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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Oct 7 4:30 –8 pm, Virtual Meeting

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: Oct 26, 6 pm, The Peak.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Oct. 20, 6:30 pm, Virtual Meeting

Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: October 6, November 3, December 1

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: September 2021

Beginning Balance September 1, 2021

Deposits

Withdrawals

October newsletter \$3.85, Website \$14 Lilley Gulch Rental \$40 Bank fee \$2

Ending Balance October 6, 2021

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 1425.36

\$ 0.00

\$ 59.85

\$ 1363.51

Draft Minutes for September 1 Meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Randy Montgomery / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Brian & Joan Kellogg / Lakehurst West, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Sharon Hildenbrand, / Westbury HOA, Kelli Barker / Jefferson County Regional Homeless Coalition, Lynn Ann Huizingh / Severe Weather Shelter Network, Kevin Wilks, Matthew Starkey / Foothills Parks and Recreation District, Commander Mike Daly / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Commander Mike Daly from Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was present. The Crime Mapping website is still down. It has been down since mid-April. It is at <https://www.jeffco.us/sheriff>. You can complain by selecting the Contact Us form.

Kevin Wilks and Matthew Starkey from Foothills Parks and Recreation District were present. Matthew started as a part-time Ranger yesterday. He is their first Ranger. He works at the Schaefer Athletic Complex.

Diane attended the FHPRD (Foothills) meeting on 8/24/21. They approved contracts for Clement Park for 10 pickle ball courts and 4 lighted tennis courts. Work on them will start this fall.

They will apply for open space trails grants to complete Dutch Creek Trail from Kipling Pkwy. to C-470. They will complete it in 2 stages, Kipling to Simms and FHPRD campus/Ward St. to C470 trail They are hoping for a 50% matching grant.

FHPRD is working on design contracts for the pools at 6th Ave. West and Columbine West. They also have plans for Columbine Hills Park, Columbine Sports Park, Easton Regional Park, Lakehurst Park, Westbury Greenbelt, Westfield Park, Foothills Golf Course, the Ridge Recreation Center, and Energy Services Contract.

FHPRD will have the Summerset Festival for only 1 day. It will be Saturday, 9/18/21, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

They will have a car show, craft beer garden, food trucks, and concerts. Admission is free.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker were **Kelli Barker from Jefferson County Regional Homeless Coalition** and **Lynn Ann Huizingh from Severe Weather Shelter Network.**

Kelli Barker from Jefferson County Regional Homeless Coalition said that the main issues with homelessness are lack of affordable housing and health. Once you become homeless, it is hard to get out of it. The items that work are affordable

housing and intervention. The items that do not work are arresting, ticketing, sweeping, opposing programs, and "Not in my Backyard" opposition. In a survey from 2019, There were 6 chronically homeless people and 13 literally homeless people. It was common that the people were disabled and/or drug takers.

Several counties and cities formed a partnership to start Homeless Navigator Program. They go out into homeless areas and provide information on services available. We have 2 navigators now. Heading Home is a diverse stakeholder group. They have been working in Jefferson County for 10 - 15 years. Anyone can volunteer. They have virtual meetings quarterly. They have Developing Housing Navigation Centers which are one-stop multi-service centers. Financial Support of Non-Profit Homeless Service Providers also provide support. An example of this is the Severe Weather Shelter Network.

32% of the homeless are chronically homeless. The estimated cost of homeless people is \$45K - \$50K. This includes hospital and jail services.

Commander Daly said that it was the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department's job to provide safety. They are questions such as "Does the person know what they are doing?" and "Do they have criminal intent?" Also is a ticket or arrest "the right thing to do?" The person is probably not going to go to jail due to COVID-19. They will probably not pay the fines because they can't afford it. It is better to send them to a one-stop shop so they can get help. Some homeless actually hold down a job or several. Many are afraid of law people. (Just like most of us are when a cop pulls up behind our car.) It is not illegal to camp in Jefferson County. Pan Handling is not illegal either. The law was struck down by Colorado State Courts.

FHPRD properties, including parks, trails, etc. are different. They have hours and close at night. They have Rangers on patrol. Although any issues are civil, not criminal. They usually leave people alone unless there is an issue. Then they ask them to leave. Most camp sites are usually hidden in vegetation. Rangers will try to approach safely and ask them to leave. Camps are allowed at the Sports Complex with a permit.

Who does the clean up? If a camp is abandoned, the Sheriff's Department makes sure it is safe. They will remove any needles and human waste. Otherwise Foothills Parks and Recreation District clean up everything else from their property. You can contact CDOT to cut vegetation along State Hwys/State maintained roads so they can't hide their camp. If you see a pile of needles, call the non-emergency phone number. They will determine who owns the property and proceed appropriately.

Lynn Ann Huizingh is the Executive Director for the Severe Weather Shelter Network. Prior to COVID-19, they sheltered people in areas of churches. Now, they provide Hotel Vouchers. Their motive is that no one freezes to death or suffers from frost bite.

Severe weather is defined as 30 degrees or colder in wet conditions or 20 degrees or colder in dry conditions.

Lynn thinks that the number of homeless is higher. She thinks that only about 10% are counted.

Homeless people are in our area because this is where they grew up or went to school. They know the area, where it is safe, and where to avoid.

In order to get a job, they have to be clean. We don't have public showers in our area. They also need identification and this is frequently stolen by other homeless people. In fact, homeless on homeless theft is common. After trying several times, they just give up. We need to give them hope. They want to build a Resource Center in this area. It will provide a daytime space Monday - Friday, somewhere to rest, shower, eat, etc.

Lynn handed out pamphlets on Volunteering, Who We Are, and Resource Centers. Their website is www.swshelternetwork.com.

If homeless are on private property, is it not the responsibility of the homeowner or property management to deal with the issue? Yes, unless there is a safety issue.

Someone had an issue where a homeowner was allowing people to park or camp on their property. They called zoning. The Sheriff's Department has to catch them doing something criminal. It is expensive for Zoning to enforce anything. The average house costs \$675K. The average apartment is \$850 per month.

Are refugees from Afghanistan part of the homeless issue? No, but yes. Other groups are set up to help them. The 3 main groups are Lutheran Family Circle, African Cultural Center, and Catholic Charity.

Do homeless people have animals? Yes, some have a dog or cat. They trust them more than people sometimes. Foothills Animal Shelter used to have an outreach program, but it stopped due to COVID-19. They want to send out outreach vans again when it is safe.

If you see an homeless person, do you call the Sheriff's Department? No. It is not illegal to be homeless.

If you see a campsite? Yes, they will determine the property owners. It is the same with graffiti. Although some graffiti could be considered hate crime.

Has Foothill Parks and Recreation District found many campsites? No. They find about 2 per year. And it usually involves tents, chairs, tables, tarps, etc.

Do you suggest that we give to Pan Handlers? No. It is better to get them to a one-stop shop.

Where are they looking at putting a Resource Center? They have just started looking. They will involve the community. The bottom line is that homeless and everyone just wants privacy, safety, and security.

Lynn told us about a Success Story. Joe was homeless and collected metal to make money. They put him in an apartment. Now he is self-sufficient and still collect metal.

Reports from Officers (see page 6)

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — At this point we are unable to contract any of the disposal companies for a dumpster day, so if you need help with a clean-up project, feel free to use the neighbor helping neighbor forms found in each newsletter. We have a group of good folks who live in Columbine Hills who are willing to come to your home and assist you with clean up. PLEASE take advantage of their generosity.

On a sad note, one of our LONG time board member has passed away recently. Ralph Miller will be missed. His contributions to Columbine Hills have been incredible over the many years he served on the board. His wife Pat is still in the neighborhood but is unable to participate any longer in her roll of managing our membership. At our August meeting we had the position of President and Vice President up for election. Since this is written well before that – we will let you know in the next newsletter who holds those positions. This could be the final president's corner written from me. We have made great changes in the way CHCA conducts business – new blood is always appreciated.

As fall approaches I will encourage you once again to host a small block party. Invite your neighbors over for a front yard BBQ, discuss their lives and make friends with your neighbors. I hope you have a great fall – and for those of us who have been in this state for a long time and whose blood runs orange and blue . . . GO BRONCOS.

As always, be the neighbor you wish you had..—*Randy Montgomery CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

From CHCA Board Meeting July 29th, 2021 Meeting called to order: 7:02 p.m. Officers present: Randy, Don, Jodi, Galen Board members present: Nick, Michaelle, Steve, Dave Community members present: Leia

NEW BUSINESS: May or may not have a hayride in December due to Covid. Plans for board-members elections. What items Board members need to bring for CHCA picnic. Board meeting on Aug 17th at park for preparations of CHCA picnic. Ask on Nextdoor for any additional write-in nominees. Picnic at the Park. Date is planned for Sat. August 28th at Columbine Hills Park near the shelter. We need to book face painting and bounce house. Also hosting a pie baking contest. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to King Soopers. For Board elections, Steve, will volunteer for VP

OLD BUSINESS: Need new waste management company for CHCA Dumpster Day. Still shopping around for new insurance for CHCA. Picnic at the Park. Date is planned for Sat. August 28th at Columbine Hills Park near the shelter. We need to book face painting and bounce house. Also hosting a pie baking contest. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to King Soopers.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner— Hello. I hope this message finds you healthy and well. We've been working on several organizational and administrative projects including creating position descriptions for all HOA board positions and for key committees. The goal is to help clarify the duties, responsibilities, and expectations of each role and to provide better continuity and a smoother transition as board and committee members' transition in and out of these key roles. I want to thank Chris Reynolds (your Secretary) for spearheading this effort! We have also started the process of identifying gaps and vague components of our governing documents with the goal of improving them through the creation of rules and regulations (R&R's) and enhancements to our guidelines. I'll keep you informed as we continue to assess this opportunity.

I want to mention the challenges we are having with our HOA sponsored trash and recycling program with Waste Management (WM). Unfortunately, these service delays are due to a serious driver shortage, nationwide, regardless of service provider. We realize this can be frustrating. Unfortunately, there is not much we can do other than ask for your patience and understanding. Some have suggested that we ditch WM. We can't simply break our contract with WM. Our HOA is on year 2 of a 5-year contract. That is the standard contract length for these types of contracts regardless of which trash vendor an HOA uses. Your HOA spent a lot of time and effort in 2019 soliciting bids from several service providers before deciding on WM. Switching service providers would likely not resolve this issue. While most of us realize that a one or (possibly) two-day delay in service is not favorable, we understand these are trying times and services across most industries are impacted. Once again, we appreciate your patience. Related, you should be receiving emails from Maximum Property Management about these service delays, that is, if they have a valid email address for you. Please email Greg Bishop at greg@maximummgt.com if you need to update or provide your email address.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: I'm writing this posting approximately one week ahead of the Movie & Music in the Park event that is making its comeback on Friday August 20th. This is the first time we've held this event since 2019 due to Covid. While I can't report how the event went, I can tell you that we've received a lot of positive feedback and it appears the event will be well-received. I'll report back next month.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS: Installation of the park light at the Coronado Park entrance near Nichols and Ammons streets is now complete! I want to thank Elizabeth Nelson-Hulse (HOA Director-at-Large) for spearheading this project and Colin Insley at Foothills Parks and Recreation for supporting the project and getting it done despite the limited dollars and resources due to Covid. In closing, we are looking for HOA members to join the board and our various commit-

tees. New ideas, fresh perspectives and some elbow grease is always needed and greatly appreciated! We will also have four open board positions to fill in November and if you have a construction or architectural background (preferred but not required) I'd like to talk to you about taking a turn on our ACC committee. Please email me at president.cksi@gmail.com if you'd like more information

Take good care and be safe out there! Talk to you next month.—Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The August meeting was short and sweet. Many of our current Board members were out of town, catching the last little bits of Summertime fun. Alexis connected with a Design Specialist to research a new logo for Columbine West, we have a few ideas to make a decision on. Progress is continuing on "porting" our Voicemail number over to Google voice. The website is seeing major design & construction, which will hopefully launch before the end of the year. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the reveal information. A few new volunteers are looking at event offerings that Columbine West used to do to see if we might want to resurrect them in the coming years.

How about a Sidewalk Chalk Contest?? Maybe hold it at the school yard where we have lots of sidewalks to decorate. Call it 'Chalk Walk'. Bring in a couple food trucks too. What are your thoughts?? Give us a shout out. The CCG has been busy with alerting neighbors to potential Covenant Violations. Please remember, a Friendly Letter is just the association reminding you that there is a violation that needs your attention. Some properties are past Friendly Letter notification and will continue to be followed until fixed. The CCG volunteers are your neighbors, they care about the Covenants and the enforcement process. There is no Management Company doing the monitoring process, its not an easy volunteer task, yet they do it for the betterment of the entire community. There is always a need for more volunteer hands. 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 Sept 14th, 7:00 p.m., meeting on ZOOM teleconference platform. Check the front page for the QR code.

Columbine Knolls Voice

HOA Events Clean Up Day: The Columbine Knolls clean up day will be September 18th from 9 a.m. to Noon in the Columbine Knolls pool parking lot. Cost will be \$20 for HOA members and \$40 for non-members. We wont accept appliances, electronics, paint, tires or other hazardous material. Concrete and rocks will be limited on how much you can put in the container depending on the demand for the dumpster.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes August 11, 2021 The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by President Steve Wall. Members present: Debby Baker/Vice President and Secretary, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Wade Hancey/Special Projects, Ike Nelson/Board Member and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager.

Public Comments 1. Tom Bryant reported that another resident stated she had seen Hemlock in the parks. Board Response: The Board is investigating. Residents need to be aware that Hemlock is harmful if ingested only, contact alone is not harmful. 2. Allissa Long contacted Steve to report teens camping in Leawood Park. Board Response: Jefferson County Sheriff spoke to the homeless couple. One teen was over 18 and asked to leave. The other was a minor and taken to juvenile services. Camping is not allowed in any of the parks. 3. Tom Bryant reported that hedges in the Raccoon Hollar Xeriscape needed to be trimmed. Board Response: The hedges have been trimmed. 4. Nancy Weidman reported shrubs hanging out over the trail in Weaver Park. Board Response: The bushes have been trimmed back. 5. Jack Noffsinger inquired about the addition of Pickleball in Weaver Park. Board Response: The addition of Pickleball upgrades to the Weaver Park tennis courts is scheduled to begin in mid-September, during the update, the tennis courts will be closed. The courts should be reopened in October. 6. A concerned resident reported alcohol use in Leawood Park. Board Response: The consumption of beer is allowed in our parks as long as it is in moderation. Should any participants become disorderly or interfere with other park patrons, Jefferson County Sheriff should be contacted.

Treasurer's Report - Donna presented the Treasurer's Report, bills paid this month include Denver Water, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Weston, Columbine Tree Service, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Debby moved that the Treasurer Report be received, and bills paid. Ike seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Parks Manager Report** - ATV needs new tires. All parks were mowed, irrigation inspected, and doggie bags checked and replenished as needed.

Weaver Park: The potty was vandalized again causing more damage and removing the seat. A solenoid was replaced on a valve in Zone 10, and a drip line was repaired. Bushes were trimmed at the bridge by Chase Street, along the path at the soccer field and at the bridge at Kendall Street.

Leawood Park: Weeds were cleared from the baseball field. A rotor was replaced in Zone 2 and 4.

Raccoon Hollar: The tree trimming project has been completed. A resident's fence was damaged when a large tree limb fell on the fence. Weston will repair the fence. Columbine Tree Service removed most of the debris pile.

Replaced 2' x 6' board in fence at west end of park.

Old Business 1. Weaver Park Bridge repair: While the Minor Flood Plain Permit was approved, still waiting for the paper permit. The repair work cannot commence until the paper permit is received. 2. What to do with the Volleyball Area in Weaver: The cost of returning the volleyball area to grass is not much less than upgrading it. Need to determine if residents will use the upgraded field. Discussion will continue at next meeting. 3. Mats under swings: Mats will be installed under the swings in Weaver Park. Will also have mats at Leawood Park evaluated. 4. Document Storage: Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

New Business 1. Fibar in Leawood Playground: Additional fibar needs to be added to Leawood Playground area. Steve, Donna and Dave will get cost estimates. 2. Survey: Board agreed that a survey of residents to determine future upgrades for the parks is needed. Donna will contact company that performed last survey. Debby will investigate online options. Discussion will continue next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.—*Debby Baker, Vice President / Secretary*

Leawood Civic Association Board Minutes of August 3, 2021 Meeting 7:10 pm —Present: Paul O'Connor, Chip Langowski, Laurie Selander, Mike Major and Rhonda Eveleth

Treasurer's Report: Mike said there was very little activity this last month. It is printed in the Rapporther on the last page. The meeting consisted of handing out responsibilities to the board for the picnic. The only unknown was whether or not we could get the food delivered or did we have to pick it up. We will not know that until the day to see if they have enough help to have it delivered to us. Laurie will put up sandwich boards advertising the picnic. Mike and Betsy will put up other signs on the fence at Leawood park and near the pavilion. Laurie and Rhonda will hand out fliers to the houses along the parade route.

We will discuss the garage sales in September at the September meeting. The neighborhood garage sales will be September 24 and 25th. Forms are printed in the Rapporther and they are to be delivered to Laurie's house (6338 S. Harlan Way) by September 21st.

The next meeting will be at Leawood Elementary at 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2021. All are invited. We will have pizza and hope to have volunteers who will fill the vacancies of vice president, secretary and Rapporther editor.

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board —The August Board meeting was held on August 18, 2021. The Board held the meeting at the clubhouse with the option to participate remotely with Zoom. It's starting to seem like this hybrid approach may become the new normal for nearly all meetings and gatherings. The meeting was relatively short compared to past meetings.

I know that no one likes to hear about price increases but it seems to be happening across the board as we emerge from the COVID pandemic. These price increases will certainly affect the costs of services provided to the community. The trash service contract is up for renewal and the Board is doing all it can to negotiate with companies to minimize any cost increases for our trash services.

With school back in session and most children attending in person, there is a lot of foot traffic on our sidewalks. Please be mindful of any trees or bushes on your property that may interfere with pedestrian walkways. Some of them grow pretty quickly and you may not even know that they have overgrown the sidewalk. Please check your property and trim back growth to ensure that they don't infringe on the sidewalk or hang any lower than 80 inches from the ground.

With the pool open this summer under normal circumstances for the first time in two years, we have had a few operational issues but all in all, it was a great summer at the pool. Unfortunately, the pool company cannot provide lifeguards after Labor Day so there will be no extension to the pool season this year.

Our next Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the Clubhouse as well as virtually on-line. Please contact Celeste Terrell of CLA at 303-265-7875 with any questions.—*Jeff Hoffman, President*

Learn about Sustainability Efforts in Jefferson County—Check out the Jefferson County Sustainability Commission's 2020 Annual Report

(<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/26902/2021-05-03-2020-Year-in-Review-FINAL?bidId=>)

to find out about sustainability efforts in Jeffco. This volunteer commission helped to develop a countywide climate action plan. The Sustainability Commission (<https://www.jeffco.us/3406/Sustainability-Commission>) also established a separate sustainability foundation, and assisted with a county resolution recognizing the threat posed by climate change. This resolution resulted in a solicitation for a consultant to help develop the Climate Action Plan in 2022.

Fighting the Opioid Epidemic in Jefferson County and Colorado—In Jefferson County, drug-related overdose deaths increased 59% from 2019 to 2020, while hospital admissions for drug-related overdoses reached nearly 900, according to Jeffco Public Health.

The good news is there's help on the way, as Colorado stands to receive \$400 million in opioid settlement dollars. Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper recently joined Attorney General Phil Weiser and local government leaders to unveil a first-of-its-kind framework for distributing those dollars. Read the full article.

(<https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1668>)

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The October meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Lilley Gulch Rec Center (6147 S. Holland Way) in the Rio Grande Room. The speaker was not set at the time of this newsletter.

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 6 members present and had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$1,423.36.1

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for August were passed.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Site Development Plan

21-128155 is for 58085 Swadley St. It is a SDP for The Learning Experience For a 1 story day care center.

Rezone

21-127052 is for 13412 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is for 8.148 acres. It is for U-Haul and is the former Echo Park car lot. They want to add 2 buildings. There is a Virtual Meeting on 8/31/21 at 6:15 p.m.

21-122655 is for Dakota Ridge Service Plan. It is for 73 residential lots. It is on the north side of Bellevue Ave. It is a few blocks east of S. Simms St. It is the former Church Site. The Planning Commission meeting is on 9/8/21 at 6:15 p.m.

The was information in the paper on recycling unwanted paint. Paint Care will pick up paint if you have at least 10 gallons. The website is www.paintcare.org/products or call them at 720-854-8722. It is now state law that you can take it to where you bought it-- it must be in the original container with original label.

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

New Business Nothing.

Announcements Nothing.

We adjourned at 7:28 p.m. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

Our Fall adopt-a-hwy trash pick up on our adopted section of W Bowles Ave will be on Saturday 10/16. Meet in the parking lot of West Bowles Community Church. at 8:30 a.m. If you have already signed the County's waiver, then you don't need to resign it.

Property Tax Update from Jefferson County Treasurer Jerry DiTullio—For every dollar of property tax collected, 24 cents goes to Jefferson County Government for services and projects. The other 76 cents funds the services and projects of special districts (fire departments, public works, water, sewer, city services, public safety, etc.).

Jefferson County has moved from approximately a 10% deficit on property tax collections and distributions in June 2021 to approximately a 1% increase over July 2020. (<https://www.jeffco.us/treasurer>)

Ready to Rise: Connections for Work and Education Opportunities—The Colorado Recovery Plan provides funds to help job seekers, workers, and students gain new skills to help reach their goals. A variety of programs combine financial support with additional services such as career planning and coaching, connection to careers, and connection to community and public resources (transportation, legal aid services, etc.). Learn more about these opportunities. (<https://www.mycoloradojourney.com/journey/recovery>)

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