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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Nov 1, 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: Nov. 13 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Nov. 28, 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: Nov Capt. J.D. Jepkema, JCSO Criminal Investigations Division Dec Christmas Pot luck?**

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**Draft Minutes for Oct. 3 Meeting— Attendance:** Diane Suchomel / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom & Matt Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Natasha McCombs / Columbine West Civic Assc., Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Captain Scott Happ / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Don Lombardi / West Metro Fire Rescue.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Captain Scott Happ, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department,** said that the kids are back in school, so there is a reduction in those kinds of incidents. Motor vehicle trespass is still occurring. Someone went to court to fight their parking citation. They lost. On parking issues, 2 citizens from 2 separate residences must sign the summons.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker is **Don Lombardi, Fire Chief for West Metro Fire Rescue.** Don has been with the department for 27 years as of 10/12/2018.

West Metro Fire Rescue was re-accredited in 2017 with International Accreditation. International is mostly US and Canada. They are one of about 200 who have this accreditation. We also have a Insurance Service Office (ISO) 1 rating.

Many variables are looked at for an ISO rating. We have been a 3 for many years (range of 1 - 10). We are one of about 60 in the US that have both ISO 1 and International Accreditation. Due to these, insurance rates could go down in the area served by West Metro Fire Rescue.

West Metro Fire Rescue has 17 fire stations. They take almost 35,000 call. We had 250 house fires of which 84% where the fire was contained to the room of origin. Studies show that 79% of deaths occur when the fire moves outside of the room of origin. In the last 10 years, the call volume has increased by 51%. One of the differences that Don has noticed in the last 27 years is now firefighters need to wear a bullet vest.

West Metro Fire Rescue is its own government entity. They have a Board of Directors. Most of the budget comes from Property Taxes. Most of the property in their area is residential.

Don is speaking as a normal citizen in support for Ballot Issue 7C on the November election. He passed out a handout. On Ballot Issue 7C, they want to stabilize the assessment rate at 7.2%. This is to offset the combined impact of the Gallagher Amendment and Tabor. The Gallagher Amendment requires the assessment percentage for residential property be adjusted when residential property valuation goes up. So when property values goes up, Gallagher requires that the assessment rate be decreased to compensate and keep the amount of money collected the same. TABOR prohibits any tax increase without a vote of the people. So when property values go back down (as we expect them to), the rate cannot go up due to Tabor. Two years ago the assessment rate was 7.91%. Based on current valuations, next year the assessment rate will go down to 6.1%. Ballot Issue 7C will maintain the budget for West Metro Fire Rescue district. Saying Yes on Ballot Issue 7C will keep the rate at 7.2%. If the rate goes down to 6.1% the district will lose about \$5M. The district will be forced to close at least one firehouse and cut staff. This is a state wide issue, but each district is putting forth a similar ballot issue. At this point the State is taking a do nothing position. This is not a tax increase. They just want to maintain the current residential property tax assessment rate. The ballot issue will allow them to maintain a quick response time and maintain their equipment.

For more information on Ballot Issue 7C can be found at [lifesavingalliance.com](http://lifesavingalliance.com). This is the organization supporting and promoting the Ballot Issue.

The Ballot this year is quite long. Don asked us to all vote on 7C first and perhaps work on the Ballot from the bottom up. Otherwise you may run out of energy before you get to 7C.

Questions? Someone lives just out of the West Metro Fire Rescue district in the Littleton Fire district. There used to be an agreement between Littleton and West Metro that whomever was closest would respond to a call. This agreement was rescinded by Littleton Fire.

On fireworks this year, there seemed to be fewer. What changed? The Communications Specialist, Susan Saito, set up a deal with HOAs that if a fire truck was used in their parade, then they would put up yard signs asking for no neighborhood fireworks and to please support professional events. How can someone get one of those signs? The Fire department prefers to work with neighborhood HOAs. They should call Susan Saito at 303-989-4307.

How have the legalization of marijuana affected the number of fires? It went up a little initially but now it has about the same. The major concern now is the Opioid Crisis. Responders use Narcan 9 - 10 times per month. It doesn't work with synthetic opioid. There is a State-wide prescription that allows any citizen to get a dose of Narcan. It can be given by shot (or IV) or nasally. When Narcan is administered, responders have to be prepared. The overdosing person may be mad because they just lost their "high". It brings them right back to reality.

Someone lives near Station 12 and has noticed that people do not get out of the way of firetrucks. Yes, this is an issue. There are new apps coming out soon that would alert vehicles over their stereos.

Who is responsible for fire hydrants? The water district is responsible.

Is West Metro Fire Rescue on NextDoor.com? Yes.

**Reports from Officers** We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 8 members present and had a quorum.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was not present. We have \$1,819.47.

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

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

The following are Pre-applications.

PA 18-122317 is for 12325 W. Bowles Ave. They want to rezone for PD to allow a service agency for adults with developmental disabilities.

PA 18-122950 is for 11415 W. Belleview Ave. It is the northeast corner. They want to build 73 town homes.

PA 18-122987 is for 12773 Grizzly Dr. It is in Deer Creek. They want to divide a 5 acre lot into 2 - 2.5 acre lots.

The following is a Rezoning Application.

RZ 18-125284 is for 4277 S. Eldridge St. near C-470 and Quincy. They want to rezone from C1 to SD.

Echo Park is now closed.

There have been no changes at the Safeway property.

Construction is starting soon at the southwest corner of Kipling and Coal Mine. They will be building houses.

We went over the meeting dates for 2019. Diane will request the meeting room for all months except July 3 and Aug. 7.

Will we have a picnic?

The speaker for Nov. is Captain J.D. Jepkema. He will talk about Marijuana issues. The meeting will be at Lilley Gulch in the Reo Room. Diane has heard the presentation and says that it is REALLY GOOD and should not be missed.

The Adopt-A-Highway date is Oct. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

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

**New Business** None.

**Announcements** None.

We adjourned at 8:22 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: October 2018</b>	<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>
<b>Beginning Balance August 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1824.97</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 5.50</b>
October Newsletter \$5.50	
<b>Ending Balance November 7, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1819.47</b>

*From Jeffco website*—**Changes for Business Coming to Jeffco** Two to One Vote to Eliminate Business Personal Property Tax— At the Board of County Commissioners Sept. 18 public hearing, the board voted two to one to eliminate the General Fund Business Personal Property Tax (BPPT). Commissioners Libby Szabo and Tina Francone voted yes, and Commissioner Casey Tighe voted no for this change.

Personal property includes equipment, machinery and furniture used at a business. After personal property is purchased, it gets taxed each year until it is discarded. The assessment rate of 29 percent is applied against its value to get the assessed value and then the tax rate (mills) from each taxing authority (same as real property) is applied. Ninety percent of BPPT payers pay less than \$1,000, ten percent pay between \$1,000 and greater than \$100,000 per year.

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — It's finally fall, the summer was HOT!!! I hope we have a modest weather switch. I planted some fall crops for the first time – will I be able to grow some spinach or lettuce – lettuce try at least?

I want to give a shout out to Roseanne and Chris who are Lori's neighbors. I've mowed her yard for a couple of years now and these two good people have watched out for her. I appreciate that so much. Neighbors should care for neighbors – well done you two! I will miss sitting on her front porch and hearing those same stories.

My wife and I started a walking routine a couple of months ago. I have enjoyed seeing so many folks out in the evening enjoying the trails and cool evenings. I've met some nice pups and their nice people too. I will have to become a Mall walker in a month or two probably.

Dumpster day is VERY soon. I notice as I walk around the community there are numerous times I have to swerve out into the street because the bushes have moved over the sidewalk. PLEASE – if you have shrubs over your walk [or low hanging branches] – trim those back and take the cuttings to CHE this Saturday and let the waste company haul 'em off. Also it would be appreciated when you set out your trash cans that you would use your drive way or street to keep the sidewalks clear. Oh, and I've noticed that probably half the houses don't have a visible address on them. How does the pizza delivery dude ever find where to bring your stuff? As always, be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.— *Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

**From September 8th CHCA Board Meeting**—Meeting called to order at 9:10 am Officers present Randy Montgomery, Pat Miller, Jennifer Gerdes. Board members present: Steve DeMarco, Ralph Miller, Michaelle Otto  
CHCA by-laws require a majority of board members [5 of 9] to accomplish business

**Old business:** Membership status – Pat – 5 new

Review of events – all – Picnic in park – went well – face painting – jumping castle – hot dogs - things we discussed but weren't able to get done – adult at jumping castle – partner with elementary school to promote – talk to vendors about participating - get balloon person

Dumpster day – Randy – Randy obtaining someone to recycle metal – if not Steve will take away – Metal recycle will be available but not electronics

Hay ride – Randy – Board members researching – hay ride companies – Jenn/Michaele/Randy

**New business:** Proposal for a new officer – Randy – Randy has been in contact with new people – Media Director is being proposed as a board position – Steve motioned to add to board

Items for newsletter?? - Add email address to correspondence to gmail.com – Call Kristy at Lasertype about added content

Veterans Day – Michaelle – Checking with Chris Trost about flag retirement ceremony

Ralph calling Colin about getting grills in neighborhood park

Additional new business from attendees at large – xeric garden additions – Michaelle is getting more signs – Randy mentioning site lines and clearing them

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From President's Corner**— Happy October everyone. We are in the season of cool, brisk mornings, vibrant colors in the landscape, pumpkin patches, apple pies, comfort food, football, costumes and trick or treating. I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall and enjoying some of the festivities of the season with friends and family. Remember lots of trick or treaters will be out and about in the neighborhood on Halloween, so please be extra cautious if you are out that evening. If you have kids or grandkids who will be trick or treating, make sure they have glow sticks or flashlights to be visible. For those staying in to hand out treats, enjoy all the different costumes and try not to eat too many sweets! Halloween is one of my favorite times of year in our neighborhood; with so many houses taking spirit with decorations, lots of families mingling with friends as they cross paths and visiting with their neighbors who are handing out treats, and I must say we have some of the most generous treats. There's always something special on every block! Thank you to those who attended the September HOA Meeting. We had some good discussions and began some planning for 2019 to include the possibility of hiring a bookkeeper and a change in our accounting method from a cash to an accrual basis.

The next CKSII Board of Directors' meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at 7 pm at Coronado Elementary School. All homeowners are invited to attend, this is a great time for interested homeowners to meet neighbors, have questions answered, share ideas and get involved in your community. The meeting will mainly be for the discussion of the proposed 2019 budget. Also make sure your calendars are marked for the CKSII Annual Holiday Hayride on Sunday, December 2nd beginning at 6 pm in the Coronado School Parking lot. Santa says he'll be stopping by again this year with Mrs. Santa. We will also have a table for HOA members to sign a proxy if you will not be attending the annual meeting on January 8, 2019. Hope to see you there. Thanks,—*Bob Haberkorn, President CKSII HOA*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment With The Board** The September 11th monthly meeting was held at Dutch Creek Elementary. Thank you to those who attended and gave of your time. Some discussion was about the email and voicemails that the association receives. Many neighbors who do make contact with the association message board are courteous with their thoughts and opinions, but then there are some who choose to use a very strong tone of disappointment. Our current Secretary does an amazing volunteer effort of listening and cataloging each and every phone message and email. Please understand that each of the association volunteers is still one of your neighbors. We have families, jobs, hobbies and vacations just like you. If you leave a phone message and want a call back, please state your name and number because our automated machine doesn't catalog caller ID. If you don't want a call back, then understand we can only be as helpful to you as you are to us. No number, we can't respond. The email message board has been very successful in allowing our Secretary to forward messages and/ or complaints to the correct volunteer to address. If you are calling in to report a Covenant Violation we appreciate your concern and will take all necessary steps to help re-mediate the issues. Again, please understand that these take time. The course of action does not happen overnight and we understand your distress and will approach each situation on its own merit. There is no management company in Columbine West, just (4) Officers and (5) Board Members volunteering on behalf of 1,490 homeowners. Yup, that's correct, (9) neighbors helping to solve issues within the neighborhood. As always we would love to have more hands to address the many concerns in and around Columbine West. If you would like to join the efforts drop us an email or attend a monthly meeting.

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 Violation Letter. 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 359 memberships supporting the 2018 Budget. The direct link to get to PayPal is [www.neighborhoodlink.com/Columbine\\_West/pages/39993](http://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 Leawood Rapporater

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of September 5, 2018** Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Chip and Angela Langowski, Mike Karbach, 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.

Jay Court Entrance: The drip system is still not working. Unfortunately due to the heat, the new plants are not faring well. We asked Leawood residents to help with hand watering and only 1 resident volunteered. Our many thanks to Tom Bryant for stepping up to help with the Jay Court Entrance! We hope to be able to save as many plants as possible and will try again in Spring 2019.

2018 Membership Drive: Chip reported, with the people who signed up at the picnic, we are up to 178 paid memberships.

2018 Annual Picnic: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the picnic, which was a success. The bake sale raised \$170.40 for the Scholarship Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes September 13, 2018** The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm at Leawood Park by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/Director, Jennifer Dawe/Secretary, Linda Smith/Vice President and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager.

**Public Comment/Correspondence** – 1) Leawood residents Jay & Lorie Befus attended the meeting to discuss their concerns with maintenance/mowing equipment crossing a section of their property at the northwest entrance to Raccoon Park. Because of the location of a park sign, access is tight in this area and if the ground is wet, crews cannot access the park from the normal maintenance gate. After discussing many options, and the Board being clear about finding a long-term solution, the District decided to move the sign so that the park can be accessed by vehicles without crossing private property. Kyle noted that the District would consider fencing at that entrance, if that was necessary and would enhance the aesthetics while also delineating the property lines better. Dave will coordinate this work and we will see if this works for both the Board and residents.

2) South Jeffco Sports Association has requested use of the baseball diamond in Leawood Park again for their 2019 season. Season runs March 18-June 28. Because of increasing costs for both water and maintenance, the Board approved their lease with a fee increase to \$600 for the season from the old rate of \$500.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Invoices for the month include: Excel, Waste Management, Weston, Rich Alarcon, and Dave's invoices for mileage & petty cash. Debby moved the Treasurer's report be re-

ceived and bills paid, Linda seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Donna also presented the Jeffco Assessor assessment of park property. Our property holdings increased \$165,000 (Previous: \$38,188, New: \$38,353).

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave met with Urban Drainage to discuss creek flow and erosion issues in Raccoon Park, especially flooding during heavy rains. Kyle noted that the District will need to proactively consider how to preserve this stretch of the park as older trees fail, erosion that might require abatement, and the lack of irrigation and access to the east side of the creek. Dave will coordinate a meeting with Urban Drainage and Jefferson County to further discuss this issue and find a solution.

Dave met with Marctel Communication about the damage they caused in Kendall Park when they were boring underground lines in the area. Marctel conducted some repair but not to the standards of the District. Dave will work with them regarding improving their repairs. However, he also stated that other vehicles used the area while it was wet causing additional damage. The Board discussed an option to fence off the area adjacent to Weaver Drive to prevent ongoing, unauthorized usage that is damaging park land.

Old, original Buckner valves in the sprinkler system in Leawood Park need replacing as parts are no longer available. Dave is purchasing replacement valves. Also, in Leawood Park, there were leaks in the irrigation line that runs under the pine trees along Pierce. Dave worked for most of the week to reroute the 2-inch irrigation line without damaging too many tree roots.

Swingle sprayed weeds again in Kendall, Weaver, Tract T and Raccoon Park.

New landscape planting at the wood bridge in Weaver Park is being scheduled. Weston will add irrigation, cobble, planters mix and plants per Kim Holland's design.

The engineered mulch in the Leawood Park playground needs refreshed. Dave is working to find a vendor to supply and install new mulch.

Several old and damaged tables need to be replaced in Leawood Park (rubber covering on the metal has been vandalized and deteriorated over time). Dave will advise the Board on the number of bench seats and table tops that we need to replace.

There are 2 large trees on the south side of Leawood Park that Weston will trim so that they don't risk damage in neighbors' yards.

A request to all dog walkers: After you pick-up after you dog, PLEASE dispose of the poop bag properly. There are trash cans throughout the parks. There is a problem with disposal of bags being tossed over the small fence around the dumpster at the end of Raccoon Park. The dumpster isn't open, and the bags sit on the ground and rot. So gross! Please be an adult and a good neighbor...take care of your dog poop bags!

**New Business** – Kyle and Leawood resident, Lindsey Reese continue to work on the redesign of the pavilion and playground in Weaver Park. Lindsey will be coordinating a Survey Monkey or other online survey for input from residents. If you would like to share your ideas, please email Lindsey at [lindseyreese25@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyreese25@gmail.com).

The October meeting will include approving a draft 2019 budget, which will include updating the projects and accomplishments list. —*Jennifer Dawe, Secretary*

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

## Westbury

**Your HOA Could Use Your Help** Eight Board members are required in order to keep your all-volunteer Association active. We are three short for 2019. Without a full Board, your HOA will go inactive. This means Westbury will lose:

Dumpster Day/ Community Garage Sale, Ice Cream Social and National Night Out, Seasonal Parties, Westbury High School Senior Scholarship, Neighborhood advocacy with the county on such issues as traffic and traffic lights, public safety, planning and zoning, Local newsletter articles, Community cleanup days

The Westbury HOA serves your community. It has no power or desire to tell you what color to paint your mailbox, or to take formal action against any resident. It works with a light meeting schedule.

Will you consider taking a few hours of your time in the next year to help us continue? Contact any current Board member, email [Lauraco1@msn.com](mailto:Lauraco1@msn.com) or call Clay at 303-997-7658.

Your neighborhood thanks you!

## 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 infor-



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The November 7th meeting speaker will be Capt. J.D. Jepakema, JCSO Criminal Investigations Division. The meeting will be at Lilley Gulch (due to elections taking the Sheriff's meeting room) at 7 pm.

mation. You can also contact Management Specialists with any questions regarding upcoming or prior issues. The second project under discussion involved understanding alternatives to the current state of maintenance for the fence and right of way space along Meadows. The fence is currently the responsibility of the individual homeowners, and research has indicated that right of way along Meadows belongs to the Colorado Department of Highways. As a result, individual homeowners have the obligation to maintain the fence, and queries will be made to the Colorado Department of Highways to determine the path forward for the maintenance of the right of way space. This can be done either by each homeowner individually or by the homeowners in conjunction with the HOA. Woodbourne HOA Board will need feedback from the homeowners regarding how to move forward in this effort.

The third major project under investigation for 2019 will be the refurbishment of the clubhouse restrooms. If anyone has any ideas regarding the restroom refurbishment please feel free to contact any of the Woodbourne HOA Board members. We hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween. Remember to watch for the trick-or-treaters as you drive around on Halloween.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Litha Spies of Management Specialists at 720-974-4224 with any questions



Cohope cleanup of Bowles from Simms to 470 on October 13. Pretty good weather.

