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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Nov. 1, 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Dec. 19, 6:30 pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference rm
Planning Commission: 1st & 2nd Wed. 6 pm, 4th-5th Wed, 1:30 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **November December XMAS party January**

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Draft Minutes for Oct. 3 Meeting Attendance: Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Pat Ham / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Ralph & Pat Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Mary Ann Strombitski / Communication Infrastructure Group.
The meeting was convened at 7:03 p.m.

Winnie Burdan, President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Deputy, was not able to attend.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

The speaker tonight was **Mary Ann Strombitski** from Communication Infrastructure Group. She spoke about the C-470 Corridor Coalition.

The C-470 Corridor Coalition was formed Feb. 2011 to develop and implement a solution. Their charter was created Dec. 2011. Decisions are made by consensus.

The Coalition was formed because of the congestion on C470. And it is expected to increase by 30% by 2035. It now takes 11 minutes to travel east from Kipling to I-25 in the morning and 18 minutes to travel west in the evening.

The Coalition is interested in the entire C-470 corridor. But they have broken the issue into 2 segments. Segment 1 is Kipling to I-25 and will be studied first. Segment 2 is from Kipling to I-70. They expect the study to begin in 2014. The environmental study has not been done on this segment yet which is why it was separated from Segment 1.

The technical solution is to initially add 1 lane in each direction plus an auxiliary lane (on and off ramp). Ultimately it is desired to add 2 lanes in each direction plus an auxiliary lane.

Three funding options have been identified. Option A would add 1 express lane (inside left lane) between Wadsworth and I-25 which is tolled and 2 general purpose lanes which would not be tolled. They estimate the toll to be \$3.65 for the entire length or \$0.31/mile. This option does not need voter approval and could be implemented by 2017. Option B would add 1 lane between Wadsworth and I-25 and all 3 lanes would be tolled. They estimate the toll to be \$0.90 for the entire length or \$0.08/mile. Option C would add 1 lane between Wadsworth and I-25, none would be tolled, but funding would come from other sources such as an increase in sales tax or property tax. They estimate a 30 year increase in sales tax of \$0.002 or property tax of \$75-100 per year on a \$300K house. Options B and C would require voter approval and could be implemented by 3rd quarter of 2020.

The Public Input has been collected via several methods. They have had several Telephone Town Hall meetings, Presentations, Open Houses, and via information in newsletters, websites, and social media.

The Coalition is made up of full members, affiliate members, and state / federal affiliate members. The full members are Douglas, Arapahoe, and Jefferson counties, the cities of Lone Tree, Centennial, and Littleton, and the Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District. The affiliate members are City of Greenwood Village, towns of Bow Mar, Castle Rock, and Parker, the Denver South Economic Development Partnership, South I-25 Urban Corridor Transportation Management Association, South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation, Move Colora-

do, and the Highlands Ranch Chamber of Commerce. The State / Federal affiliate members are Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE), Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the Federal Highway Administration. There is also a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of 22 people.

From late June until early Nov., they have been taking public input. Then they will refine the concept and move forward to the environmental (NEPA) process. They expect a recommendation by Feb. 2013.

Their website is www.c470coalition.com. The phone number is 720-515-2470. The email address is info@c470coalition.com.

What is an auxiliary lane? It is a on or off ramp that can be up to 800 ft.

If all lanes are toll roads, have you investigated the impact to side roads? There will be impacts to side roads no matter what is done because the expect the congestion to get 30% worse by 2035.

Mary Ann asked people which option they would prefer. Option D would be no change.

They have a nice Visualization of each option. It should be on their website later this week.

Someone wanted more toll information. Such as how soon could the toll be increased after the lane is in place?

Reports from Officers Roll Call was taken. We had 10 members present and did not have a quorum.

Winnie Burdan, President, was present.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,795.95.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. We did not discuss the Sept. minutes because we do not have a quorum.

Old Business At Summerset, we had 4 or 5 people who were interested in COHOPE and we talked with 2 potential speakers.

What is the status of the letters we were going to write? Winnie wants to vote on the Maureen's letter at the next meeting. The ODP does not allow the lighting situation that she is concerned about. Linda has not provided us with a letter yet.

Denver water should discuss rate increases on Oct. 26th. Littleton has not voted yet. Their next meeting is Oct. 18th.

New Business

There was an article in the Columbine Courier about Foothills Park and Recreation District. Diane's name was mentioned and associated with COHOPE. She did not identify herself as representing COHOPE. Her comments were her personal opinion. She apologized for the misrepresentation.

Kevin McCaskey has been diagnosed with Lymphoma TC. Linda Auburn let Winnie know on Thursday.

Announcements The next meeting is at Lilley Gulch. The speaker will be CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). They are advocates for children.

Florene Rotherham has resigned from getting speakers. We are looking for a replacement. Since we have no quorum, we will discuss this next month.

We discussed reserving the meeting room at the Sheriff's office for every month except August, but that reservation hasn't been made yet because we didn't have a quorum to vote on the proposal. The possibility of not holding a meeting in Jan. and July was mentioned. **Diane Suchomel** contacted Ann at the sheriff's office after the meeting and told her the preliminary meeting dates (every first Wed. at 7 p.m. except August) and she asked me to get back to her when we had decided on all dates for the year. The group needs to officially vote on all meeting dates at the Nov. meeting.

Adopt a Highway clean up is Oct. 13 at 8:30 a.m. They will meet at the W. Bowles Community Church. If you have not already signed the County Waiver, you will need to do so. If it rains, the backup date is Oct. 20.

The Sheriff's Department is hosting a Senior Safety Brunch on Oct. 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. It is at Faith Community Church at 6228 S. Carr Ct.

There is a Senior Open House at The Peak on Friday, Oct. 5th, at 9:00 a.m. There will be handouts, prizes, and lunch. Please RSVP.

We adjourned at 8:12 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

Jefferson County Planning Staff is pleased to present you with the first draft of a proposed mixed use zone district! Nationally, there is an increasing trend toward allowing more compact, mixed use developments. As traditional shopping malls and commercial centers are being redeveloped and revitalized, many municipalities are encouraging a residential component to create a nearby and permanent customer base, as well as provide housing alternatives for groups such as aging baby boomers and thirty-something's who are seeking smaller, maintenance-free homes in locations where their daily needs and social activities are within close proximity of where they live.

This proposed mixed use zone district is intended to be an optional alternative to the standard commercial zone districts that do not allow residential uses, or Planned Developments that are often expensive and time consumptive, as well as unpredictable to both developer and citizens. Where this zone district is silent, the pertinent sections and development standards of the Jefferson County Zoning Resolution would apply.

The zone district can be accessed at [:http://jeffco.us/planning/planning_T59_R186.htm](http://jeffco.us/planning/planning_T59_R186.htm)

Please submit comments by **Friday, November 9, 2012.**

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Draft Minutes of the September 2012 Board Meeting The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Yarish at 9:10 a.m. Five board members and and four homeowners were in attendance. Treasurers ReportColorado Lasertype was paid.

Old Business: The Columbine Hills Civic Association is looking for volunteers with the know how to help restore the sign working with the remnants of the original sign.

New Business: October 13 is the date set for the fall Dumpster Day. A \$10 fee will be charged for each additional load. The first load is free if you have already made donation to The Columbine Hills Civic Association. Suggested donation of \$25 may be made on October 13. The Columbine Hills Civic Association will be considering an extra charge for those bringing a trailer for Dumpster Days in 2013.

The Jeffco Transportation department will be called to take a look at tree branches hanging over So. Kendall Blvd. Should any be cut?

Residents need to remove their Garage Sale signs. It was proposed that the 2013 Annual Garage Sale be held in the fall.

It was also discussed that more than a few homes seem to be stock piling trash, junk, cut shrubbery on their property. A slide show of the Community Park Build was presented at the Foothills Park & Rec. meeting. The park board was very impressed at the amount of volunteers that participated as well as the pictures of children pushing wheelbarrows of mulch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

President's Corner The I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the CKSII Community Picnic at Coronado in September. It was nice to see so many young families that were new to the neighborhood. Several families said they chose this neighborhood because of the mature landscapes and manicured lawns. Good job to everyone for taking such good care of their properties! A special thank you goes to all the local merchants who donated the items for door prizes at the event including Anita Schick Tanz, Todd Quimby and Peter Stitcher. Social Committee members Bob Haberkorn, Jon and Susan Brouillet, Larry Opperman, Tom and Donna Tellchow and Elisa McKee did a great job of planning and implement-ing another successful event. Thanks to all of them. Abby Brouillet proved to be a master face painter! I enjoyed meeting so many residents of CKSII both at the picnic and when my granddaughter, Bridgette Wilson, and I distributed flyers to remind folks about the event. What amazing people we have in this neighborhood!

We have invited the CKSII attorneys to come to the next Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, October 9th at 7PM at Coronado Elementary School to discuss the process for covenant renewal for Sections 2 and 3 of this community. This process was completed for Section 1 in 2009. I would like to invite all those property owners in Sections 2 and 3 to come to the meeting to ask questions and understand the process. You may verify what Section you live in at the CKSII web-site at cksii.org.

I hope all of you are taking advantage of this beautiful weath-er to get outside and enjoy our neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President, CKSII HOA*

*From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2012—*President Stephanie Haberkorn called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Board members Stephanie Haberkorn, Debbie Opperman, Jane Schaefer, Tom Tellschow, John Schutt and Justin Phillips were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management and three home-owners.

Debbie Opperman reported for the month, there was income totaling \$97.85 and total expenditures were \$4788.08. The Treasurer received a reimbursement of legal fees in the amount of \$5,883.60. This reimbursement from a home-owner was the result of legal action taken by the Board. The property lien has been removed as a result of this payment. The HOA currently has 289 members.

ACC REPORT: Justin Phillips reported that the committee has received 12 requests for new improvements. Ten requests have been approved and two requests are pending.

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Since the August Board meet-ing three inspections were conducted. Twenty five notices were given either by letter or personal contact. The violations were for visible RVs, dry grass and/or weeds, dead trees, and fence repairs. One homeowner has failed to comply with requests for covenant compliance and Danny Sullivan, the HOA attorney at OCH has been notified. Two properties are for sale; plus three are in foreclosure and 1 is in bankruptcy. Discussion followed.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE: Debbie Opperman reported the Yukon and Chatfield entrance has had a small amount of plants which need to be replaced. Some plants have warranties and others will be replaced with the remaining landscape budget of \$125.00.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Tom Tellschow and Bob Haberkorn reported the picnic was well received by those in attendance. Thank you to the committee for their hard work in planning and hosting the picnic. As approximately 5% of the households were represented however, the Committee will be evaluating other approaches to this activity. The December hay ride is coming up and everyone is invited!

SIGNS AT CARR AND FAIRVIEW: At the August 14, 2012 meeting a motion was made by Ron Cunning and seconded by Debbie Opperman to remove the monument signs located at the corners of Fairview and Carr and to restore the surrounding area as closely as possible. The motion passed unanimously. At that time a motion was made by Justin Phillips and seconded by Tom Tellschow to authorize an email vote on bids for the removal of the signs and the outcome of that vote will be entered into the official minutes of the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Stephanie Haberkorn reported the vote conducted by email was unanimous and the contract has been awarded to BLADE RUNNER. John Schutt and Stephanie Haberkorn will work with the two corner homeowners to get signed permission to enter their property for the removals.

EDS RECYCLING: Stephanie Haberkorn presented a preliminary letter from EDS to notify all CKSII homeowners about the recycling program, the new recycling containers and the optional recycling rewards program. Participation in the rewards program is NOT required to have recycling which is part of the annual trash fee. The Board felt the letter needed added clarity and will refer it back to EDS before distribution. The Board agreed to have the letter go out as an insert to the Newsletter.

COVENANT RENEWAL: The time has arrived to begin the process of Sections 2 and 3 reviewing their covenants. A Board meeting with Candyce Cavanaugh, our primary legal counsel, with OCH will be held on October 9, 2012 to review the process. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. A motion was made by John Schutt and seconded by Debbie Opperman to call this Board meeting. Notification has been made in the October newsletter in compliance with the by-laws. The meeting will be held at Coronado Elementary School at 7:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: Justin Phillips with the ACC advised the Board of the possibility of doing ACC requests completely on the website. The webmaster will be contacted to determine how to proceed. This would facilitate timely responses to requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President CKSII HOA*

The Leawood Rappporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes Minutes of September 11, 2012 The meeting started with approval of the treasury report. The Leawood Park Board reimbursed the Leawood Civic Association for the picnic and dumpsters from the 2011 and 2012 Spring Clean-up. Mibby Luedecke and Linda Smith were given gift certificates for their hard work in obtaining all of the door prizes for the picnic.

The picnic was a great success and the garage sale had approximately 30 (paying) homes participating. As usual, there were several residents who "piggy-backed" on the garage sale without registering or paying.

The Santa Party was discussed next, with the scheduled date of Wednesday, December 12th at Leawood Elementary School. Also, the Holiday Contest deadline was set to Tuesday, December 18th. .

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District: Minutes of September 12, 2012 The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent at Leawood Elementary School. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Charlie Campbell, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

Public Comment – Amy from Vintage Reserve asked Dave for use of Weaver Park as a training area for her training camp. Kyle is to call her to get more details.

Treasurer's Report –Donna submitted the Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid. Income included information about lottery funds we are to receive. Transfer of funds was made from savings to checking and new checks were ordered. A new property assessment valuation was received from Jefferson County. Property tax income will be down approximately 1.5% for 2013. We will need to address this in the 2013 budget. Bills include: Horizon, L&M, Denver Water, Doggie Bag vendor, United Site Services, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Charlie moved to receive the Treasurer's report and pay the current bills. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report –Two green ash trees were trimmed at Tract T and two leaking rotors were repaired. Dave repaired a bench at Leawood Park that had nuts and bolts missing. Water breaks in drip lines in Weaver Park were repaired. The ATV was taken in for an oil change and to check all items under the extended warranty. The BBQ grilles were cleaned at Leawood and Weaver Parks. One irrigation box at Tract T had to be raised due to damage by a mower. Dave met with Urban Drainage and two property owners from Christenson Lane who draw water from Raccoon Creek at the diversion area. The issue is water is getting under the concrete structure and is probably creating some erosion below the concrete. Urban Drainage will evaluate the problem and go from there. This is not a Park District issue but Dave

will continue to be advised of the situation.

Repairs to the Weaver Creek project will start soon. Dave met with Platte Canyon Water District in regard to the access to the manhole west of the Weaver Park project related to the non-participation on Platt Canyon's part. The District will adopt a resolution relating to construction access to the area relating to disturbing park property and restoring it back to the original condition.

Old Business Field Leases –South Jeffco Sports requested to lease the base-ball diamond for girl's softball for approximately 8 weeks (Sept-Oct). We agreed to lease the field for a pro-rated fee of \$250. Also, South Jeffco Sports requested to lease the soccer field at Weaver Park for youth football for approximately 8 weeks (2 hours/5 times a week). No information has been received back to Kyle regarding whether or not the fields will be used.

Leawood Elementary Community Fun Run/Walk –Last month Kyle presented sponsorship information for the Board to consider. We discussed the sponsorship and decided we would like to participate in this community recreation activity. Linda moved to donate not –to-exceed \$500 to the Leawood Elementary Fun Run that will be held on October 13. Mibby seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Park Board would like to be on the information distributed and we would prefer to sponsor a particular item, if possible.

Future Meetings:Wed., Nov. 14, 2012: Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m., Wed., Dec. 12, 2012: Leawood Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.—*Linda T. Smith Vice President and Secretary*

Williamsburg II News

President's Message“There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.”— Nathaniel Hawthorne. Indian Summer. Warm days. Cool nights. Love this time of year. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Mark Hickman to the board. Mark and his family are longtime residents of Williamsburg II and Mark has volunteered as a block leader and newsletter distributor for many years. His involvement will be much appreciated.

As you read this month's newsletter, the holidays will be creeping up on you quickly. Mark your calendars now for our annual Christmas Hayridescheduled for Saturday December 15th as well as the annual home Christmas Lighting Eventon Wednesday evening, December 19th.

Williamsburg II remains a much desired community in which to live. Thank you to all who contribute, cooperate and work hard to keep it that way.

From HOA Meeting Minutes for September, 2012The meeting was called to order by Mike Eppers at 7:10PM. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Winnie Burdan, Debra White, Bill Ganz and guest Mark Hickman.

Newsletter One correction was noted in the Yard of the Month article. The lawn of the month name Robet should be Robert and the address should Glasgow, not Galsgow.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz, treasurer, reported after Deposits of \$140.00, paying Xcel Energy \$19.52, Mike Eppers \$145 for the Movie Night Port O Potty and Deb White \$74.68 for new yard signs the ending balance is \$3,288.08. The report was approved.

Covenant Control: After discussion it was decided to send a letter to a consistent violation of improper appearance of junk storage in a driveway.

New Business: Mark Hickman was invited to become a board member. Mark accepted. Mark has been involved in the HOA as a newsletter distributor since forever, he delivers newsletters to 13 block leaders which comprises 116 newsletters.

We are now in search of ONE board member to give us a complete board of seven.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.— Respectfully submitted by Susan Ganz

WoodBourne

Notes From The Board The September Board meeting was held on September 19, 2012. As we roll into the fall and winter season, we are looking ahead to fun community activities and improvement projects. With summer wrapping up there was less than usual to discuss. Keep an eye out for a date announcement for the annual holiday hayride, which will be the next community event.

A section of sod and mulch has been replaced along Simms. Additional mulch will be added to areas that have become depleted over the years. This will be done in the spring. Lights have also been installed at the Fremont entrance as a part of the continuing beautification process.

Our next Board meeting will be October 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Dawn Bates with Management Specialists at 720-974-4254 with any questions.— *Carrie Kollar, President*



Cohope Clean up—Oct 13

GreenSheenPaint.com 303-514-3955
 info@GreenSheenPaint.com

the company is located at 5918 S Franklin St,
 Centennial CO 80121

The company recycles latex paint into a new paint product and sells the new paint product (they sell it at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on W Quincy Ave). Definitely would cost a lot less than taking paint to the recycling place in Rooney road. (They'll take white latex paint at no charge, and have a \$2/gal charge for other colors of latex paint.

Planning on handing out the flyers with the details about the option just so everybody knows there is now another option for latex paint recycling in this area.

Open House on Proposed Quincy Ave Improvements 11/7 Jefferson County's [Transportation and Engineering Division](#) is looking for citizen input on proposed transportation improvements on West Quincy Avenue between South Kipling Parkway and South Wadsworth Boulevard.

The public is invited to attend an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 7, any time between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The open house will be in the cafeteria at D'Evelyn High School, 10359 West Nassau Avenue, Denver (located on the east side of South Nelson Street just north of West Quincy Avenue).

The open house is being held to share data that has been gathered, present the recommendations for improvement, and solicit opinions on the recommendations. There will be no formal presentation, but staff will be present to discuss the proposed improvements.

The proposed improvements include two through lanes in each direction (westbound and eastbound), on-street bike lanes in each direction, a raised median, landscaping, sidewalks and safety enhancements. Jeffco will use input from the meeting to refine the recommended improvements.

For more information or to sign up for the project mailing list, contact:

- Brad Bauer, special projects engineer, Jeffco Transportation and Engineering Division at (303) 271-8495

- Gray Clark, design consultant, Muller Engineering Company at (303) 988-4939"

COHOPE Treasury Activity: October 2012

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

Beginning Balance Oct. 3, 2012	\$ 1795.95
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Withdrawals	\$ 8.10
Nov Newsletter \$ 8.10	
Ending Balance Mar 7, 2012	\$ 1787.85

First Reading of Proposed Ordinance on Illicit Stormwater Discharge

At the Oct. 16 Board of County Commissioners hearing, staff from the Development and Transportation Department presented to the board the first reading of a proposed ordinance on illicit stormwater discharge.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to regulate the contribution of pollutants into the separate municipal storm sewer systems by stormwater discharges by any user, to protect the health safety and general welfare of Jefferson County citizens. It will establish procedures to carry out inspection, surveillance and monitoring if necessary to ensure compliance.

It will also serve as a way to promote public awareness of the hazards of improperly discharging trash, yard waste, lawn chemicals, pet waste, waste water, grease, oil, petroleum products, cleaning products, paint products, hazardous waste, sediment and other pollutions into the storm sewer systems.

The public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be on Nov. 20. It will be heard at the BCC hearing, which begins at 8 a.m.

Proposed Budget Online The 2013 Proposed [Budget](#) was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) at a staff briefing session on Tuesday, Oct. 9 and again at the commissioners Oct. 16 public hearing. The proposed county budget, compiled by the County Administrator and Budget staff, must be presented to the commissioners by Oct. 15 each year by statute. This is just one step in the annual budget development process. There already have been several working sessions with the commissioners to get the preliminary direction from them to start the budget process. Those were held beginning in May. The BCC will have many budget meetings, including one with each county elected official and director, in the coming weeks to discuss the departmental budgets before the budget is finalized in December. Last year the BCC had a total of 34 public meetings before the budget was adopted.

To view the proposed budget, visit www.jeffco.us/budget. The final budget will not be adopted until Dec. 4.

Also presented at the hearing was the Public Trustee's budget. Pursuant to Colorado law, the Public Trustee's budget is now presented and adopted separately from the county's budget. Documents are available for review at the Public Trustee's Office and online at www.jeffco.us/pubtrust.

Safety Tips For Kids By Sheriff Ted Mink A note to parents and guardians: Child safety teachings have evolved in recent years. The old "stranger danger" concept is outdated - today, programs acknowledge that strangers aren't the only people who can harm a child. The following tips are adapted from the For Safety's Sake program, a child safety curriculum designed to enhance kids' personal safety and problem-solving skills, encourage responsible telling, and empower them to prevent victimization. Take some time to talk through these tips with your children... For Safety's Sake!



Sheriff Ted Mink

1. Check first before you go anywhere with anyone (for any reason at any time)! Check with the adult who is in charge of you at the time. If you cannot check, then the answer is NO! (You cannot go!)
2. Adults can get help from other adults. You do not need to help an adult find a lost puppy, unload a truck, etc. If you want to help, check first!
3. Know your full name, address (including state), and telephone number with the area code. Know your parents' or guardians' names, too.
4. If you are separated or lost from your parent or buddy, freeze and yell your parent's or buddy's first and last name. You may ask a clerk or a parent with children to go get help for you, but stay where you are.
5. If anyone tries to move or hurt you, make sure you scream, kick, fight, and yell, "You're not my dad (or mom)!"
6. Use the buddy system; go places in groups of friends.
7. You are in charge of your body. No one has the right to touch you or talk about your body in a way that is wrong or makes you feel uncomfortable. Use the "Power NO," get away from the situation and tell a trusted adult. (The "Power NO" is a forceful statement that you are encouraged to make when something is happening that you don't like or that is harmful to your body.)
8. If you find a gun, do not touch it. Get away from it and tell someone. If a friend wants you to touch or hold it, use the Power NO!
9. Use the Power NO (and other refusal skills) for bullies, dares, and drugs, too.
10. When you are home alone, keep the door locked and closed for everyone. Let the phone ring, use caller ID or the answering machine, or work out a system with your parents so that no one realizes you are home alone.
11. On the Internet, keep personal information to yourself! Ask your parents which sites you can visit.
12. Control your anger, don't be a bully, and use nonviolent actions and words.
13. Tell an adult if you think that something is wrong or someone could get hurt. It is not snitching - it is responsible reporting!

Picture This: A Quality Image of Your Child as a Law Enforcement Tool One of the most important tools for law enforcement to use in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date, good-quality image. Distributing images of your missing child is an essential part of the search and recovery process. During the first 48 hours, it is critical that recent images of your child be given to law enforcement.

The image should be a recent, color portrait of your child. Don't look for pictures in your scrapbook. It should be of 'school-portrait' quality, and the background should be plain or solid so as not to distract from your child's features. Technology offers missing children a better chance today. When possible the image should be in an electronic format. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make adjustments before dissemination. Remember, the image should be an accurate depiction of your child. People, animals, or objects should not be in the image. The photograph should not be taken outside, out of focus, torn, damaged, or very small. Generally, the posters or fliers only show a head, neck and tops of shoulders.

The image should have space for accurate, narrative descriptions useful to identify the child. Oftentimes included are a name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. The photograph should be updated at least every six months for children 6 years of age or younger. Consider updating at least once a year in older children, or when your child's appearance changes.

Copies should be maintained in an easily accessible, secure space. The photograph and data should not be stored in a public database. www.smart911.com offers guardians a safety profile tool to upload recent photos of children. Law enforcement will have access to the photo instantly when 911 is dialed.

Videos or home movies are helpful to retain as well. They capture your child's appearance, mannerisms, and voice quality.

Vacation Checks One of the many services the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office provides to its citizens is the 'vacation check'. A vacation check involves deputies conducting routine patrols around a home while the homeowner is out of town, upon request. They look for anything amiss, and their presence can help deter would-be criminals. An empty house is an easy target.

Perhaps you are planning to leave your teen at home while you travel. In that case you also may consider requesting a



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The November meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm** at the Lilley Gulch Recreation Center—6147 S. Holland Way. No speaker information is available

Apply Today for the Cultural Council Are you a civic-minded citizen looking for a way to volunteer for the county? If so, you may consider applying to be on the Jefferson County [Cultural Council](#). The county is looking for applicants from District 1, 2 and at-large.

The County Cultural Council is responsible for allocating Jefferson County's share of the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Tier III funds to applying organizations. The tax-payer approved SCFD receives 1/10th of one percent sales tax collected in the seven-county metro area. Of that 1/10 of one percent, 13.5 percent goes to fund Tier III eligible organizations. The remaining amount goes to Tier I and Tier II groups. Each county is provided with the funds collected within that specific county for distribution.

The Cultural Council meets every Wednesday evening from the last Wednesday in March through the second Wednesday in June. The council meets in Hearing Room 2 at the Administrative and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. Members also attend a few other activities such as a retreat in September and presentations to the Board of County Commissioners each June and to the SCFD Board of Directors in late September.

The time commitment to the council also includes reviewing up to 10 applications each week prior to the interviews on Wednesday evenings, from March through May. Council members average about 150 hours each year on council activities.

The person right for the job is one that is interested in the cultural and scientific activities within the community. One who appreciates what these organizations offer to Jeffco citizens, but also someone who also has a mind for business and a good understanding of financial issues facing small businesses. The role as a member of the Cultural Council is not just to give away money, but to judge the viability of these organizations and choose to distribute monies in a way that is, first and foremost, beneficial to the citizens of Jefferson County.

If you think you are up to it, [apply](#) today. Visit www.jeffco.us/bcc and click on the Boards & Commissions link on the left navigation.

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For more information or to request a vacation check, call the Sheriff's Office at 303-277-0211.