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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Oct 4, 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Oct. 23 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Oct. 17, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street, Aspen/Birch conf room
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: Oct West Metro Fire Chief Don Lombardi Nov Capt. J.D. Jepkema, JCSO Criminal Investigations Division

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Draft Minutes for Sept. 5 Meeting— Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Ralph Miller & Randy Montgomery / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Logan McMillan/ At Large, Sgt. Payne / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Nancy Kellogg / Southwest Energy Efficiency Project.

The meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Sgt. Brandon Payne , Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, said that they had burglaries, vehicle trespass. There have been invalid advertisements on NextDoor.com. If you get a call from the Sheriff's department, it is probably SPAM.

No one from **Jefferson County Public Schools** was present.

Tonight's speaker is **Nancy Kellogg, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project**. Her phone number is 303-921-4010. They will have a booth at Summerset Festival on Sept.15. Come by to get more information.

Southwest Energy Efficiency Project has a territory of 6 states: Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Wyoming. They promote Zero Net Energy. They are partners with Excel Energy.

Nancy had several handouts: Partners in Energy, Home Energy Squad, 101 Energy Tips, It Pays to Save Energy, 2017 - 2018 Rebate Summary, a magnet to put on your furnace or water heater with a rebate phone number, and See LED bulbs in a New, Wallet-Friendly Light with a LED bulb.

The Partners in Energy handout has a code to get a \$25 discount on a Home Energy Squad visit. The code is Jeffco502018. This will reduce the cost from \$75 to \$50. The code is good until 12/26/18. The Home Energy Squad includes weather stripping an exterior, drafty door, installing a programmable thermostat, switching out incandescent bulbs for LED bulbs, replacing shower heads with energy efficient models, and adding aerators on kitchen and bathroom faucets. This is \$200 worth of services and equipment in just 2 hours. To schedule a visit, go to xcelenergy.com / HomeEnergySquad or call 303-446-7910.

An Energy Audit is more expensive. They put a fan in the door and check for where there are air leaks. They also do Combustion Appliance Zone testing, checking for leaks. They check furnaces, attic insulation and air seals. When Nancy does an audit, she checks the top first and then moves down to the bottom. They can recommend window replacement and cellular shades. The shades that drop from the top will let light in but keep air temperature stable.

For alarm and CO detectors, Nancy likes the company CO Experts.

Oct. 5 is Energy Efficiency Day. Oct. 6 is Denver Metro Green Home. The tour is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.

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 \$1,824.97. US Bank will start charging for statements to be mailed. The statements are available on-line. It was moved that we use on-line statements as long as they are available to print. The motion passed.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The following are Community meetings.

CMT 18-112366 is for the former Safeway location at the southeast corner of S. Pierce St. and W. Ken Caryl Ave. The meeting was on June 21.

CMT 18-118979 is for 5920 S. Estes St. The meeting was on Aug. 306:30 at The Ridge. They want to rezone to allow a Detox facility be placed into an existing office building.

CMT 18-119851 is for the northeast corner of W. Fairview Ave. and S. Garrison St. They want to rezone from C-1 to PD to allow about 36 single family homes.

The following are Pre-applications.

PA 18-118376 is for 9700 Old Coal Mine Ave. They want to rezone, plat, and a new SDP for a Senior Living facility. It is the Columbine Hills Church or the Nazarene church property. They have a contract for purchase if the Pre-application is approved. The new facility would be 3 or 4 stories with 115 independent living units and 18 detached cottages on the south side. This is a total of 133 units. The parking places will total 190 spaces, 120 in garages and 70 outside. There will be 3 access points. The main entrance is from Old Coal Mine Ave. There are 2 entrances on Independence, 1 for the cottages and 1 for the apartments.

PA 18-121409 is for 5890 S. Alkire St. They want to rezone to allow building of 26 town homes. This is associated with the church property.

PA 18-122316 is for 12325 W. Bowles Ave. It supports moving Stepping Stones Support Center to W. Bowles Community Church.

PA 18-122317 is related to PA 18-122316. They want to rezone for PD to allow a service agency for adults with developmental disabilities. PA 18-122316 will become PA 18-122317. The meeting will be on Sept. 13. This is also related to PA 18-121409. There are 2 different non-profits involved: Stepping Stones Support Center and Stepping Stones Communities.

The 85 bus route will be discontinued on Aug. 26. It will be replaced by a Flex Route.

The Jefferson County Master Plan has had several meetings on the South Plains. They want attendees to suggest on what they should focus.

Resolution CC 18-268 creates a new Jefferson County policy. It will be part of the Master Plan in Part 3, Section 3. It was approved Aug. 18.

Prairie dogs from the southwest corner of Coal Mine Ave and W. Kipling are being caught and relocated to Rocky Flats.

The request to move prairie dogs from Wyoming was declined.

At the picnic, we have twice as many candidates as we had participants. Should we cancel? Perhaps only do it in major election years? Just do a Pot Luck?

What do we want to do about the Christmas Party?

We do not have a speaker for Oct. Suggestions were for information on ballot initiatives, school bond or mil levies, or highways. (*West Metro Fire Chief Don Lombardi was scheduled after the meeting to talk on their ballot issue.*)

Ralph Miller asked if anyone had experience with wall issues. No one had experience.

Our Nov. meeting will be at Lilley Gulch in the Reo Room. The speaker is Capt. Jepkema with JCSO Special Investigations.

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

New Business—None.

Announcements—None.

We adjourned at 7:55 p.m. - *Cheri Paavola*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: August—September 2018		W. R. Moore, Treasurer
Beginning Balance August 1, 2018		\$ 1963.63
Deposits		\$ 0.00
Withdrawals		\$ 138.66
Website Fee \$32.97 Bank Fee \$2 July, August, September Newsletter \$5.50 (\$16.50)		
Colorado Yearly filing \$10 Picnic—Drinks and chicken \$37.19 Lilley Gulch Rental for November \$40		
Ending Balance October 3, 2018		\$ 1824.97

COHOPE will do our Fall Adopt-a-Hwy trash pick up on our section of W Bowles Ave between South Simms St and C470 on Saturday 10/13.

If it is raining/snowing that day, then we'll do the pickup the following Saturday.

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — Back in school – yay – I think. It looks to be a promising year, we're doing some things differently and I think that's going to be better. My, how my cucumbers have grown, I wish the rest of my garden could keep up. The pumpkin plant still has blossoms but only one or two little gourds. Those pesky rabbits ate my entire zucchini plant!! I've tried a live trap, but they are not dumb bunnies. Those pests have dug holes in my back yard, have scratched up my front yard and I suspect their urine is yellowing spots. Have any of you found any way to deal with rabbits?? Please share if you have – I don't want to take matters to a lethal end.

Speaking of taking care of your yards; in just a couple of weeks is our Dumpster Day. At 0800 on October 6th we will have two compactor trucks stationed at the CHE parking lot. Come in on the east side and get into the line. If you've paid your CHCA dues you can bring in one pickup load for free. Please, no TV's and computers. So use this time to spruce things up for the fall to come. We plan to have a metal recycling truck there for your heavier waste.

If you need help with a clean-up project, feel free to use the neighbor helping neighbor forms found in each newsletter. We have a group of good folks who live in Columbine Hills who are willing to come to your home and assist you with clean up. PLEASE take advantage of their generosity.

One more thing about CHCA, I'd love to add a new board position – a technology manager. We need to get into the new millennium. I want an active robust website but I have no idea how to operate the setup of something like that. There are things we need to have available for realtors and folks wanting to move into the community. We need to be able to coordinate CHCA happenings digitally. If you have the skill and resources and a bit of time [I'm thinking once things were up and running it would only take an hour a month to manage thins] I'd love to have a chat with you. CHCA will do all the funding – we need the skills.

I hope you have a great fall – and for those of us who have been in this state for a long time and whose blood runs orange and blue . . . GO BRONCOS. As always, be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

From August 11th CHCA Board Meeting—Meeting called to order at 9:04 am Officers present Randy, Jenn, Pat. Board members present: Steve, Ruth, Ralph, Michaelle, Kelly. Community members: Russ, Alicia, Mary, Janet, Iris, Jennifer, Jim

CHCA by-laws require a majority of board members [5 of 9]

Treasures report presented by Pat Seconded by Jenn. 2 new members this month

CHCA by-laws require a written report

Old business: Membership status: Pat – 282. New move in packets delivered: 16 – one address needs to be clarified. Picnic, face painter, clown coming, bouncy house, Jenn bring coolers for drinks, randy hotdogs, buns, chips, cookies, cups, plates, napkins, Make sure signs are out!!

Metal recyclers: Randy calling for dumpster day – Oct 6th, 8am-11am or until trucks are full. Donation for Playground being given. Xeric Garden time is 8am not 9am

New business: August YOM – 1.) 6463 W Canyon Ave 2.) 8111 S Marshall Ct

Realtors not giving correct information.

Need help with weeding on our neighborhood corners – if you live there please help! Please help clean up our neighborhood and keep it clean and beautiful!

Wanting Santa to come to the Christmas party – asking now – also checking on mini horses to pull around the parking lot Member on Chestnut – complaining the speed. Member complaining about the ditch by park, no one taking responsibility for the condition. Ralph went and talked to Foothills – they explained that flood control is in charge of it. It is called Massey Draw.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

From July 10 Board Meeting Minutes—President Hale called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m. Board Members Present were Directors Hale, Tierney, Woodbury, Wambsganss, Whitelaw, Wilcox, Buresh and Luellen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership: Director Wilcox reported that there were three new memberships, which brings the total to 331, which is 4 less than at a comparable time last year.

The fall clean up, scheduled for September 15, from 9 am to 12 noon, was discussed. It was suggested that the costs be discounted by 20%, to \$20 for members and \$32 for non-members, in part to attract more participation and also because the truck will cost only half of normal as a make up for the previously planned clean up where the trash truck was a no-show. All agreed that participation from people outside the community and in other developments was welcomed and encouraged.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Whitelaw thanks the volunteers for the clean-up at the entrance

and noted that volunteers were needed for maintenance of the Coal Mine entrance, especially since it had been too hot to spray the weeds.

Covenants and Architectural Control: President Hale reported that last month there were 5 approved PIPsAs: one shed, one window and three painting/siding.

President Hale noted that the HOA's covenant enforcement issues continue. He noted that some attention was being paid to sight distance issues, as discussed at prior meetings and reiterated that enforcement was limited to those violations that could be seen from the street.

There was a brief discussion about the court cases still pending and a discussion of the hearing one hearing being postponed by the court, upon request of the defendant residents and their counsel, until August 10.

Special Events: The Board noted that the 4th of July parade was a big success and thanked everyone involved, with a special thank you to Megan Kempf for again sponsoring the face painting.

It was discussed that the Brewer family had offered to host a movie night in the park with a suggested date of August 18.

The HOA pool party is scheduled for July 25, from 6-9 pm. It is free to members and guests are charged \$5. President Hale requested volunteer assistance from the Board members and noted that it was a dessert pot luck.

Finance: Director McClish was not present and thus there was no report. The financials would be on the website. Again, it was noted that a volunteer is needed for the treasurer position as Director McClish will be stepping down at the end of her term.

Welcoming Committee: To date 12 totes have been delivered to new residents and the totes will be available for sale at the pool party for \$5.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, President Hale adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner— The summer sure went by quickly and it seems like the kids just got out of school and here we are starting another school year. Hope all the families have had a great time off. We had our first Movie in the Park night on August 9th and it was great! A special thanks to Jennifer Blake and her volunteer husband Adam for taking the lead in organizing this event and to her volunteers Eric & Andi Elkins, Adam & Amy Kowalski, Stephanie Haberkorn, Brenda & Logan Abbott, Dave & Roseann Minson, Chuck & Allison Turner, Dan & Gretchen Meyers, Josh & Erin Kunkel, and Arron & Sarah Ward. Thanks to all families that attended. It was a great turnout for the first-time event. We had approximately 130 in attendance. The band Three Way Split was fantastic as well as the movie, the food trucks, and games. Looking forward to this becoming an annual event.

I have encountered a lot of rabbit issues in my yard especially in the grass areas with burned out circles caused by rabbit urine. I am sure a lot of you have had the same problem. I have been looking for solutions to take care of these areas that the rabbits apparently have created and found a few tips that may work for those that are interested in treating these spots. To neutralize this rabbit urine spray water with a hose across these areas soaking it but not leaving standing water. Wait three or four hours and water a second time. This is probably the single best way to neutralize rabbit urine. A second possible solution is to sprinkle gypsum on the areas of rabbit activity in the lawn. The gypsum should improve the soil's quality and promote better drainage. Gypsum also neutralizes salts left by the urine. Last if you notice urine smells in the mulch areas, sidewalks, or other paved surfaces around your property wash these areas with the hose. If the odor remains after it dries fill a spray bottle with one-part water and one-part white vinegar solution and spray thoroughly with this solution. DO NOT spray grass or other plant life with this solution because it could damage the plant life. By doing this it should discourage the rabbits from urinating in this area again. There is no perfect solution to get rid of the rabbits short of trapping all of them. Good luck on that!

Thanks,—Bob Haberkorn, President CKSII HOA

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The August 8th monthly meeting was held at the Columbine West pool pavilion. Thank you to those who attended and gave of your time. National Night Out was the evening before the meeting and there was a great turnout. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed seeing the Jeffco Bomb Squad robots. It is always a pleasure coming together with Shiloh House and Target to host the event. This year we were also joined by Qudoba and the Columbine Kiwanis. There was food, games and raffles throughout the evening. A couple residents came to the meeting to ask about the recent conversation circulating concerning Republic Trash services in the neighborhood. A couple Officer/ Board Members spoke on the subject giving the residents a little history on the discounted deal Republic had offered to Columbine West a few years ago. At the meeting we hadn't yet heard back from the Republic Sales Representative that we had sent an email to. This Fall/Winter we will again be offering the Halloween Decorating contest and the Holiday Lighting Contest. Be sure to drop a message to CWCAtalk@gmail.com if you see a display you would like to see win. Winners will receive a Gift Card and a shout out in the newsletter. As a continued reminder to all residents, Columbine West is a 'Chicken free' neighborhood. The covenants are very specific and 'do not' allow them within the neighborhood. The CWCA continues to get reports of chickens residing in the neighborhood and these homeowners can expect a Viola-

tion Letter. With all the comments about neighbors having to deal with a new rat infestation, chicken feed has been reported to bring more rats around. Jeffco has also reported recently about an uptick in skunks and raccoons testing positive for rabies in neighboring communities. Let us all work together to try our best in curbing attractants within the neighborhood. 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. The Welcome Committee volunteers each month to deliver a packet of goodies to each new resident. Currently we have 356 memberships supporting the 2018 Budget. The direct link to get to PayPal is www.neighborhoodlink.com/Columbine_West/pages/39993. We encourage residents to become paid members and help support all the events and activities that happen within Columbine West. If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is September 11th at 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary School, second Tuesday of the Month.

The Leawood Rappporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of August 13, 2018 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Mike Karbach, Debby Baker, Rhonda Eveleth, and Nancy Bock.

Treasurer's Report: Mike presented the Treasurer's Report, which included LCA current account balances, payments received, and bills paid. Mike reported that we continue to receive RSVPs for the picnic. Mike gave the RSVP forms that he has received to Rhonda.

Jay Court Entrance: The drip system is still not working. Rhonda did post on the LCA Facebook page that the Board members needed help with watering. We did not receive any offers to help. Rhonda will call Jefferson County again to inquire about the status of getting the water back on. She will also request that they water more than twice a week.

2018 Membership Drive: We did not receive any new or renewing memberships since the last meeting. Due to surgery, Chip was not able to completely process the memberships that have been received so will provide an updated count at the September meeting.

2018 Annual Picnic: Debby added a date and posted the signs for the picnic early since the date was accidentally omitted from the August Rappporter. Details for the picnic were discussed and Board member assignments were reviewed. Money was approved from the budget to purchase a large cooler for ice. A few residents have offered to help with set-up and clean-up for which we are extremely grateful!

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes August 15, 2018 The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM at Leawood Park by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Linda Smith VP, Debby Baker/Director-Special Projects and Dave Padilla, Parks. Erin Star from Children's Playstructures & Recreation was present for the first part of the meeting.

Public Comment/Correspondence – Dave noted information about the Raccoon Park boundaries @ the Fair Drive park entrance. The Board will review information and report at next meeting. Front Range Christian School has requested to lease the Weaver soccer field for the second season of 11 sessions. The board approved the lease.

Residents please note that Jefferson County ordinances apply to all of our Parks. This is especially true of keeping dogs on their leashes when walking in the parks. We have had several complaints lately about people walking their dogs off leash and those off leash animals approaching residents with leashed dogs. Residents may call the Sheriff to report those who are in violation of county ordinances.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Additional property tax revenue and ownership tax revenue was received. A check from South Jeffco Sports was received for the use of the Leawood ball field. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services (port-a-potties), Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel, invoice from Rich for helping to clean up after the hail event and trimming bushes at Leawood Park, Anthony Shaw for tree trimming, doggie bag vendor, DBC for sprinkler supplies, Weston's maintenance fee, reimbursement to Linda for paint for Raccoon Creek signs, and Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Debby moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid, Linda seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Parks Manager Report – Dave reported several fallen trees and branches during wind and rain events lately. Rich helped him clean event debris from the parks. Plus, there was significant work done in the xeriscape garden. The dumpster area is getting full and will be removed soon. Lots of sprinkler repairs were done where needed. Watering in some areas have been increased as needed. Urban Drainage contractor removed a tree that went down over the path in Raccoon Park, as well as a tree east of the far east bridge in Weaver Park and two large willow branches at the volleyball bridge. Another tree was removed, and large branches taken out on the south side of the creek in Raccoon Park just upstream of the diversion dam. Thank you, Urban Drainage.

Someone pulled the port-a-potty out of its enclosure in Leawood Park and dumped it on its side. Dave required assistance to reset it back into the structure. Rich's crew brought in new mulch for the tree areas in Weaver Park play area, trimmed the juniper bushes around the potty at Leawood Park and bushes in front of the pavilion. New mulch will go in soon. Repairs were made on the deck at the Leawood pavilion and the west bridge in Weaver Park.

Kim Holland presented a landscaping plan last month for the entry to the wooden bridge area. Dave has priced the plants



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The October 3rd meeting speaker will be West Metro Fire Chief Don Lombardi. He'll be discussing West Metro Fire's proposal which will be on the Nov. ballot. The meeting will be at the Sheriff's office South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd) at 7pm.

and is waiting on a quote from Weston on trenching for water to supply to that area. Plans are for a September planting. Weston completed a safety trim on the trees in Leawood Park starting at Pierce and Fair Drive. Swingle will spray for weeds again in September. The underground contractor will need to restore the area in Kendall Park that was damaged during their work. Linda has started to repaint the raccoon signs at the Raccoon Park entrances. Doggie bags were checked and replenished.

Old Business – Weaver Park play area redesign - Kyle met with a resident, Lindsey Reese, who has agreed to gather input and ideas about redesigning the Weaver Park play area. Residents can contact Lindsey with ideas at: lindseyreese25@gmail.com. We expect a proposal at the September meeting where we will then look at vendors and price out equipment.

Leawood Park - Prices for new picnic tops and seats were discussed. Dave is to determine how many need to be replaced and order them. Also, we are looking at adding more trash containers to help with trash left at Leawood Park. We are asking people that use the pavilion to please take their trash with them.

The meeting was adjourned 8:17 p.m. — *Linda Smith Vice President and Acting Secretary*

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board The August Board meeting was held on August 15, 2018. There are several community projects being considered and other topics that were discussed at the meeting. Specifics about the meeting were not provided and available at press time so they will be in next month's newsletter.

At our September Board meeting, we will be discussing the following: Clubhouse restroom improvement project, Fremont Street project update.

Just a reminder that we often do not know what will be discussed at our meeting until shortly before the meeting. Our agendas and meeting minutes are posted on our website prior to our meeting and should contain more up-to-date information. You can also contact Management Specialists with any questions regarding upcoming or prior issues