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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Dec 3, 6 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: Dec 8, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Dec 16, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street, Aspen/Birch conf rm  
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

**Calendar for upcoming meetings: Due to the virus we will suspend meetings until the spring when we can have them outdoors.**

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**COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2020**

**Beginning Balance Nov 4, 2020**

**Deposits**

**Withdrawals**

Dec newsletter \$4.95 Bank Fee \$2

**Ending Balance Dec 2, 2020**

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

\$ 1822.63

\$ 0.00

\$ 6.95

\$ 1815.68

**Draft Minutes for November 4 Meeting** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Randy Montgomery / Columbine Hills Civic Assn, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Brian Kellogg / Lakehurst West HOA, Ron Hopp / Foothills Park and Rec.

The meeting started at 7.00 p.m.

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

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools or Jefferson County Sheriff's office was present.

Tonight's speaker is **Ron Hopp** from **Foothills Park and Recreation**. He did not have a formal presentation, just answered questions.

When will Alpers Farm park improvements be done? They have been bidding out park renovations in the summer to be done over the fall, winter and spring. They get a better price and the renovations / upgrades are done for the summer season when people will use them more. Alpers Farm, Woodmar Square and Eagle Meadows were the three for 2020-21. The contractor decides which order they will do them. Right now they are working on Eagle Meadows, then they will move to Woodmar Square, and then to Alpers Farm. They expect Alpers farm to be done by late spring or early summer 2021. Alpers farm has a lot of stuff to do (new trees, sod and irrigation).

They are working on the plans for the next set to be done 2021-22. Those are Lakehurst, Columbine Hills Park and Sports Park, Easton, Westfield, Victory Park Easton Regional Park, and Westbury. Those are budgeted for \$2.2 Million, with the two Columbine Hills parks being \$800 thousand. Randy will check with his people about what they would like to see considered and get with Ron about the feedback.

They are also working on trails at Stoney Creek, Williamsburg and Schaffer Park.

Are Foothills residents subsidizing non-residents who use facilities under intergovernmental agreements (IGA)? They have IGAs with Vintage Reserve, Bowles Metro (Grant Ranch) Trailmark (South Suburban), and Normandy Estates. At one time they also had Ken Caryl, but that was stopped by Ken Caryl's metro district. The agreements are for one year and auto renew, but both parties have the option to end them at the renewal date. Under the agreements, residents of those areas can use Foothills facilities at Foothills resident rates. They have to give their address, and the computer tracking system they use flags them as residents of those areas. The system keeps track of it, and the difference between resident / non-resident is billed directly to their own organization, so Foothills gets the same amount they would get without the discount. In 2019, that was around \$40,000. They think it helps advertise the programs and keep them being used.

Does letting non-residents use the programs prevent residents from using the programs? They look at it every year to

see if it is affecting capacity and if it is they try to adjust it to prevent that.

They are working on diversifying their tree types to keep the insects (ash borer, pine beetle) from killing off too many trees in one area.

What about the Russian Olive culling? They are classified as noxious plants and they are still working at it. There is no timeline for it. They try to partner with volunteers and groups to get it done. They have a hand tool trailer they can bring in. They will also partner with people and organizations to plant trees, do cleanups, or other things. Eagle Scouts also do a lot of things with them.

Randy – There is a ditch that needs work in between two of the Columbine Hills parks. How can they find out who is responsible? There are a lot of organizations that own ditches, and it can be confusing. Some are Foothills, some are Mile High Flood District (old Urban Drainage), some are Army Corps of Engineers, or other groups. They have to track it down and figure out who is responsible, then try to get an agreement of who will maintain it and who will pay. He will get information from Randy and see if they can track it down.

The sheriff is looking into fires that were set inside portable toilets at various parks.

The mill levy extension passed, so they will be able to fund more projects. They have also submitted for grant application to get GOCO funds for designing the extension of the Dutch Creek (Kipling to C470) but that will be a while.

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

We had 5 members present and did not have a quorum.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer,** said that we have \$1,822.63.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary,** was not present. The Minutes for September and October were amended to incorporate some changes and clarifications and will be sent out again.

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

**Community Meeting:** CMT 20125131 November 10, 6 pm, virtual meeting, Whistling Hare Distillery (13975 W Bowles Ave – west of C470) rezone to add distillery, retail food, orchard, 22,000 sq ft GFA, some buildings w/ 2nd floor (this is the old 5280 gymnastics site)

**Alternative Standard Request:** ASR 20125534 for Westend Ridge subdivision-- want alternative standards for internal roads (private roads) ... this is the site of the church on Old Coal Mine Ave... church will be torn down, site will become residential subdivision

**Preliminary Application:**

PA 20125538 7301 W Bowles Ave, SDP for open air pavilion & starters block pavilion at Golf Course.

PA 20126425 3404 S Kipling Pkwy --- 0.334 ac --- no documents on website yet

PA 20126751 10393 W Alamo Pl --- church wants to rezone and "change exclusions"--- this is the church in Westridge subdivision, previous fight about its impact on neighborhood some years ago, restrictions were added then....different church moved in there and they want to remove some of those restrictions

Site Development Plan:

SD 125623 Village Cooperative of Chatfield – 55 unit multi-family. Zoned commercial (C-1), they want to be residential.(R-3) approval is contingent upon getting rezoning approved. They haven't been scheduled for rezoning hearing by Planning Commission yet.

Property is near NE corner Fairview Dr/ S Garrison St– off Coal Mine, they want to split into 2 parcels and rezone only the western portion which doesn't include the subsidence area.

SD 20125430 7353 W Chatfield Ave, commercial, for a King Soopers fuel facility, kiosk & assoc. improvements

**Amendments (AM ) to zoning regs:** 20126293 AM - for COVID amendment

20126292 AM - for Alternative Energy amendment

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

**New Business** With the increasing Covid cases it will be hard to find speakers or places to meet for the winter. Diane proposed we not have any face to face meetings until the weather warms up in the spring. We may also look at online meetings / emails if something comes up before that.

There is a short term rental survey form the county that has a November 30 deadline. It is just the beginning of the process the county intends to do, so there will be other meetings and hearings on it.

Here is the link: <https://www.jeffco.us/FormCenter/Planning-Zoning-16/Short-Term-Rentals-Survey-281>

There was some discussion on Short term rentals and the how that should be addressed. If they keep the one acre requirement that would satisfy some, but others are concerned that would prevent people from renting out rooms. There needs to be a lot of attention paid to whatever new regulations they come up with and how it is to be enforced.

Everyone needs to be reminded that the county requires permits for things like building or replacing fences, sheds, or doing some home improvements . Fence permit application forms and Miscellaneous permit application forms(for sheds and some other things) are on the County's website. Since a lot of people are at home and doing those, they should keep it in mind.

There is a transient camp near the northeastern corner of S Wadsworth Blvd and W Parkhill Ave (by the Starbucks). There is a lot of trash associated with it.. A zoning violation has been filed about this camp site. The county may send someone who specializes in helping homeless people navigate to the resources that may be available to speak with them.

Announcements No meeting for December, or until further notice, due to Covid, the changing rules, and inability to get a speaker or meeting place.

We adjourned at 8:01 p.m.—*Ray Moore, Treasurer*

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — Well that wind wreaked havoc on my tomato cages, but the last frost did them in for the count. I wish I knew why my peppers don't do well – what key nutrient am I missing? And my beans did poorly all season long. That first wind in early summer broke them all and I had to replant – they just did not like conditions after that. Things are all turned over and waiting for next spring.

You have seen the work going on at the old Safeway lot. The new day-care is coming along nicely, it will be fun to see the finished product. I wonder if Covid will allow businesses like that to prosper. I do hope with elections in just a couple days that the political scene will begin to calm down some, I am really tired of politics and politicians.

I hope fall goes well for us here in Columbine Hills. Use this time to plan a block party, invite your neighbors for a simple cook-out, share ideas, and make friends. Keep activities small – I can't believe I am saying this, but wear your masks often. I thought the fall dumpster day was a great success. So many people participated, we hauled away a lot of scrap. (I would still like to hear suggestions for a different company to use for our Spring dumpster day.) We still are trying to put together an outdoor movie night with one of our neighbors as a sponsor. CHCA will be having a mid-December fire-pit and cocoa night – of course Santa will be there. This will just be a social gathering without the expense of the sleigh ride. I would like to be like Humpty Dumpty and have a "Great Fall". [booooo for lousy puns]

Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had —*Randy Montgomery, CHCA president [rmontgomery@att.net](mailto:rmontgomery@att.net)*

**From September CHCA Meeting 2020** Meeting called to order by President at: 6:04 p.m. Officers present: Randy Board members present: Jodi, Nick, Michelle, Steve, Michelle. Community members present: None  
Treasurer's report presented by and Michelle. Seconded by Jodi

**New Business:** Add info/new phone number #988 for Mental Health Awareness in newsletter.

Suggestions on how to honor veterans in our community. Might ask Kim from Boot's on the Ground if she had any ideas.  
E-Mail all board members notes from meeting for those who were absent

**Old Business:** Dumpster day Randy, Nick, Don, Michaelle and Steve will volunteer for event. Nick needs to bring table and updated PayPal list. Kim from Boots on the Ground will be at Fall Dumpster Day.

Michelle's membership will be donated to CHCA bank accounts to end bank fee charges.

CHCA bank statements are now paperless. No more mail. (All info is online)

Update where all the CHCA signs are located. Including Yard of the Month and Christmas light winner signs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From President's Corner—** I hope this message finds you and your families safe and secure as we continue to grind through the Covid-19 pandemic. As I mentioned in my October Presidents Corner, we have been seeking your input and ideas for the 2021 budget. We've received little feedback thus far, but the invitation still stands. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with your budget ideas and requests.

The HOA board was recently informed by Roger Borcharding with DARCO Property Management that he has decided to retire at year's end. Roger and DARCO have provided property management for CKSII for many, many years and he will be missed by those of us who have relied on his wealth of knowledge and expertise. Board members by nature come-and-go, but Roger has been the one consistent presence who has helped our HOA and community navigate a myriad of difficult issues. We wish Roger the absolute best in retirement! With Roger retiring, it has been full steam ahead for the board to find a new property management company. We are in the process of interviewing several companies and I will report back to you as we learn more. The goal is to have the new property management company in place by January 1st 2021.

I have recently received several calls about the mini-bikes, motorcycles, and ATV's speeding on our streets and through Coronado Park. This is obviously concerning from a safety perspective for the members of our community and for those riders. Nobody wants to see a pedestrian, child or rider injured by this bad behavior. Some of the riders are younger but some of these riders are old enough to know better! While this issue is certainly something the HOA is happy to address, it is also an issue that anyone in our community can play a part in resolving. One step that we have taken is to contact the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO). JCSO has a process to request extra patrols in the area and we are working with them toward stepping up patrols. You can contact the JCSO non-emergency dispatch at 303-271-0211 if you wish to report an instance or issue relating to the mini-bikes, motorcycles, and ATV's. We are also working with Foothills Parks & Recreation (FP&R) to see what measures they may suggest or undertake to curb this behavior. FP&R is certain-

ly concerned about the danger and risk to their park users and damage to their property that these riders may be causing.

As I mentioned last month, we will have three of the seven board seats come open in January 2021. We will be filling these seats at the January 12th annual members meeting. Sitting on board does not require a lot of time, approximately 6 to 10 hours per year on average. Each board member serves a two-year term. Please contact me or any board member if you are interested? All contact information can be found in this edition of the Review or on our website.

Lastly, I would like to thank Liz Harlan for her outstanding job of delivering our monthly newsletter! There are 500+ homes in our CKSII community and Liz was out there come rain or come shine pounding the pavement to make sure she made her deliveries on time. Thanks again Liz! With Liz's blessing, we have decided to move to bulk mail delivery of the Review starting with the November issue you are now reading. I would also like to remind you that you can find past issues along with the most-current issue of the newsletter on our community website at [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org).

Thanks, be safe, and take good care! —*Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA*

**CKSII HOA Board Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2020** President Tom Schicktanz called to order the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Board members Joshua Kunkel, Pam Horiszny, Adam Blake, Chris Reynolds, and Andi Elkins were in attendance, confirming a quorum. Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management also attended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam H. presented the September 2020 Treasurer's Report. We are three-quarters of the way through the year and have made our budget goals to date. Through October, 364 households are HOA members. As a reminder, we had a surplus in our budget related to trash service costs, which we have used to pay the increase from Waste Management. However, this surplus will be fully spent in 2021. Therefore, the HOA will project the anticipated increase for trash services and will include it in the proposed 2021 budget. We do not anticipate an increase in dues for 2021 to cover the increase in trash service.

**ACC Report:** Josh K. reported that 27 requests have been received and all but one was approved. The requests are as follows: seven roofs, three sheds, one fence, five paint, two windows, two front doors, three siding/soffit, one landscape, one dumpster, one patio cover, and one deck. As always, thanks for using the pre-approved paint colors on our website ([www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org), click the ACC page, click CKSII PAINT COLOR SCHEMES.)

**Management Report for September:** Five inspections were conducted in September. 31 problems were observed as follows: 9 campers stored in view; 5 boats stored in view; 5 trailers were stored in view; 2 properties asked to make landscape repairs; 1 properties had weeds; 1 property asked to cut back bushes beyond the sidewalk; 3 properties had painting situations; 3 properties asked to remove sign; 1 abandoned vehicle; and 1 illegal screen (updated attorney).

**NEW BUSINESS New Property Management search** – Our current Property Management company (Darco) ends its contract in December 2020. We worked with the HOA attorney to vet several replacement companies. Tom S. will provide these new companies with our list of requirements and some preliminary questions. Tom S., Chris R. and Josh K. will meet via Zoom with the final candidates, to find a new management company before the end of this year.

**Online Payment Capability for HOA Dues** – We continue to research the ability to provide online payment options for HOA dues. We are exploring using Zelle and Venmo although both solutions charge a fee to users. (For example, Venmo charges 1.9% + .10 cents, which is a \$4.95 fee for Homeowner's dues paid in full.) Renee will continue to explore options provided by the HOA's bank. We will also explore what services a new Property Management company could offer in 2021.

**Newsletter delivery** – We will start using bulk mail to deliver our monthly newsletter, The Review. If you are reading this, you probably noticed the change in delivery method! Start watching your mail for The Review to be delivered around the 3rd of each month.

**Community Support** – This year, the HOA allocated budget for Community Support projects. We had hoped to use these funds in 2020 to improve lighting at the Coronado Park entrance on Nichols Ave. however, Foothills Parkway was unable to support the light project this year. When the HOA asked the community for other suggestions for these funds, members of the Coronado PTA replied! They proposed a project to fund the installation of a shade structure (possibly even two structures) in the school/park area. We have a contractor willing to donate experienced labor/crew to this project, helping keep costs low. The installation could occur in December or January, weather permitting. A motion was made by Tom S. and seconded by Andi E. to approve spending \$5,000 on this project, which the board unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting Dates:** January 12, 2021- Annual Meeting, Coronado Elementary or Zoom Virtual meeting  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment With The Board** Our October meeting was again presented on Zoom. We started to gather information for the upcoming October Budget Meeting, which helps us to plan for 2021. We are so very hopeful that our listed event offerings can come back on line. The group was presented with the most recent updates on Covid cases within Jefferson County, which were showing an increase. Due to this realization the Officers/Board made the decision to cancel the Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Halloween day. We so wanted to bring the event to the community and there was excitement from neighbors who were volunteering to join the efforts. Its important to remember we are all in this battle together and sacrifices need to be made. We will put the Trunk or Treat event in the 2021 Budget and cross our fingers.

The QR codes are starting to pop up in the newsletter to allow residents to quickly connect to pertinent information. Scan a code and see what we have to offer. These codes will also be embedded on the upcoming new website along with the plan to upload the newsletter each month. Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gmail with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. If you would like to join the efforts or 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 November 10th, 7:00 p.m., on ZOOM teleconference platform. Our local elementary will not be allowing us to have scheduled meetings in the building, so we will continue with Zoom.

## The Leawood Reporter

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes October 14, 2020** The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by President Debby Baker. Members present: Steve Wall/Vice President, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Ike Nelson/Secretary, Wade Hancey/Special Projects and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager. Residents: None  
**Public Comment/Correspondence:** A resident called in a concern about a tree in the park. Dave will follow up.  
**Treasurer's Report** – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Invoices for the month include: LCA (one dumpster for clean-up day), Denver Water, United Site Services, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, Excel, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash.

**Parks Manager Report:** Irrigation tests, mowing, weed spraying and fertilization was done in all parks. Doggie bags were checked and replenished as needed. All irrigation clocks were reset for the end of season and shut down.

1. Leawood Park: A new doggie bag dispenser was installed. Weston repaired damaged turf near the porta potty. Dave made needed repairs to a bench on the deck by the pavilion.
2. Weaver Park: Willow Tree removed from walking path. Urban Drainage contractor removed a downed tree at the far east end of the park. Dave replaced burned out bulbs at the shelter.
3. Raccoon Park: Dave collected fallen branches. Branches were placed in the collection pile to be picked up later by Weston. Dave brought in Weston to assist in the removal of the ranch pump, as required by Denver Water.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1. Web site – More research is needed. Steve will contact the Webmaster for LCA website for more information.

2. Annual Park Walkthroughs - The Board did a walkthrough in Weaver, Leawood and Raccoon parks. Needed items were noted and will be put in the list of Park Projects. All projects will be prioritized, and decisions made for 2021 according to the funds available.

3. Mailing to District Residents - Donna presented the costs for doing a mailer. Discussion of placing on website instead of mailing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Board determined that the wood benches in Leawood are a safety issue and need to be replaced.  
 2. Discussion of placing a Frisbee Golf course at Kendall Park. Putting a new split rail fence at Kendall Park would also be needed.

3. Repair of bridge deck on the far west end of Weaver Park. Will explore possibilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.— *Ike Nelson, Secretary*

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes of October 6, 2020** Virtual meeting. Present on line: Paul O'Conner, Laurie Selander, Gina Severino, and Mindi Mauck.

Budget was submitted on line by Mike Major. It is available in the Reporter. Scott Disney was reimbursed for the dumpsters and we are waiting for the park board to give us funds for the third dumpster. Leawood Elementary PTSA is asking for community members to join them. The board decided that we would donate \$50 to Leawood Elementary PTSA.

Dumpsters. The board is considering moving clean-up day to the fall permanently. That topic will be revisited next meeting.

Reporter. As a board we decided that we will not take a stand on zoning issues. We will inform our residents of issues by posting dates for meetings.

Halloween. The board will leave the decision of trick or treating to each individual in Leawood.

Scholarship Fund. The board decided in September that we will give two scholarships out in the amount of \$600 to high school seniors who are residents of Leawood in the spring. We clarified that decision.

Santa Party. This will be canceled this year. Holiday decorating will go on as usual. Information reminding residents is in the Reporter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting will be on line November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and residents will be invited by email.

## Woodbourne

**From Note From the Board President** Now that the elections are over, everyone can take a deep breath, hold family close, and hope for some form of normalcy in our community as the holidays arrive. (Hey! We're all allowed to dream a little.)

In October, the Board dropped goodie bags or "Boo'd" a handful of our neighbors in hopes of raising spirits and creating



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**At the November meeting we decided to not have meetings until we could have them outside (probably in April) or until the virus situation changes dramatically. Due to the increased restrictions, we have been unable to find a reliable place to meet, it is difficult to get speakers, and indoors meetings could be inappropriate for our members, who are mostly in the at risk category. If something comes up we will look into on line meetings. We will keep in touch in case the situation changes. Hope everyone will keep safe and stay healthy for the holidays.**

a ripple effect of neighbors "Boo'ing" other neighbors and creating some fun for our community. Special thanks to Board member Brittney Rodgers for helping to acquire the bags and some of the special goodies and to all the Board members who took the time to stuff and deliver the "Boo" bags.

While the Board sometimes faces tough decisions surrounding our community, we hope you've noticed that being on the Board does provide opportunities for fun and creative ideas. It is my hope that some members of our community will consider stepping forward when some of our Board members' terms expire next April. Please don't hesitate to contact any Board member, or our community manager, with questions about volunteering and helping to build our community. The food trucks will continue through November and December but will only come every other week during those months. Hopefully, you've had a chance to try some of the delicious food that has rolled through our neighborhood in the last couple of months. Plans are being drafted to keep the Holiday Hay Ride on schedule and our vendor has presented some great ideas to safely offer those rides to our community this year. We hope to have an update with more details in the December newsletter, via email, and on our social posts.

Because I hate financial surprises, I'm reminding everyone, again, that due to rising costs there will be a \$3 increase to the 2021 dues starting on January 1, 2021. Dues will be \$63 per month in order for the HOA to maintain a balanced budget and cover all related expenses, while continuing to contribute to the association's reserves. Additional notices and reminders will be mailed and emailed before the end of the year. Homeowners can continue to visit the Woodbourne website for updates and sign up for email notifications and announcements if you are not currently receiving them. You can also follow Woodbourne on Facebook (private groups, "Woodbourne HOA") and Nextdoor (groups, "Woodbourne HOA") for announcements.

The holidays cause a change to our usual bi-monthly meeting schedule. Our next regular business meeting will be held virtually on November 18, 2020. Please feel free to contact Kim Herman (303-265-7923) or Geol Scheirman (303-265-7837) with CLA with any questions. Stay safe, stay healthy, and have a Happy Thanksgiving! —Justin Sasso, President