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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1, 4-5 Backyard 2-4</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2024</p> <p>Beginning Balance November 6, 2024</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>November Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 December Newsletter \$ 3.60</p> <p>Ending Balance December 4, 2024</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 541.26</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>\$ 30.55</p> <p>\$ 510.71</p>
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Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large.
The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.
Attendance was limited due to the snow and cold.
Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.
No one from **Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Public Schools or Foothills Parks and Recreation District** was present.
We had no speaker.
We do not have a President.
Roll Call was taken. We had 4 members present and did not have a quorum.
Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$541.26.
Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for Oct. will wait until the next meeting to be approved.
Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.
Jefferson County Information: MVR 24-130058 is for 7736 W. Long Dr. It is for Bowles Crossing Apt II. They want a minor adjustment for reduction in parking spaces and they don't want to make the required setback for every floor.
PA 24-128093 is for 9150 W. Cross Dr. There have been no changes. It is for a 4 story apt with 285 units and a parking garage with 431 spaces plus 34 outside parking spaces. This is at the old closed sports bar north of the SW plaza.
Short Term Rental - No changes on the P&Z website.
The Corporate Transparency Act will affect many HOAs. Board members or anyone with financial oversight has to do a lot of paperwork by January 1. The information came from Altitude Law on the Federal Treasury website for BOI. It does not apply to all HOAs. It may be a deterrent to attracting new board members. The documentation is CTA and has 59 pages. 501C4 HOAs may be exempt. Incorporated HOAs may need to report.
The status for the new Library won't change until December.
Our next meeting is December 4. We will move the January 2025 meeting to January 8 due to New Years. A room has been reserved at Columbine Library for both meetings.
Someone is working on Homeless Awareness Task Force. It is about sheltering people.
Diane thanked Ray for helping with Adopt-A-Highway.
Old Business / New Business / Announcements: None.
We adjourned at 6:08 p.m. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Board Meeting: September 26, 2024 Start: 7:10 p.m. **Officers:** Galen W, David W, Michaelle O, Kelly G
Treasurer's Report: Deposits this month: 1233.16; withdrawals 1109.05 Paying members: \$100! Thank you, K and JE!
Old Business: Fall Fest: Not as many children. The date was the same as Clement Park's Summerset. Met some great neighbors. Waiting to hear from H about ideas for trees in the park.
 Facebook and Website: Need to get Trunk or Treat on Website and Instagram
Events: Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct 26, 5-7 p.m. Eve with Santa Saturday, Dec 14, 5-7 p.m.
Other: CHCA bags given to Kelly for new neighbors
 Fall board meetings will be Oct 24 and Nov 21, not the usual last Thurs of the month, in St Philip Lutheran Church
 Newsletter walkers: Still need one walker and one-two back-up walkers
 End: 7:35 p.m.

Columbine Knolls HOA

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting October 8, 2024
 President Twisselman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Steve Hantelman, Melissa Irwin, Lynn Koch, Levi Woods, Steve Boyle. Two other homeowners were also in attendance.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership: Lizz Walters, Membership Chair, said she and Director Hantelman are working on a new membership list that will be user friendly and available to all Board Members. Updated membership numbers will be available next month.
Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods, Chair, reported he contacted 2 neighborhood boys for fall cleanup. Branches were cleaned up at the Coal Mine Entrance and taken to the Clean Up Day Dumpster.
Covenants and Architectural Control: One PIPSA is being considered currently.
Special Events/Programs: Director Koch said Clean Up Day was a success. Having Boots on the Ground collecting metal gave us more room in the dumpster that was filled to the brim!
Treasurer's Report: Director Baden-Gillette said the finances were in good shape.
Real Estate News & Website: Director Hantelman said there are 5 active listings in the neighborhood and all are priced above \$800,000. He has created a Facebook page that is linked to the website and has been publishing articles from the newsletter there. The new website is up and running.
Newsletter – The Voice: The deadline for November articles is October 15, 2024.
New Business: Director Baden-Gillette said she will be working on the 2025 Budget for the December meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From Presidents Letter The CKSII Annual Meeting will be held at Coronado Elementary on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. All CKSII members should have received a meeting packet in the mail from Keystone Denver Property Management. The packet will contain a Proxy Assignment form for those who can't attend the meeting in person but would still like their vote counted. You may return your proxy to any board member before November 12, 2024. The key agenda items to accomplish at the annual meeting are to ratify the 2025 budget, and to elect two members to the Board of Directors. In addition to holding the annual meeting on the 12th, we will also hold the regularly scheduled bi-monthly board meeting immediately following the annual meeting. Members are welcome to stay for this meeting also. The last event for the year is the Holiday Hayride with a horse drawn wagon for kids, parents, and grandchildren to ride. It will be held at the Coronado parking lot starting at 6pm on Friday December 13th. Bring a treat to share and hot chocolate will be provided. Santa should be available so you can take pictures with him. We used to do this prior to covid and are starting it up again. It has always been a great success that all will enjoy.
 This is my last year on the board which I have been on in one capacity or another for almost 20 years. It has been a pleasure to meet so many wonderful board members and those in our great community. I want to thank all who supported me over these years. — *Bob Haberkorn*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment with the Board The October Monthly meeting was held in the Dutch Creek Library. With a handful of residents in attendance the agenda was completed pretty quickly. CWCA will participate with Dutch Creek Elementary Trunk or Treat, including sponsoring a bounce house. Thank you to those who choose to become Members and help with Membership dollars to provide these outreach opportunities. Volunteers will be out and about a few days before Halloween to Judge for the Decorating contest, good luck to everyone. Seems like 2024 has become the Year of The

Skeleton, so many yards are decorated with them and a few have become extremely entertaining, with adjustments being made weekly. Thank you for the laughter. There are still (3) OPEN Board positions awaiting interested volunteers to join in and see how they too can help Columbine West. The association is committed to seeing the Columbine West neighborhood be the best it can be. 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. There has also been Realtors that have used the website successfully to attain paperwork necessary for home closings. 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, our last one for 2024 is Nov 12th, 7p at the Dutch Creek Library. The Officers/Board takes December off to spend time with family and friends. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

The Leawood Reporter

From LCA Minutes Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 6:30pm, Leawood Elementary. Attending: Camille Sankey, Betsy Major, Mike Major, Nancy Bock, Paul O'Connor, Kyle Evans, Rhonda Eveleth, Josh Robinson, Desiree Robinson, Jesse Opgenorth, Dave Sarno

Discussion: Treasurer report provided - all is good with the account. Liability insurance due next month along with website bill. Discussed Santa visit at Leawood Elementary – Dec 11th, 6pm-8pm. Jay Court entrance landscaping completed and looks very nice

Board members discussed some of the activities that we will be doing in 2025. In May there will be a community garage sale. Date to be determined.

Board/ Platinum Member party was a success we had several Platinum members show. Fun was had by all!

Halloween decorating winners to be decided by 10/24. One member winner will receive a Target gift card, and one non-member will receive a one year membership for 2025.

New Reporter Editor - Desiree Robinson

Meeting ended at 7:35pm

Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting minutes of October 2, 2024: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President/Treasurer, Carrie DuPree/New Member. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Leawood residents Carol Gottlieb and Wade Hancey.

Board Member Resignation – Kyle received an email from Maggie. She submitted her resignation effective immediately.

Treasurer's Report – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. The bills to be paid this month include Denver Water, Xcel, Weston, Doggie Bags, Waste Management, Honey Bucket, Blossom Tree, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Weston, Honey Bucket, Denver Water, Dave and petty cash were paid by check. All others listed above will be paid electronically.

Parks Manager Report – All parks were mowed, inspected, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. The sprinkler systems in all parks will be drained and prepared for winter in the next two weeks. Carol suggested researching new sprinkler systems with automated alerts for water leaks. (A) Weaver Park – Irrigation Zone 19, was over spraying onto the sidewalk. The 1-25 router needs to be replaced. The trees along the parkway and the tennis courts were trimmed. The split rail fence was repaired. (B) Raccoon Hollar – The debris pile was removed. (C) T Track – There was a break in the main waterline, it has been repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:(A) Document retention updates – Postponed because of Maggie's resignation. The Board needs to pick up the information that she has gathered and the work that she has done. (B) Accounting support and contract updates – The contractor has been unable to recover the information on Donna's DOS accounting program. We do have hard copies of the information. (C) Weed control updates – The scheduled fall weed control application for the blue grass has been completed in all parks. (D) Raccoon Park safety trims – Weston will begin the safety trims in the next two weeks and continue as weather allows.(E) Website – The Board will research other possibilities for a separate website for the District.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) Board appointments – With Maggie's resignation, three Board Members remain. Judy motioned that Carol Gottlieb be appointed to the Board. Kyle seconded. After further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Carol was sworn in and will serve until the next election in May of 2025 when she may run for a new term. Welcome Carrie! (B) Discuss potential 2025 projects – Each Board Members will put together a list of potential projects that they would like to pursue. The lists will be discussed at the next meeting to determine a final list of 2025 projects. The projects and their estimated costs will be used in the determination of the budget for 2025. The budget will be discussed and adopted at the December meeting. (C) Review By-Laws - Postponed due to time constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. — *Debby Baker, Secretary*

Woodbourne

From Notes From The October Board Meeting —Happy Fall! As the weather changes and leaves start to blow, we wanted to share the current state that both the board and the neighborhood will be experiencing in the next few weeks/months.

The clubhouse: the second phase to refresh the restrooms will be a topic of conversation in future months. We are also transitioning from Xfinity Broadband to BAM Fiber Wi-Fi. We will save \$100 a month for a much stronger and reliable bandwidth speed.

The pool: we lost our heater last year in the mechanical room and experienced a burst pipe during the extreme cold snap in January. We are installing a replacement and are currently obtaining formal quotes for a heating solution replacement, so we can have that installed in late November/December, before the winter officially settles in. There are 3 issues that were found as part of the pool shut-down this season

that will need to be addressed during the pre-work to bring the pool online in the Spring of 2025. We have quotes for the work and will schedule with the vendors as the comeback online in early 2025.

The fencing surrounding the pool and rock wall on the South and East sides of the pool: we are working with both fencing and landscaping vendors to assess what we see visually as concerning and what we may not see and how to ensure we are keeping our common assets safe, secure and are proactively ensuring we address issues.

Please look for a letter regarding the Woodbourne Community 2025 Budget. The board has reviewed and approved the budget and will put it up for formal ratification during our November meeting (November 13). We project no current need to adjust fees, and we have signed some longer-term contracts with our providers to ensure we can retain labor costs and services increase for the next 3 years. Now that inflation is slowly coming down and we have some stability post-Covid, we are seeing more normal operating models for our providers.

We also are negotiating with our neighborhood management company ACCU. The Board will be making a concerted effort, now that we have experience and visibility into how we best interface with ACCU as to how we can ensure we always look for ways to enhance that relationship. We have received some feedback from residents as to specific areas of individual dissatisfaction with ACCU processes, communications, portal requirements, etc. We will use early 2025 to ensure that we collect, prioritize and present to Sr ACCU management of our concerns and look for ways to complement our services. If you have any questions or issues that would like to be part of those discussions, please forward those to either Errin or Sheryl's Woodbourne email addresses. Please provide factual details, trying to remove emotions where possible. We are trying to look for trends, repetitive issues and/ or future opportunities to make our working relationship as smooth as possible.

Lastly, we have decided not to pay \$1,400 to have our neighborhood holiday decorations professionally installed by Keeson, so we will be seeking quotes from residents willing to take that process over.

We wish everyone a healthy, happy and relaxing start to the Holiday season and really appreciate the trust you give to our members in ensuring we best represent and serve all 407 homes in Woodbourne. —Your *Woodbourne HOA Board*

Giving Tree Returns to Jeffco Administration and Courts Facility —Adorned with approximately 300 tags, Jefferson County's Giving Tree will be up on Nov. 22 in the atrium of the Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. The Giving Tree continues the tradition of including gift tags with holiday gift wishes from some of Jeffco's less fortunate children. Don't wait too long to grab a tag or two, they normally don't last long. Unwrapped gifts must be returned by Thursday, Dec. 5. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2298>

Severe Cold Weather Resources for the Jefferson County Community —As severe weather events become more frequent and intense, it's vital to provide support for those in the Jeffco community who may be affected, particularly those experiencing homelessness. Access a variety of resources for shelter, safety, and essential services during severe cold weather conditions. <https://www.jeffco.us/4854/Severe-Cold-Weather-Resources>

Treasurer's Office Announces New Property Tax Payment Drop Box —In April 2024, Jefferson County Treasurer Jerry DiTullio closed the property tax payment drop box located on the outside of the Jefferson County Administration and Court Facility after it was tampered with. The new property tax payment drop box features enhanced security, using the same technology and design as the ballot drop boxes.

Jeffco Residents Can Stay Warm This Winter Through LEAP —The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) helps cover heating and energy costs for families and individuals that qualify. LEAP accepts applications every year beginning Nov. 1 and running through April 30. LEAP is not intended to pay the entire cost of home heating, but rather it helps alleviate some of the burden associated with the colder months. Learn about eligibility and apply for LEAP. <https://www.jeffco.us/2637/Energy-Assistance-LEAP>

Jeffco Clerk & Recorder's Office to Host Passport-palooza on Jan. 15 — Twice a year the Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder's Office provides passport processing with no appointment necessary. If you are filing for a new passport, your passport has expired by more than five years, or are getting passports for your children, this is the event for you. From 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., stop by with all of your documents, a checkbook, and your application. We will get you ready for summer 2025 travel. RSVP today. <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=h-zoe8maak6RQd75YxxD6sK3qLb9MT9PnF6hjhP4P6JUMkhDWUJXN1BMMVpYVUNHTU9WNFhFTzUzOS4u&route=shorturl>

Family Support Council: Support Community Members With Disabilities—Do you have professional or lived experience with intellectual and developmental disabilities or developmental delays? Are you interested in supporting community members with disabilities? Join Jefferson County's Case Management Agency as a member of the Family Support Council to provide guidance and feedback. <https://www.jeffco.us/4656/Case-Management-Agency>

Join the Jeffco Commissioners for a Virtual Town Hall on Dec. 10 —Jefferson County utilizes virtual town halls as a tool to provide updates and to interact with community members regarding important county business. On Dec. 10 from 6-7 p.m., Commissioners Lesley Dahlkemper, Andy Kerr and Tracy Kraft-Tharp will be joined by County Manager Joe Kerby and county subject matter experts to provide updates and answer your questions. The discussion topic will be severe weather. <https://www.jeffco.us/3227/Town-Halls>

Simms Street Reopens For Public Travel After a Yearlong Closure —Simms Street was realigned between 112th Avenue and Colorado Highway 128 to enhance street connectivity and facilitate development as part of the Verve Innovation Park development. The new alignment includes a three-lane roadway, enhanced streetscape, sidewalks and additional intersection capacity at Highway 128 and Eldorado Boulevard.

Jefferson County Weed of the Month: Tree of Heaven —Tree of Heaven is native to Asia and was introduced to North America in the 1780s as an ornamental. It has escaped and is now also found infesting waste places, abandoned property, riparian areas, rights-of-way, and more commonly in urban areas.

Control includes herbicide treatment of stems (basal bark or hack) and foliar treatment of small plants. The time for control is mid-summer through fall. Removal and cut stump treatments often result in resprouting and are not recommended. <https://www.jeffco.us/795/Invasive-Species-Management>

Celebrate the Holidays at Lakewood Lights on Dec. 5 —Celebrate the holiday season during a lighting ceremony and festivities at Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5. Lakewood Lights features free entertainment and family friendly activities, including holiday carols, hot cocoa and holiday treats, ornament crafting station, free visits with Santa Claus, and holiday shopping in the museum store. <https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Arts-and-Culture/Arts-and-Culture-Events/Lakewood-Lights>

Help Families Through CASA's Holiday Wishes Program —It's that time of year, we are kicking off our Holiday Wishes Program (formerly known as Giving Tree). Each year, CASA partners with Jeffco Human Services to match community donors to families in need for the holiday season. Donors are sent the family's wish list and have until early December to drop off the items. Find out how to participate. <https://www.casajeffcogilpin.com/holiday-wishes/>

From Engage Jeffco November Newsletter



The Cohope Adopt a Road trash pickup was October 12. There was not room in the last newsletter for the pictures.

It was as a pretty nice day.



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The next meeting will be December 4, 2024 from 6 to 8 pm at at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). There is no speaker scheduled at this time.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**