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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: January 5, 2023 5 pm, Virtual Meeting
 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
 Foothills: January 24, 2023 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.
 Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room
 One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
 DRCOG: January 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: Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: December 2022

Beginning Balance December 7, 2022

Deposits

Withdrawals

January 2023 newsletter \$3.48, Website \$14, Bank Fee \$8.95

Ending Balance January 4, 2023

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 1017.54

\$ 0.00

\$ 26.43

\$ 991.11

Draft Minutes for December 7 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Galen & Dave Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Al Hintz / At Large, Florene & Larry Rotherham / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Kevin Morse / Jeffco Climate Action Plan.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

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

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

Kevin Morse, Chair of the Jefferson County Sustainability Commission, was our speaker for tonight. He presented the draft of the Jeffco Climate Action Plan. The link is <https://www.jeffco.us/4410/Climate-Action-Plan>.

This is a strategic planning process for developing goals, policies, and programs. It started at the end of 2020. In 2021 they hired a consultant. In Jan through April of 2022, they had the kickoff of the Steering Committee Meeting. In April through May 2022, the Sector Area Research started. They had another Steering Committee meeting. An email went out to the Stakeholders. In May through Sept. of 2022, they started community outreach, another Steering Committee meeting, and email to Stakeholders. They are now in Sept through Dec of 2022.

They want to incorporate their plan with existing plans in the area/State.

The Committee Action Plan has 730 Community Stakeholder members. They attend the Steering Committee meetings. They also have Plan sponsors, Focus Sector participants and Project Management Team.

Their engagement are surveys, Open House, and toolkits.

The Plan Components include goals, climate sector, and solutions. They have 23 solutions so far with 14 priority solutions. The goals include reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing the impacts to citizen climate equity scores. The Sectors include ecosystems, food & waste, water, buildings, energy supply, and transportation. Each solution includes GHG Emissions, resiliency, Preliminary Action Plan, county estimate resources, available resources, equity considerations, and key indicators. Each solution has its own page in the Plan. They are not mandatory but may have rebates.

The Foundational Solutions are F1 - Public Awareness, F2 - Emerging Preparedness & Response, and F3 - Explore funding sources. Building Solutions are B1 - new construction, B2 - Climate related, and B3 - Business. There are similar solutions for Energy Supply, Transportation, Ecosystems, Food & Waste, and Water solutions.

GHG Emissions have the maximum potential of solutions. Excel plans to reduce the grid by 73% by 2035.

The implementation structure for Jefferson County includes the Lead / Coordinator, the team is cross-departmental county planners, community partners, local government partners, and sustainability commission.

They want the plan to address equitable implementation. So poor and rich people will benefit equally.

The next steps are a Public Hearing on 12/20. Implementation will begin in 2023.

Kevin asks that we support the Climate Action Plan. Please review the plan on the website. Please attend the BBC Public Hearing on 12/20. Please share this information.

Who are the sponsors? There is a list. Are they fully funded? Yes, for the development of the Plan. Will this affect future building? The Federal government is in the process of being deferred infrastructure Act, Climate Act.

When are the goals going to be implemented? There are too many and a lot of people may drag their feet. An aggressive goal would not be easy. It would require a lot of work and effort in community support. He has been impressed and encouraged by the number of positive supports he has received but implementation could be another issue. There may be economic development opportunities.

Each of the Plan solutions have monitoring triggers and plans to get to their goal.

What are communities have Climate Action Plans? Denver, Boulder, and a lot of mountain counties.

Previous rebates are very hard to complete and understand.

In equity of states, who decides who gets what? Denver seems to get all or most of the funding.

Who makes the hard decisions? The County Commissioners. Are you comfortable with their buy-in? Yes.

You can email Kevin at sustainability@jeffco.

The commission has 9 members but they want to have more. They want to set up subcommittee for each sector. If you are interested, please contact Kevin. His email is morsekb@gmail.com.

What are Excel's plan? to be 100% renewable by 2050.

On their website, there is a link to sign up to get new information.

Reports from Officers

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 11 members present and had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$1,008.59.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for November were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Site Development: 22-129541 is for 5641 S. Deframe St. This was a Pre-Application last month. It is for a religious building for Intercessors of the Trinity. It is on 4.24 acres west of C-470 and north of Bowles.

Pre-Application

22-131169 is for 8055 W. Bowles Ave. It is at Bowles Crossing. They want to remove the existing building and build a 80,000 sq. ft. building for Floor and Decor. It will be immediately west of the movie theater.

The election results are in for RTD District N. Peggy Catlin, our current representative, was re-elected.

There have been no changes regarding the Planning and Zoning Short Term Rental plan. There is still no timeline as to when it will be ready.

For January and February meetings, the Columbine Library has been reserved. No speakers have been set up yet.

Excel plans to increase electricity rates again. LEAP is getting a LOT of application for assistance.

HOAs need to complete their annual registration with the County for 2023. This is how you get updates of happenings such as Planning and Zoning. The website is <https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/1818/Association-Registration-Handout-PDF?bidId=>.

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

New Business Nothing.

Announcements: We will meet at the Columbine Library for our January and February meetings.

We adjourned at 7:55 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Events Calendar —December 2022 Thursday, December 1st: CHCA Board meeting will be delayed from Thanksgiving the week before, from 6PM-7PM at St. Philip Lutheran Church.

Holiday Decorating: Four households will receive a \$20 gift certificate from King Soopers for the best Christmas/holiday decorations. Let's light up the neighborhood!

Saturday, December 10th: Santa is coming to CHCA! Bring your young ones to meet Santa from 5:00-7:00PM at the pavilions on the SE corner of Kendall Blvd and Elmhurst Ave. Enjoy cocoa, coffee, and seasonal treats for all to enjoy.

January 2023 Sunday, January 8th: Board members will meet to plan for 2023.

Saturday, January 14th: Chili cook-off from 1:00-4:00. More details in Dec. newsletter but plan on bringing your best chili in a crockpot or Instapot. Location is TBD. Prizes for the best red, green, vegetarian, and overall winner! We will provide chips, cups and spoons, electricity, and beverages.

COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

From **COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting** November 8, 2022

President Twisselman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom. Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Grant Garfield, Doug O'Hara, Dustin Cartwright, Alex Hew, and Bill Weeks Six additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Membership: Lynn Weitzel, chair, was not in attendance, thus, no report was given.

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

Covenants and Architectural Control: Director Garfield reported there was only one fence PIPSA since the last meeting.

Special Events/Programs: Columbine Knolls Pumpkin Event, Sunday, October 9th 4-5:30 p.m. Creek Side Gardens, 5730 W. Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton 80128. Thank you, Bill, Jean, Anita and Anna! Anna Hew did an outstanding job planning and coordinating this event.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Baden-Gillette reminded the Board that just like individuals, all our expenses are increasing. (Financial reports can be viewed at www.ckha.org.)

Other Reports: Real Estate News & Website: Steve Hantelman reported currently there are 12 homes active for sale; one is under contract, and it appears prices are lowering. The highest price is \$865,000 and the low price is \$600,000.

Daily, hackers all over the world have been trying to hack into our website. However, we have excellent security and no attackers have breached.

Newsletter, The Voice: Since Director Pudewell has been very busy, President Twisselman will be assuming the duties as the contact for The Voice for the next couple months.

NEW BUSINESS Treasurer Baden-Gillette told the Board that vendor prices are going up and if we don't raise dues, we may have to dip into savings in the coming years. It's been about 8 years since the last increase in dues. There were some suggestions such as limiting the frequency of The Voice or changing the distribution method (block captains to do deliver manually or electronic delivery via email.) The Board approved a motion to increase dues to \$50 per month for the 2023 membership year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner — I'm writing this posting on the heels of Halloween night, and it made me realize a few things. The first is how many trick-or-treaters that we had. We had over 90 kids come to the door this year and have had 150+ in some years. I talked to friends who live in other communities across the city, and they had a fraction of that. It certainly helps to have favorable weather and to have Halloween fall on a weekend night, but 90+ on a school night was fantastic. What is interesting, and I'm pretty sure it's true in talking to my neighbors, is we tend to get kids from other neighborhoods that come over to trick-or-treat. Why? The consensus among my neighbors is we decorate like few neighborhoods and our neighborhood is perceived as a fun and safe place to be. I also suspect we give out the best treats! If this conclusion is true, and I believe it is, that is a huge validation of the quality of our neighborhood and community. Outstanding job CKSII!

My other observation is neighbors are starting to get out to visit and socialize more. I suspect part of this is pent up from Covid, but a big part is our neighborhood is getting younger. Most desirable neighborhoods go through this cycle. Those of us who purchased our homes when CKSII was developed in the 1980's (phase I) and early 1990's (phase II), are now seasoned (okay, older!). We raised our families, and they are now raising theirs. Young families tend to have kids and develop a common bond around everything that goes with raising a family. Part of that is they get together. My section of the block is starting to develop quite a reputation for impromptu gatherings and celebrating special events and holidays, and Anita and I have been fortunate to be included in the fun. The most-recent fun happened on Halloween late afternoon ahead of trick or treating and ended sometime after the kids were tucked in for the night! I want to thank my neighborhood ring leaders Jake and Lisa Nguyen and Colin and Christin Schroeder for putting together an excellent pre-party for kids and adults alike.

What a wonderful neighborhood we live in. Wonderful stories of neighbors helping neighbors in times of need, or just fun times of getting together. It makes me proud to be part of this community. I know my street is not unique, so please send me your stories and pictures of things that are inspirational, motivational, and fun. My email is president.cksii@gmail.com. Lastly, I'm pleased to report the new monument signs are installed at the corner of W Chatfield Ave and S Yukon Way! So far, we've received nothing but rave reviews. I want to thank Andi Elkins (board Director) who spearheaded this effort along with Chris Reynolds (board Secretary) and HOA member Julia Bate for making this project happen. The new signage is something we can all be proud of.

Happy holidays to you and yours!— *Tom Schicktanz – President, CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The November Monthly meeting was held at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. The attendance was lite, so the Agenda was handled very quickly. The CWCA 2023 Budget was ratified and is based on 350

paid members, which supports all upcoming 2023 events, operating expenses, entrance maintenance plus miscellaneous fees. We are BACK!! The Dutch Creek Elementary Library will be our meeting point from January 2023 thru May 2023. Please join us. The 2023 Calendar of Events is still being processed, stay tuned for upcoming events. Be on the look out of the Meet Your Neighbor Mixer in Feb/March, Easter Egg Hunt in April, Dumpster Day in June and more to come. Stop by the new website www.CWCA.info, which will have all the information you need. 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 January, 10th, 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 November 9, 2022 The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President and Donna Snyder / Treasurer. Other District: Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Dutch Creek resident: Craig Peterson.

Public Comments – Tom Bryant (1) Tom reported that the sign in Raccoon Hollar is faded, and bronze letters are peeling. Board Response: The sign (and others) will be refurbished or replaced in 2023. (2) Tom expressed concern that a log that someone placed across Raccoon Creek could be a safety hazard. Board Response: Dave will investigate. (3) Tom found a silver ankle bracelet on the sidewalk just north of the southeast end of Raccoon Hollar on Sheridan. Board Response: If this ankle bracelet is yours, please contact a Board Member. (4) Tom reported that there is a makeshift lean-to on the side walk side of Raccoon Hollar and a brush pile on the north side of the creek. Board Response: Dave will investigate. (5) Tom asked when the brush pile in Raccoon Hollar will be removed. Board Response: A date for the removal has not been set, but Dave will get the pile removed as time permits. (6) Tom reported that a post on the split rail fence located adjacent to the sidewalk to Vintage Reserve is leaning and loose. Board Response: Dave will investigate.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. The Lottery Funds for 2023 have been certified. Donna continues to have billing issues with Honey Bucket. Bills to be paid this month include Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Honey Bucket, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, and doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. The irrigation systems were winterized in all parks. Repairs to the irrigation systems will be needed in the Spring. The ATV needs to be taken in for service.

Leawood Park: Dave continues to work with Honey Bucket to repair the damage caused by their driver when cleaning the porta potty.

OLD BUSINESS (A) Recruitment for Board: Two Board positions remain vacant. No one has stepped up to fill a position nor have there been inquiries. An announcement will again be placed in the Reporter and on Nextdoor. The Board also discussed other ways of getting the word out to all three of the communities that are part of the District. Failure to find enough new members may force the District into making difficult decisions about the future. (B) Draft 2023 budget: Donna presented a second draft of the 2023 budget that included changes discussed at the October meeting. Donna moved that the second draft of the budget for 2023 be approved and published for public comment. Judy seconded and the motion passed unanimously (C) Project Planning for 2023: Discussion of possible park projects for 2023 continued. The Board finalized a list of eleven projects that they would like to accomplish as funds are available. (D) Assessment of Liabilities: Postponed

NEW BUSINESS – None

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

Leawood Civic Association Board Minutes of November 6, 2022—Present: Paul O'Connor, Kyle Evans, Mike Major, Travis Hall, Kate Shafer, Chip Langowski, Laurie Sarno, Dave Sarno, Gina Severino, Debbie Zummo, Rhonda Eveleth, Camille Sankey

Treasury: The end balance for October is \$5,125.17.

The Santa party date and times confirmed. We will use the cafeteria again for crafts and treats for the kids. We will have a membership table set up.

LCA platinum member dinner: the dinner will be at the Littleton Elks Club. The dates and times were confirmed. RSVPs will be sent out to those who are platinum members for a final count to order food.

Membership: the LCA wants to start the membership drive earlier for 2023. A vote was made to increase starting membership from \$20 to \$25. An email blast will be sent out to the neighborhood to remind people to sign up.

We will be having the Christmas light contest again this year and it will be voted on by the board members. The votes will be in by the 17th of December so we can have the winners in the December Reporter.

The LCA is looking to host a craft show with the car show in July. Details are being worked on now.

The banners for the sandwich boards were discussed. The board is looking into replacing some of the banners to accommodate the new time of the meetings and add new information.

Meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Westbury

From the Mind of the President: Gratitude, A New Editor, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Please Join Us, and Merry Christmas!! —Thank you to all who came forward to run for our WHOA board. At our November meeting, Brendon Cody was elected our new President. Vickie Agler our new Vice President, Madison Johnson our new Secretary and John Martinez our returning Treasurer. Adam Ingram, Lawrence Schaufler, and Nathan Overfield were elected as Board Members at Large, and by our bylaws, I, as outgoing President, was automatically assigned the fourth Board Member at large position. We are in excellent hands!

This still leaves us in need of a new Newsletter Editor, as my lovely bride, Madonna Gaudio, is moving on to other things. Please call me at 303-870-1044, if you're interested. Many thanks to Madonna, and to all who have served our community, both these last two years, and for many prior years. You have made, and continue to make, Westbury a much better place to live.

In these difficult times, coming out of the Covid insanity, with high gas prices, supply chain issues, inflation, and the promise of difficult times ahead, it is critical that we help one another locally. John Martinez began Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and through his efforts helped and encouraged one of our own to repair his home and beautify our neighborhood. Thank you! Contact John at 303-887-9042 if you want to help a neighbor or if you could use a little help from your neighbors. We're all in this together!

Please join WHOA as a Member in Good Standing for 2023. Dues are \$25.00 per year and are strictly voluntary. You don't have to join WHOA, but we sure hope you will. As president I've met some wonderful people, made new friends, and had a great time. I hope to see you at our Christmas party on December 10th.

Have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. God bless you all —*John Gaudio, Past President/Board Member at Large*

Woodbourne

From Notes From The Board —We hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and were able to share it with family and friends.

There were some major board activities since our last Board meeting. Our current management company, CLA, informed the Board that they were planning on raising their fees (again) by 100 percent and proposed a budget that would increase dues to nearly \$100 per month while still not providing any funding of our reserve account. The Board felt that this situation provided good cause to review our management contract.

The Board has been meeting with other property management companies and decided that a change was in order. After careful consideration, the Board has selected ACCU, Inc. to take over community management starting January 1, 2023. You will be receiving a welcome package from them soon that will contain information on what you will need to provide ACCU with to set up your on-line account, how to change your automatic payments, and other pertinent account and contact information.

As we have shared in previous newsletters, the inflationary pressures from this past year and the recommendations from the reserve study that the Board completed in March, will require a substantial dues increase beginning in January of 2023. The Board has set a new monthly dues amount at \$85 per month. Please see the separate article in this newsletter for more details about this increase.

Please mark your calendars! We were able to negotiate a lower price with our Holiday Hayride vendor and will once again be providing two carriages on December 17, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please bring your strongest caroling voice, a treat to share, and/or a festive (and child friendly) drink. Happy Holidays!— *Woodbourne HOA Board*

Jefferson County Internet Access Survey Open Through Jan. 12 —Jefferson County needs your input on internet access where you live or work. Community feedback is critical to help the county secure grant funding that will allow internet service providers to plan new broadband initiatives in Jeffco. The survey will help identify gaps in reliable, high-speed internet that is necessary to work or learn from home. Take the survey by Jan. 12, 2023.

Survey takes a few minutes to complete

Responses are anonymous, confidential

Please limit participation to one person per household

Survey is to address wired internet (Wi-Fi or Ethernet) not cellular (5G/4G/LTE)

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/33e56326b441405f8387350620ff50ed?portalUrl=https://gismaps.hrgreen.com/portal>

Volunteers Needed for Jefferson County's Point-in-Time Count—Heading Home is now recruiting volunteers for the 2023 Point-in-Time Count to conduct interviews with homeless individuals and families at emergency shelters, human service organizations, parks, and other places where unhoused residents spend time. Learn more about the Point in Time Count or sign up to volunteer.

<https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1991>

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 December 2026. Federal guidelines allow ARPA funds to support families, businesses, maintain vital public services, and build a strong, resilient, and equitable future. See how ARPA funds are being allocated on the Jeffco ARPA dashboard.

<https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjojODMyMjRkNWUtMjAwNC00YzlkLTkxMzQtZDE4NzhjMWIzMjkzIiwidCI6IjdiZTh>



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The January meeting will be Wednesday January 4, 2023 at the Columbine Library (7706 W. Bowles Ave) from 6 to 8 pm. No speaker information is available at this time.

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Treasurer Negotiates Lower Fee for Property Tax Payments—The Jefferson County Treasurer's Office uses a third-party vendor to collect property taxes online. This vendor charges a vendor, or "convenience", fee for their services. The fee goes directly to the vendor, not to Jefferson County. For 2023, Treasurer Jerry DiTullio was able to negotiate a lower fee for credit card payments, reducing the fee from 2.5% to 2.35%. Learn more on the Treasurer's website

<https://www.jeffco.us/treasurer>

From Engage Jeffco December 2022 Issue

Area Agency on Aging solicits RFPs for community-based programs for older adults—The Area Agency on Aging receives federal funding from the Older Americans Act Title III and state Funding for Senior Services to support community-based service programs benefiting older adults aged 60 and older within the AAA's eight-county region. Funding will be awarded for up to two years beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2025. The funding is subject to appropriations from the state and federal legislatures and may be reduced or canceled at any time.

To be considered for funding, applicants are required to attend a mandatory training to be conducted via webinar prior to submitting a proposal. Register now for training (link is external). Information on services eligible for funding, the service area, proposal application and other key items are available on the RFP site(link is external).

Link to RFP site: <https://drcog.oaa-sys.com/drcog/rfp/public/Login.aspx>(link is external)

Deadline to submit proposals: 5 p.m. MST Monday, Jan. 9, 2023

Mandatory Training: Via webinar (link is external) 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022

Contact: AAA Business Operations team, AAA_RFP@drcog.org(link is external) or 303-455-1000.

From drcog.org

Happy New Year!