

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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**Upcoming Meetings:**  
 Open Space: May. 7, 6 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
 Foothills: May 26, 6 pm, The Peak.  
 Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
 DRCOG: May 20, 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: May 6 Cancelled  
 June 3 July 1 Aug 5 Sept**

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For upcoming meetings, these are scheduled but not confirmed. Depending on the virus situation, these meetings may or may not occur or may be restricted or tele-meetings. Check to see if they are still being held and how before you attend.

COHOPE Treasury Activity: March-April 2020		W. R. Moore, Treasurer
<b>Beginning Balance March 4, 2020</b>		\$ 1771.17
<b>Deposits</b>		\$ 230.00
Columbine Hills \$30, Columbine Knolls \$20, Columbine Knolls South Estates \$20, Columbine West \$20, Kipling Hills \$20, Lochmoor POA \$20, Lakehurst West \$30, Rotherham \$10, Auburn \$10, Burdan \$10, Moore \$10, Ham \$10, Suchomel \$10, McMillan \$10		
<b>Withdrawals</b>		\$ 13.90
April newsletter \$4.95 May newsletter \$4.95 Bank Fee \$2 (April and May) = \$4		
<b>Ending Balance May 6, 2020</b>		\$ 1987.27



We got our trash pickup done on Bowles from Simms to 470 done on April 11. Lots of car accident debris, which is weird due to the shutdown.



# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — Howdy folks. At this point in time, it has been a pleasant spring, but who knows how April will shape up for snow. I've got my garden and boxes turned over, I'm dreaming of tomatoes, peppers, spinach, and green beans. My indoor greenhouse is looking very good. And I'm going to be patient and wait until after Mother's Day to set things out. I've heard from several of our neighbors that they don't want to join CHCA because the dues don't help them. Some folks are short sighted. Your dues help us to pay for the winter hayride, the spring festival, the chili cook-off, the xeric garden, community signs, dumpster day, and mailing of the monthly newsletter, CO-Hope, insurance, and donations we make to area schools. I could go on, but I think you get the point. To those good folks who join and pay your voluntary membership fees – Thank you. There are a handful of folks with the vision to give extra. Every renewal season there are folks that give \$50 to \$100 extra to our community. THANK YOU!!!

The board hears from you also. Some of you are complementary of our community and the pleasant environment we have . . . thank you. But, in large, the messages we get from you are complaints. The number one complaint is about vehicles parked in our neighborhood. I fail to understand why one property has 7-10 cars parked on the driveway and street. I get it you don't like campers parked on private property. I see the messy yards. My message has always been – "be a good neighbor". The Board cannot FORCE considerate behavior. If complaining to us makes you feel better, then we will receive your complaints; unfortunately there's not much we can do at this point. If we ever had a mandatory membership we could take steps in that direction. I hear you loud and clear that it is one reason why you ARE here – because we do not have "Highlands Ranch" restrictions. Maybe one day we can form an Architectural Committee where we can have some policies that can be enforced – but that time is not now. Until such a time, take your complaints to the proper authorities if you need action. Every newsletter has a list of phone numbers you can call and register your complaint; if that agency doesn't take action then call them again. Can you see our dilemma? We cannot please all of you; I tell you this is frustrating at all levels. Until such time that we live in a perfect world, I implore you . . . Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.—*Randy Montgomery, CHCA president rnmontgomery@att.net*

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

*From President's Letter Hello*, I'm starting to think about spring and summer home projects now that daylight saving time is upon us and mother nature is tempting us with warmer weather. I want to remind you that we have a process in place to get your projects approved. Our Protective Covenants establish both the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and the requirement for improvements of property to first be approved by the committee. In general, any improvement to the exterior of your home or to your property, which is visible to the public, requires approval of the Architectural Control Committee. You can find the Protective Covenants and the ACC Request form on our website at cksii.org website. If you are starting to think about your home improvements as I am, the ACC Request webpage will help you successfully navigate this simple process.

Community Events & Subcommittees We are always looking for volunteers to help with several special events and activities we hold throughout the year. You can find the 2020 list of events in the "2020 Important Dates" section of this newsletter. We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated members who chair each of these events. I would ask that you contact the event chair listed below if you are interested in helping.

Welcome Committee; Social Committee; Movie in the Park Jennifer Blake – (303-842-2306) jblake5280@gmail.com

Rolling Into Summer (Bike Parade & Car Show) Amy Kowalski (303-748-4039) ajkandajk@gmail.com

Holiday Hayride Brenda Abbott (720-936-2767) babsabbot77@gmail.com

Landscape Committee Stephanie Haberkorn (303-522-8580) stephanie\_haberkorn@yahoo.com

Community Projects Covenant Controlled Signage: We will be installing new Covenant Enforced signage to replace the old, faded signage. Hopefully this will be done by the time you are reading this newsletter. Park Light Initiative: As you read in last month's newsletter, our HOA approved contributing up to \$5,000 towards Foothills Parks & Recreation (FP&R) installation of a park light on FP&R property at the Coronado Park entrance near Nichols and Ammons streets. I reached out to FP&R to let them know we were ready and prepared to contribute our funding. The response from FP&R was as follows "We currently do not have this budgeted for 2020 as we were not sure of approval by the community. I would want to make sure that neighbors and the community are in agreement with moving forward and final approval with our Executive Director." While I don't believe we were prepared for this response, it makes sense that FP&R would already have their 2020 budget in place by the time we voted in January to approve our 2020 budget. So, where do we go from here? We had a discussion amongst the members who attended the annual meeting that if for some reason these funds aren't spent in the planned budgeted year (2020), then the money would stay in the budget for the following year. So, that part is in place. It now appears there is a bit more work to do to satisfy FP&R. It also appears from the FR&P response that while the HOA is prepared to provide its contribution, it will ultimately be up to FP&R (and its Executive Director) to decide whether they want to move forward with the park light initiative. We will reach out to Elizabeth NelsonHulse

who spearheaded this initiative to see if she has the time and bandwidth to continue to drive this effort forward with FP&R. We will keep you posted as we learn more. In closing, we are always looking for projects that better our community to please don't hesitate to contact a board member with your idea. I look forward to seeing you at our April 14th member

board meeting at Coronado Elementary School. —*Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA*

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

**From A Moment With The Board** The meeting was held at Dutch Creek Elementary where we addressed upcoming events and shared ideas. The February Movie Night didn't see the attendance we had anticipated and going forward we will assess how we might make an additional offering. March is the beginning of the annual Membership Drive, banners at the entrances and a front page newsletter article will be reminding residents. The much anticipated Easter Egg Hunt committee is in full swing working on filling approximately 1,500 eggs with those illusive Bunny Bucks, coins and candy. (At the time of printing the newsletter we have had to unfortunately Cancel the Easter Egg Hunt) The Community Garage Sale is still slated for May 1st & 2nd, allowing neighbors to clear out those lost treasures and put them in the hands of other treasure hunters. We are starting the process of securing the venue and vendors for our summer Dumpster Day event, scheduled for June 20th, located at the parking lot of Authentic Life Church on Coal Mine, just East of Pierce. This year we are excited to partner with Boots on the Ground who will be collecting our metal recycling. Boots on the Ground is a non-profit organization that collects metal, recycles the materials and uses all proceeds to purchase and send care packages to our troops. 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. 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 April 14th 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary, second Tuesday of the Month. (Hopefully the school will be open for the April meeting, if not, we will try to set up an alternative place) Updates will be posted on Nextdoor too.

## **The Leawood Rapporper**

**From LCA Minutes of March 3, 2020**— Board members present: Paul O'Connor, Chip Langowski, Mike Karbach, Laurie Selander, Mindi Bauch, Gina Severino, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth Guests: Betsy and Mike Major

Nancy Bock said that she got the custodian's phone number in case we are ever locked out of the school again.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have been receiving more resident memberships. See the report in the Rapporper. Mike Major volunteered to take over the position of Treasurer. The Board unanimously approved. Thank you to Mike Karbach for his service to Leawood Civic Association. Nancy said that she has not received any applications for the LCA scholarship as of the meeting. Nancy told us that the applications are due March 31st and she usually doesn't receive them until mid March. If she does not receive any by the middle of the month, she will ask Mindi to put it on Nextdoor.

Chip reported that a good number of residents have sent in their memberships. Rhonda will check into the labels to put on mailers that we will send out in March or April to all residents to remind them to send in their memberships.

Debby reported that the Easter egg hunt will be April 4th at 10 a.m. at Raccoon Creek Park. Board members will fill the eggs on the 19th of March at 6:30 p.m. at the home of her neighbor close to the park. The board approved spending \$250 for eggs and stuffing. Mindi is working with Chip on the website. She will put in the Easter egg hunt, Garage Sales on May 15/16th and Clean up day on June 13th. Paul will contact Kevin Ashton to see if he wants to sponsor the Leawood annual garage sale. If not, Rhonda will sponsor it this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes March 11, 2020** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at Leawood Elementary by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Linda Smith/Vice President, Debby Baker/Secretary, Steve Wall/Special Projects and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager.

**Treasurer's Report** - Donna presented the Treasurer's report. Invoices for the month include Denver Water, United report. Invoices for the month include Denver Water, United Site Services, Waste Management, Xcel, doggie bag vendor, Rich Alarcon, Bruce Fosdick, CPA for annual finances filing, Linda reimbursement for playground illustrations, Donna reimbursement for postage, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Debby moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid, Steve seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

**Parks Manager Report** – Presented annual Park maintenance contract with Weston. The contract is for a 2-year period. Snow removal was done in all parks. All parks were inspected, and doggy bags replenished. Construction for the new playground equipment in Weaver Park has begun. The playground area will be cordoned off until the construction is complete.

**New Business** – Dogs running off leash in the parks continues to be a problem. In Jefferson County, all dogs are required to be on a leash. There are dog parks available where dogs can be off leash, but in Leawood parks, all dogs must remain on a leash. Discussed possible signage. *Jefferson County Leash Law (regulation 3.5.1.D1.F)- Dogs allowed to roam the streets are not only a nuisance and dangerous to the public, but are in constant danger from cars, irate people, and even other dogs. For these reasons, all dogs must be on a leash or confined on the owner's premises at all times.*



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Due to the virus shutting down meetings and use of meeting rooms, we will not have a May (or possibly into the summer) meeting. Once the meeting room is available we will be able to start having meetings again. Stay safe and healthy.

*Dogs in violation of the leash law may be detained by a citizen, turned over to Animal Control and impounded at the Table Mountain Animal Center. Impoundment and board fees must be paid by the owner before the dog can be released. Failure to claim an impounded dog does not relieve the owner of liability for payment of all fees*

Old Business – Weaver Park play area – The recent good weather has allowed construction to begin.

2020 Elections – Two current board members will not stand for election, leaving vacancies to be filled. We received 3 Self-Nomination forms by the February 28th deadline. The election is scheduled for May 5th, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.—*Deborah Baker, Acting Secretary* Posting location: District Board's agendas are posted by the Clerk to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners board

## Woodbourne

**From Notes From the Board President** The Woodbourne HOA Board, with the help of our new CLA partners, has been able to make some operational improvements. With these improvements the Woodbourne HOA Board has switched from a standard monthly meeting to an every other month schedule. This means that the Board will meet in February, April, June, August, and October each year. The deviation from the bi-monthly schedule is that instead of meeting in December, the Board will meet in November for the annual budget discussion and Board meeting. These will be the standard scheduled meetings. If other things arise, the Board can still meet to address urgent matters, as needed. April is turning out to be a little different than we had anticipated. Because of the restrictions put in place around the unprecedented and fast-moving COVID-19 public health crisis, the Board has decided to cancel the Annual Woodbourne Easter Egg hunt this year. The Board will sponsor another event later in the summer once restrictions are lifted. The Annual Homeowners Meeting is still scheduled for April 15, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbourne Clubhouse. Since there are restrictions in place prohibiting large gatherings, CLA is working on an alternate means to host this important meeting. The primary purposes of the meeting are to elect a new Board member and share information with the community. The Board has also received three bids for the bathroom renovations, and we can discuss the anticipated scope, cost, and timing of the renovation work with the community at large. Stay tuned for attendance information being put out by CLA. We look forward to speaking with everyone at the Annual Homeowners Meeting. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Kim Herman, Geol Scheirman, or James Meyer. The Annual Homeowners' Meeting, followed by the regular business meeting, will be held on April 15, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Kim Herman with CLA at 303-265-7923 with any questions.

Discussion Items for April Board Meeting

At the April Board meeting (following the Annual Homeowners Meeting), we will be discussing the following:

Clubhouse bathroom renovations, Pool opening, Election of officers

We often do not know what will be discussed at our meeting until shortly before. 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 CLA with any questions regarding upcoming or prior issues