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#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Feb 4, 5:30 pm, Virtual meeting

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: Feb 23, 6 pm, The Peak.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room

One,100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Feb 17, 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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### THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**President's Corner** — Another year is in the headlights, 2020 is in the rearview – I am so thankful to get that one over with, but I seriously wonder that 2021 will be better. I am not normally a skeptic, but . . .

First item – please note elsewhere how to renew your CHCA membership. We are into our second year of accepting CHCA dues online. Last year's total membership was down significantly but that was most likely due to reduced income from job loss due to that dreaded virus. If you can renew via PayPal please do that, if you cannot then PLEASE mail in the form on the second page of the newsletter. The good news, either way will work nicely. We truly hope this will increase membership. This will enable us to spend our money more wisely to your benefit.

Secondly, I am sincerely sorry we were not able to do as many functions last year as we normally do. I miss the hayride and hanging out with Santa, I miss the summer barbeque, I miss the bike parade, I miss the Easter gathering etc. Perhaps this next year will allow us to return to a bit of normality. We will have our dumpster day. I don't know if I can promise anything else at this point.

Also last month I mentioned the fact that can suggest ideas for the park improvement planned by Foothills Park and Rec; one person submitted an idea. One other person offered to help with the drainage ditch cleanup. Friends, we need better participation. Please send ideas to my e-mail listed at the bottom of this letter.

Finally, as we head into our winter months PLEASE drive sanely. I can't help but notice there are several people who think their four-wheel drive pickups make them kings of the road. And there several people who don't clear their side-walks after a snow. I usually ride my bike to work or walk when the sidewalks are snow covered. I wish there was legislation that forced all of us to clear our walk with in 24 hours of a snow fall. Alas there isn't – but if you want to be a decent citizen you would do that without legislation. If your neighbor is physically unable to shovel their walks, then be a good neighbor and do it for them. Keep those walks shoveled, thank your neighbor who helps you with vours.

As always . . . Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had —Randy Montgomery, CHCA president rnmontgomery@att.net

### Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner— Happy new year to all CKSII homeowners and families! I am thankful that 2020 is in the rear-view mirror and I'm looking forward to the hope and promise that 2021 will bring. Hopefully, we are turning the corner on the pandemic and can get back to living our lives in a manner closer to what we had prior to the pandemic, understanding that in some ways our lives will be forever changed. As I reflect on the past year, I am proud of the work your board did under exceedingly challenging and difficult circumstances. As a new board president, I certainly have a greater appreciation for the many, many moving parts and pieces of running an HOA, not to mention the myriad of interpersonal issues that come with being the stewards of your community. My hat goes off to your board and the many volunteers that chair our committees and provide support to make it all happen, thank you!

As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, we were tasked with finding a new property management company to replace Roger with DARCO who is retiring after 14 years of service to our community. I want to thank Chris Reynolds (your Secretary) and Josh Kunkle (your V.P and ACC Chair) for assisting me with the search. It took many hours to interview and vet the prospective property managers and I am grateful for their time and effort. I am pleased to announce that the board has chosen Maximum Property Management after a lengthy and thorough interview process. Work is now underway to transfer our files and get "onboarded" so Maximum is ready to start this month. Below is a message from Tammy Hall, the President of Maximum Property Management. "Maximum Property Management is very excited to have been selected by Columbine Knolls South II to be your HOA's community association management company in 2021. Maximum was founded in 1998 and is a locally owned and operated full-service property management firm specializing in Homeowners Association and Condominium Association management services for the Denver metropolitan area. Our goal is to deliver HOA management services aligned with your governing documents and focused on increasing property values, simplifying processes, and maintaining a consistent level of professional property management expertise that addresses the needs of your community and the Board of Directors. The property manager assigned to your community is Greg Bishop. You can reach him at 303-369-0800 x1005 or by email to greg@maximummgt.com. While our offices are currently open by appointment, we recommend homeowners use email to reach Greg if at all possible until the Covid-19 pandemic subsides. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or service requests. We look forward to working with the Columbine knolls South II community this year and for many years to come."

In other news, we were recently advised by our attorney to strongly consider a bylaw amendment to allow for more flexible member voting options in light of how Covid-19 has forced HOA's across the world to adapt to voting methods other than the typical in-person voting. You will find this amendment along with the other two bylaw amendments in this edition of the Review. HOA members will be asked to vote on these bylaw amendments at the upcoming annual meeting. Lastly, we will have three of the seven board seats come open in January 2021. Members will be voting to fill those seats at the upcoming meeting. We are always looking for new energy, fresh ideas, and different perspectives that new board members bring, so please contact me or any board member if you are interested in running?

Thanks, be safe, and take good care Thanks, be safe, and take good care! —*Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA From* **Columbine Knolls South II Homeowner Association Annual Board Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2020** - Coronado Elem. School Verify Quorum - we had 45 proxies and 20 households for a total of 65 members represented. President Bob Haberkorn called to order the Annual Meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Introduction of Board Members: Bob Haberkorn, President (completed 2 of 2-year term), Josh Kunkel, Vice President and ACC Committee Chair (completed 2 of 2-year term and agreed to stay on for another term), Pam Horiszny, Treasurer (completed 1 of 2-year term), Chris Reynolds, Secretary (completed 2 of 2-year term and agreed to stay on for another term), Steve Kalney, Member at Large (completed 2 of 2-year term), Adam Blake Member at Large, ACC Committee Member (completed 1 of 2-year term), Tom Schicktanz, Member at Large (completed 1 of 2-year term).

**Treasurer's Report / Budget Review and Approval:** Pam Horiszny reviewed the proposed budget for 2020. Based on 360 members, Pam confirmed there is no change to the 2020 dues; the dues stay at \$111 per year, with the annual trash collection staying at \$144 a year. Pam reviewed the calculations for the 2020 budget which resulted in a balanced budget with no increase in dues or trash fees.

Questions from the floor covered the following topics: How does the HOA treat the line item of Community Support? The Board shared that this line item is allocated for improvement projects that support our community. The projects are recommended by HOA Members. If for some reason these funds aren't spent in the planned budget year, then the money stays in the budget for the following year.

One of our HOA members shared support for the money allotted to Snow Removal, as it improves safety and makes our neighborhood better. This led to a request to get help removing an ice spot at corner of S Yukon Way and S Yukon St., which appears to have a drainage problem. The Board suggested these drainage issues could be considered in 2020. A motion was made by Pam to approve the 2020 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Josh and the proposed 2020 Budget passed with three who opposed.

New Business: Discussion of Community Support for \$5K Allocation: The Board requested those present share their opinion about the CKSII HOA's partnership with Foothills Park and Recreation (FP&R) for the limited purpose of shared funding for a Park Light at the entrance of Coronado Park, at the crosswalk near Nichols and Ammons Streets. The Board opened a Members Forum where Elizabeth Nelson-Hulse shared her opinion in support of the Park Light and Mary Kalney shared her opinion opposed to the light. Other members discussed the proposal, including questions

from the group:

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

What type of light? The Board shared that we have received an estimate from Foothills. The group asked for a break from the meeting to look at the lights in the park to get an understanding of the type of light Foothills would install. Long term maintenance? The Board clarified that Foothills is the owner of the light and responsible for all maintenance once it is installed. The opinion poll resulted in 51 in favor of the light and 22 opposed. The board voted and the light passed 4 to 3 in favor of the light.

Election of Association Board of Director Members: We identified two board members whose terms are ending and who will step down: Bob Haberkorn and Steve Kalney. The Board recognizes the contributions of these two members and expressed appreciation for their long-term support. This created two available positions with two-year terms. Andi Elkins and Shane Reynolds were nominated to take the two open positions and Paul Peck was a write-in candidate. After using a paper ballot, Andi had 62 votes, Shane had 48 and Paul had 30 votes. Next, Bob H. nominated Shane Reynolds and Andi Elkins for Board positions and they accepted. A motion was made to close the nominations and accept these candidates to support the vacant Board positions. All nominations were passed unanimously. Additional Volunteer Opportunities: The Board put out sheets to gather signatures for the various committees: Social Committee, Landscape Committee, and Welcome Committee.

#### **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

From A Moment With The Board No December meeting, no news to report. The New Year is upon us, there are so many exciting items in the works. The Covenants, which were installed by the original developer, carried a schedule of being in place for 30 years and then having renewals each 10 years. In 2020 we submitted the paperwork to renew the Covenants for an additional 10 years, without any changes. Our entrance signs have been showing some distress by the years of exposure to wind, rain, snow and sun, so we are looking at having them renovated. If you see someone working on the signs don't be surprised, they will be repaired in place as the weather allows. The funds for the upgrade are available due to the generous donations of CWCA Memberships. The entrances will also see some new mulch being installed in the Spring, a date will be posted and extra hands will be needed. A new website is in the planning stages, able to bring information more quickly to neighbors and also give additional access to our valued Members. We were not sure if our Membership numbers would cover our continuing expenses in 2020, but we were pleasantly surprised to see our Dues Drive Meter come increasingly close to GOAL. Thank you for keeping us moving forward. The Calendar of Events will post potential dates for all of our past event offerings in the hopes that we can eventually bring neighbors back together again. The newsletter will continue to carry pertinent updates that we receive from the State & County. Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gamil.com with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. You can also connect with us if you feel you have some time & talents to share with the community, there are a couple opening for Board Members and volunteer hands are always welcomed. Stay warm, stay safe and stay healthy in 2021. Cheers.

# **The Leawood Rapporter**

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes December 9, 2020 The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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.

**Public Comment/Correspondence** – (1) Tom Bryant suggested that the stability spikes around trees in Weaver Park are no longer needed and should be removed. Dave will address it. (2) Faye Gardner reported a hole left by the removal of a tree in Leawood Park. Dave has filled in the hole.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Invoices for the month include Denver Water, Weston, United Site Services, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, reimbursement to petty cash and Donna was reimbursed for stamps purchased. Steve moved that the Treasurer Report be received, and bills paid. Wade seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Parks Manager Report** – ATV was repaired. Snow removed in all parks, all parks were inspected, and doggie bags checked and replenished as needed.

1. Leawood Park: The hole left from the removal of a tree filled. Two green ash trees were trimmed. 2. Raccoon Park: Trash thrown into the dumpster enclosure was cleaned up. Residents are asked to use the trash cans available in the park instead. 3. T-Tract: Weston began the annual parks fall clean—up.

**Old Business:** Website: Board voted to create the Park Board website within the LCA website. Wade will work with Mindi. Weaver Park Bridge repair: Donna submitted a grant application to assist with the coat of repair. Grant awards be announced in March 2021. Leawood Park Signs and Horse Riders in Weaver and Raccoon Parks: Postponed until next meeting. Porta potties: Board voted to change vendors from United Site Services to Liberty Waste Management. Wade will contact both providers to facilitate the change.

**New Business:** Adopt 2021 Budget: Donna presented the final 2021 budget. Wade moved to approve the 2021 Budget. Steve seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously. Ike will place a public notice.

Set Mill Levy: Steve moved to certify the Mill Levy unchanged at 3.73 mills. Wade seconded and the Resolution passed



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At the November 2020 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 in the new year.

unanimously. Ike will place a public notice. Create a new bank account: Donna requested approval to open a new bank account to segregate funds used for capital replacement and improvements. Ike moved to approve opening a new bank account and to segregate the funds. Wade seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m—*Ike Nelson, Secretary* 

### Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board President There was no Board meeting in December and there will be no Board meeting in January, pursuant to our bi-monthly schedule. Likewise, our printer finishes up their business early so that they can spend time with their families for the holidays. Therefore, I had to submit this article on December 12th. Given the wild, crazy and unpredictable nature of 2020, I'm afraid to forecast the outcome for the rest of this year, even with only 19 days left on the calendar. To compensate, I'm writing this column with outcomes to cover all bases. Here we go...

Thanks to all of you who were patient and participated in our annual Holiday Hayride. We received ample appreciation from families for the warming stations that were provided while they awaited their carriage rides. Many enjoyed the tasty food from the Wyly Coyote food truck and everything was gloriously successful. We plan to host food trucks for future Holiday Hayrides and, hopefully, an open clubhouse in 2021 or... We are so sorry for this year's Holiday Hayride catastrophe. The good news is that the horse from carriage one is on the mend. The driver from carriage three, still trembling from the events that transpired, said "I've never seen horses spook that badly. It would have been nice if the community had warned us that THERE WAS A BEAR LURKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! and... Congratulations to all of the Holiday Lights Contest winners. There were so many homes to choose from that it made the judges' decisions extremely difficult. This was the most beautifully lit we have ever seen the Woodbourne community. It was truly spectacular and wonderful to see everyone getting into the holiday spirit. or... Our apologies for the failure to designate any winners in this year's Holiday Lights debacle. It seems the judges consumed copious amounts of "holiday spirits" prior to journeying out into the neighborhood. Our compliance officer received several reports of loud, offkey caroling and all of the judges failed to actually write down the addresses of the houses they selected. Furthermore, the judges have promised to return all of the yard Santas they "borrowed" and placed in the clubhouse windows.

In all seriousness, this has been a tremendously challenging year for every one of you and our hearts go out to all those affected by the pandemic. The Woodbourne HOA Board is excited to lead our community into the new year. We will be working with a new Community Manager, Celeste Terrell, and we expect great things from her team at CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA). The food trucks have been a success and they will continue to come every other week through March 2021. We will continue to monitor all health guidelines and make decisions on our 2021 community events as dates approach.

In April, we will be seeking new Board members at the Annual Homeowners meeting. I strongly encourage you to attend that meeting and seriously consider volunteering for the Board. If you love our community and want to keep making it a great place to live, then you are needed. I can confidently state that 2019 and 2020 were the most challenging years this Board has ever faced. Because we live in such a great community, these tough years were still manageable.

2021 will present its own set of challenges, but there is always hope in the new year. Due to the holidays and our new bi-monthly schedule, our next Board meeting will be held on February 17, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The Board wishes you and your family a wonderful and blessed 2021! - Justin Sasso, President