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#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: May 5 6 pm, Virtual Meeting (Apr mtg cancelled) Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: May 24, 6 pm, The Peak.

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

One,100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: May 18, 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: May 4 Jeffco Planning and Zoning, June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7

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The Cohope adopt-a-highway trash pick up was on April 9th. The weather cooperated and it was pretty nice out.

Draft Minutes for April 6 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Randy Montgomery & Jennifer Gerdes / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen & Suzanne Cellure-Andow / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Brian & Joan Kellogg / Lakehurst West, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Florene Rotherham / At Large, Mike Vanatta / Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering, Asst Director, Pre-construction engineer, Lauren Copenhagen / Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering.

The meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

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

No one from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was present.

The new commander for Jefferson County South Precinct is **Commander Todd Bliss**. According to recent posts seen on the nextdoor site for our area ---The latest trend has been Mailbox burglaries. They are hitting both mailboxes on the street and cluster boxes.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

Our speaker for tonight were Mike Vanatta, Asst Director & Pre-construction engineer and Lauren Copenhagen from Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering.

His handout was Jefferson County Transportation & Engineering Project Updates. It had a LOT of details and maps on their Projects.

Project 1 is the Quincy Street Improvements. It includes a round-about. The area had some major grading. They had major collector which include a 6 ft. area that includes sidewalks. Phase 2 just started. The utility corridors are a mess. They are investigating in order to identify them (locations and owners). Next week they will work on water lines. There is an electrical Gig line involved. There are 2 gas lines involved.

Someone said that they thought that the signs were too close to the intersection. Mike said that he would talk with the traffic person and that this was good input.

Phase 3 starts in the summer of 2024. They are still working on the budget. It will cover Quincy from Tufts Ave. to S. Beech Way.

Project 2 is The South Kipling Parkway Improvements. Phase 1 is at Kipling and Bowles. They will upgrade the traffic signals. Recommendations from the Traffic Study in 2018 recommended increasing Kipling to 3 lanes with dedicated turn lanes. Phase 2 will be from July to September of 2022. They will add a sidewalk on the east side where it is missing. Phase 3 is scheduled for June to October 2022. They will upgrade existing sidewalks to ADA grading specifications.

They will put up block fences to block prairie dogs. They will connect the sidewalk to Dutch Creek.

Will all of the crosswalk signals be wheelchair accessible? Yes. Also at Bowles and Alkire.

Project 4 is the South Pierce Street Improvements. In 2021 for Phase 1 they repaved from Coal Mine Ave to Ken Caryl Ave. This year for Phase 2 they will repave from Ken Caryl Ave. to Chatfield Ave. There will be a Starbucks and Taco Bell going in by the Dairy Queen. Phase 3 will be from Bowles Ave. to Coal Mine Ave. They did a Traffic Study in Spring & Summer of 2022 to determine needed lanes and turn lane configuration. Their design includes adding an 8 foot sidewalk on the east side of Pierce from Bowles to Polk Ave / Carly Place. This is scheduled for the Fall of 2022 until Early 2023. Construction is planned for Summer of 2023.

For more information, go to https://www.jeffco.us/2850/Public-Improvement-Projects.

Reports from Officers We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 10 members present and had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$1110.03. He presented the Budget for the year.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for March were approved as in the newsletter.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Planning Application 22-106300 PA is for 16030 Bradford Road. It is for a proposed parking lot.

22-106899 RS is for 9929 W. Fairview Ave. It is for reroofing.

22-108599 BP is for 6650 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is for building a gas station at King Soopers. Also 22-106611 RDP for Distressed property complaint at same address. Spray painted tagging graffiti is on the building

**Rezoning** 22-106831 RZ is for 10020 W. Montgomery Ave. It is to subdivide into 2 lots for single family detached units. SB 22-009 was introduced in the House on Mar. 9 concerning Catalytic Converter theft.

There is a new law HB 22-1028 for bicycle riders. It allows the bicycle rider to go through stop signs (if they treat it like a Yield, and only proceed when safe to do so) and stop lights (have to STOP first, then can proceed if it is safe to do so). It has not yet been signed, but it should be soon. (update: Governor signed it into law. Read the final version/signed version on the State Legislatures website to get the details.)

There have been 7 bills concerning HOAs. They are 22-1020 for Consumer right to usage, 22-1139 for HOAs not being able to regulate use of right of ways, 22-1040 about the use of common areas, 22-1060 for HOA fee increases, 22-1059 about HOA proxy issues being good for a duration of 11 months, 22-1239 which regulate community managers, and 22-1137 concerning taking HOA Board to small claims court.

Diane attended the Foothills Parks and Recreation District Open House for the Dutch Creek trail expansion. from S Kipling Pkwy to the C470 trail.

There is an election on May 3 for Foothills Parks and Recreation District for Ward 3, 4, and 5. Ward 3 and 4 are for 3 year terms. Ward 5 is for a 1 year term.

You can find more information about West Metro Fire's 5/3 election information is on their website. One of the seats is contested.

Our Spring-time adopt-a-highway trash pick up will be on 4/9.

# THE BACKYARD

### Columbine Hills News

**CHCA Board Meeting February 2022** — Meeting called to order: 1:30pm Officers present: Galen, Jodi, Steve Board members present: Kelly, Dave, Michaelle Community members present: None

New business: CHCA is getting a new bank card. Looking into getting a credit card to collect points to use towards gift cards for future CHCA contests/gifts. Credit card has to be a board member name

CHCA insurance price increased by \$200. Everyone is encouraged to read our insurance plan and suggestions for a cheaper policy

St. Philip Church having a 50th anniversary concert May 19th.

27 new po box memberships \ 31 new PayPal memberships

Randy still wishes to attend CoHope meetings for Jeffco reports

Gift baskets for new families who moved to Columbine Hills. Need more coupons from surrounding businesses to add to baskets

Columbine Knolls has dumpster day using "Dump Dynasty" for June. Still looking into if we can get our own dumpster. If Columbine Knolls still have space in their dumpster day, Columbine Hills might be able to join to use the free space. Talks about raising prices on dumpster day if the resident hasn't paid membership in advance. If they wish to pay on dumpster day, the price may be \$35 or \$40.

Talks about having a summer picnic for anniversary of Columbine Hills playground or movie night

Jodi wasn't able to hang the rest of the door membership hangers. Galen/Dave volunteer to take over.

Add 10 extra newsletters to our PO box for new families and businesses

CHCA meetings are now on Saturdays at 1:00pm at St. Philips Church

Galen volunteers to be CHCA's president while passing treasurer duties to Steve

Events we hope to have for this year: Dumpster day, summer movie at the park, Columbine Hills playground 10th anniversary, Halloween decorations contest, Christmas lights contest depending on funds, Christmas with Santa at the park.

2 trash trucks around \$1,000 with Waste Management

Spring Dumpster Day on Calendar for May 22nd

Columbine Hills Yard Sale date change to June 18th -19th

Meeting adjourned at: 2:22pm

#### Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner —We are looking to replace the monument signs at the West Chatfield Avenue and South Yukon Way entrance. I've reported to you in past newsletters that we've had to make several repairs to east monument sign. As previously reported, it doesn't appear the damage was caused by vandalism. My guess is the signs are failing due to their age. I believe the signs are 30+ years old, and they've endured 30+ years of mother nature taking her toll. I am pleased to report that Julia Bate (neighbor and HOA member), and board director Andi Erpelding-Elkins have graciously offered to spearhead the efforts to replace the signs. The scope of work is to keep the brickwork infrastructure and replace only the two signs. Julia will engage a few sign companies to produce design ideas for review by the board. The hope is we can find a sign company to produce the artwork/design, fabricate the signs and install them. I will keep you informed of our progress.

I'm sure you are thinking about exterior projects as we inch closer to warmer weather and springtime. This is my annual reminder that our Protective Covenants establish both the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and the requirement for improvements of property to first be approved by the committee. In general, any improvement to the exterior of your home or to your property, which is visible to the public, requires approval of the Architectural Control Committee. The fastest route to submitting a new ACC request and getting your project approved is to use the online form. Simply go to our website cksii.org and click on the ACC Request tab on the upper right of the homepage. Please plan accordingly and assume your request could take up to 30 days (which is state law) to receive a response from our committee of three ACC members. Please realize the ACC is comprised of volunteers, and they only have so much time available to provide this service to us. Keep in mind that each request must be reviewed and voted on by all three ACC members. and that can take some time as they balance their work schedules and family commitments. That said, your review will run smoothly if you include your supporting information. For many improvements, it is necessary to provide samples or plans for the ACC to evaluate your request. This is true whether your form is submitted electronically, in person, or through mail. Some of the items to include are paint chips, sample building materials, building and landscape plans, fence layout, plans or brochures for proposed structures, etc. In general, please include anything you think will help the ACC with its evaluation of your improvement. Many of the ACC requests are for exterior paint. The ACC committee has worked with Sherwin Williams to build a portfolio of 52 color schemes to select from for your upcoming exterior painting project. You can find a link to these paint schemes on The ACC Request page of our website. The ACC will always consider requests outside of the Sherwin Williams/CKSII paint schemes; however, choosing from this list should expedite your request. NOTE that ALL exterior paint projects are required to go through ACC approval whether choosing from the color schemes, or requesting that a new color scheme be considered.

What happens after submitting the form and samples? Once the ACC Approval Request form and any necessary samples or plans are received, the ACC will process your request for approval. If additional information is needed, the ACC will place your request on hold and contact you for that information and may request to meet with you, should more detailed discussion be necessary. The 30-day time clock will not restart until the ACC has all the information necessary to make an informed decision on your request. You will receive notice of the ACC decision either by email or through U.S. mail within thirty (30) days, after all necessary samples/plans have been provided. — *Tom Schicktanz – President CKSII HOA* 

# COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

*From* **COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION** March 15, 2022 President Twisselman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom.

Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Tony Tierney, Jean Baden-Gillette, Levi Wood, Anthony Pudewell, Grant Garfield, Dustin Cartwright, and Bill Weeks Five additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Membership: Lynn Weitzel, chair, reported that there are currently 230 members in the HOA; which is about the same as last year.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods has not heard back from the brick individual contacted to bid on repairing the brick work at the Lamar entrance. However, someone else has initiated a contact with him. He hoped to have more information at the April meeting. The tree at the Lamar entrance has been trimmed.

Covenants and Architectural Control: Director Garfield reported one outstanding PIPSA for a shed. Also, he and Lee Woodbury met with contractors for the scrape and rebuild of a home on South Jay Street. Once plans are finalized the entire Board will be asked to review the plans.

Special Events/Programs: President Twisselman informed the Board that the search for a chair for this committee is still in progress. The following events are currently being planned: Easter Egg Hunt – Cole and Jessica Fichter will head this up. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th, 10:00 a.m., Columbine Knolls Grove Park.

The 4th of July Parade at Marker Park, HOA Pool Party – July 20, 2022 – 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fall Festival (?) Smores Fest – Bring your own smores Hot chocolate and cider provided – Ideas??? Rent 2 fire pits... Possibly - October 9th, 2022 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Baden-Gillette (Financial reports can be viewed at www.ckha.org.)

Other Reports: Steve Hantelman shared that this year seven houses have been sold with price ranging from \$1,035,000 to \$685,000.

Director Pudewell will review the articles for publication in the "Voice" before finalization. A suggestion was made to edit the CKHA membership form for the next "Voice" moving it from the front page and removing the word "Drive" for the remaining issues this year.

**NEW BUSINESS** Vice President Tierney will contact the County Commissioner about installing a fence along Pierce similar to the one on Ken Caryl. The rationale is that the volume of traffic along Pierce has increased and is approaching that of Ken Caryl.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** The Board met in executive session to discuss legal matters. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

From A Moment With The Board The March monthly meeting was a full house, Officers/Board were in attendance, along with a new resident Guest. Welcome was extended to Jason who also attended the Mixer and is looking to become an Officer in May. Jason has valuable information he wishes to share with other neighborhood Veterans, check out his article and info next to the CWCA Veterans box. The Annual Membership Drive continues, neighbors are encouraged to join association efforts and send in voluntary dues. Or visit www.CWCA.info and use the payment option available. Remember we are not subsidized by any other entity, we are completely volunteer driven. Each of our Calendar of Events is brought to the community through Membership dollars. Our Bunny will once again make an appearance on April 9th and I hear he may be donning some new colors. May 13/14th brings the Annual Garage Sale. Information on how to participate is on the website. Elections for Officers/Board Members will be in May. Currently the position of Treasurer and Secretary will be opening up, along with the (3) Board positions. If you would like to have your name considered for a position, added to the Slate of Elections to be posted in the May newsletter, please contact CWCAtalk@gmail. com. The association would like to offer a Chalk Walk Contest during the Summer when the kids are out of school. This event could be compared to the tradition of Cherry Creek Arts Festival, artists creating temporary chalk artworks to be enjoyed by our Columbine West community. A new Committee Chair would plan, host and secure Judges for the event. There is a budget available for supplies and refreshments. If interested, please drop a message to CWCAtalk@gmail .com. Covenant Control sent out (106) Violation Letters. It does take time and effort to keep these violations under control, each neighbor is asked to do their part too. Continue to check the calendar on the front page of the monthly newsletter or stop by the new website www.CWCA.info and check out what's happening. Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting. Check the front page of the newsletter for the meeting QR code. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

# The Leawood Rapporter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes March 9, 2022 The meeting was called to order at 6:37 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. Visitor: Craig Peterson, resident of Dutch Creek.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report and Annual Report. Bills to be paid this month include Ander Kobes (Annual Report), Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Liberty Waste/Altitude Waste Solutions, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Debby moved that the Treasurer Report be received and authorize the bills to be paid. Wade seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Snow removal and inspections were done in all parks, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed.

A. Weston Maintenance Negotiation update - An agreement has been reached and a contract for 2022/2023 signed.

B. Weaver Bridge Update – Dave has made arrangements to purchase the wood and a contract with Weston for installation has been signed. Construction will proceed in early spring, weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS A. Election Update – Ike did not receive any Self Nomination Forms or Affidavits of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate by the required submission deadlines. Since there are no candidates to run for election, the Election on May 3, 2022, has been cancelled. The open Board position will be filled by appointment.

B. Signs for Leawood Park – The Board approved the placement of three Caution Signs by the walkway to the Pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS A. Proposal to Create design for Potential Disc Golf Course – Jason Allind submitted a proposal to design a Disc Golf Course for Kendall Park. He will also stake out the design for residents to review. The design will also be placed on our website. Wade moved to approve the Proposal. Donna seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A public meeting regarding the Disc Golf Course will be held at Leawood Elementary on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

B. Arcadia Creek – Members of the Board will meet with the Developer of Arcadia Creek, David Tschetter, on Wednesday, March 16th at 10:30 a.m. The meeting is to discuss a proposed walkway to connect Arcadia Creek to Weaver Park.

C. Board Member Resignation - Ike Nelson has submitted his resignation effective March 9, 2022. The Board is grateful for his time and effort for the past 2 years. We wish him the best.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. — Debby Baker, Vice President / Secretary

**Leawood Civic Association Board Minutes of March 1, 2022, 7:25 pm**—Meeting started at: 7:00 p.m. Present: Paul O'Conner, Kyle Evans, Mike Major, Betsy Major, Laurie Sarno, David Sarno, Kate Shafer, Debbie Zummo.

The LCA Membership drive was discussed. The LCA will now be able to welcome online payments for membership. The LCA would really appreciate if you would still make your payments by check due to the service fee charged to LCA on online payments

The LCA discussed the distribution of welcome cards to new neighbors in Leawood.

The Easter egg hunt egg stuffing date was set for April 6th at Betsy's house. Time TBA. If you would like to volunteer with stuffing the eggs or the Easter egg hunt, please contact feedback@leawoodneighbors.com The Easter egg hunt age groups were set to 0-3, 4-6, 7-12.

The garage sale dates were changed to June 3-4th and will be followed by the Leawood Cleanup on June 11th.

New this year, the LCA Board is excited to present the Leawood Car Show. The date of the show has been set for Sunday, July 10th. Additional details will follow.

The LCA also discussed this year's front yard party schedule which will begin in June. Meeting ended at 8:02 pm.

## Westbury

**From the Mind of the President** —First, many thanks to Cathy Feaster, who both suggested, and successfully led the effort to add a Lending Library in North Westbury, and to Drew Zarn and his family who built and installed this great new addition to our neighborhood. This sort of service to one another, helping neighbors, and our neighborhood, is what our Westbury Homeowners Association, (WHOA) is all about. THANK YOU!

Second, I invite you to join us for our April, May and June meetings, to discuss, and ultimately vote upon, changes to our bylaws. Please arrive at 6:30 with food to share and get to know more of your neighbors. All Westbury neighbors are welcome, but only Members in Good Standing will be able to vote. The changes being proposed to the bylaws are mostly housekeeping changes, including: Replacing references to "corporation" with "association" as we are no longer incorporated. Removing item 5, Article I, under Purpose, encouraging awareness of the 1976 covenants, as these forty-five year old covenants, drafted by a long-gone builder, have been unenforced for years, and are largely unenforceable. Reducing the number of members required for a quorum, as it is often difficult to meet the current quorum requirements to hold meetings. Amending or eliminating term limits so that we can more easily fill board positions in the future.

Finally, our voluntary dues are scheduled to go up from \$20.00 per year to \$25.00 per year, effective June 15th, so please use the coupon on the front page of this newsletter before June 15th, to save \$5 become a Member in Good Standing and more fully participate in our WHOA. —John Gaudio

#### Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board Meeting—The March Board meeting was held on March 9, 2022. The March meeting was short and sweet and there's not much to report. Hopefully we are done with snow and shoveling even though we probably have some more cold spells to come. We are having the swimming pool tile replaced before swim season. That work will start when the forecast allows for a few days of warmer weather.



#### The May meeting will be Wednesday May 4, 2022 at Lilley Gulch Rec Center (6147 S. Holland Way) from 6 to 8 pm. The speakers will be from Jeffco Planning and Zoning.

Mark your calendars for this year's Easter Egg Hunt that will be April 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. The Annual Homeowners Meeting is on April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.. Please remember that we will need one hundred and two homeowners in attendance, either in person or by proxy. Please see the information on submitting a proxy in this newsletter. We want to have a successful meeting and not have to reschedule as we have in some recent years. The Proxy form has been mailed to all homeowners and is also in this newsletter. — Jeff Hoffman, President

Concerning the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department Crime Mapping website, there has still been no change.

The P&Z advisory council meeting for an update on changes to fence, sheds and short time rentals will have a meeting on Thursday, 4/12.

On April 30 from 9:30 till 3:30 they will have another Active Warrant Event. This is for people who have miscellaneous, traffic, and probation warrants.

Our next meeting on May 4 is with Planning & Zoning will be at Lilley Gulch from 6:00 til 8:00. There are upcoming regu-

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

New Business Someone got an email from a towing company that said there will be a ban on all tows. Has anyone else seen this? Or is it spam.

With all of the fires blamed on old coal mines, how is ours (Coal Mine Avenue) doing? There have been no fires. We just have issues with rotting timbers which restrict building.

There is a regulation on amending a proposal of Fire in Wildlands. It is on the County's website.

Announcements Nothing.

We adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Cheri Paavola, Secretary

From Engage Jeffco Newletter—We Need Your Input - Attend a Jefferson County Budget Forum— As part of Jefferson County's community outreach on the budget, we hosted Community Budget Forums to get input from Jeffco community members on which county services matter most to them. Two additional budget forums will be held in May. (May 4 and May 9) Learn more about the upcoming forums and register to attend.

https://www.jeffco.us/Activities/Activity/Detail/Community-Budget-Forum-716

Jefferson County continues to face financial challenges. The county made cuts within the General Fund to slow the rate of spending and balance the county's budget - totaling \$16.1 million in 2020 and approximately \$8.7 million in 2021. These reductions have impacted essential public services such as public safety, roads and more.

Drug Take Back Day - Dispose of Unwanted Drugs—On Drug Take Back Day, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office joins law enforcement agencies nationwide to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from medicine cabi-

Drug Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. Learn more see drop-off locations. It will be April 30 at the Sheriff's Golden office, Evergreen, and Dakota Ridge High School from 10 am to 2 pm. https://www.jeffco.us/1068/Drug-Take-Back