

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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## Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: June 6, 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: June 19, 6:30 pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conferencerm.  
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **June 5 Justin Everett Legislature Review July NO MEETING Aug picnic**

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**Draft Minutes for May 1 Meeting Attendance:** Winnie Burdan / Williamsburg II, Diane Suchomel / At Large, Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Martha Combes, Ralph & Pat Miller, Amie & Chris Davis, & Alicia Combes / Columbine Hills Civic Assoc., Amber Beach / Columbine Knolls, Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Heather Gutherless & Nina Ruiz / Jefferson County Planning and Zoning.  
The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

**Winnie Burdan, President,** welcomed everyone.

**Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Deputy,** was not able to attend but he sent us the statistics. There were car trespasses, thefts, and burglaries. The trend was vehicle trespasses. Two suspects were arrested. Deputy Neuenfeldt will return to work on 5/6/13. He will be available via email. If you need someone before then, call 303-271-0211.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

**Amie Davis** asked to speak briefly at the meeting. She has lived in Columbine Hills Civic Association area for 3 years. She works at an Insurance Agency doing roof billing.

She noticed that a house sold for 40% less than comparable neighbor homes. She was curious. It turned out that the roof had leaked. Everything had to be replaced.

You should check your policy. ACV means Actual Cost Value. RCC/RCV means Replacement Cost Coverage / Replacement Cost Value. A lot of insurance companies are quietly changing the coverage so that the owner gets less money. The City of Boulder are requiring all homeowners with shake roofs to replace them.

If your insurance company threatens to cancel your coverage if you file claim, you have recourse.

The average life of a roof is 5 - 7 years. This includes shingles. The warranty is void if there is damage from wind, hail, fire, or something heavy like a tree falling on it.

You have 1 year from an incident to file a report or claim. The big hail storm last year was on 6/5/12. Insurance companies look for 8 - 10 hits per 10' by 10' area. You can't always see roof damage from the ground except for missing tiles. Amie is capable of unofficially inspecting your roof. Amie recommends that you use a roofer from the Denver Metro area with more than 10 years of experience and NOT use a roofer from outside the area or who has less experience. You should check with the Better Business, Angie's List, Rip-off Report, and Tom Martino.

For more information, see <http://www.stormdamagecenter.org/storm-damage-insurance-claim.html>, <http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/files/City%20Council/IP/2013/IPO1222013Website.pdf>, or <http://ccerap.org>. Amie can be contacted at 303-799-4164 or 719-440-5815.

Tonight's speakers were **Heather Gutherless and Nina Ruiz**, **Jefferson County Planning and Zoning**. They had handouts on Zoning Resolution - Amended 3-26-13, Section 5, Backyard Honeybees, and Backyard Chickens. The 2 Backyard handouts provide the best management practices.

There have been a lot of inquiries. Before this regulation was passed, chickens and bees were usually allowed on prop-

erty that was zoned agriculture. Lakewood recently allowed chickens and goats.

The new regulation applies to any residential area that is more than 4000 sq. ft. The home owner must get a Miscellaneous Permit which costs \$50. It is available over the counter. It can be revoked at any time if the owner does not follow the provisions. A renter can get a permit with the permission of the property owner and signature. A site plan must be included with the permit showing where the coup would be located with specifications. They can help the submitter if it is needed.

Planning and Zoning will notify the HOA and immediate neighbors. Products from chickens or bees are only allowed for personal use. The products cannot be sold.

The only chickens allowed are a maximum of 6 female chickens. Roosters, ducks, and geese are not allowed. There is no on-site slaughtering. The coup needs to be predator resistant. The coup and run cannot be in the front yard. It must be screened from view and must meet setback requirements. The coup is limited to 14' high and 200 sq. ft.

Bees hives are limited to 2 on a 4,000 sq. ft. lot. An additional hive can be allowed per each additional 4,000 sq. ft. You can only have honey bees.

What happens if the HOA does not allow it? Then the owner can't have a permit.

Does the 4,000 sq. ft. requirement include the house? Yes.

How does the chicken manure have to be disposed of? There are no rules about this except that it must be disposed of. It could be put in the trash or composted. If the manure is not cleaned up, the owner can get a violation. After 5 violations, the fines can go up to \$15,000.

Does the permit have to be renewed? No, but it is per owner. Miscellaneous Permits will be listed on their website.

Who has applied so far? So far only experienced people have applied.

Are there any coups a person could visit? Yes. There are coups at the Littleton Museum on Gallop. There is also a coup in Golden near Clear Creek.

Have there been any applications in one of our neighborhoods? Amie didn't think there were any. There has been very little opposition to this regulation.

#### **Reports from Officers**

Roll Call was taken. We had 9 members present and did not have a quorum.

**Winnie Burdan, President**, was present. An application has been submitted for the Gardens at Columbine site. It will be a Retirement Community that specializes in Alzheimer's care. The property is about 1.5 acres. The existing house will be removed.

Willowbrook Place at 5275 South Kipling will also specialize in Alzheimer care.

A townhouse / apartment development was approved. It will have 300 units at Belleview and Sims.

The new Natural Grocery Store site was approved. It will be across the street from Fat City.

The 3.2 license for the WalMart Neighborhood Store that will open in the shopping center on the southeastern corner of S Wadsworth Blvd. and W. Bowles Ave was approved. (post Cohope meeting decision)

The Liquor Licensing Authority board asked for an update from The Manor House related to the timing of the replacement of their temporary tent structure which has been there several years, with a permanent structure. The business reported they had received an extension from the County on the length of time the temporary structure would be allowed and told stated when they would be replacing it with a permanent structure. (post Cohope meeting decision)

A new board member was approved for Foothills Parks and Recreation District. The person is an eye doctor and starts at the next meeting. They replace the person who moved.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present. Representative Justin Everett will be our speaker in June.

The Summerset Festival is Sept. 13 - 15. The booth will cost us \$65.

Justin Everett will have a Town Hall here on 5/10/13 at 7:00 p.m.

There is a new law going into affect July 1 concerning the disposal of electronics. Best Buy still takes recycling. They take TVs with a screen up to 42".

Diane attended a Community School Board meeting Saturday at 9:30 a.m. There were 5 visitors. Alonso Rodriguez wants to replace Paula Noonan.

Our speaker in Sept. should be Hyndman & Sanchez. There are 5 bills in the works that concern HOAs. They could take effect in July. The Legislation Session ends May 8.

There is a HOA Information meeting at the Columbine Library.

RTD may restart route 116X. Watch Rider Alerts on their website.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was not present. We have \$2,225.19.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present.

**Old Business** None.

**New Business** None.

**Announcements** None.

We adjourned at 8:42 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills Civic Association

*From Draft Minutes of the April Board Meeting* The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Bruce Yarish. There were eight board members and one homeowner in attendance.

**2013 Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members** Motion was made and passed to elect Bob Brusio to the position of Vice President and Pat Miller to the position of Treasurer. Motion was made and passed to elect Kelly Goodbar and Steve DeMarco to board positions.

Treasurer's Report Bills to Colorado Lasertype and cost of new checks were paid. Twenty-one donations have been received this year. This is in addition to the annual donation to the Columbine Hills Civic Association.

**Old Business** Dumpster Day is May 18. Pro Disposal has agreed to support this event. The cost is roughly \$450.00 a truck. Participants must have made a donation to the Columbine Hills Civic Association. A \$10.00 fee will be charged for a second load. Metal scrap will be allocated to a trailer. Please help any seniors on your street who may have an item or two that needs to go to the Dumpster.

**New Business** Discussion related to establishing an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) to monitor county zoning violations and covenant issues. Motion was made and passed to research the establishment of an Architectural Control Committee. Heather Vignola will do some random canvassing in the neighborhood to feel out the sentiment on this issue. Email CHICA or call Heather at 720-244-2650 for your thoughts on this issue.

A resident has volunteered to repaint / repair some of our damaged signs.

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.— *Randy Montgomery, Secretary*

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

*From President's Corner* Spring in Colorado brings many surprises in April including a snowstorm which closed schools and postponed our HOA Board meeting! Since the due date for my article for our monthly newsletter is before we have our rescheduled meeting, I will have to share comments on the April HOA Board meeting in next month's publication. One exciting piece of news is that we expect to hit the record setting number of 300 members in the Columbine Knolls South II HOA by May 1st. I will keep you posted!

A tremendous thank you to Bob Pellegrini and his Landscape Committee including Larry and Debbie Opperman, Tom and Anita Schicktanz, Donna and Emily Telschow, Jon Brouillet and Joan Weyhmiller for doing such a great job of preparing the gardens at the community entry way at Chatfield and Yukon for the summer. They raked up piles of needles, pruned trees, pulled and sprayed weeds and cut back perennials to insure that we will all be able to enjoy a well groomed entry way all summer long. Special thanks goes to Bob Pellegrini and his company, Blade Runners, for providing his tools, truck, weed spray, and most importantly, landscaping knowledge, to work on this project.

Please be aware, as the warm weather approaches, we all need to be even more mindful of safeguarding our neighborhood. This includes keeping garage doors closed, cars in the driveway or street locked with no valuables in sight and not leaving valuables in the front yard. Also please watch for suspicious activity or individuals in your area. We received disturbing reports of someone stealing American flags from in front of homes this past month.— *Stephanie Haberkorn, President*

## The Leawood Rappporter

*From Leawood Recreation and Park District Minutes of April 10, 2013* The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Linda Smith and Mibby Luedecke.

Public Comment— Members from the Coventry subdivision who attended our last meeting liked the new placement of the dumpster and appreciated the removal of all the tree debris from view. A resident from Vintage Reserve asked to use the soccer field for one day to practice. They had been unable to practice on their field due to weather conditions. Linda said yes they could this one time and would inform the other board members.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was submitted by Donna as well as bills to be paid. Income included property tax and ownership tax revenue. Invoices include: United Site Services, L&M, audit report, Waste Management, Denver Water, O'Toole's for plants at dumpster area, starter for the ATV, Arborist Arms, Dave's invoice, snow removal invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda moved the report be approved and bills paid. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – The color concrete and exposed aggregate work by Goodland Construction was complete at

Raccoon Park. The pad for the dumpster was done as well as the extension of sidewalk work at Sheridan. The dumpster area is now complete with fencing and landscaping. Vandalism occurred when someone tried to start a fire in this area. The potty at Weaver Park was locked by kids and one of the bollards was dumped in the creek. Doggy bags were checked and trash was removed from receptacles. Snow was removed in all parks on several occasions.

Correspondence—Donna received a letter of approval from Conservation Trust from the report she sent in last month.

**Meetings for 2013** Wednesday, June 12, 2013, Place to be determined, Wednesday, July 10, 2013, Place to be determined, Wednesday, August 14, 2013, Place to be determined

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## Williamsburg II News

**President's Message** May Day. May Day! The end of the school year is getting close and not only kids but adults as well may be catching spring fever and finding it difficult not to daydream about being outdoors in our beautiful Colorado climate. Thankfully April graced us with a plethora of snow, greening up the lawns and flowers and more importantly, putting a dent on the drought anticipated this summer. Speaking of that, be aware of mandatory water restrictions already in place despite all of the moisture received last month. With this time of year comes spring cleaning, so mark those calendars and start prepping for the Community Garage Sale by cleaning out those closets, garages and basements! See article for more information. While prepping for the garage sale, if you find old blankets or towels, please consider donating to the Animal Shelter Drive slated for Saturday June 1st. See a list of suggested items in the article below. Williamsburg II remains a much desired community in which to live Thank you to all who work hard to keep it that way.

**From HOA Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2013** – Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Susan Ganz, Bill Ganz, Debra White, Winnie Burdan and Sharon Erickson.

**Treasurer's Report**— Susan presented event and related expense costs for 2012 and noted that dues collected as of April 2012 was \$5000 which equated to 40% of equivalent homeowners. Board discussed upcoming events planned and associated costs as well as where we are with dues collections. Dues collected to date for 2013 total \$4240 = 37.8 of equivalent homeowners. We are behind in dues collections for 2013 in relation to 2012. This may impact future events for 2013. Dues are still coming in to the Treasurer though not at the same pace as February and March. All bills have been submitted and paid. Balance in account as of 3/30/2013 is \$3486.40

**Historian:** Deb reported that the Easter Egg Hunt pictures need to be added. All other information is current.

**Covenant Control:** No current issues

**Old Business** Easter Egg Hunt was successful – good turn out and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Garage Sale is scheduled for June 7th and June 8th. Beth Schneider will sponsor it again this year. Mike contacted the movie vendor we used last year and is waiting for a call back to confirm our July 20th Outdoor Movie Night at Eagle Meadows Park. Susan will book the Hayride for this December. Susan will call the water company we use to water the front entrance and sign board area. She will set a time to meet with them to confirm what and when the watering will be done this upcoming watering season. Anticipating a May start for watering – will monitor water “Mother Nature” provides to confirm start date.

**New Business** The Animal Shelter Drive will be held at Eagle Meadows Park on June 1st. An article describing the drive and the shelter needs will be included in the May newsletter. Winnie brought up a concern about branches partially obscuring the stop sign at Roxbury and Roxbury. She will call the county to see what can be done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

## WoodBourne

**From Notes From the Board** The Annual Homeowners Meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2013. Unfortunately, we did not reach the required quorum in order to conduct any business. Therefore, we were unable to hold the meeting and elect Board members to the three open positions. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact Carrie Kollar at 303-431-5778.

The Board updated the homeowners who were present on various projects from the past year and answered a few questions. We will holding another Annual Homeowners Meeting on July 17, 2013, and hope to reach a quorum at that time. This gives you a couple months to get your proxies turned in if you are unable to attend the meeting.

The Shredding Event again proved to be a great service to our community.

The Board is planning to hold an electronics recycling event in June. Once the date is finalized, it will be advertised. —

*Carrie Kollar, President*

**Foothills June Events—Outdoor Pools opening, \$3 admission** Kick off your summer at Foothills Park & Recreation District's outdoor pools and enjoy \$3 swim admission per person on opening day! Pools opening on Saturday, May 25 are Weaver Hollow Pool (12750 W. Stanford Ave.) and Deer Creek Pool (8637 S. Garrison St.). Opening the following week on Saturday, June 1 are 6th Avenue West Pool (400 Holman Way) and Columbine West Pool (7046 S. Webster St.) Foothills offers a wide range of open swim hours as well as classes for all ages and abilities. A great way to save money during the summer months is to purchase a Summer Fun Pass, valid May 1 – Aug. 31 and available for purchase at all Foothills facilities. For more information on classes and passes visit [www.ifoohills.org](http://www.ifoohills.org) or call 303.409.2100

**Foothills Community Concert Series, June concerts** Foothills Park & Recreation District celebrates 23 years of FREE concerts at Clement Park (corner of Bowles & Pierce). The 2013 Foothills Community Concert Series will showcase a wide variety of free, family-friendly concerts. Bring the family, a blanket or lawn chairs, enjoy a picnic and live music with a beautiful backdrop of Johnston Reservoir and the foothills. For more information visit [www.ifoohills.org/concerts](http://www.ifoohills.org/concerts).

June Concerts:

Thursday, June 6, 7-8:30 p.m. – Soul Sacrifice - a Santana Tribute

Thursday, June 13, 7-8:30 p.m. – Something Underground (Rock, Funk, Soul)

Friday, June 21, 9:30-10:15 a.m. – Erica Sodos as Captain Rosebud - Interactive Theatrical Magic

Saturday, June 22, 6-8 p.m. – Music Go Round – Battle of the Bands

Thursday, June 27, 7-8:30 p.m. – Flywheel (Eclectic Classic Rock)

**Pool Parties at Foothills Pools** Cool off at Foothills Park & Recreation District's June pool parties. Admission only \$3 for each pool party. Organized games, activities, food and prizes will be happening at the following locations and times:

Saturday, June 15, 1-3 p.m. – Pool Party at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center (6147 S. Holland Way, Littleton 80123)

Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Pool Party at Columbine West Pool (7046 S. Webster St. Littleton 80123)

Saturday, June 29, 12-2 p.m. – Pool Party at 6th Avenue West Pool (400 Holman Way, Golden 80401)

For more information, call 303-409-2100 or visit [www.ifoohills.org/events](http://www.ifoohills.org/events)

**Father's Day Special, June 16** All dads swim free during open swim hours when accompanied with their child(ren) at Foothills Park & Recreation District's indoor and outdoor pools on Sunday, June 16, 2013. Open swim hours vary at each site, call for hours. For more information call 303.409.2333 or visit [www.ifoohills.org/events](http://www.ifoohills.org/events).

Lilley Gulch Recreation Center Pool (6147 S. Holland Way, Littleton 80123)

Columbine West Pool (7046 S. Webster St. Littleton 80123)

6th Avenue West Pool (400 Holman Way, Golden 80401)

Deer Creek Pool (8637 S. Garrison St. Littleton 80128)

Weaver Hollow Pool (12750 W. Stanford Ave., Morrison 80465)

Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127)

Kate Dragoo, Communications & Marketing Supervisor, Foothills Park & Recreation District (303) 409-2525;

**Senior Law Day in Jeffco** (Golden, CO – May 10, 2013) The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office is hosting its 3rd Annual Senior Law Day on June 1, offering educational seminars for seniors and for adults who may be facing challenges with their aging parents.

There are 15 valuable workshops, including topics such as: investment fraud; tips for elder abuse; end of life issues; powers-of-attorneys, conservatorship and guardianship; reverse mortgages; and identity theft. Attorneys and representatives from a variety of community resources will be available to answer individual questions.

"Jefferson County's population is aging and older adults will be facing complicated issues," says District Attorney Peter Weir, "The information we are providing can change the quality of life for seniors and their adult children."

Senior Law Day is **Saturday, June 1**, from 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Arvada Covenant Church, 5555 Ward Road, in Arvada. CBS4 Anchor Jim Benemann will serve as emcee for the day.

Registration is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and the new Colorado Senior Law Handbook, a publication of the Colorado Bar Association. The Joe Peterson Orchestra & the JPO Andrews Singers will entertain during lunch. Payment must be made by check, credit card or money order.

**JEFFCO PARKS EMBARKING ON A PARKS MASTER PLAN PROCESS** Unified Department Effort to Focus on Common Threads We'd like to hear from you!

Jeffco Parks is kicking off a Jeffco Parks Master Plan and are hosting interactive meetings at a number of sites throughout the County. Please select a location and time that work for your schedule. Plan on rolling up your sleeves to help us shape the look and feel of the Parks Master Plan; a road map for Jeffco Parks. Help the Boettcher Mansion, CSU Extension in Jeffco, the Fairgrounds and Open Space create a plan for the future. You'll be able to review maps, information and themes. A short presentation will be followed by group interaction.

If you attend a meeting at the Jeffco Fairgrounds, Jeffco Open Space or Boettcher Mansion you will also be invited to

tour the facilities.

**Public Input Opportunities:**

May 28, (Tue.) 6 –7:30 pm, Boettcher Mansion 900 Colorow Road, Golden, CO 80401

May 29, (Wed.) 6 –7:30 pm, Conifer High School 10441 County Highway 73, Conifer, CO 80433

May 30, (Thu.) 6 -7:30 pm, Arvada (location TBD)

June 4, (Tue.) 6 –7:30 p.m., The Peak Community and Wellness Center, 6612 S. Ward Street, Littleton, CO 80127

Additional meetings may be scheduled. Please refer to the website [jeffco.us/parks](http://jeffco.us/parks) for the latest information.

Contact: Thea Rock, Communications Manager, [trock@jeffco.us](mailto:trock@jeffco.us) or (303) 271-5902

**National Night Out Jefferson County Sheriff's Office E-mail Alert May 20, 2013** National Night Out is a campaign involving citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials. The campaign strives to strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement/community partnerships.

Started in 1984, National Night Out sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting crime together with law enforcement. In addition, it helps neighbors get to know each other and have fun doing so.

This year National Night Out is Tuesday August 6th. Events are usually held that evening between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

You can host a 2013 National Night Out event in your neighborhood. Consider a block party or ice cream social, a barbecue or pot luck dinner. Representative of the Sheriff's Office will attend your event to answer questions that your neighbors may have. This is a great time for the sheriff's office to exchange ideas with your neighbors concerning effective strategies for fighting crime in your neighborhoods.

If you want to host a National Night Out event, check out [www.nationalnightout.org/nno](http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno) for some great ideas and information. After checking the web site, you should contact the sheriff's office with any questions, let us know how we may assist you with your event, and allow me to get an idea of how many events we will need to attend.

We look forward to seeing you at National Night Out 2013.

**COHOPE Treasury Activity: May 2013**

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

**Beginning Balance May 1, 2013** \$ 2225.19

**Deposits** \$ 0.00

**Withdrawals** \$ 160.05

May newsletter \$ 6.72

June newsletter \$ 7.36

Clement Park Shelter Rental \$125

Website Charge (3 months) \$20.97

**Ending Balance June 5, 2013** \$ 2065.14

**Celebrating 40 Years of Open Space and the Jefferson County Historical Society**

In the fall of 1972, local citizens brought their passion for preserving Jefferson County's natural and cultural heritage to the voting booths. The fledgling Jefferson County Open Space system was born, and Hiwan Homestead Museum is pleased to announce a new exhibit looking back at the past 40 years of exciting events, crucial developments and unforgettable memories.

The "40 Years of Jefferson County Open Space and Jefferson County Historical Society" exhibit is open

through Nov. 17. Interactive displays will center on important points in history, interesting facts about the two organiza-

**Coffee with a County Commissioner** Join a Jefferson County Commissioner, your neighbors and other Jefferson County residents to discuss a wide range of topics and your concerns, questions and suggestions. Plan to attend one of several informal, walk-in community events for residents to speak face-to-face with a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

**Wednesday, May 29** with Commissioner Donald Rosier, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Wystone's World Tea Café in Belmar at 7323 W. Alaska Drive, Lakewood. **Monday, June 17** with Commissioner Casey Tighe, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Arvada Library, 8525 West 57th Avenue, Arvada. **Wednesday, June 19**, with Commissioner Donald Rosier, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Higher Grounds Cafe, 803 14th Street, Suite B, Golden.

For more information call the County Commissioners office at (303) 271-8525.

**WEST METRO FIRE RESCUE Family Fire Muster** Please join us at our annual Family Fire Muster. Kids of all ages will enjoy participating in fun activities like the Junior Firefighter Challenge, Teddy Bear Clinic, Bike Rodeo and inflatable slides. Adults and kids get to tour Fire Station #10 and West Metro's Training Center to see how firefighters prepare for emergencies and what it's like to live the dream of being a firefighter! Families will learn what to do to prepare for their own emergencies - have a Family Escape Plan, how to Call 9-1-1 and how to create their own safety profile online. Firefighters will demonstrate their response to a residential fire and show how important it is to practice your own family fire drill at your home.

**Saturday, September 28, 2013** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. West Metro Fire Rescue's Training Center 3535 S Kipling Street Lakewood, CO 80235 Contact: Susan Saito Ph: (720) 963-6300 [ssaito@westmetrofire.org](mailto:ssaito@westmetrofire.org)

**Motorcycle's have limits. Know them.** By Sheriff Ted Mink— When you earn your motorcycle endorsement the letter "M" is stamped on your driver's license right next to height, as if 'motorcycle' was just another part of your physical characteristics, or maybe a mental condition. You see, cars deceive us into thinking we're safe, and in control. The air-conditioning fans murmur a sense of tranquility. Motorcycles tell us we are small and exposed, and probably moving too fast for our own good, but that's no reason not to enjoy every minute of the ride.

**In Jeffco** Since January 2011, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has responded to 44 serious injury, or fatal, motorcycle crashes. Of those:

98% were rider error, 75% occurred in the foothills, 70% were caused by excessive speed or failing to negotiate a turn, 40% of all fatal motorcycle accidents involved unendorsed riders, and 14% were DUI related.

In 2013, Jefferson County has already had two fatalities; one on Hwy 74 between Morrison and Evergreen, and one on Hwy 72 in Coal Creek Canyon. Hwy 74 was caused by the rider failing to negotiate a corner and the Hwy 72 accident was caused by excessive speed.

As a result, our motorcycle traffic unit is increasing their accident reduction efforts. Comprised of six highly trained deputies, the traffic unit is proactively exploring the issues and working towards solutions. They recognize that even a seasoned rider must know their limits.

#### **Top Ten Motorcycle Safety Tips:**

**Eye contact.** Never assume others see you. Always try to make eye contact with drivers who may be about to pull into your path.

**Read 'vehicle language'.** Even when drivers, cyclists and pedestrians see you approaching, they often misjudge your distance and speed. Don't rely on them.

**Turning left.** Getting hit by an oncoming vehicle while turning left is the most common type of motorcycle crash. Watch your mirrors.

**Be cautious of hazardous road conditions.** Wet roads, fluid spills, sand, gravel, highway sealant, railroad tracks, and potholes reduce traction and may cause falls.

**Take it easy on curves.** You could overshoot or cross the center line into oncoming traffic. Slow down and choose the correct lane position before entering a curve.

**Wear a good helmet.** Helmets prevent head injuries in 67% of crashes. Helmets must meet current CDOT safety standards. Avoid buying a used helmet, especially one that has been in a previous accident.

**Be visible.** Avoid blind spots and always use headlights day or night. Wear bright, reflective clothing.

**Protective gear.** Gear can provide some protection during a crash, as well as shield you from weather and debris. Wear protective eye and face gear. Never ride in lightweight pants or shorts.

**Keep your distance.** No one likes a tailgater. Keep a safe distance between your bike and other vehicles.

**Use both brakes.** When braking use both brakes at the same time by applying them slowly and steadily.

#### **Motorcycle Safety Community Events**

**Motorcycle Safety Seminar:** Sergeant Dave Baldwin of the traffic unit, has coordinated several events this summer to educate the community, especially riders themselves. The first motorcycle safety seminar begins this Thursday, May 23rd at the Evergreen Fire Station #2 from 6-8 p.m. RSVP's will enter you into a drawing for motorcycle merchandise.

The seminar covers motorcycle safety and awareness. Sergeant Dave Baldwin is joined by Deputy Ty Hammond, a ten year veteran of the traffic unit. Certified as a Police Motor Instructor his repertoire also includes 1st place team riding in both 2011 and 2012 at the annual Police Top Gun Competition. Stay connected for future seminars.

**Stop and Talk Dates.** Because the foothills present many challenges to riders (wet roads, canyons curves, sand, and gravel) even seasoned riders may benefit from proven techniques to keep the tires on the road and them off the pavement. We are also hosting 'Stop and Talk' events along many of the foothills' popular roadways. Stop by on Saturday, June 8th from 9 a.m. to noon at the intersection of South Deer Creek Canyon Road and South Turkey Creek Road. Stay tuned for future 'Stop and Talk' dates.

**May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month** As an operator of a motor vehicle we urge you to look twice and save a life. Every biker's family deserves to see them ride home safely. Look twice before switching lanes, making turns, or pulling out of a driveway. Stay on your side of the road, especially around corners. Don't follow too closely; motorcyclists may brake suddenly to maneuver around road hazards that cars need not consider. Keep your eyes on the road, and off your cell phone. Take the time to learn motorcycle awareness habits throughout the month to avoid using these four deadly words, "I didn't see him".



Sheriff Ted Mink

**Jeffco Public Schools news – May, 2013 Employee summit results** For the third year, Jeffco held its nationally recognized employee summit which has resulted in a tentative compensation agreement for the 2013-14 school year. Members of the employee summit included representatives from the Jefferson County Board of Education, the Jefferson County Education Association, the Classified School Employees Association, the Jefferson County Administra-



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The June 2013 meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. Representative Justin Everett is scheduled to discuss the recent legislative session.

tions, and memorabilia from bygone eras. Discover the life stories of Jefferson County Open Space and the Jefferson County Historical Society, including how and why they were created. As citizens, these organizations are yours. Experience where they came from the bright future they strive to provide.

Hiwan Homestead Museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Beginning June 1, summer hours take effect and the museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday until Aug. 31. Please call 720-497-7650 for more information.

Hiwan Homestead Museum is a 25-room log mansion constructed in the Rustic style of architecture. It is located in Evergreen at 4208 S. Timbervale Drive and is a Jefferson County Open Space facility operated through a partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Society. The museum was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

tors Association and district cabinet. Members of the summit wanted first and foremost to keep the commitment to voters who approved ballot measure 3A in the fall of 2012. They also wanted to acknowledge the compensation sacrifices that employees have made in the past two years. Those sacrifices meant that academic programs could be maintained. The tentative agreement includes:

A compensation restoration of three percent. Jeffco employees have given up three percent in compensation since 2011-12. As a result of adding four work days to the calendar and eliminating two furlough days, that three percent will be restored for the 2013-14 school year.

All employees will have their work year from 2010-11 restored as well.

Teachers will work four more days during the 2013-14 school year. Those days will be for professional development.

There will be five teacher-directed K-8 early release days for the 2013-14 school year.

K-8 students gain more instructional time because there will be fewer early release days.

The planned furlough days for 2013-14 have been eliminated which equates to two more work days for employees and two additional school days for students.

These tentative agreements still need to be ratified by the membership of the employee associations and by the Jefferson County Board of Education.

**Colorado High School Principal of the Year** The Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) has named Frank DeAngelis the 2013 Colorado High School Principal of the Year. DeAngelis has been principal of Columbine High School since 1996.

The CASE news release says, "DeAngelis is one of the most recognized and highly-regarded school leaders in both Colorado and around the country."