, new ideas planned for social activities in 2018 and an easier to follow format for the financials. Please join me in thanking Erin Kunkel on the welcome committee, who worked hard to upgrade the welcome kits delivered to our new neighbors. Part of the upgrade included working with a number of local businesses to provide special offers to welcome new neighbors to CKSII. We'd like to thank the following area businesses for their generous donations: Bacco Trattoria, ChickFilA, Southside Pizza, Savory Spice and Virgilio's. Thank you to all who participated in the social committee survey to help plan future events. Based on the results from the survey the social committee will be busy in 2018 organizing 2 new events, for a total of 3 events for more opportunities to bring our neighborhood together.

Our next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Annual Holiday Hayride on Sunday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 8 p.m.. Please join your fellow neighbors as the horse drawn wagon makes its way from the Coronado School parking lot through the community while participants sing Christmas carols and look at the spectacular decorations. Meanwhile, Santa will be stopping by and hot chocolate with goodies brought by your fellow neighbors will be enjoyed. A big thanks to Brenda Abbott for chairing the social committee this year and the following volunteers who will be helping to make this

event a success: Brenda Abbott, Joseph & Gayle Alcalá, Adam & Jennifer Blake, Bob & Stephanie Haberkorn, Amy Kowalski and Robert Sudar!

Thank you to those who attended the November HOA Meeting. We had several really good discussions that will be continued into 2018. The Columbine Knolls South II Annual Homeowners' Association Member Meeting will be held in the Coronado School library at 7 p.m. on January 9, 2018. At this meeting Association Members will have an opportunity to vote on the 2018 CKSII Budget and elect open board positions. There will be a number of positions opening up in 2018, if you or one of your neighbors has an interest in volunteering to help better our community we could use your help!

In addition to the Board, the community can always use more volunteers to help with various committees and opportunities to improve the neighborhood. The 2018 proposed budget is posted on the CKSII website for your review. Please take time to consider how it benefits each homeowner to have a strong HOA and how you could contribute to the success of the Association. Anyone interested in serving on the CKSII Board of Directors or volunteering for one of the committees is welcome to contact any Board member to express their interest or ask questions. I would like to encourage all current CKSII HOA members to come to this important meeting to vote on the budget and elect your new board members. Best wishes for a happy and healthy Holiday Season. I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Hayride! - *Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA*

From HOA Board Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2017 President, Jennifer Blake called to order the meeting of the at 7:00 pm. Board members Jennifer Blake, Bob Pellegrini, Bob Haberkorn, Pam Horiszny, and Robert Sudar were in attendance and Debbie Opperman called into the meeting for a part of it. Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management was also in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Pam reported the HOA currently has 340 members, of which 106 are permanent members. Pam went over the proposed budget for next year. It shows 2017 year to date, 2017 budgeted amounts, and a 2018 proposed budget. Pam reviewed the terms of the trash collection contract and the actual collections and costs of trash so far within the contract term. Discussion continued from the previous meeting, with comments from a neighborhood resident, regarding format changes to the treasurer's report and whether these types of changes were actually a change in accounting method from cash basis to accrual basis accounting. This type of change would impact several aspects of the community bookkeeping. The impetus for the debate was a desire for the revenues to be collected in the same fiscal year as the expenses so that the treasurer's report made more sense from a clarity standpoint. This led to discussion about possibly changing the timing of collections of annual dues so the majority of these collections would occur after January 1st and therefore show up in the same budget year as the expenses they're being used on. In response to this, a statement was made that this could affect quorum at the Annual meeting because in order to vote at that meeting, you needed to be a HOA member in good standing that is up to date on dues. This led to discussion about possibly moving the date of the Annual meeting later in the year. However, the bylaws were checked and it was discovered that the bylaws required the Annual meeting take place within 30 days of the start of the fiscal year (Jan 1st). This led to discussion about proposing a change to the bylaws allowing for the Annual meeting to occur later into the year, however Debbie presented to the board that delaying the collection of dues was a problem because she will need those dues collected earlier on in order to pay trash service at the beginning of the year and knowing earlier on if a resident is opting to not be an HOA member. She does not want to have the HOA pay their trash service months into the year until it is known that they are not members any more. In the end, the board decided to maintain the status quo on when dues are collected, when the Annual meeting will be held, and what accounting method is used for the HOA. The Board approved to present this budget at the annual meeting.

Management Report: 3 inspections were conducted in October. 15 notices were mailed to homeowners or discussed with homeowner. The violations included: 5 campers stored in view, 2 trailers stored in view, 6 homes with trash containers stored in view, and 2 fences in need of repairs. No Covenant violations have been referred to the HOA's attorney since June of 2015. 5 properties were sold or scheduled to close within the month. Three are listed for sale.

ACC Committee: Bob Pelligrini reported 9 requests and 9 approved with 0 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 1 for paint, 3 for roofs, 1 for solar panels, 1 for shed, 2 for landscaping, and 1 for windows.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake reported that next delivery of Welcome baskets is scheduled for November 30th and this will be the last delivery of the year.

Landscape Committee: Stephanie H. reported that the lighting may need an electrician to look at why one of the lights isn't working. Greg Steward volunteered to check to see if the bulb just needed replacement and if not, would let Stephanie know so she could find an electrician.

Social Committee: Jennifer reported that the committee met October 24th to discuss Holiday Hayride and November 7th to prepare proposal for 2018 based on social survey results. Jennifer reviewed the results from the survey. 66 responses were received and 95% of respondents were interested in attending neighborhood activities. 3 activities per year was the most preferred frequency. 20% of respondents also indicated that they were willing to volunteer to organize and work on events. The highest rated events were a Movie Night, the Holiday Hayride, and a Food Truck event. Holiday hayride still needs help with propane patio heaters and/or fire pits.

Updates: Nextdoor site now has 437 neighbors, which is 59% of households participating.

New Business: Social Committee survey results: and proposal for 2018 – Following the results of the survey, the Social Committee proposed an increase in budget for the 2018 fiscal in order to accommodate three events. The proposed 2018 events would be: a "Bike, Wagon and Pet Parade" in conjunction with a car show in June; A Movie Night in

the park in July; and the Holiday Hayride in December. * ACC online form or fillable PDF – A question was raised about the possibility of introducing an online ACC request form. This will need to be investigated to understand the signature requirements of requests in the bylaws as well as the providing of samples. Bob explained that most of the time there isn't a large volume of samples provided with requests, just paint samples, swatches, and shingle samples are most common. This will be something the board brings up with the legal counsel to see what can be done that meets the requirements of the community bylaws.

Board positions opening – In the upcoming HOA Board election, there will be 5 planned openings. 4 of these will be for two year terms and one will be for a single year term. This is required to get the board back to a cycle of 3 seats opening in one year and 4 seats opening in the next. It is imperative that the current board and community members recruit new and enthusiastic potential board members to be elected at the Annual Meeting in January. The Holiday Hayride in December is a good time to remind and encourage people to take that opportunity to serve their community.

Upcoming Special Event Dates December 3, 2017 – Holiday Hayride

Proposed Event Schedule for 2018 June 2-3 - Garage Sale June 6 - Large Item Pickup June 9 – Bike, Wagon, Pet Parade with Car Show July 19 or 26 – Movie in the park possibly with food trucks December 2 – Holiday Hayride

Next Meeting Date: January 9, 2018 Annual Meeting 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The November 8th monthly meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary was attended by Officers/Board members and interested neighbors. The 2018 CWCA Budget was presented by the Treasurer for review by Board/Officers. Projections look like many administrative costs will remain the same. In 2018 there has been an additional event funded, The Easter Egg Hunt. If any neighbors would like to be part of the planning, egg stuffing & hiding it would be greatly welcomed. Currently the event will be staged at the park by Columbine West pool, an inclement weather proposal is still being looked into. The budget still includes annual favorites such as Dumpster Day, Swim Nights & National Night Out. 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. The Board/Officers would like to wish all neighbors a beautiful holiday season. It is our hope that everyone stays healthy, happy & safe. If the season takes you away from home for an extended time the Jeffco Sheriff office can arrange a vacation check for your home. As always, if you don't see a neighbor out and about during the cold weather the Jeffco Sheriff can also perform a Well-Check. Don't hesitate to call the non-emergency dispatch 303-271-0211. If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting. The next one is January 10th at 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary School, second Wednesday of the Month. This month we would like to encourage anyone who has volunteered or is interested in volunteering to join us.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes November 1, 2017 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Debby Baker, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth and Chip and Angela Langowski.

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

Santa Party - The Santa Party will be held Wednesday, December 6, 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Leawood Elementary. Signs will be put up on Thursday, November 30th. Board members will bring cookies and Nancy will bring the punch.

Jay Ct. Entrance – Board members cleaned up the entrance area on Jay Ct., removed weeds and plants to create a fresh start. New plants will be added in the spring.

Holiday Lights Contest – All Leawood residents are eligible to submit their favorite Holiday lights display beginning Friday, December 3rd. Richard will be collecting nominations again this year. Nominations need to be texted to Richard by Sunday, December 17th.

The Leawood Board will not meet in December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Leawood Elementary in the teacher's lounge or the library.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes November 8, 2017 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder / Treasurer, Debby Baker/Special Projects, Jennifer Dawe, Linda Smith/VP Secretary and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Public Comment/Correspondence - Debby announced volunteers were needed for the Santa Party on December 6 hosted by the Leawood Civic Association. Debby was approached by a resident who asked that the Park District consider replacing the temporary potties with permanent restrooms, like in Clement Park. To install permanent restrooms would require the parks to be retrofitted with water and sewer lines. Unfortunately, the cost for the infrastructure would be prohibitive for the District.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Donna. No new property tax was received, but ownership tax revenue was received. Invoices for the month include: Weston for their last landscaping services, doggie bag vendor, United Site Services (port-a-potties), LCA for the District's part of the Reporter, Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel, payment to RPM Motorsports for a new ATV, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash.

Parks Manager Report – Dave had worker's remove a large branch that broke off during the snow storm in October at 5805 W Leawood Drive and Urban Drainage removed two dead trees in the creek behind the house. The area adjacent to the home has been researched and found to be park property. Jennifer is procuring the services of an engineering firm to have the area surveyed to establish property lines. Branches in Weaver park were removed and hauled away. Doggie bags were inspected and replenished as needed. A year-end review of Weston Landscaping contract services was discussed. Dave picked up the new ATV from RPM and traded in the old one. He is now ready for the snow.

NEW BUSINESS: 2018 Projects - Projects for 2018 were discussed as part of the budget process. We discussed our priority for items, with sidewalk repairs being top on the list. Other things we are considering is xeriscaping at the volleyball bridge area, the area around the wooden bridge and some new playground equipment for Weaver Park pavilion area. Kyle has been in touch with a resident whose family owns a play equipment company and will get suggestions from her.

OLD BUSINESS: Second Draft of the 2018 budget - We reviewed suggested changes to the budget as costs are finalized and projected. Linda sent the public notice info to Columbine Courier that was to appear in the November 9 and November 16 issue. The budget will be approved at the December meeting along with setting the mil levy.

The meeting was adjourned 8:01 PM.— *Linda T. Smith, Director, Vice President and Secretary*

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

Westbury

Results of 2018 WHOA Elections: Thank you to those who volunteered for the HOA board in 2017 & volunteered again for 2018. We welcome the newest board member, Jill Han and practically new board member Teri Clardy. Through the volunteer board's efforts, our Westbury community enjoys the HOA sponsored events like the fall dumpster and National Night Out ice cream social each year.

President: Eric Meyer, Vice-President: Laura Lewandowski, Secretary: Megan Meyer, Treasurer: Sharon Hilderbrant, At Large Board Member: Jill Hahn, At Large Board Member: Teri Clardy, At Large Board Member: Michael Holm, Past President: Clay Cromley.

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board What a month November was. Last month the Board has started having conversations with Jefferson County Traffic Control regarding solutions for the corner of South Parfet Street and West Roxbury Avenue. We also discussed bids for the Fremont Street Project, and we are looking forward to the Hay Ride and Cookie Exchange. I have personally been in discussions with representatives from Jefferson County Traffic Control. Items discussed included updating signage at the corner of South Parfet Street and West Roxbury Avenue, a summary of the issues around the crosswalk in that area, a discussion on speed control in the Woodbourne neighborhood, and the efficiency of stop signs in our neighborhood. Jefferson County has committed to doing a study of the Parfet and Roxbury intersection to get a better understanding of the issues around that intersection. I will get back with Jefferson County Traffic Control as December starts to get an update on possible solutions.

The Board has received a number of bids for the Fremont Street Project. Because of the issues that the two different climate zones present for vegetation, two options are seen as viable. The first is to remove the rocks, replace the weed barrier, and replace the rocks. The second is to put some form of walkable material over the area next to the sidewalk. Because of the trees and issues associated with them, the Board decided not to entertain using concrete as a material. The bids for removing, cleaning, and replacing the rock are coming in at about \$30,000. We also solicited a bid for pavers which would allow water to run through to the ground. Covering half of the area with pavers and the other half with rock came in at \$90,000, and covering the whole area to the fences with pavers came in at \$130,000. The Board realizes that this is significantly more than the original budget of \$40,000 discussed in the Annual Homeowner's Meeting in April of 2017. As such we will continue to move forward cautiously and with input from the homeowners.

Weather permitting the Annual Woodbourne Hay Ride and Cookie Exchange will take place on December 16, 2017, at the Woodbourne Clubhouse. The Board will provide hot chocolate, and Santa will be on hand for a photo opportunity. We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we look forward to everyone have a safe and wonderful holiday celebration.—*James Meyer, President*



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The January 3rd meeting will be at 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). The scheduled speaker is Michael Madrid of Jefferson County Planning and Zoning. Other meeting dates for 2018: ,February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, September 5, October 3, December 5. The August 1 meeting will be the Annual pot-luck at Clement Park. The Sheriff's Service Center room will not be available for the November 7 due to elections. We will probably have that meeting at Lilley Gulch Rec Center. We are skipping the July meeting since it is July 4.

From Jeffco Website: 2018 Budget Adopted The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners adopted the 2018 Budget at its Dec. 5 public hearing. The \$556.2 million annual budget was the result of more than 30 meetings spanning 7 months with elected officials and staff members across all Jeffco departments, including Development & Transportation, Finance & Information Technology, Parks & Open Space and Human Services.

All three commissioners thanked staff for its hard work, and noted that the budget will ensure that Jeffco citizens have access to the services they expect from the county.

Commissioner Libby Szabo said, "I appreciate all you've done and the new way of thinking and moving toward Resilient Jeffco. I urge you (to continue) in that ... with your efforts we've already put a few efficiencies forward – they may be small, but those small things add up. We really appreciate the work this team puts in looking at today and in the future." Commissioner Donald Rosier noted that the budget required that some hard decisions be made, saying, "Our expenditures are outpacing our revenues ... a recession is coming; how bad and when, we don't know. To be resilient, we need to make sure that we're thinking ahead and ... are looking at modifications in the operations budget. A lot of work has been put into the budget. The hard work and diligence shows in how you present it."

For 2018, forecasted revenues are \$432.2 million, excluding \$101.4 million in inter-fund transfers, with approximately 51 percent of the revenues brought into the county derived from property taxes.

Operating expenditures for 2018 are projected to be \$459.1 million, which is a 3.6 percent increase over 2017. Capital expenditures are estimated to be \$35.8 million. The operating expenditure exclude interdepartmental transfers of \$61.2 million.

With his approval vote, Commissioner Casey Tighe noted, "Resilient Jeffco is about how we deliver services and finding new ways to deliver those services to the citizens ... that we are interacting with them in the most efficient and effective ways possible. It's been a long, good process. We have a good budget here."

The adopted budget book is available on the Adopted Budget web page. (<https://www.jeffco.us/780/Adopted-Budgets>) Adopted Budgets—Despite the current economic situation, Jefferson County's finances are healthy overall with strong fund balance reserves, low debt and an excellent credit rating. The county budget is organized by fund. Each one has a specific purpose and, in some instances, a restriction on how the money in the funds may be used.

Where County Property Taxes Go:

Public Safety (28%), Health and Human Services (16%), Development and Transportation (16%), Culture and Recreation (16%), Internal Services (16%) - Includes IT, Facilities, Fleet, etc., Elected Officials (5%), Governance (3%) - Includes Accounting, Budget, County Administrator, Human Resources, County Attorney, etc.