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The Facts—President / Public Relations / Development: Open Vice President / Environmental Advocate: Di-	Upcoming Meetings: Open Space: Apr 4, 2024 6 pm, 700 Jeffco Co Prkwy Suite #100 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am Foothills: Apr 23, 2024 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.				
ane Suchomel E-mail: diane@cohopejeffco.com Secretary: Cheri Paavola 303-972-8080 E-mail: cheri@cohopejeffco.com Treasurer/Newsletter/Membership: Ray Moore 303-978-1145 E-mail: wrmoorejr@msn.com	Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One,100 Jefferson County Parkway DRCOG: Apr 17, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street 1st Floor, Aspen /Birch				
Calendar for upcoming meetings: April 3 Footh May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov		In This Issue: Information and Mi yard 2-4	inutes 1	I-2, 4-6 Back-	
COHOPE Treasury Activity: March 2024 Beginning Balance March 6, 2024		W. R.	Moore, \$	Treasurer 492.49	
Deposits Columbine Hills CA \$40, Moore \$20			\$	60.00	
Withdrawals February Website \$20 Bank Fee \$8.95 April 2024	Newslette	er \$ 3.60 Dues Mailout 14.28	\$	50.43	
Ending Balance April 3, 2024		· ·	\$	502.06	

Draft Minutes for March 6 Meeting—Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Craig Pedersen / Dutch Creek Village HOA, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls HOA, Tom Majcen & Amanda Gomez / Columbine Knolls South Estates HOA, Julie Scott-Blair / Lakehurst West HOA. The meeting started at 6:02 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one was present from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Public Schools, or Foothills Parks and Recreation District.

Diane had this information on Foothills Parks and Recreation District. They have to plow snow for 60 miles of trails and 30 acres of parking lots. They have 2 full-time park rangers and plan to hire 2 seasonal park rangers. They are also going to be putting locked gates on the entrances to the ball field parking lot at the ball diamonds on S Zang St (across W Coal Mine Ave from the Walmart at Bowles). They have been having problems with squatters and other after-hours activities there. (*update: the locking gates have been installed. Sign by the gates says the gates will be closed at dark.)* There were no speakers for tonight.

Reports from Officers - We do not have a President.

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

Ray Moore, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. We have \$459.94. Dues notices will be sent out in March. **Cheri Paavola, Secretary,** was present. The minutes for January and Februry were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Planning and Zoning—Pre-Application: 24-103732 is for 5730 and 5690 W. Coal Mine Ave. They want to subdivide each into 4 single family detailed property as 4 custom homes. It is currently zone partly as PD and A-2 with other issues.

24-104990 is for 12756 W. Cross Ave. It is for a 8 ft. wide trail connecting Trailhead Community Center to the Foothills Parks and Recreation District trail between W Bowles Ave and Mossbrucker Park.

Site Development: 24-103800 is for 7560 S. Pierce St. It is for a Taco Bell.

24-104477 is for 5391 S. Alkire Circle. It is for a minor revision. They want to add 2 loading bays to the already approved light industrial plant.

Administration Review: It is for 10251 W. Bowles Ave. It is for the shopping center on the northwest corner of S Kipling Pkwy/W Bowles Ave. It is for 30/70 Sports Bar and Grill by Auto Parts and Hardware Store.

Other: Our next meeting is Apr. 3. The library has been reserved for Apr. and May. We do not have a speaker yet. **Legislature**—HB21-1110 - Colorado Law for persons with Disabilities. It specifies government entity website standards. It has been signed into law. The deadline for compliance is 7/1/2024. The details are a little vague. It specifies rules and lots of penalties. It applies to the whole state, not just Denver City and County. You can look at the bill at oit.colorado.gov/hb21-1110-faq.

A consequence of HB21-1110 is that Foothills Parks and Recreation District will no longer post some information on their website, specifically their Board meeting board packets. Their comment was that it is too long(50-60+ pages) and too expensive to change from pdf into the required format. Tentatively FHPRD proposes to provide a paper copy of the board member meeting packet to any member of the public who requests it. Diane asked if someone from the county could speak with us about HB21-1110.(update: the County replied that it is too early in their process of making website changes to discuss this with the group.)

We have questions about S Pierce St. fixes and moving pavement at Clement Park to make room for a sidewalk. (update: all of the details about the S Pierce St improvement project are available on the County's website in the listing of ARPA projects, under the Public Improvement projects section. https://www.jeffco.us/Blog.aspx?IID=226) Short Term Rental - There have been no changes.

The fiber optic work is still going on.

Someone said that they requested service to a pool house. They got a reply that it was not in their plan and will cost. The **Library Site Selection Advisory Committee** is expecting to have a short list of sites for the new library in February. Someone asked about the disposal of Colorow and Pfeiffer schools. The first step in the School Board's process when they decide to dispose of a property is to officially designate it as being surplus. This has not been done yet for either of those sites. Currently, the school board doesn't have any plan to dispose of either site.

New state legislation is being discussed concerning no longer requiring parking spaces for new buildings.

The Fire Department is concerned about proposed changes in a State Legislature bill that would result in no longer requiring 2 stairways per building. It is being discussed to change it to only 1 source of egress. Having only 1 egress stairway in a building, especially in an multi-story building, is considered to be a safety hazard.

2 people were shot and killed by a construction supervisor after they beat him up. They were stealing copper from the construction site. He may not be charged. (update: TV news reported that the construction supervisor won't be charged because he did this in self defense. This happened in the under construction location for Whole Foods's new location in the shopping center on the northwestern corner of that intersection.)

Our Adopt-a-Highway is coming up in April. (update: April 13, weather permitting. April 20 if snow/rain on 4/13). We pick up trash on the both sides of Bowles from Simms to C-470.)

Old Business/ New Business / Announcements-None.

We adjourned at 6:36 p.m.-Cheri Paavola, Secretary



Columbine Knolls South II Review

From **President's Corner** — Hello Columbine Knolls South II Residents, My name is Amanda Tillotson and I am your new Community Association Manager, replacing Kyle Phillips. I joined the team at Keystone Management in October of 2023, and I have worked as a Community Association Manager for the past 13 years. My career in Association Management began in Florida, and I have continued it in the Denver area since moving here in 2022.

I look forward to meeting you during Board meetings and when I am on property if you are outside, during my regular property inspections. I understand there have been communication issues in the past, and I am committed to maintaining my standard of always answering calls when possible, and returning all missed calls promptly. I am also always available by email. Please use the contact information below if you have any questions or need assistance.

Please be advised, Jefferson County has new towing laws regarding RVs and trailers parked on the street. The association will continue to enforce the HOA rules regarding parking RVs and trailers in driveway (it is not permitted), however any RV or trailer that is left on a JEFFCO road for more than 72 hours should be reported to JEFFCO Sheriff's office. It must have been in the same location for 72 hours before you report it to them. The direct line to report RVs and trailers on the street is 303-271-0211.

To report HOA rule violations, including RVs and trailers parked in driveways, please use the contact information below to report it directly to me. I look forward to working with you! Thank you! — Amanda Tillotson, Community Association Manager Keystone

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From **A Moment with the Board** The February monthly meeting was attended by young and old residents. One in attendance actually grew up in Columbine West and attended Dutch Creek too. She has moved back into the neighborhood after marriage and her son will start kindergarten in the Fall. How's that for full circle. We welcomed our new Easter Egg Hunt Chair, Jessica, to the group. She is excited to manage the event and bring some new and interesting additions

too. With the newly renovated pool park area its gonna be spectacular. We heard from a 40 year resident concerning the new laws surrounding trailers parked on the street, his conversation with Jeffco Sheriff Deputy and how much the community can participate in the process. The volunteer members spent time finalizing the upcoming Meet your Neighbor event, scheduled for 3/14, 6p at Breckenridge Brewery TapHouse. Discussion on the Easter Egg Hunt was lively and exciting, mark your calendar for 3/23. Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off on March 1st, the newsletter will have a QR code directing you to a link on the website. Banners will be installed on our entrances and a postcard will arrive in your mailbox. We would so enjoy meeting and exceeding the 350 membership goal for 2024. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. Please drop a note to CWCAtalk@gmail.com if you need to speak with a committee member. The community is held to a standard by being 'Covenant Protected'. Stop by the new website www.CWCA.info., which will have all the information you need. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting, the next one is March 12th, 7:00p at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

Dutch Creek Village News

From **From the President** This month the newsletter should have some new content regarding the history of Dutch Creek Village (DCV), so please read and we hope you will find things entertaining and informative. Please let us know if you have material you would like the Master HOA to include in future newsletters. For example, do we have any aspiring writers within DCV that would like to contribute content?

For the Master HOA, we are in the middle of preparing for the next fiscal year and determining the annual dues amounts. As you might expect, we anticipate that the dues will be increasing again this year. The trash charges increase based on the current contract and the general dues will increase by a measure of inflation like past years. Sadly, increases are necessary as the cost of goods and services keeps increasing for the Master HOA. Please make sure that you watch for a notice of Master HOA dues to be mailed around March 1, 2024 and pay the dues promptly by

April 1, 2024. Not having a current address on file for the responsible homeowner is not an excuse for not paying the dues in a timely manner. We do not enjoy enforcing the rules for late payment of dues, but we attempt to follow the rules exactly to make sure all homeowners are treated equally.

The Dutch Creek Village Master HOA will have its annual meeting this April. The tentative date is April 18, 2024 at 7:30pm. Please watch for instructions on how to attend the meeting or submit a proxy for your vote. The Master HOA needs your vote or proxy submitted to conduct annual business; therefore it is greatly appreciated if you can submit a proxy document online if you are not able to attend in person. — *Craig Pedersen, Dutch Creek HOA President*

The Leawood Rapporter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes February 14, 2024 The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent.

Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President, Maggie Tocco and Myra Pasco. Other District: Debby Baker / Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitor: Leawood Resident Dave Grove.

Public Comments: a. David Tschetter, developer of Arcadia Creek, contacted Kyle and Judy to inform them that they are moving to Final Platte approval. A public meeting will be held on March 5, 2024.

b. A Leawood resident spoke with Myra about a deteriorating teepee structure in Raccoon Hollar. They felt that the structure was a safety hazard. Board Response: Dave will remove the teepee.

New Treasurer: Kyle moved that the Board proceed out of order on the agenda to appoint a new Treasurer. Kyle moved to appoint Judy as Treasurer. Maggie seconded and the motion passed without objection. Judy will assume the duties from Donna who retired from the Board in January.

Treasurer's Report – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Honey Bucket, SDA (annual association cost), Jefferson County Clerk (trailer plates), Olive Garden (retirement dinner for Donna), Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Parks Manager Report: Snow was removed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed in all parks. A new wear bar was put on the ATV.

a. Leawood Park - The split rail fence damaged by Honey Bucket has been repaired.

b. Weaver Park - Denver Water has requested that the ranch pump be removed.

Old Business: a. Future of the District Board: The future of the Board will be an ongoing discussion for the year. Decisions need to be made by the end of 2024. Possible options need to be defined along with the pros and cons of each. b. Document Retention Policy: Maggie presented information on the process, costs and possible vendors for the conversion of District paper documents to digital files. The digital records can be stored at the Colorado State Archives. The Colorado State Archives has a Special Districts Records Manual which defines requirements for what documents must be retained and for how long. Judy moved to adopt the Colorado State Archives Special Districts Records Management Manual as the Records Retention Policy for the District. Maggie seconded and the motion passed without objection. **New Business:** a. The District financial files are stored on Donna's computer. Those files need to be converted from old

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DOS files to a current format then placed on a pc. Myra moved to give Judy the authority to move forward with the task of hiring a professional for that process. Maggie seconded and the motion passed without objection.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. — Debby Baker, Secretary

LCA Minutes: December February 6th 2024 Leawood Elementary School Time: 6:34pm

Attending: Camile Sankey, Mike Major, Betsy Major, Kyle Evans, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Evelth, Paul O'Connor, Mike Whalen, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno

DISCUSSION: Treasurer report provided - 2024 Budget Estimates discussed. Online payment needs to be addressed Membership drive signs are up with flyers being mailed in March

Website to be updated with new payment service for memberships & get corrected board members added

2024 Calendar: March 23rd Easter egg hunt, March 30th will serve has backup if adverse weather is experienced May garage sales

June annual clean up

July 14th Craft/Car show. Need an organizer for the Craft Show

August 24 Annual picnic

September will be Board/ Platinum Member party

Leawood Civic Association to help with car show portion of Summerset Festival in September Meeting end: 7:25 p.m.

Woodbourne

From **Notes from the February Board Meeting**—Happy Spring Woodbourne! As we look to warmer weather and march toward Summer, we wanted to let everyone know what the neighborhood has going on over the next few months: March 25: Renovation work will begin in the Clubhouse (see sub-article for more details)

March 23/24 or March 30: Woodbourne Easter Egg Hunt - dependent on volunteers and scheduling. Please reach out to Sheryl Archuleta (sheryla@woodbournehoa.com) if you'd like to help.

April 16 (Tuesday): Annual homeowners meeting

May 25: Pool opens

We continue to experience many cost-related items in and around the pool. The 30-year-old heater in the ceiling of the pool pump room failed in January and allowed pipes to burst during our extreme cold snap. We are researching a more efficient radiant style heater (with a thermostat) to not only ensure constant temperatures are achieved, but that water is supplied to the Clubhouse all winter long.

We are replacing the access doors to the pool mechanical room. The main door frame has settled due to the prior leaking of the wader pool and does not adequately close. We also need to replace the door where the pool chemicals are stored, as long-term wear-and-tear has made accessibility difficult. Lastly, we are assessing the double doors where the chemicals are delivered to ensure all access options are functioning.

The pool filter system is going to be replaced soon, as the internal mechanism finally rusted to the point where it was allowing air into the system, causing the motor to work harder than needed. This is a very large expenditure to fund (\$32,000). We are purchasing a backup pump to ensure that if we ever experience another failure like last summer, the pool will not be forced to close. We are also addressing the cracked pipes under the pool deck that is prohibiting the wader pool to retain water.

Our Reserve Study placed the remaining usable life of the pool furniture at 0-3 years. That report was produced over 3 years ago, and so we will be researching ways to replace the pool furniture in waves, and will look to add additional seating and furniture throughout.

Although it seems like everything in and around the pool are presenting challenges at once, the Board is working very hard to preserve our biggest and most important asset to this community. Please consider becoming part of our Board to help with varying matters like this and around the neighborhood.—Your *Woodbourne HOA Board*

COHOPE Trash pick-up

COHOPE Spring-time trash pick up will be April13 (weather permitting). If it is raining/snowing then we'll do the pick up on April 20.

Provide Input on Together Jeffco Plan and Regulation Updates—efferson County wants your feedback on locations for new development, identified wildfire hazard areas, and transportation. The county held three public meetings the week of March 4 on the next milestones in the Together Jeffco Plan and Regulation Update project.

After public outreach last summer and fall, the Together Jeffco project consultants used feedback from in-person meetings and online activities to create draft documents, plans, and maps. Presentation materials and feedback tools are now available. If you were unable to attend the meetings, you can view the updates and provide input through April 21. https://togetherjeffco.com/

Lookout Mountain Road Study - Provide Your Input to Improve Safety—Lookout Mountain Road is an iconic destination that provides access for residents, stunning views of the front range, and many recreation opportunities. The road serves bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, motorcyclists, and the occasional hang glider. It is important that this road is

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Budget Yr	Jan1 Dec 31 2024	Actual 2023	Budgeted 2023	Budget Analysis —Cohope expenses re- mained fairly consistent in 2023. There were two areas that varied from the budget-
Income				ed amount. We only used Lilley Gulch twice
Bank Account, yr start	718.24	985.64	985.64	for meetings so that saved us about \$100.
Est Dues income	380.00	380.00	420.00	The Post Office Box rental amount did go
Est other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	up \$62, and the website monthly charge increased \$6 per month in November. Post-
Total for year	1098.24	1365.64	1405.64	age also increased a little. At the end of 2024 we will be below the \$400 range and may have to consider remedies in 2025.
Expenses				WR Moore, Treasurer
Newsletter/postage				
est. \$5 / month	60.00	42.00	55.00	
PO box	176.00	176.00	114.00	
Picnic / Xmas Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Lilley Gulch / other rental	140.00	140.00	240.00	
Website	240.00	174.00	150.00	
Bank Fee	106.00	105.40	103.40	
Other*	10.00	10.00	20.00	
Total for year	732.00	647.40	682.40	
Est + / - for year Est	-352.00	-267.40	-262.40	
funds, Jan. 2025	366.24	718.24	723.24	

safe for all users. Jefferson County seeks community input on design recommendations to improve functionality and safety. *https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LookoutMountainStudyRoadwaySurvey*

Clarification on Mill Levy Language in Jefferson County Tax Bills—Jefferson County received feedback from community members regarding a note included on the county's property tax statements for the 2023 tax year. On these statements, there are asterisks next to "County General Fund," "Dept of Social Services," "Road and Bridge Fund," and "Law Enforcement Authority." The note tied to those asterisks states, "Represents a Mill Levy Reduction." This note should state, "Represents a Mill Levy Temporary Adjustment." Get full details on the Jeffco website. https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2202

Compete in the 'Spring Into Sustainability Challenge' During Earth Month—The Jeffco Sustainability Commission will launch the Spring into Sustainability Challenge in April. The challenge will help you discover fun ways to create a more sustainable lifestyle and a sustainable future for the next generation. The event supports goals of Jefferson County's Climate Action Plan. Get credit from a wide range of behaviors, including turning off water while brushing teeth, riding a bike, composting, or driving an electric vehicle. *https://www.jeffco.us/4735/Spring-into-Sustainability-Challenge* **Jefferson County Open Space to Host Earth Day Volunteer Event**—On April 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., spend the day with Jeffco Open Space cleaning up Crown Hill Park in Wheat Ridge, a natural haven amid a suburban neighborhood. Volunteers will help remove noxious weeds and plant native species. All ages and abilities are welcome. Mark your calendars and register today. *https://offero.jeffco.us/*

New Title Fraud Notification Service Available to Jeffco Property Owners—Concerned about title fraud? Sign up for Jeffco's new notification service. Title fraud is rare, but it does happen. The Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder's Office launched a new service for home and property owners to be notified about legal documents, such as liens, being recorded in their name. Sign up for yourself or for an elderly relative. Learn more and sign up for alerts. *https://www.jeffco.us/4692/Title-Fraud*

Simms Street Realignment Project Update—Simms Street is currently closed to through traffic from 112th Avenue to State Highway 128. This closure is estimated to be in place until fall 2024. Once completed, the project will result in a new three-lane roadway, enhanced streetscape, and additional intersection capacity at Highway 128 and Eldorado Boulevard, which will intersect at the northern edge of the project. *https://www.jeffco.us/Blog.aspx?IID*=255

Floodplain Information for Jefferson County Residents—Many people think they are not in danger of flooding if they don't live near a stream or creek. Unfortunately, this is not true. Flooding is the nation's number one natural disaster. Colorado's flood season runs from May through October and includes both snowmelt and thunderstorm flooding. Snow-



The next meeting will be April 3, 2024 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). The speaker will be Sarah McAfee from FHPRD and she will probably be bring-ing along one of the Park Rangers.

melt floods result from the melting of the winter snowpack in the high mountain areas which becomes spring runoff. https://www.jeffco.us/2695/Floodplain-Management

Join the 2024 Jeffco Open Space Trail Stewardship Team—The Trail Stewardship Team is a fun program that employs youth for trail maintenance and natural resource restoration projects at Jeffco Open Space Parks. Join us this summer, from June 18 to Aug. 1, and make \$15 per hour. Enjoy beautiful scenic views amongst new friends in this unique opportunity. Get more information and apply. *https://www.jeffco.us/3327/Trail-Stewardship-Team*

Jeffco Elections Seeks Feedback on Vote Center Locations—Every year, Jeffco's election officials work to equitably distribute vote centers across the county in accessible locations for voters. They want to hear from you about the locations they've identified—are they hard to find? Is public transportation to them available? Are the buildings easy to enter and navigate? Share your feedback here. *https://www.jeffco.us/4690/Provide-Feedback*

Scholarships Available for ENOR Environmental Discovery Camp—Summer is coming, but camp can be so expensive. ENOR is now offering Summer Camp Scholarships. It's important to us that all children have an opportunity to get outside and discover nature, which is why we are offering a limited number of scholarships for both the fourth and fifth grade camps. Sign up your child today for an experience with lifelong memories.

https://jeffco.extension.colostate.edu/programs/enor-environmental-discovery-camp/

Mugs for Rugs - Foothills Fall Prevention Event—Trade a rug for a mug and help the Jeffco Coroner's Office prevent falls. In 2023, there were more than 200 Jeffco deaths that were attributed to falls. On April 16, from 9-9:45 a.m., bring a clean, small rug to the Golden Visitor Center, 1010 Washington Avenue. Rugs will be traded for a mug. The donated rugs will be donated to the Foothills Animal Shelter.

https://files.constantcontact.com/6e149928001/2bc7f657-ba7e-4e45-bec8-5dc5d2dd3610.pdf?rdr=true

Jefferson County Public Library Opens Create Space in Belmar Library—efferson County Public Library (JCPL) is opening a new Create Space at Belmar Library. Patrons can try laser cutting, 3D printing, die-cutting, and more within the space. Library cardholders can reserve a one-on-one orientation to get started on their first project. The Create Space is just one of JCPL's many Creative Technology offerings, which include a Digital Media Studio, ongoing creative workshops and more. https://jeffcolibrary.org/technology/creative-technology/#create-space

Illicit Discharge Information for Jefferson County Residents—Storm sewer systems are designed to carry runoff from rain and snowmelt and discharge it directly to the drainage way. Materials that are dumped or inadvertently washed into our storm sewer system can pollute our creeks and rivers. An illicit discharge occurs when an activity results in an unauthorized substance entering our storm sewer system. Learn about Jefferson County's procedures to address illicit discharges. *https://www.jeffco.us/2719/Stormwater-Management#illicit*

Jeffco Noxious Weed Eradication Grant and Cost Share Program—effco Invasive Species Management is pleased to announce 2024 grant funded opportunities to assist landowners in unincorporated Jeffco who are required to eradicate List A and List-B-Erad noxious weeds. Funding is available through the American Rescue Plan Act and Jefferson County. Populations of high priority weeds like orange hawkweed, myrtle spurge, and hairy willowherb pose a significant risk to our native ecosystems. *https://www.jeffco.us/4595/Noxious-Weed-Eradication---Grant-and-Co From Engage Jeffco March Newsletter*