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Calendar for upcoming meetings: Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: August 2022		W. R. Moore, Treasurer
Beginning Balance August 3, 2022		\$ 1173.26
Deposits		\$ 0.00
Withdrawals		\$ 26.43
August newsletter \$3.48, Website \$14, Bank Fee \$8.95		
Ending Balance September 7, 2022		\$ 1146.83

Draft Minutes for Aug. 3 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Galen Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Logan Macmillan / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Leslie Dahlkemper / Jeffco Commissioner, Dr. Stephanie Corbo / Jeffco CFO.

The meeting started at 6:12 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one from **Jefferson County Sheriff's Department** was present. The Safety in Faith event is scheduled for Aug. 18. The event is free but registration is required by Aug. 16, The website is <https://SIFSummit2022.eventrite.com>.

No one from **Jefferson County Public Schools** was present. They are hiring at 5 locations throughout the district. There is information on the website. The phone number is 303-982-9057. They are talking about closing schools again due to declining enrollment. Some buildings are only being 60% used. There are 49 elementary schools on the list. Superintendent recommendations to the Board will be on Aug. 25. There will be community meetings in Sept. and Oct. Public Hearings are scheduled for Oct. 24. There are articles and links on the FOX website.

No one from **Foothills Parks and Recreation District** was present.

Our speakers for the night are **Leslie Dahlkemper, Jeffco Commissioner**, and **Dr. Stephanie Corbo, Jeffco Strategy & Budget CFO**. They had a handout, Funding Challenges.

Jeffco government sits between Colorado State and citizens. They handle State Programs. They collect property taxes, but only get to keep 0.24 of each \$1.

Our Financial challenge is that the general funds were cut for 2020 and 2021. The commissioners set the budget, but each department decides how to allocate their budget. One impact was to shut down a floor in the jail with 288 beds. The budget is still unbalanced. It is \$20M short. The Tabor impact of the economic shutdown caused a \$14.5M drop during the Pandemic.

Tabor provisions that new taxes must be voter approved. The purpose is to limit growth of government revenue. In 2020 we collected less dollars so now we have a new limit set. This year the total revenue budget would have been \$286M, but instead it is \$245M. The Emergency Reserve is about \$32M. Tabor controls revenue, not spending. The state budget is 8%, but Tabor limits it to 5%. The reality is that we are short \$20M. We are over Tabor limits by \$17.5M in 2022 and \$300M in 2023. The consequences will be in staffing, facilities, reductions, and Roads and Bridges. We are already short of 36 drivers and we are looking at license requirements for drivers.

How have other communities dealt with this issue? They have debruced from Tabor. Only Jefferson and Weld counties

have not done this. Debrucing makes it so that dollars that were already approved are not included in Tabor requirements.

In 2023 Senate Bill 293 will also impact the budget. It is only in place for 2 years.

Now what? Discussions on shortages. Less capital improvements. Less conditioning education credits. What training can be done on the job.

On Fairgrounds, we kept programs for kids, 4H, and equine programs. We are losing money on most of these programs.

There is more information at <https://www.jeffco.us/4423/2022-Funding-Challenges>.

They will have Telephone Town Halls in Sept. They will also have Community meetings.

The most common item brought up to us has been safety roads, and wildfire. The \$101M we got from Federal Funding from Cares Act has been spent.

They are collecting information at next Tuesday meeting on ARPA.

On Ballot issue, there is no debrucing except fees and grants removed from Tabor. On retail, marijuana, sales tax addition for public safety (Sheriff, DA, Coroner, School Officers, and Mental Health), and debruce from Tabor. They want to limit the stores with restrictions on how close they can be to schools, day cares, etc. Now there are no stores in unincorporated Jefferson County. There are stores in Lakewood, Edgewater, and other cities.

Why did County not start looking at regulations? Please direct your questions for wanting to put initiatives by citizens to State Representative Colin Larson (HD-22).

(Follow up information from Commissioner Dahlkemper/BCC Chief of Staff Deborah Churchill explaining why citizens currently can't submit initiatives to our County's ballot: State statute is very specific regarding the issues citizens can place on the ballot. Our County Attorney provided the following: County citizens in non-home rule counties may seek to place the following county-specific issues on the ballot by initiative: Recalls of county elected officials. C.R.S. § 1-12-103 & 104, Formation of a home rule charter committee. C.R.S. § 30-11-502(1) et seq., Increasing the number of county commissioners from three to five (in counties having a population greater than 70,000). C.R.S. § 30-10-306.5(3)(a), Decreasing the number of county commissioners from five to three (in counties having a population greater than 70,000). C.R.S. § 30-10-306.7 (2)(b) Enacting a countywide sales tax ordinance. C.R.S. § 29-2-104, Establishment of a county library. C.R.S. § 24-90-107(1) and (3), Establishment of public improvement district (PID) or a local improvement district (LID). C.R.S. § 30-20-501 et seq. and C.R.S. § 30-20-601 et seq., respectively, Establishment of a cemetery district. C.R.S. § 30-20-801 et seq., Prohibition on recreational marijuana businesses. Colorado Constitution, Article XVIII, Section 16(5)(f))

Why are they allocating so much of roads to bicycle lanes? Most go to existing needs. It is not like they pay any roads taxes. It may be state money paying for this.

What about the scam of using fees versus taxes? It is because it gets around Tabor.

Email for Leslie Dahlkemper can be sent to ldahlkem@jeffco.us.

Reports from Officers

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 8 members present and had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$1,164.31.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

County Activity—Pre-application: 22-118375 is for 10020 W. Montgomery Ave. It is for a plat for 2 homes.

22-119426 is for 11747 W. Ken Caryl Ave. It is for a plat change. They want to subdivide land to buy existing car wash.

22-119535 is for the Maverik convenience store and gas station on the northwest corner of W. Quincy Ave. and Tufts Ave. by Home Depot iff C-470.

22-119754 is for 12634 W. Indore Pl. It is for a site plan update for Youtopia. This establishment has fresh meals in on-site dining room, delivered to home, or curbside pick-up. It is at the site of the former IHOP next door to ENT Bank near W. Ken Caryl and C-470. It is scheduled to open in Sept.

License Agreement: 22-119988 is for a microcell. There are no new public documents yet.

Registered Distressed property: 8125 W. Stene Dr.

Telecommunications Permit: 22-117764 is for 10288 W. Chatfield. 22-119069 is for 7322 S. Carr St. 22-119086 is for 5960 S. Eaton Lane. 22-119325 is for 1 Manor House Road. 22-119555 is for 15758 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Road

22-119675 is for 8500 W/ Bowles Ave.

At 6650 W Coal Mine Ave, the former McDonald's site, someone is living in a tent inside of the dumpster enclosure. The appropriate people are aware.

Short Term Rental - We are still waiting for the draft. There are so many options, but no decisions.

Sept. meeting will be at the Columbine Library. We do not have a speaker yet.

National Night Out was Aug. 2. A couple of HOAs had a huge crowd.

Jeffco Public Library has their current culture pass available again this year. Free tickets are available for various events. The number of tickets is variable for each event.

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

New Business / Announcements Nothing.

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

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Notes From The President—Well here we are in the dog days of summer. The phrase dog days originated from the belief of early Romans, Greeks, and Egyptians that the hot summer days were caused by the Earth's proximity to the dog star Sirius during the summer months. The Romans referred to the late summer period as dies caniculares, meaning dog star days. It's easy to find Sirius; it is the brightest star in the sky, and by following the three stars of Orion's belt, you will find it.

Covid is back among us. Many people I know have it and/or are recovering from it. David and I got sick last week and quietly quarantined at home. No fun, but manageable. I know for us it is back to masking in public places and liberal use of hand sanitizers. I am grateful to have been vaxxed and boosted; my four-to-five-day ordeal could have been a lot worse. covidbinax.colorado.gov/login is the link for those of us who hometest to add our data to the Colorado database.

The Board is in the midst of tackling the CHCA Bylaws regarding duties of officers. Our current Bylaws are archaic and do not reflect a modern board and how it functions. As we go through each board member description, we are committed to making it a reflection of how CHCA and its members' function. We will be sharing this process with you. Currently we do not even have a ninth board member, which is needed in order to make significant changes. Would you like to join us? The commitment for a Board Member at Large is monthly attendance (last Thursday of the month from 6:00 to 7:00), willingness to partner with our wonderful team for at least a couple of our annual events, humor, independent-thinking, and community spirit. I hope that's you.— Until September, *Galen Wiese, President*

COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION July 5, 2022 President Twisselman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was conducted via zoom.

Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Grant Garfield, Dustin Cartwright, Anna Hew, and Bill Weeks. Seven additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Membership: Lynn Weitzel, chair, reported there were 13 new members in June bringing the total membership to 315; one additional household joined in July.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods was out of town, but President Twisselman informed the Board that he was tracking down bids for the brickwork.

Covenants and Architectural Control: Director Garfield shared there was one paint PIPSA and a couple more for concrete and flat work. He said the latter two were easy to respond to, as CKHA does not have covenants addressing flat work nor landscaping.

Special Events/Programs: The 4th of July Parade was at Marker Park, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Big thank you to Director Hew and Kendra Hale. The event had a great turnout.

HOA Pool Party – July 20, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The shelter is reserved.

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 was in attendance, but out of town so no report was available. (Financial reports can be viewed at www.ckha.org.)

Other Reports: Real Estate News & Website: Mr. Hantelman told the Board that the number of houses going on sale is declining; currently there are three active and two with contracts pending. The prices on the active three have been lowered.

Newsletter: The Voice: Director Pudewell was not present, so no report was given. President Twisselman that she and Director Pudewell will coordinate.

NEW BUSINESS Due to the death of Vice President Tierney, there is an open Board seat. The Board voted to elect Doug O'Hara to fill the vacancy.

The Board voted to move the meeting date for the Board to the second Tuesday of the month beginning September 13. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner — We held the most-recent board meeting on Tuesday, July 12th where Julia Bate (HOA member), presented several monument sign designs for board review. These signs will replace the one's at the W Chatfield and S Yukon Way entrance that have been repaired more times than I can count. The board really liked one of the designs and gave approval to send that design out for bid. The goal is to receive pricing to fabricate and install the signs, so we better understand the costs involved. We are still working out the details on the materials and the type of lighting

to be used and I will share images of the sign as we get a little further along.

I mentioned last month that HB 22-1137 will become effective on August 10, 2022, and that it may have impacts on our HOA and community. The board approved the expenditure to engage our attorney (Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt, LLC), to conduct a review of our current governing documents to ensure we are following these new laws. We also need to update our sign and flag policy to conform to these new laws, and that will also be part of our engagement with our attorneys. The cost of this review will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000 but may result in the need to amend portions of our governing documents; that would bring additional costs. I will keep you informed as we learn more.

The board has been working diligently on creating Architectural, Design & Community Standards (ADCS), formerly known as Rules and Regulations (R&R's), to supplement our established governing documents. Many, if not most HOA's have created ADCS's with the goal of reducing ambiguity by better defining and clarifying established governing documents. I want to be clear that ADCS's are not changes, modifications, or additions to our governing documents, but are supplemental to, and solely designed to provide better guidance and clarity. Changes to governing documents, such as covenant changes, would require membership involvement, input, and ultimately a majority vote by the membership for adoption, and that is not the goal or purpose of the ADCS's. We hope to have all board input and review done by late July. The ADCS's will then go to our attorneys for a review to make sure they align with our established governing documents, while also aligning with the new laws. We will then distribute the ADCS's to our membership for review and input with the goal of seeking a board vote and approval at an upcoming bi-monthly HOA meeting.

I want to thank Jennifer Blake and Anita Schicktzan (The Welcome Committee) for delivering the HOA gift boxes to 6 new homeowners last month. Many local businesses contributed to the boxes, and I would like to acknowledge them for their contributions. The UPS Store (Chatfield & Wadsworth), Chickfil-A (Aspen Grove & C470 & Kipling), Great Clips (Chatfield & Wadsworth), Jennifer Blake (your neighbor and realtor), Texas Roadhouse (C470 & Kipling), Nella's Frozen Yogurt (Bowles & Wadsworth), Savory Spice (Downtown Littleton), Anytime Fitness, and Columbine Wine & Liquors (Ken Caryl & Pierce). We couldn't make the welcome boxes as meaningful without these great local businesses, so please give them your support. Thank you! — *Tom Schicktzan – President, CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The July Monthly meeting was held at the pool park pavilion as we enjoyed a beautiful sunset. The group received an update about the July 4th Bike Parade. There was about 100 participants that enjoyed the ride and showing off their highly decorated modes of transportation. Some neighbors came to their sidewalk to cheer them along. Cyndi will be offering the event in 2023 and looking forward to inviting the Fire Dept, Sheriff Dept and maybe include some Veterans.

After being snowed out in May for our Entrance Clean-up another date has been set, August 27th, 9a at the Zephyr/Ken Carly entrance. The need to add more mulch, provided free by the County, is greatly needed. The evergreens at Roxbury/Pierce need a good haircut to bring them back off the sidewalk area. Yukon will have mulch applied too and Webster/Ken Caryl can use some sprucing up. This Summer is pretty quiet, minimal activities, so we fast forwarded to Trunk or Treat details. Our Chairperson Alexis will be organizing the event along with the Dutch Creek Elementary community. CWCA will once again plan to set up at the pool pavilion, car trunks decorated will line the parking area (TBD Foothills may be repaving the parking lot) and we hope to offer some music and lawn games. Watch for upcoming details through the website, newsletter and on Nextdoor. Extra hands are always appreciated. Our contest Judge, Jason, will be checking out those homes decorated for Halloween and the Holiday Lights. 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, the next one is August 9, 6:30p at the pool park pavilion. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

The Leawood Rappoter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes July 13, 2022 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President and Donna Snyder/Treasurer. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Leawood Residents: Amanda Halbert and Russ Baugh. Dutch Creek resident: Craig Peterson.

Public Comments – Russ Baugh – Russ asked for clarification as District Board make up has changed but the District information box on page 2 of the Rappoter was left unchanged for an unknown reason Amanda remarked on the high level in the port-a-potty. Kyle agreed to contact the provider to confirm two cleanings, and not driving into Leawood Park for the service.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. She transferred \$40,000 from savings to checking to cover bills. Bills to be paid this month include Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Honey Bucket (formally Liberty Waste), Weston, doggie bag vender, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, irrigation inspected, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed.

A. Leawood Park: A main irrigation line break and a broken lateral irrigation line by the porta potty was repaired.

B. Weaver Park: Three-inch broken water lines on zone box #15 and #16 were repaired. Also valve #10 was replaced.

C. Raccoon Hollar: The damaged (due to snowstorm) fences of two residents were repaired. Thistles are growing in the Park and there are reports of hemlock. Dave will investigate possible solutions.

OLD BUSINESS A. Recruitment for Board: There are two open Board positions that need to be filled. An announcement will be placed in the Reporter and on Nextdoor. B. Computer, technological, storage space needs, personnel: The Board discussed the potential need for a computer for the Treasurer and accounting software. Currently all of the information is stored on her computer and software. Kyle and Donna will meet to discuss the needs of the position. Also, Kyle has met with Dave to discuss his duties and what qualifications would be needed to bring on additional support. The District still needs to find space to store all of the District records, with a priority to avoid long-term storage costs

NEW BUSINESS A. Special Meetings: The Board discussed adding two additional special meetings to conduct walkthroughs of Leawood and Raccoon Hollar Parks. B. Raccoon Hollar walk through: A Board walk through for Raccoon Hollar was scheduled for July 25, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. (unless there is inclement weather). The Board will meet at the entrance next to the xeriscape. C. Leawood Park: A Board walk through for Leawood Park was scheduled for August 10, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. (unless there is inclement weather). The Board will meet at the Leawood Park Pavilion.

Future Meetings:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. —*Debby Baker, Secretary*

Leawood Civic Association Board Minutes of July 5, 2022, 7:25 pm—Meeting started at 7:05pm at Leawood Pavilion. Present: Paul O'Connor, Travis Hall, Kate Shafer, Nancy Bock, Orin Levy, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno Camille Sankey, Debbie Zummo

The Clean up was a big success. A big thank you to all that helped.

The Car Show was the main topic of the meeting. The idea of having prizes for the winners of different classes were decided on. We made final decision on the classes of which will be voted on by the board members. The Classes include: Overall Grand Champion, Best of show stock, Best of show Modified, Best engine, Best paint and Peoples choice. The car show will start at 10am on July 10th and would like cars entering to start showing up around 9am for registration. The food truck will be at the show from around 9:30/10. Other logistics of the cars show, like tables, ez-ups, PA system and generator, were discussed.

We started some of the planning for the Leawood Picnic in August. We are planning for August 27th from noon to 3pm. It would start with the kids bike parade at 1130am. The kids parade will run from the elementary and end at Leawood park. We talked about Catering for the event, ticket prices, budget, and decorations. We delegated tasks to board members to help get everything together.

Travis had an idea to have shirts made for the LCA board members. The idea of the shirts is to stand out and give people that have a questions at events a person to talk to.

Meeting ended at 8pm.

Westbury

From the Mind of the President: Love they Neighbor —Last night I spent time with neighbors at the east entrance to our park, near Burgundy & Fair. We now have food trucks every Tuesday through September, thanks to board member at large Brendon Cody. The food was great, but what really impressed me was the opportunity to connect with neighbors. About a dozen were there when I arrived, sitting around, chatting, enjoying their food, and one another. Through Brendon's efforts, we now have opportunities every Tuesday through September, from 4 pm to 8 pm, to chat with, care for, and better love our neighbors. I Hope to see you there.

Speaking of love for our neighbors, another Westbury neighbor is working on his brainchild, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Most of us get things done ourselves, or with a little help from close friends and family members, but some neighbors need a little extra help. In days-gone-by neighbors came together to build barns, rebuild homes after fires, or help with planting or harvesting when someone was hurt, sick or otherwise in need. John's looking for people to help one of our Westbury neighbors with some needed home maintenance. In this case a little paint, some yard work, and a few minor repairs will make a huge difference, both for our neighbor, and for the appearance of our neighborhood. Ten of us could probably finish in a few hours. If you're willing to help, or if you're a neighbor in need of a little help, please call John M. at 303-887-9042. It's a great way to "Love Thy Neighbor," while getting to know more of your own neighbors, and possibly making some new friends in the process. That's what we're all about, you know, making Westbury a better place for all our neighbors. Thank you, Brendon. Thank you, John. Thanks to all of you working to keep Westbury a great place to live. Keep up the good work. :-), —*John Gaudio, current president, WHOA*

Woodbourne

From A Note From The Board President —The July Board meeting that was originally scheduled for July 13, 2022 was cancelled. Our next Board meeting will be held on August 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Stephanie Odewumi (303-265-7845) or Ashley Heidt (303- 265-7801) with CLA with any questions. — *Jeff Hoffman, President*



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The September meeting will be Wednesday September 7, 2022 at the Columbine Library (7706 W. Bowles Ave) from 6 to 8 pm. The speaker was not confirmed at the time the newsletter had to go out.

Jefferson County Launches 'YourJeffco' Mobile App — Reporting a pothole, flooded/washed out road, downed tree, graffiti, or scores of other issues is now as simple as pulling out a smartphone. Jefferson County is excited to announce the implementation of YourJeffco, a new website and app that enables residents, visitors, and business owners to report issues and concerns about roads and bridges maintained by Jefferson County. Please note, YourJeffco applies to roads in unincorporated Jeffco (outside of city limits).

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.qscend.report2gov.yourjeffco&hl=en&gl=US>

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/yourjeffco/id1634627458>

2nd Quarter Law Enforcement Authority Report Now Available — Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Shrader presents the Law Enforcement Authority (LEA) Report to the Board of County Commissioners each quarter. The report contains significant incidents and investigations, crime statistics, and JCSO news and events. View the second quarter LEA Report. <https://www.jeffco.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/789>

Join us at the Inaugural Partnership in Prosperity Award Ceremony — Jeffco Human Services Foundation will host the Inaugural Partnership in Prosperity Award Ceremony on Sept. 1 from 5:30- 8:30 p.m. at Red Rocks Community College. The Foundation will present two community members with the Partnership in Prosperity Award and the Prosperity Award. The program will feature entertainment by Hazel Miller and Red Rocks theater students. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served. Register today as limited tickets are available, Check out the silent auction items. <https://jhsf.networkforgood.com/events/44304-partnership-in-prosperity-award-ceremony>

Emergency Preparedness Webinar - Does Your Safety Net Have Holes? — You're invited to attend the Roadmap to Preparedness webinar on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 6-7 p.m. Having the right kind and right amount of insurance matters. Join the nonprofit organization United Policyholders to hear insurance lessons learned from the Marshall Fire and how to be a savvy and smart consumer when it comes to insuring your biggest asset: your home. Register to attend the webinar. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KHLRGFQJSUSy6erniEuMMw

American Rescue Plan Information for Jefferson County Residents — Jefferson County was awarded \$113 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that must be spent by Dec. 2026. Visit the Funding and Guidance page for more on the funds that came to Jeffco as well as use guidance from the U.S. Treasury. <https://www.jeffco.us/4419/ARPA-Funding-and-Guidance>

Rather than just focusing on emergency needs, ARPA's federal government guidelines allows funding to support families and businesses, maintain vital public services, and build a strong, resilient, and equitable future. A new ARPA dashboard is coming soon. <https://www.jeffco.us/4277/American-Rescue-Plan-Act>

Mental Health First Aid Classes Available via Jefferson Center — Do you want to learn more about how to prevent suicide and to be there for someone who may be in a mental health crisis? You can be the person who can save a life by learning important skills through trainings such as Mental Health First Aid or QPR Classes. Check out our upcoming class schedule and sign up today. <https://www.jcmh.org/training/>

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