

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Apr. 5, 5:30-7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: April 24, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Apr. 18, 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: April BCC—Tina Francone May June August Candidate picnic at Clement Park**

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**Draft Minutes for March 7 Meeting Attendance:** Diane Suchomel / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Sgt. Brandon Payne & Sgt. Sean Joslyn / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Heather Brodek & Jill Tigner / Senior Resource Center.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Special Reports – Sgt. Brandon Payne & Sgt. Sean Joslyn, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department**, said they have body cams now. There have been a lot of rabid skunks.

Are bicycles with small motors legal? When the motor is too small, they don't need to be registered.

Is there any news on the shooting on Coal Mine? No changes.

At Lilley Gulch several cars were broken into and purses stolen. It is that time of the year. They are following up on leads. No one from **Jefferson County Public Schools** was present.

Tonight's speakers are **Jill Tigner & Heather Brodek, Senior Resource Center**. The general phone number is 303-235-6967. Their website is [www.SRCaging.org](http://www.SRCaging.org).

The Senior Resource Center has been around for 40 years. They started in 1978 in Jefferson County Human Services. Now they are a non-profit. Their Board of Directors are voluntary.

They have 5 sites. The Wheat Ridge location is 3227 Chase Street (303-238-8151). The Southwest location is 10181-B W. Bowles Ave. (303-979-6173). The Evergreen location is 5120 Highway 73 (303-674-2843). The Mark T. Starr Center location is 7815 W. 16th Ave. (303-233-0324). The Johnson Adult Day Program location is 3444 S. Emerson St. (303-789-1519).

Their services include Care Management, Chores, Adult Day & Respite Services, Transportation, In Home Care, Volunteer Services & Opportunities, and Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Their services are funded mostly by grants.

Do they provide assessment for whether or not a person is capable of staying in their home? No, but they can help offer assistance in making that determination and provide information.

They provide a service called A Perfect Homecoming through Lutheran Medical Services. It includes transportation, house care, meal preparation, home safety such as grab bars at no cost when referred by the hospital.

Chore Services can include deep cleaning and yard work up to 3 times per year. This service is also available to anyone at a cost of \$33 / hr. with a 2 hour minimum.

In Home Care services can help with bathing, nails, hair, errands, etc. Their people are Medicaid certified. For private hire, it costs \$28 / hr.

Voluntary services include Neighbor to Neighbor, Daily Phone check-in, Respite Care, Bill Payer, minor home repair, and income tax preparation (in your income is less than \$54K).

Wheat Ridge includes Care Management services, Chore services, In Home Care services, Transportation, and Voluntary services.

Southwest includes classes, computers , notary services, board games, and AARP Safe Driving Class.  
 Evergreen includes Respite Care services, temporary loan of equipment, Friday Cafe', and Meals on Wheels.  
 Starr Center provides assistance for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.  
 Johnson Adult Day Program provides Dementia Care services.  
 They have a fund raiser at 240 Union.

**Reports from Officers**

Roll Call was taken. We had 8 members present and had a quorum.  
 We do not have a President.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was not present. We have \$1,579.39. Ray will be sending out Dues Statements in March. It was moved that we reserve Shelter #6 for our Aug. Picnic. The motion passed.

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

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

She said rabid skunks had been found at Foothills Golf Course. PLEASE vaccinate your animals. If you see a skunk in the day, something is wrong with it. Contact Animal Control at 303-271-5070. Report any suspicious behavior, dead animals, or bites.

Diane attended the community meeting for CMT 18-100812 which is for the northeast corner of Alkire and Bowles. This is the 3rd rezoning for this parcel. In 2016 it was rezoned for group home. Now they want it rezoned for age-restricted ranch style town homes that will start at \$400K. The church would sell the land to the developer if the rezoning is approved.

The following is a Community meeting.

CMT 18-104324 is for Quincy and C-470. The meeting is Mar. 20 at Kendallview Elementary School. It is for retail , fuel, and light industrial.

The following are Pre-applications.

PA 18-102458 is for 6365 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is for Columbine Estates. They want to divide a lot into 2 lots.

PA 18-103521 is for 11809 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is for changing the grade level at Summit Ridge.

PA 18-103517 is for Avilla Three Hills at Quincy and C-470. It is for 180 apartments.

PA 18-104640 is for 3523 S. Balsam St. It is south of Highway 285 between Kipling and Wadsworth. The property is church owned. They want it rezoned from R1 to Planned Development. They want to build 32 rent-free units.

RZ 18-102445 is for a rezoning for 8029 S. Marshall St. There is an ODP for 8 units. They want to increase it to 10 units. The Alternative Care facility has been there for 20 years. The zoning change would be from R1A to Planned Development.

Foothills Park and Recreation District will have a meeting on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at West Ridge Elementary School. They will discuss the changes being made at Blue Heron Park.

Diane would like us to show support for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. They would appreciate receiving baked goods such as cakes, cookies, or banana nut bread. You can drop it off with a note of appreciation at their office during business hours Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. They also need adult volunteers for their 4th of July Fireworks Hotline. We do not know the exact dates/ times they would need volunteers.

The library has Income Tax forms. AARP also provides tax assistance although it is rumored that all of the appointments have been filled.

We do not have a speaker for April. Perhaps we can ask Tina Francone. *(Update—BCC members have been invited to be speakers at the April meeting)*

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

**New Business** None.

**Announcements** Pat Ham was in rehab at the time of the meeting. Since then she has passed.

We adjourned at 8:09 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: January 2018</b>	<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>
<b>Beginning Balance March 7, 2018</b>	\$ 1579.39
<b>Deposits</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Withdrawals</b>	\$ 163.52
Dues Mailout \$18.62	
April Newsletter \$4.90	
Clement Park Shelter for August picnic \$140	
<b>Ending Balance April 4, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1579.39</b>

**COHOPE's Spring-time adopt-a-hwy clean up** on our adopted section of W Bowles Ave between S Simms St and C470 will be on Sat. 4/14(weather permitting). If it is snowing/raining then, we'll do the cleanup the following Saturday.

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — Howdy folks, Finally, we are on the down side of winter . . . I remember wanting to take pot-shots at the groundhog last month, but I think we may make it to spring. I'm ready to start turning over ground and get my garden boxes ready. Hey the Caucuses were just a couple of days ago, did you do your part in the political process? Our Caucus meetings are held at Columbine High School – I can't tell you what room yet – but it will be clearly identified once you walk in the door. Come meet with us and share your political concerns.

You have all received a request from us to join CHICA. Please consider mailing that back with your \$25 donation. We can do only so much for our community when so few actually join. We only get about 20% of our neighbors to participate. I would really like to hear from you on how to make this effort more successful and how to make our community an even better place in which we all can live. The board meets the second Saturday of each month at 0900 and are open to the public. During the winter months we meet at St. Philip church at the corner of Ken Caryl and S Kendall. In the time of nicer weather we meet in the park on S Kendall and W Canyon Ave.

It is getting nicer and more people will be out for walks. Please be aware of foot and bicycle traffic as you drive through our neighborhood. I've seen people blow the stop signs on Kendall, but I'm hoping they are not residents. Please slow down and take our own people into consideration. Here's to an early spring!! Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had. — *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

## COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

**From January 8 Board Meeting Minutes**—Call to order at 8:31pm. In attendance: Matt Hale, John Buresh, Nathalie McClish, Larry Wambsganss, Skip Wilcox, Lee Woodbury, Tony Tierney and Birgit Whitelaw

**Public comments:** Can we pay our membership for 2018 tonight. Yes, that is possible.

**Committee reports:** Membership – Skip: Membership letters will go out for renewal.

**Covenants and Architectural Control**--Matt/Lee: One Pipsa was approved (new front porch, concrete poured)

COHOPE--Judy: Judy no longer on board but will represent CKHA at COHOPE

**New business:** Election of officers--nominated and voted for: Matt Hale, President, Tony Tierney, Vice-President, Nathalie McClish, Treasurer, Jack Luellen, Secretary, Birgit Whitelaw, Assistant Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

**New E-1 Covenant Language Passes**—In January, the new Columbine Knolls E-1 covenant language passed by more than 600 homeowner signatures out of a possible 1008. Sixty-five “no” votes were recorded by the Columbine Knolls Covenant walkers. Two hundred letters were sent to trust owners, rental owners, etc. Of the two hundred letters sent out, 49 were returned with a vote for the new E-1 covenant language, and counted among the “yes” votes. Despite several attempts, we were unable to contact the rest of the homeowners. The new amendment has been filed in Jefferson County and takes effect immediately.

The new E-1 language clarifies how any proposal to change our covenants must occur. The person(s) or group(s) wanting a covenant change must do the following: 1. Inform all homeowners living in Columbine Knolls twice in writing about the proposed amendment, stating the proposed amendment clearly and who is proposing it.

2. Hold two public meetings 21+days apart to discuss the proposed amendment. The meetings must be held in a space that seats 100 people.

3. Hold a ballot vote given to all 1008 recorded homeowners. An approval of 50% + 1 of all homeowners is required to amend the covenants. In order to be counted, all ballots must be received within 90 days of receipt of the first ballot cast. Prior to recording, all ballots must be submitted for review and counting by an attorney licensed to practice in the state of Colorado.

The CK Covenant Group wishes to thank the more than 50 people who walked this final petition within our neighborhood. The most often-heard comment the CK Covenant walkers shared was how polite everyone was, whether they were for the covenants or not. Thank you, Columbine Knolls!

Homeowners, please be aware that NO petition may now change our covenants. Only a ballot vote can change the covenants. All future proposals to change our covenants must go through the above fair and transparent process. For the complete wording of the new amendment, please go to the Columbine Knolls Homeowners' Association Website at <http://www.ckha.org/info.php?pnum=21> Thank you again for keeping our neighborhood a great place to live.

—*Kay Vargo, Barbara Childs*

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From President's Corner**— The My name is Bob Haberkorn and I am the new President of the CKSII HOA Board of Directors. I have lived in the neighborhood since 1992. I retired five years ago from Lockheed Martin after 30 years. I

graduated from Regis University and my wife, Stephanie, and I have been married for a little over 50 years. Stephanie and myself have two wonderful kids and two absolutely great grandkids. I hope to create a harmonious board that will serve our community needs and have fun doing it.

I would like to introduce the other members of the CKSII HOA Board of Directors. The Vice President/ACC Chair is Bob Pellegrini, who has served on the CKSII HOA Board for 5 years. He is a Colorado Native and has lived in the neighborhood since 2006. He has been married for 21 years and has one son age 12. He has been a small business owner for 31 years in primarily landscape and property maintenance. Debbie Opperman is the Board Treasurer. This is her seventh year on the Board serving the last five years as Treasurer. She says it can be a lot of work at times, but it's 'good work' as Ron Cunning, a past Treasurer, said to her once, and she agrees! She and her husband have lived in this community for 24 years. They have four children between them, all grown, and five grandchildren. She says they are blessed to be able to spend a lot of time with them; lots of laughter, and no drama! She has been a residential mortgage Loan Officer for 30+ years and loves her job.

Chris Reynolds is the Board Secretary and is new to the Board. She is the busy mother of two: her 11-year-old daughter goes to Falcon Bluffs and her 8-year-old son attends Coronado. She is the Senior Manager of the Global Learning and Systems function at Terumo BCT, a medical device manufacturer and one of the largest employers in the of Lakewood. She and her husband Jim have lived in the CKSII neighborhood for nearly 10 years. For fun, she enjoys reading, walking around the neighborhood, and traveling with her family.

Steve Kalney is returning to the Board after a brief break and will serve as Director/ACC. He and his wife moved into Columbine Knolls South II in 2001 from Washington State. They have one son who is currently in the U.S. Navy serving in Japan. They enjoy all of the outdoor activities that Colorado has to offer. He's been in a Business Management roll since 1992, serving many different functions of management. He enjoys living in this neighborhood and looks forward to keeping it a great place to live in the future.

Pam Horiszny serves on the Board as a Director. She has served on the Board for two years and was just re-elected to an additional one-year term. She moved to CKSII in December 2015 from Ann Arbor, MI. Her younger daughter and her family live in Denver and she is actively involved in the care of her two grandsons. She is a retired CPA and has a long history of serving on the boards of non-profit and governmental entities. She is currently serving on the Jefferson County Audit Committee, the Girls Athletic Leadership School Finance Committee and as Co-Treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lakewood. Golfing and cycling are her primary recreational activities.

Joshua Kunkel is a new member of the Board and is a Director/ ACC. He and his wife have lived in CKSII for almost 8 years. They have two young girls who attend Coronado and an area preschool. They love the community and the neighbors they have met around them. When they aren't at home they most likely will be traveling to the ocean, camping and spending evenings on the lake. Joshua is a general contractor in the metro area and has 15 years of building and construction management experience. This is his first year serving on the HOA Board and he is excited to represent and enhance the community.

Stephanie Haberkorn will chair the Landscape Committee and Jennifer Blake will chair the Welcome Committee. We are still looking for a volunteer to chair the Social Committee. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up to serve on the Landscape, Social and Welcome Committees. We are extremely thankful to those willing to volunteer their time to help make CKSII a wonderful place for each of us to live! Please contact me or anyone else on the Board if you would like to volunteer.

This is the time of year that the CKSII Board of Directors interview and selects the newsletter carrier for our community newsletter, *The Review*, for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to meeting with the candidates at our upcoming meeting on March 13 and want to thank Brooklyn Webb for a job well done delivering the newsletters this past year.

The next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Community Garage Sale on June 1st and 2nd and large item pick-up on June 6th. This is a great time to clean out your garage and closets and make a little money at the same time!

—*Bob Haberkorn, President CKSII HOA*

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

**From A Moment With The Board** The February 14th monthly meeting was held at Dutch Creek Elementary, most of the Board/Officers were in attendance even though it was Valentine's Day. One resident was in attendance to get some clarification on a covenant 'friendly letter'. The neighbor shared a few comments such as "I never received/ signed any covenants when I purchased my house" and "if I do not pay dues I am not a member and can't be in violation". Our Covenant Control Liaison spent some time explaining the process of violation notices and how the Title Co is responsible to give you a copy of covenants at closing. It is important to remember that any homeowner/ renter in Columbine West is governed by the covenants. If you need a copy you can contact [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com). The agenda included items for review and those in attendance shared their updates.

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the weekend before Easter, March 24th. Looking forward to having the event at the park by the Columbine West pool, but if the weather doesn't cooperate we have an inside venue secured. We will post signs at the park on the day of the event if we are moving inside.

In May we will again offer CWCA neighbors the opportunity to rid your garages of treasures when the Community Garage

Sale advertises. We are also planning and securing the vendors that will be available for Dumpster Day, June 16th. Look for Free Swim Nights, Yard of the Month, Garden Days & National Night Out too. All of these events are funded by the financial commitment of Columbine West neighbors who become paid members. Paid Members are voting members for annual elections in May. Paid Members can also participate at Dumpster Day without any additional entrance fee. (Electronic recycling may have some additional fee). Thank you all for your continued investment into the Columbine West Community. 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 March 14th at 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary School, second Wednesday of the Month.

## The Leawood Reporter

*From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of February 7, 2017* Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Chip Langowski, Debby Baker, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock and new board member Mike Karbach.

**LCA Annual Meeting** - The meeting convened at 7:00 PM. The first order of business was the election of board members for a two-year term. The board members elected are as follows: President: Paul O'Connor, Vice President: Chip Langowski, Treasurer: Mike Karbach, Secretary: Angela Langowski.

**Treasurer's Report** - Richard presented the treasurer's report, which included LCA current account balances, payments received, and bills paid. Richard formally transferred the treasurer's duties to Mike. Mike and Paul will go to the bank to complete the transfer of duties. The Board completed the paperwork required by the Post Office to transfer the key for the Box to Mike. Mike will also assume the responsibility of being the contact for rental of Leawood Elementary for LCA activities.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - The date for the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt is March 24th. If there is bad weather on the 24th, the make-up date is March 31st. The budget for the event is \$300. Board members will stuff the eggs on March 21st at 6:30.

**2018 Membership Drive** - The membership drive begins March 1st. Chip presented an informational flyer about the LCA that he proposed be included in the next issue of the Reporter. It was agreed that the flyer be included in the March edition. The membership drive banners will be put up around the neighborhood on March 1st. LCA membership mailers will be sent in May.

**Student Scholarships** - The submission deadline for applications is Saturday, March 31st. Members will review applications and contact the applicants for interviews.

**Leawood Neighborhood Jay Court Entrance** - The stone wall on the west side of the entrance was hit by a car again during a recent storm. Rhonda and Mike were able to repair the wall temporarily, but a permanent solution is needed. The Board received three positive residents' responses to a discussion listed in the January 8th meeting minutes of creating a Go Fund Me account to raise funds to re-do the Jay Court entrance. The board decided to move forward with setting up a GoFundMe drive to raise money to replace the wall and re-do the Jay Ct. entrance.

The final item of the evening was to thank Richard for his service on the board. Richard had been Treasurer and an invaluable LCA volunteer for more than 8 years. His service was and continues to be appreciated. Richard will continue as a general board member.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes February 5, 2018* The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM at the home of Linda Smith, 6417 S. Gray Ct. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/Special Projects, Linda Smith/VP Secretary and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Director Jennifer Dawe was absent.

**Public Comment/Correspondence** – Several residents commented on the cell tower research. See info in Old Business.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Donna. Ownership tax revenue was received but no property tax revenue has been received yet. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services (port-a-potties), doggie bags, Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel, Special District Association dues, reimbursement to Linda for supplies for minutes and election books, invoice from Rich for trash removal from parks, Dave's invoice including invoice for 2 snow removal events and reimbursement to petty cash.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave noted that Linda painted the big Weaver Park wooden sign with new paint. Dave presented costs for volleyball nets and was advised to purchase one to be put up in the spring and taken down in late fall. There were several snow events that Dave removed snow and added ice melt to some icy areas. Doggie bags holders were inspected and replenished as needed.

**New Business – 2018 Maintenance contract** - Dave presented Weston's maintenance contract for 2018. He reviewed the past several year's contract amounts in comparison and stated there was only a slight increase from 2017. Weston has done an excellent job for us and he recommends we continue with their service. Kyle moved we accept the contract from Weston for 2018. Linda seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Survey of Filing 2 and 6, Track A** - Aztec Consultants performed a survey of the property the District did not realize until recently that it owned. The survey came back showing six lots had fences encroaching on park property including part of

one shed. Kyle will write letters to these property owners letting them know of the survey findings, much like we did with the owners in Raccoon Holler park. While the District is not currently requesting that fences be reset to the legal boundaries, we want the owners to know of the survey as this can impact property owners' legal liability, and that significant repair to existing fences, new fences, or the sale of the property would require fencing that was not on park property. The District will work with property owners as needed to discuss the situation and identify solutions.

**Letter to South Metro and Littleton Fire** – Kyle will send a letter to the two fire districts that are looking to merge stating our concern regarding keeping the Coal Mine station open. It would certainly impact the parks for response time to emergencies, and property values which would affect our revenues for maintaining the parks.

**Good Property sale update** – Kyle is to draft a letter to Jefferson County Planning requesting the new development be part of our park district. The impact from the people in the development would impact the park use, particularly in Raccoon Holler and Weaver parks.

**2018 Projects** – Tabled until March meeting.

**Old Business—2018 Election** – Linda, as the Designated Election Official (“DEO”), stated a Call for Nominations public notice will be posted in the Columbine Courier in their February 8/9 issue. March 2, 2018 is the statutory deadline to deliver the Self Nomination and Acceptance form to the DEO. (All information is based on Colorado Election statutes.) Debby Baker and Jennifer Dawe are up for re-election for a four year term and have shown interest in continuing on the Board

**Cell tower suggestion** – Linda checked with Jefferson County Planning and Zoning (P & Z) to see if a cell tower would be allowed in Weaver Park. P & Z stated zoning would allow us to have one. This suggestion to the board about a cell tower was made as a possible source of revenue. The District received three negative comments on placing a cell tower so close to our residents, including concerns about possible impacts on residents' health. Preliminary research showed 26 towers within 4 miles of Weaver Park. The closest tower is owned by AT&T Wireless, .66 miles away (near King Soopers off Coal Mile). After a discussion, the Board has chosen not to pursue this cell tower installation at this time.

The meeting was adjourned 8:20 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. Future Meetings: March 14, April 11, May 9, 2018

## Woodbourne

**From Notes From the Board President** January and February have come and gone. March is here, and we are already gearing up for the spring and summer. This year the Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, starting at 10:00 a.m. John and Martha Smith do a great job behind the scenes, but we need help on the day of the hunt to set up and run the show. Please see the article in this newsletter for additional information.

We are also preparing for the Annual Homeowners Meeting next month. This important meeting will be held on April 18, 2018, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Woodbourne clubhouse. It is important for us to have a quorum so we can hold this meeting. Please attend this meeting so you can be updated on neighborhood information and help elect Board members. There will be three Board member openings this year and we encourage you to volunteer if you are interested. If you cannot make it, please submit a proxy prior to the meeting.

Finally, while we may still have snow on the ground, the pool season will be here before you know it. If you have an interest in being a lifeguard, please contact Perfect Pools at [www.perfect-pools.com](http://www.perfect-pools.com). Some pools do not support lifeguards from the local community, but we believe that this represents a great opportunity for our community members to gain important life experience.

Please contact Litha Spies with Management Specialists at 720-974-4224 with any questions—*James Meyer, President*

### **Jeffco Public Schools Board Meetings— 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule** *(from website)*

The Jefferson County Board of Education encourages you to become involved in the education of the youth in our community. You are invited to attend Board of Education meetings, and/or watch/listen to them through our video streaming or audio files. Meetings take place in the Education Center building, 1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27, 5th floor in Golden, off I-70/Denver West Blvd. Meeting agendas are available here.

Regular BUSINESS Meetings, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, 5th floor: - April 5, May 3, June 7, 2018.

Study Sessions/Special Meetings, Board Room, 5th floor:

UPDATE: In order to better engage all Jeffco students and community members as well as providing more efficient management of the Board's work calendar, a new schedule for study sessions will be piloted this Spring beginning in March. Regular business meetings, generally held on the first Thursdays, with a study session at 5 p.m., will not change. The new schedule allows for daytime study sessions at the second monthly meeting beginning at 9 a.m.

April 5, 9\*, 16(noon), May 7\*, June 7, 11\*.

\*9:00 am meeting

### **PARTICIPATE IN A BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Your opinion and feedback are important to the Board of Education. Community members may address the Board at regular business meetings. Find out how to sign up to speak to the Board of Education. Link is:

<https://jeffco.ss12.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=627965&pageId=926558>

**From Engage Jeffco newsletter: Renewing Your License Plates in Colorado Just Got a Little Easier** - Citizens in 12 Colorado counties now have the option to renew their vehicle registrations at any of the 18 self-service kiosks located in participating counties.

"This kiosk technology, launched last summer, has made a difference by reducing wait times and allowed staff to assist customers with more complex title and registration transactions." - said Clerk and Recorder, Faye Griffin. - "With the addition of cross-county registration renewals, another level of customer convenience is available. If you live in Jefferson County, but work, shop, go on vacation, or attend college in another participating county, you can use any kiosk along the way to renew your license plate."

Simply type your license plate number on the touch screen, or scan the barcode on your renewal postcard; then pay taxes and fees by check, credit or debit card. Visit the Clerk & Recorder website for more information and to view a list of kiosk locations. Jeffco's is at :Lakewood Motor Vehicle Office, 2099 Wadsworth Blvd. Ste. K., Lakewood

**Sheriff Seeking New Members for Citizens Advisory Council** Dear Community Partner, The Sheriff's Office has had a Citizens' Advisory Council since 1992. The council is comprised of Jefferson County residents and business owners who have a vested interest in serving our community and are willing to help improve local law enforcement. I am currently seeking new members for the council and hope you would consider this opportunity to provide your input. The Citizens' Advisory Council meets with me every-other month to provide input, offer feedback, and make recommendations on operational and business type issues. Together we strive to identify and meet citizen needs, and develop and achieve department goals and objectives. The council also helps evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office. If you are agreeable to joining the Citizens Advisory Council to help achieve our vision for Jefferson County to be a safe place to live, learn, work, and play, then I encourage you to complete an online application here:

<https://www.jeffco.us/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-19/Citizen-Advisory-Council-Application-187> Thank you for the consideration and for your continued partnership with the JCSO, **Jeff Shrader, Sheriff Jefferson County Sheriff's Office**

*From Nextdoor.com*

**JCPH Statement Regarding the 2018 County Health Rankings**—Every year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute release the County Health Rankings, a tool to benchmark health outcomes in each county and identify top factors that influence a county's health. In 2018, Jefferson County was ranked as the 8th healthiest county in Colorado based on health outcomes, and 13th based on health factors (of 58 ranked counties). This is an improvement from 2017, where Jefferson County ranked 11th and 14th, respectively. We are very proud of our progress and pleased to be one of the top-ranking counties in the state.

According to the Rankings, areas of strength in Jefferson County include positive health behaviors, such as a physically active community and a low number of teen pregnancies. Jefferson County also scored very well on access to clinical care — most people have health insurance, and there are enough physicians and dentists to serve our community. And when looking at the determinants of health, our community is largely educated, employed and earning a living wage. As a whole, Jefferson County is a healthy, thriving community.

But as we celebrate strong population health, it's our responsibility as Jefferson County's public health leader to dig deeper. Issues like smoking and excessive drinking, severe housing problems and poor air quality persist — and often have a greater effect on our county's most vulnerable populations. A person of American Indian/Alaska Native ethnicity is more likely to smoke tobacco. A low-income individual is more likely to struggle to find affordable and stable housing. An older adult or young child is more likely to suffer from respiratory issues from air pollution. And while we scored well on access to care overall, it's still difficult for some populations to get the care they need.

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) and other community organizations are continuing to make progress in these areas. Below are just a few examples:

JCPH's Tobacco Prevention Initiative is implementing tobacco use prevention projects that focus on reducing the toll of tobacco. Most recently, the Initiative has been working to help public and affordable housing providers implement smoke- and vapor-free policies.

As part of Communities That Care, JCPH and community partners are implementing an evidence-based community change process focused on preventing youth substance misuse, violence and depression.

Many local organizations, such as the Jefferson County Housing Authority, The Action Center and Family Tree, are working to ensure housing and other basic needs are met for our population.

All Denver Metro and northern front-range counties in Colorado struggle with poor air quality primarily due to transportation factors and population growth. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver Regional Council of Governments, Regional Air Quality Council, Regional Transportation District and many others are implementing efforts to promote cleaner transportation options, such as carpooling and mass transit, and reduce emissions.

These areas for improvement were also identified in our ongoing Community Health Needs Assessment, which will help prioritize JCPH's work through our forthcoming Community Health Improvement Plan. Many of these issues are regional challenges, and we are working with our neighboring counties to address them as part of the Metro Denver Partnership for Health.



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The April 4th meeting will be at 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). The scheduled speaker is Tina Francone of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners.

At JCPH, our goal is to ensure the best health possible for all people — regardless of race/ethnicity, income, age, gender, disabilities or other root causes of health. This means working with our partners to keep our healthier populations healthy, and finding equitable solutions to make sure others aren't left behind.

To learn more about the Rankings and explore population health data for Jefferson County and others in Colorado, visit [www.countyhealthrankings.org/](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/).

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**Jeffco BCC Select Peggy Catlin to Serve on RTD Board of Directors**—After conducting a countywide search and reviewing numerous applications, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners (BCC) has selected Peggy Catlin to represent the county on the RTD Board of Directors. She will represent District N, which encompasses a large portion of Jefferson County. Catlin has been selected but her appointment won't be official until it is a formally approved at a BCC hearing. It will be on the board's agenda at its March 20 hearing.

Public transportation is an important element in our community and it is imperative that Jeffco has a voice in any decisions that are made for our community. RTD provides bus and rail service to the Denver metro area and is governed by a 15-member, publicly elected Board of Directors. Jeffco's seat on this board was previously held by our Commissioner Tina Francone, who resigned her position when she was appointed to serve as a commissioner for Jeffco in late January. Under state statute, the BCC has the responsibility to appoint a replacement to serve the remaining term, which ends on Dec. 31, 2018.

"We take who represents us on various boards and commissions very seriously and I am quite pleased with who we were able to select. Peggy has lots of experience in transportation issues and will be able to use this expertise on the RTD Board of Directors and serve our community well," said BCC Chair Casey Tighe.

Catlin is a licensed professional engineer with a 39-year multi-disciplined engineering and management career holding leadership positions in both public and private sectors primarily focused in transportation. She has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Colorado State University and is currently the owner of Catlin & Company, which provides transportation consulting services in areas such as strategic planning, project management and alternative delivery systems. She is also currently serving on the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board Congestion Pricing Committee. She was the deputy executive director for Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) from May 2000 until June 2011 and the vice president for HNTB Corporation from May 1994 until March 2000.

"I am extremely honored to have been selected by the Board of County Commissioners to represent District N on the RTD Board of Directors. It is important for our community to have a voice in regional transportation issues and I look forward to working with the other RTD board members to make public transportation an efficient, effective and integral part of the overall transportation system," said Catlin.

"Ms. Catlin is no stranger to dealing with multiple, competing interests. She carefully prepared for her interview and she thoughtfully answered the questions presented to her. I was impressed with the breadth of her knowledge of public transportation in the Metro Denver area and I am confident that Peggy will commit her time and talent to serving the constituents of District N," said Commissioner Francone.

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