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<p><b>Calendar for upcoming meetings: June 3 Cancelled</b>          July 1 Aug 5 Sept 2 Oct 7 Nov 4 Dec 2</p>	<p><b>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1, Backyard 2-4</b></p>
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<p><b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: May 2020</b>  <b>Beginning Balance May 6, 2020</b>  <b>Deposits</b>          Westridge Lakeview Meadows \$20  <b>Withdrawals</b>          June newsletter \$4.95 Bank Fee \$2 Internet Fee \$32.97  <b>Ending Balance May 6, 2020</b></p>	<p><b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>          \$ 1987.27          \$ 20.00          \$ 39.92          \$ 1967.35</p>
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**Still no word on when meeting rooms will be available for us. Keep checking the Jeffco website for hearings or applications you may be interested in. Meetings are online and can be joined by webex or telephone. See the county website at <https://www.jeffco.us/751/Meeting-Videos> for links and information. Videos of previous meetings are also available.**

**For Foothills the Board meetings can be attended by webinar. You can get the info packet and register for it at <https://www.ifoohills.org/board-of-directors/>.**

**For DRCOG, You have to register to attend a meeting using Microsoft Teams. Go to the DRGOC website, <https://drcog.org/>, click on the red banner that says “Learn how we’ll be handling meetings and appointments or get in touch with the team.” Then on the next page under “DRCOG meetings” click on the “calender” link, then pick the meeting to get to the registration page.**

**Jefferson County Moving to Four-Day Business Week—** Beginning June 1, Jefferson County will transition to a four-day business week and many offices will close to the public on Fridays. Most employees will work four 10-hour days instead of five 8-hour days. The first Friday closure will be on June 5.

The four-day business week does not apply to the Sheriff’s Office, District Attorney, First Judicial Courts or Jefferson County Public Library. Some county offices and departments may be changing their hours during the days they are open. Please check the website for Departments, Divisions and Elected Offices to verify hours before visiting. Many of offices have services that may be conducted online at your convenience.

**2020 Slash Program to Begin Weekend of June 6-7—**Clear your property and bring tree debris to a Jefferson County Slash Collection site! For 2020, we’ll be somewhere in Jeffco every weekend from June 6 through Nov. 1.

Removing slash and creating a defensible space around your home is the first line of defense against wildfires. You can create zones around your home, removing any fire fuels, such as tree debris. Having a properly mitigated property doesn’t mean that wildfire will pass you by, but it can help the fire department save your home.

*From Engage Jeffco Newsletter*

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — WOW When I wrote this article for last month's newsletter, I had no idea how much things would change. I don't think we had any idea what was coming. I'd heard of Corona virus from another lifetime when I was an EMT and deep cleaned the ambulance at the beginning of every shift and surface cleaning after each run. I was familiar with using PPE – but WOW!

Everyone is involved. My wife and I both are employed still, but at reduced hours and I'm very grateful for what we have. I'm guessing the word of the year is going to be "Virtual" or possibly "Social Distancing". I'm amazed how this virus has changed our country in all areas. I am encouraged by many of you who volunteer to help our neighbors with shopping and providing masks. Since we've had more time at home, let's use this time to trim shrubs and trees from sidewalks and intersections if you happen to live on a corner property. I want to go a bit more into detail on that. The county regulations ask us to keep all shrubs below a height of 42 inches measured from the street level and trees trimmed above 8ft - again from the street level. If you live on the intersection of a minor street those dimensions need to be back 25 ft from the intersection. If your property joins a "collector street" that clearance must be open 40 feet from the corner. As my wife and I take our evening walks we notice that sidewalks are partially blocked by shrubs making it very difficult for our neighbors to navigate their wheel chairs and strollers etc. on the sidewalks. PLEASE get out there in the next few weeks and clear those up for the benefit of our neighbors as they use the walks.

For those who need assistance around their property and are not able to accomplish things on their own – keep in mind the Neighbor Helping Neighbor form at the back of each newsletter. We have a crew of folks ready to pitch in and lend their skill and strong backs. Please take advantage of this free service. Our yearly membership drive is still underway; please consider being a supporting part of Columbine Hills Civic Association. Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had – howl on.—*Randy Montgomery, CHCA president rnmontgomery@att.net*

*From March CHCA Meeting 2020 (ZOOM Meeting) Meeting called to order by President at 6:59 p.m.*

Officers present Randy Board members present Jodi, Nick, Kelly, Jenn, Steve, Michelle, Don, Galen and David Treasures report presented by Galen Seconded by Randy

**New Business:** Payment to CoHope, CoHope: Talks of new Warren Tech campus at Dakota Ridge, Vote for CHCA to add funds towards community garden, Update on PayPal and mail-in CHCA memberships, Might have April's CHCA meeting by ZOOM due to Corona, Virus

**Old Business:** Easter Egg Hunt canceled in April due to Corona Virus, Movement of community banner for memberships, Update on community garden at St. Phillips Church, Update on Garbage Day for CHCA. Will this continue because of Corona Virus?

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

*From President's Letter*— I hope that you and your families are safe here in the CKSII community and wherever they are located. These are certainly unrepresented times. I'm writing this edition of the President's Corner a few days before the April 14 monthly HOA meeting and things have certainly changed since my April posting. For the first time that I am aware of, we'll be holding the April 14th meeting virtually instead of holding our typical physical meeting at Coronado Elementary. With the school closed and the social distancing measure in place it only makes sense to go the virtual route at this time. While it's disappointing that we won't be able to meet face-to-face, I'm also curious and excited to try the virtual format. I will report back to you on how the virtual format worked. Hopefully, we'll be able to hold the July meeting in person. Again, I'll keep you posted.

**Community Events** Unfortunately, the Rolling Into Summer (Car show and bike parade) set for Sunday 6/7/20 has been postponed due to the Covid-19 situation. Amy Kowalski and Jennifer Blake hope to reschedule this event for later this summer/early fall. Please check upcoming newsletters and our website ([www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org)) for further information.

The CKSII Landscape Committee typically holds their cleanup of our S. Yukon and Chatfield Ave. entrance in May. We are still trying to navigate the social distancing piece to try to make this event happen. This effort usually takes us less than 2 hours and it's a great way to get to know folks in our community (albeit, from a distance this year). Please contact Stephanie Haberkorn ([stephanie\\_haberkorn@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie_haberkorn@yahoo.com)) if you would like to help.

The community Garage Sale set for the end of June is still being considered, but Jennifer Blake (the sponsor and lead for this event) is holding off on any current postings until we see how things unfold. Hopefully things will be back to normal by then.

**Community Projects**— Covenant Controlled Signage: New signs have been replaced at several of the community entrances. This project is now complete. Park Light Initiative: The installation of the park light on Foothills Parks & Recreation (FP&R) property near Nichols and Ammons streets is currently on hold at the discretion of FP&R. Elizabeth Nelson-Hulse continues to work with FP&R on this initiative. Elizabeth writes "Due to the Covid-19 pandemic Foothills Park and Rec cannot know whether they can move forward with the 2020 budget or if this will have to wait for the 2021 budget. We decided it

would be a good idea to touch base in May. The biggest factor would be to get the economy stimulated again and for Foothills to begin to generate funds from the community.” As Elizabeth mentions, she’ll contact our lead person at FP&R in May to get a feel for where things stand. I certainly appreciate Elizabeth’s help to continue to spearhead this project on behalf of our community.

**Homeowners’ Association Membership / Trash & Recycling Service** Just a friendly reminder that Association Membership is mandatory for Section 1 owners, who close on their home after January 9, 2009 and for Section 2 and 3 owners, who close on their home after March 23, 2015. Please see the “About CKSII HOA” How To Join The Homeowners’ Association section of our website for more details. HOA membership is voluntary for those households that have been in their homes longer than the dates outlined above. The trash and recycling service is optional for all households regardless on how long you’ve lived in your home. The HOA-sponsored service is not available to households that are not HOA members.

That said, we had a few homeowners contact board members recently about a lack of trash and recycling pickup. Unfortunately, their issues related to neglecting to pay their annual membership dues with the trash service option. You can visit the HOA Trash Program portion of our website for more details. You can also visit the Membership Form page of our website to renew or become an HOA member. We feel the trash service is an excellent value and is based on the volume discount we negotiated with Waste Management. This service also includes the annual large item pickup at no additional charge.

As I conclude this posting, I’ve been amazed by how many new community members I’ve met from a safe distance on my walks around our streets and trails. I’m not sure this would have happened if not for the current situation we find ourselves in. I’ll take that as a positive! I would also encourage you to check in and reach out to your neighbors. I’ve had neighbors that I know well and many that I barely know ask me if there’s anything we need from the store. You can’t help but find this sense of community the desire to lend a helping hand a positive outcome during this tough stretch. I encourage you to check in with your older neighbors and those that are more vulnerable and lend a hand where you can. We are all in this together! —*Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment With The Board** The CWCA chose to use Zoom for this month’s virtual meeting. Since we had been asked to ‘shelter in place’ the Board/Officers found a nice comfortable place within their own homes to come together and discuss the volunteer duties ahead of us this Summer. The meeting was easy to manage and we plan to meet this way again in May, due to the normal venue of the elementary school being closed. It has yet to be determined but the ZOOM meeting may be our preferred way to meet throughout the Summer, instead of the pool pavilion. The weather has been unpredictable at best, so having an alternative method could serve us well. Check out the article concerning the use of ZOOM each month. We have secured the venue and vendors for our summer Dumpster Day event. This year we are excited to partner with Boots on the Ground who will be collecting our metal recycling. We may see a larger amount of neighbors participating at the event due to the recent shelter in place that had many neighbors using the time to reorganize and clear out their spaces. 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](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com). Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is May 12th, 7:00 p.m., Annual Elections meeting on ZOOM teleconference platform.

## The Leawood Rappporter

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes April 8, 2020** The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Donna Snyder/ Treasurer, Linda Smith/Vice President, Debby Baker/Secretary, and Steve Wall/Special Projects.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Donna presented the Treasurer’s report. Invoices for the month include Denver Water, United Site Services, Waste Management, Xcel, doggie bag vendor, Weston, LCA (Quarterly Share of Rappporter) Rich Alarcon, Dave’s invoice and reimbursement to petty cash.

**New Business** – Kyle noted that, much like during the 2008-09 recession, the district is likely to experience a decline in revenues this year and likely next due to the anticipated reduction in property and ownership tax receipts.

**Old Business – Weaver Park play area** – Installation continues, with work remaining on the retaining wall, levelling and filling with engineered wood fiber, and reinstallation of the old swing. Given that there are some outstanding items and items that had to be adjusted resulting in cost differences, the board agreed to hold payment until work is complete.

**2020 Elections** – One of the three persons that had self-nominated to seek an elected position on the board withdrew their nomination. This means that there are only two self-nominated candidates resulting in the same number of candidates as there are open positions. Given this, the Board adopted a resolution to cancel the election scheduled to be held on May 5th, 2020, in accordance with C.R.S. 1-13.5-513(1), and to order that the open positions be filled. Linda moved that the Resolution be approved, Debby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Donna Snyder and Steve Wall have been re-elected; Wade Hancey and Ike Nelson are newly elected to the Board. The swearing in of the elected board members is scheduled to occur no later than June 5th, 2020.



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Due to the virus shutting down meetings and use of meeting rooms, we will not have a June (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.

**Future Meetings** The next meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at either Leawood Elementary (if the school building is available) or at Leawood Park Pavilion (Weather permitting)  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.—*Debby Baker, Secretary*

## Woodbourne

**From Notes From the Board President** The Woodbourne Annual Homeowners' meeting, originally scheduled for April 15, 2020, was not held due to the lack of a quorum. The Board updated the homeowners who were present on various projects from the past year and answered a few questions. The Annual Homeowners' meeting will have to be re-scheduled and a new date will be announced once it has been determined. If you cannot attend the rescheduled meeting, please provide the Board with your proxy so that we can hold the meeting this time.

When we do hold the Annual Homeowners' meeting, we will have one At-large Board position to fill. The primary requirement for the position is to attend the bi-monthly HOA Board meetings. There was some interest in the community, but we still need a candidate to step forward. We understand that there may be some who may be intimidated by what is going on, but the current officers take on most of that responsibility. If you have questions about the commitment, feel free to contact any Board member.

The next regularly scheduled community event is the Annual Wood Chipping event on May 9, 2020. At this time, the Board is reaching out to our partners to see if they will support this event. As with the Easter Egg Hunt, the event may end up being cancelled this year.

You may have noticed that the pool is being prepped. To keep the pool operational and clean, the pool equipment must be run. The availability of pool for use this summer will depend on state and federal restrictions regarding public gatherings and public facilities. We will let the community know what will happen as the regular Memorial Day weekend opening date gets closer.

The Annual Community Garage Sale is currently scheduled for June 5-7, 2020. The Board has spoken to Julie Render, the sponsor of the event, and we have made a joint commitment to try to hold this event as scheduled. This, of course, may change as guidance from state and federal agencies is updated. This is a great community and everyone is pulling together. We will all get through this and the HOA Board will do its best to keep everyone informed of the HOA based news and activities. Best wishes for good health to everyone in the community.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Kim Herman with CLA at 303-265-7923 with any questions.