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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: Nov 2 Heather Gutherless Jeffco P & Z, Dec 7</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-3, 6 Backyard 3-6</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: October 2022</p> <p>Beginning Balance October 5, 2022</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>November newsletter \$3.48, Website \$14, Bank Fee \$8.95, Lilley Gulch rental \$50</p> <p>Ending Balance November 2, 2022</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 1120.40</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>\$ 76.43</p> <p>\$ 1043.97</p>
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Draft Minutes for October 5 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Dave Wiese / Columbine Hill Civic Assn., Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Brian Kellogg / Lakehurst West HOA, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Mary Parker / Jeffco School Board, 1st VP.

The meeting started at 6:02 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

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

No one from **Foothills Parks and Recreation District** was present. Diane attended the Board meeting on Sept. 27. They discussed the Dutch Creek Trail Expansion. They are applying for a grant. The delay of Foothills Golf clubhouse was due to work by Excel. It has been in the works since March. There is a meeting on Oct. 18 to discuss the Westbury Park issues.

Mary Parker, Jefferson County School Board, First Vice President, was our speaker for tonight. She had a handout, Regional Opportunities for Thriving Schools (ROFTS).

The process for closing some schools started at a Retreat. It started with their mission and vision statements. They started by looking at Elementary schools.

The Consolidation Criteria for schools were that it had an enrollment of less than 220 students or utilized 45% or less of the capacity of its facility and there was an elementary school(s) less than 3.5 miles away where the students could go to instead. The one-time costs are \$1.9M - \$3.5M. It includes moving costs, community engagement facilitation, a boundary study, and appraisals. Some schools had combined grades that were good but not enough students. The School Board wanted each school to have at least 1 class per grade but would prefer 2 classes per grade. If a school does not have enough students, then they have less funding than they need. So some teachers have to do more than one job such as teaching and also librarian. They want each school to have a Coach. The Coach mentors new teachers and teaches new curriculums. The International Baccalaureate Read Act specifies 19 students per plan for tutoring and extra time on tasks. The International Baccalaureate teaching is related to what is taught around the world. They want schools to have clubs such as Art, Book, Debate, etc. They want schools to have equal access and support. Some schools have a lot of volunteers and fund raising. Others do not.

The Operational Budget is distributed by the School Board, but school Presidents determine the allocation. The budget is about \$7,000 per student. This is low when compared to the rest of the country. Charter Schools have the same budget. Schools with At-Risk students get about \$800 more. Each school wanted enough budget to fund Art, Music, and PT. They want to encourage family involvement. Full time employees are easier to hire. But some schools don't have the

budget.

For large schools, when a threshold is hit, then some money is pulled back and given to smaller schools. But school Presidents are fighting this.

Regional Opportunities for Thriving Schools shows we have 157 schools of which 142 are public and 15 are public charters. They have the capacity to handle 96K students, but at the moment they only have 69K students. They had the most students in 2001 at 91K. Now a lot of students are home schooled or only attend online. COVID really messed things up.

Charter Schools are public but they have their own Board of Directors and can choose their own rules such as wardrobes. Teachers do not have to be licensed.

They started evaluating schools in June. They have 49 schools with less than 250 students and/or the buildings are utilized less than 60%. The decision to close schools was based on resources, not budget.

They looked at the Membership Projections Report which it together every year. The budget is available online. They also looked at the Facility Condition Assessment Summary of Findings.

If the consolidation is approved, it will go to vote on Nov. 10. The vote will be on the whole package (all 16 schools). The schools are set in stone but the district can change it.

The kindergarten class for next year is larger. Special Services are offered at some schools such as dual language.

There is a STEM school in the north of the district does not have enough students.

Jefferson County School Board is a Policy Board. This means that their only employee is the Supervisor and they allocate the budget. The School Board can hire or fire the Superintendent.

Last May they closed 1 school due to low enrollment. Every class combined more than 1 grade. This district wide consolidation has been needed for a while, but the old superintendent refused to allow it.

The impact of closing 16 schools will impact 442 staff, 2,464 general students and 117 special needs students. The students would go to 18 different schools. Colorow students will go to Powderhorn. Colorow just got International Baccalaureate status, which is a shame. It took them 4 years to achieve this.

Here is the link that has all the school information and a link to give comments:

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/about/regional_opportunities_for_thriving_schools/list_of_schools_recommended_for_consolidation

The Phases and Timeline for closing schools are Phase 1 Evaluate the District Managed Elementary schools and Phase 2 is to look at facility use. The timeline is Aug. 25 for Staff Recommendations, Sept. 6 - Oct. 21 for Community conversations, Oct. 24 - 27 for Public comment to the Board of Education, and Nov. 10 for Board decision.

They will look at Secondary schools and look at redrawing school boundaries in Phase 2.

Did you also look at Charter Schools? They are all doing OK.

They would like to determine how a parent chooses a school. They will do surveys to help with this.

What will you use the savings for? It has already been spent. Their first priority is the teacher / student ratio. They negotiated for pay raise with the union.

The District can make contracts. But for items less than \$500K, the school can make it and it does not go through the Board.

Who will monitor EEO issues? The Human Resources department will be looking at these closely and working with the Union.

Can the principal hire anyone? Yes, but the Community Superintendent oversees the process. They work together. What keeps them from firing a high earner and hiring a cheaper person? The Union would take care of the grievance process. Plus they can go to a Mediator.

On the north side of Alpers Park was supposed to be a school but was sold because it was not needed.

Here is link to the 2021-22 Membership Projections Report passed around at the Coho meeting:

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/services/facilities/enrollment_projections_reports

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 \$1,111.45.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for Sept. were passed with correction. The correction was made to the minutes before most of them were distributed.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Site Development: 22-126150 & 22-126164 are both for 7736 W. Long Dr. It is for a mixed use, multi-family and commercial property. It includes 319 units, 2 parking garages, etc.

22-126047 is for 8421 S. Reed. They want to add 2 units in an unfinished basement of a multi-family home.

22-125964 is for Fairfield Inn. They asked for a minor variation to allow increased parking lot slopes.

22-123982 is for 6800 S. Pierce St. It is for a new Christian Brothers Automotive.

22-123149 is for 5631 S. Deframe St. It is a Religious Center with a walk-out basement at Intercessors of the Trinity.

Our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will be Sat., Oct. 8. We have been doing this since 2006. We meet at the W. Bowles Community Church.

Short Term Rental - We hope to find out more about a possible draft next week.

November meeting: we will try to reserve a room at Lilley Gulch. Columbine Library will be used for elections. There is a new sidewalk on Bowles from Oak to S Sims.

There is information about the new library location on the table in Columbine Library by the window wall. The second virtual meeting was on blue books and magic mushrooms. It was on Sept. 28.

The League of Women's Voters of Jefferson County will have a Candidate's Forum on Oct. 18 at the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden.

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

A reminder about your 2023 car registration. It includes \$29 for a Colorado Wild Pass. You must opt out if you do not want it.

New Business / Announcements Nothing.

We adjourned at 7:48 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Notes From The President—Well, it finally happened. My husband David and I put our money and (mostly his) blood, sweat, and tears, where our mouths were and turned our dry, thirsty, never green enough front lawn into a xeric space. We researched plantings, colours, types of rock, gravel, flagstones, and other landscaping strategies, and implemented a beautiful and very drought-and heat-tolerant space. It is lovely now; in two years I believe it will be stunning. Our friend Jack, an exceptional flower gardener, always says, Sleep, Creep, Leap. That is, the first year you put them in the ground the plantings will do virtually nothing; the second year they grow some, and the third year they leap into growth and spread into the wonderful plant you always knew was there. For the most part we arranged each of the four flower groupings by colour. Since we are not skilled gardeners, we did not have templates for complementary heights, shapes, and such. But flowers are all beautiful; I believe they will be happy. We (again, mostly he) did all the work ourselves. Feel free to walk over to see what we have done (5910 W Elmhurst Drive). But especially, swing by in '23 and '24 and see if they have leapt!

Our backyard is a xeric vegetable and fruit tree garden that we designed and completed in 2020, when Covid kept us at home. This year we have a bumper crop of squashes (all kinds!), tomatoes, apples, cucumbers, and one crazy squash we planted from seeds that we got from Tripp (the tomato gardener who sells tomatoes on Canyon over by Platte); this vine took off and has a dozen pumpkin-like squashes growing all over our raised garden bed. Some must weigh 30 pounds or more; we've never seen anything like it. And to top it off, our water bills are in the low \$30's. Can't beat that. In October we are celebrating the four best Halloween decorations with a \$20 gift card from King Soopers. We will do the same in December with Christmas decorations. In years past we awarded one home from each quadrant; we are not going to do that anymore. It particularly handicapped the NE quadrant that is by far the largest area of CHCA. Jointly we board members will choose the winners from all CHCA households.

Two more block walkers are joining us this month; CHCA rocks! We are fairly well set now although we could still use a couple of you as back-ups for the times when walkers are out of town and we are unable to cover their route. I will continue to invite you to come for Board meetings (October 27, 6 p.m., St Philip Lutheran Church) to meet the board members, pose questions, bring us supper (kidding) and get to observe and understand the process of maintaining a civic association. And we want to get to know you! Who are you? What can you offer to this great community? Being president or any other board member may look like roses and lollypops, but there is actually quite a bit of hard work involved. Many hands would lessen that load. Until November (already????!?) - *Galen Wiese, President*

COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2022 President Twisselman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom. Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Grant Garfield, Dustin Cartwright, Anna Hew, Doug O'Hara, and Bill Weeks. Four additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Membership: Lynn Weitzel, chair, reported there were nine new members in August bringing the total membership to 327.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods was absent and no report was presented.

Covenants and Architectural Control: Director Garfield reported there were quite a few open PIPSA's; mostly painting and garage requests. The PIPSA request for a structure at the back of the property at 6755 W Rowland Ave. was denied by the Board. The PIPSA request for a garage addition at 6436 W Frost was approved by the Board.

Special Events/Programs: September Cleanup/Dumpster Day – Saturday October 17; Columbine Knolls Pool parking lot. Columbine Knolls HOA Harvest Event, Sunday, October 9th 4-5:30 p.m. Creek Side Gardens, 5730 W. Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton 80128.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner — We held our most recent association meeting on September 13th and it was a productive meeting. I have mentioned in previous postings about recently passed legislation at the state level necessitating a legal review of our governing documents to ensure we comply with these new laws. This legal review is ongoing. One initial outcome of the legal review was the creation of two supplemental documents. The first document focuses on collections policies and procedures, and the second focuses on covenant and rule enforcement policies and procedures. Both documents are intended to provide clear and concise guidance and protections for both homeowners and our association. All associations are required to follow these procedures, and I'm happy we proactively engaged our legal team to help us navigate this. Your CKSII board of directors reviewed the draft iterations of these documents and have returned feedback to the attorneys for a few modifications. We hope these modifications will be made in time for board adoption at the November 15th annual meeting.

I am pleased to report the board reviewed two bids to replace the monument signage at the W Chatfield and S Yukon Way entrance, and selected the company to move forward with the fabrication and installation. We have a few minor design elements to finalize and our hope is fabrication can begin soon. The board was extremely pleased with the design, and I've included an image of the new signage below. I want to thank Andi Elkins (Director), Chris Reynolds (Secretary) and Julia Bate (HOA member) for a lot of hard work and many hours of their time to make this happen. Bob Haberkorn (Treasurer) and Greg Bishop (Keystone Denver Property Management) will be working on the 2023 association budget in the coming weeks so it is ready for adoption by our members at the November 15th annual meeting. The proposed 2023 budget will be sent to all member households sometime in mid-October as part of the annual meeting packet. This packet will also include documents such as the annual meeting agenda, and proxy assignment form. The proxy assignment form is particularly important because it is your means of voting at the annual meeting if you can't attend in person. We cannot hold the annual meeting without 10% (approximately 38 member households) either physically present at the November meeting, or represented by proxy. In fact, every annual meeting I've attended would not have happened without the proxies to ensure we met our quorum requirement. Instructions on ways to return your proxy will be provided in the packet. That said, and if you're lucky, you may get a friendly knock on your door from me or another board member out-and-about soliciting proxies. I find it a great way to reconnect and check in with old neighbors and an opportunity to meet new community members! — *Tom Schicktanz – President, CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The September Monthly meeting was held at St Philips Church on Ken Caryl, allowing us an inside meeting room with audio visual for the special Safety Presentation. Deputy Bybee, JCSO Crime Prevention Division, was our guest speaker. His presentation was based around "Eyes on the Street", which is geared towards communities helping Law Enforcement uncover problem areas faster. The 'Dirty Dozen', turned into "Dirty almost two Dozen" on August 27th, at the Zephyr/Ken Carly entrance. The County delivered 20 yards of FREE mulch, dropped at Zephyr & Yukon entrances. The evergreens at Roxbury/Pierce received a haircut to bring them back off the sidewalk area. Yukon also had the planter cleaned up for the season. Thank you so much to all the hands that participated, those who showed up early or came in a bit later. Trunk or Treat will be spearheaded by our Chairperson Alexis, a partnership of CWCA with PTSA. Check out www.cwca.info for details and to sign up your decorated trunk. The much anticipated Halloween Decorating Contest will have our Judges checking out homes decorated for Halloween. Continue to check the calendar on the front page of the monthly newsletter or stop by the new website www.CWCA.info. 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 October 11, 7:00 at Dutch Creek Elementary. Drop in, say hi and meet a friend.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes September 14, 2022 The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 Resident: Amanda Halbert. Dutch Creek resident: Craig Peterson.

Public Comments —(1) Tom Bryant – Tom reported an irrigation leak near the Xeriscape in Raccoon Hollar. Board Response: Dave has repaired the leak. (2) A Leawood resident spoke to Donna requesting that the trees and bushes that overhang the trail in Raccoon Hollar to be trimmed back. Board Response: Dave will investigate, and trim as needed.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. The lottery funds for the quarter have been received. Donna transferred \$40,000 from savings to cover expenses. Bills to be paid this month include Denver Water, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Honey Bucket, Weston, Alameda Wholesale, Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, irrigation inspected, fertilizer and weed control applied, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. Aeration was done in Leawood and Weaver Parks and T tract.

Leawood Park: The broken swing seat has been replaced. The damaged Little Tikes playground unit has been repaired and reinstalled. New fibar was added to the playground area. The damaged backflow was repaired. When Honey Bucket

came to clean the porta potty, the driver drove into the park damaging grass, concrete, knocked down the post holding doggie bags and hit the fence. Dave is working with Honey Bucket to have them repair the damage caused by their driver.

Weaver Park: Dave cleaned up a large amount of broken beer bottles on the tennis/pickleball court. The large, damaged tree in the far east end of the park, near the last house on Benton Way, was removed.

Raccoon Hollar: Urban Drainage removed the debris in the creek behind 5805 W. Leawood Dr. Dave repaired the broken water line near the Xeriscape.

Old Business – (A) Recruitment for Board: There are two open Board positions that need to be filled. An announcement will be again placed in the Rapporater and on Nextdoor. (B) Acadia inclusion and trail junction: Developer has not provided an update. © Computer, technological, storage space needs, personnel: The Board continued the discussion of the potential need for a computer and accounting software for the Treasurer. (D) Assessment of Liabilities: Kyle provided sample waivers from other Districts for the Board to review. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

New Business – (A) Porta Potty Providers: Debby will gather information on other porta potty providers so the Board has the information if a change is required. (B) Initial Budget and Project Planning: The Board will discuss park projects for 2023 and begin creating the 2023 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. —*Debby Baker, Secretary*

Leawood Civic Association Board Minutes of September 13, 2022—Present: Paul O'Connor, Kyle Evans, Travis Hall, Mike Major, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip Langowski, Betsy Major, Gina Sevorino, Nancy Bock, Laurie and Dave Sarno
Treasury: The end balance for August is 7,060.34.

Picnic was a huge success. A big thank you to Mary for helping with the food. During the meeting we discussed the pros and cons of how the picnic went. Ideas for next year to make adjustment to help improve.

The LCA board would like to send one person per month to sit at the Leawood Parks and Recreation board meetings.

The LCA board is looking to get a second person to help with the Rapporater.

The last front yard party was canceled. We are looking forward to next year's parties.

Upcoming events were talked about. We have the garage sale Friday and Saturday September 23rd and 24th. We are also doing a Halloween decoration contest. We started some planning for the holiday parties.

Halloween decoration contest. This year the LCA board will travel around the neighborhood and vote on best Halloween decorations.

Meeting ended at 8 p.m.



The Cohope Trash Pickup along West Bowles was on October 8.. Weather was pretty good.



Woodbourne

From Notes From The Board —Oh Happy Fall! At our September Board meeting we were joined by a small representative attendance of homeowners. During our Public Comment session there was an overwhelming sentiment around two topics: Common Space / Asset Enhancements / Covenant enforcement and the review of allowing the painting of brick surfaces on individual homes. We heard from the attendees that they wanted us to expedite our review of the brick proposal and bring it to a vote.

The HOA budget contains both obvious and visible items as well as items that are less obvious. Currently, the Board is considering both types of expenses regarding our common assets for next year. We intend to resurface both pools prior to the Memorial Day opening in 2023, replace three sections of concrete in front of the pool gate, and replace the pool pump room door that has deteriorated by the storage of the pool acid. Those are the visible enhancement or maintenance items. We also need to review and sign a new contract with a pool maintenance and lifeguard management com-



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The November meeting will be Wednesday November 2, 2022 at the Lilley Gulch Rec Center (6147 S. Holland Way) from 6 to 8 pm. The speaker will be Heather Gutherless from Jefferson County Planning & Zoning.

pany, transition our compliance and covenant services, and negotiate a landscape maintenance contract. These items are important but less visible. As for the painting of brick surfaces, the time required to complete a purposeful and deliberate process to review all aspects of a non-reversible process (like allowing painted brick surfaces) is not taken lightly by the Board. We must always represent all 400+ homes and ensure we take the time to develop procedures and requirements around this new aspect of our Architectural Control process. We have not yet consulted with a mason to learn what approving this change should require to preserve the look and personality of our neighborhood. We also would like to understand from realtors who operate in our neighborhood their assessment of the positive or negative ramifications of such a decision. The Board will continue to proceed thoughtfully and work as quickly as our time allows, while still dealing with the high dollar and critical items mentioned above. We ask for your continued patience.

In an attempt to minimize dues increases and operate with a balanced budget, the Board is considering having more of the community social events "sponsored" by local businesses to help offset our operating costs in lieu of canceling these kind of events altogether. The next social event on our calendar is the Holiday Hayride and last year this cost \$4,200. We are still waiting to get a proposal for this year's event but expect it to be substantially more costly than last year.— Woodbourne HOA Board

Low Income Energy Assistance (LEAP) Opens Nov. 1—LEAP is a federally funded program helping eligible Colorado families, seniors, and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The LEAP Program re-opens for applications on Nov. 1.

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program is also available as an additional support for households approved for LEAP. Call 1-866-432-8435 for questions. <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/leap>

Apply to Serve on the Jeffco Human Services Foundation Board—Jeffco Human Services Foundation is looking for diverse individuals who will bring a fresh perspective on fundraising and community outreach and, most importantly, are passionate about making a lasting change in Jefferson County. We want individuals who are currently involved or have experience with organizations that advocate for the populations we serve. For questions about this opportunity, email Roxy Dunaway or submit your application online. rdunaway@jeffco.us, <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd33LuB0c5JqiuNOTUL8iOWI2DqkZsWM7CR9vt0st8pWHoEXA/viewform>

Jefferson County Historic Preservation Symposium—The Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) is proud to present its 2022 Historic Preservation Symposium. The virtual presentations highlighting Dinosaur Ridge, the Bear Creek Toll Road, and Centennial House can be accessed on JCHC's YouTube channel. Visit the JCHC Happenings Page for links and more information about the symposium. <https://www.jeffco.us/4270/Happenings>

Help Children in Need Through CASA's Giving Tree Program—It's time for the 2022 Holiday Giving Tree Program! The holidays can be especially tough on abused and neglected children. CASA and CYFAP connect generous donors with families in need to fulfill their holiday wish list. If you are interested in matching with a child or family for the holiday season, please fill out this form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIcVKzXwIj22NSYpRPYbttkh2Gtl2FBLFDq_C9R5E9YqjHw/viewform
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