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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Feb 3 6 pm, Virtual Meeting
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Feb 22, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Feb. 16, 6:30 pm, Virtual Meeting
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: Feb 2 Crime Prevention Deputy Mark Bybee, Mar 2, April 6

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: January 2022

Beginning Balance January 5, 2022

Deposits

Withdrawals

February newsletter \$3.85, Website \$14 Bank fee \$8.95

P.O. Box 176, Lilley Gulch Rental \$50

Ending Balance February 2, 2022

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 1250.96

\$ 0.00

\$ 252.80

\$ 998.16

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — Happy New Year! Let's hope and pray for an improved year. The virus things are driving me nuts, as is the economy and world conditions. We sure could use a good year. The CHCA board will be making some changes for the year ahead. First, we are going to be handing out door hangers inviting you to join Columbine Hills Civic Association. A few years ago, we sent out mailers with return envelopes to return your payment. That process cost us right at \$900 so we elected to do on-line registration and payment. At the same time Covid struck and membership drastically dropped off, in an effort to create awareness, be looking for the door hangers as a reminder. We will be modifying the way we give out prizes for yard of the month in the summer, house decorating in December, winning for the Chili cook-off etc. In order to qualify as a winner, you must first be a CHCA member – meaning dues have been paid for the year. Rarely have past winners been active members and we had hoped winning a prize would spur you to join.

We will be adding events such as prizes for Halloween decorations and other picnic type events. As always, we are looking for fresh ideas. With that in mind, we would LOVE to have you submit short articles to be published in the newsletter. Some of you are master gardeners, those of us who are not would enjoy reading tips from our neighbors. If you have a great story about Columbine Hills that we would enjoy reading, please send them. Our PO Box is posted in the newsletter – please send things in there. I'd like to mention something I've been involved in for several years now, it's the Severe Weather Shelter Network that operates here in Littleton to offer assistance to folks who are experiencing homelessness. They primarily need funding as they house people off the streets into low cost motels when the temperature drops. We will make a meal and deliver it as well. If your heart tugs at this contact: Lynn Huizingh at lynnann@swshelternetwork.com or you can call her at 720-515-9313.

Lastly, due to very unforeseen circumstances/disease in my life I am resigning from the board of directors as president – effective as of now. I've pretty much enjoyed my run as a CHCA officer for the past ten years. We need a younger, healthier president than me.

As always we would love to have interested members attend the board meeting and even run for an office, as always – be that kind of neighbor you wish you had. —Randy Montgomery, CHCA President

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner—I was alerted the day before Thanksgiving that our monument sign on the east side of Chatfield and S Yukon way had been badly damaged. Upon inspection, it did not look like the damage was due to vandalism or foul play. Frankly, I'm not sure what happened, but the sign was cracked in half and a piece on the lower left had completely broken free. Fortunately, Matt Haberkorn and I were able to reinforce the back of the sign and put it back together. I think the repair looks acceptable! That said, the signs are beginning to show their age and we'll likely need to replace them in the next few years. Unfortunately, I can't find anyone in our community that knows anything about the signs in terms of who fabricated them and where the artwork came from. It would certainly be a lot easier if we could find the artwork and pass that information on to a sign company. I would love to talk to you if you know the history behind the signs. I want to give a big thank you to Matt Haberkorn for volunteering his time on a Sunday morning to help with the sign repair.

On a related note, the power to the east monument is not working and both Matt and I attempted to figure it out, but we were left scratching our heads. The power is needed to illuminate the sign and to plug in the holiday lights. My plan is to engage an electrician to have a look, so we understand the problem and the costs associated with fixing the power. as you can see in the picture.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – I'm writing this posting the day after the Holiday Parade of Lights event. We had an excellent turnout with over 20 decorated parade vehicles following behind the South Metro Fire Engine 13, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus! I was impressed by how many neighbors lined the streets as the procession rolled by. Absolutely amazing! I want to thank Brenda Abbott (event chair) for organizing such a special event. I would also like to thank Joe and Gayle Alcala (Mr. & Mrs. Claus), their sleigh drivers Andi and Jeff Elkins, and Erin Kunkle for ensuring the Coronado Elementary parking lot was illuminated. This event grows in popularity each year and it is truly a blast to participate. Please think about joining the parade next year!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS: I received an update from Aaron Ward. The final inputs requested by the State of Colorado were recently provided, so they should be in position to issue the permits very soon. The hope is construction and installation can begin soon after the permits are issued, and if weather cooperates
Happy New Year! — *Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Here's hoping the holidays were bright and cheery. Healthy too. CWCA did not have a December meeting, thus allowing our volunteers time off to pursue other holiday events. This also means that our Voicemail and email lines, covered by volunteers, will not be answered until January 2022. Hopefully everyone will be so busy enjoying family, vacations and football that we haven't missed any important messages. We were not sure if our Membership numbers would cover our continuing expenses in 2021, but we were surprised to see our Dues Drive Meter meet our GOAL. A huge Thank You to those who choose to pay dues. It is quite amazing how much can be accomplished by ¼ of the neighborhood supporting Annual Membership. The New Year will be filled with many of the same offerings along with a few new ones. Continue to check the calendar on the front page of the monthly newsletter or stop by the new website www.CWCA.info and check out what's happening. On the front page of the January newsletter is a write up about the luxury of not being an HOA community (Part 1). In upcoming newsletters we will be adding to the theme and helping neighbors to understand our unique position as a Civic Association. Freedom = Responsibilities. The CWCA Board is always changing it's volunteer members and this year will be no different. As members relocate, retire and find other activities to pursue the need for committed neighborhood volunteers grows.

Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting if you feel you have some time & talents to share with the community. Check the front page of the newsletter for the meeting QR code. Drop in, say hi and meet a friend.

The Leawood Reporter

(2) **From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes December 6, 2021** The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by President Steve Wall. Members present: Debby Baker/Vice President and Secretary, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Ike Nelson/Board Member and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager. Wade Hancey/Special Projects participated by phone.

Public Comments – A resident reported that the beaver dam in Raccoon Creek was causing the creek to overflow its banks. Board Response: The industrious beavers continue to rebuild, sometimes overnight, all efforts to remove the dam. Dave will continue his efforts to hinder/clear the dam.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. Funds were transferred from the Lottery account into checking. Bills paid this month include Denver Water, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, LCA (for LMRPD share of cost for Reporter and website), Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Ike moved that the Treasurer Report be received, and bills paid. Debby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Fall clean-up was completed in all parks, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. Weston has provided a proposal for a new maintenance contract for 2022/2023. The Board approved authorization for Dave to negotiate with Weston to obtain an acceptable contract.

Raccoon Hollar: A beaver dam continues to be an issue. Due to the structure of the creek, trapping the beavers is not an option, so Dave will continue to clear the dams as needed. Steve and Dave met with Urban Drainage regarding the erosion of the creek bank. Urban drainage agreed that repairs are needed and will plan for 2022.

Old Business – (1) 2021 Budget: Donna presented the final 2022 budget for approval. Ike moved to approve the 2022 Budget. Debby seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously. Ike will place a public notice.

(2) Set Mill Levy: Ike Moved to certify the Mill Levy unchanged at 3.73 mills. Debby seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously. Ike will place a public notice.

(3) Weaver Park Bridge Repair update: The materials for the bridge repair project are currently unavailable and the cost of wood has increased. Dave will ask Weston for an updated estimate.

(4) Resident Survey and Signs: As of the date of the meeting, there have been 133 responses. The Board is grateful to the district residents that have taken the time to respond to the survey. Our hope is that more will take the opportunity to share their thoughts.

(5) Tessa Richter/Tinkergarten Update: The field use fee for classes will be increased to \$25/class beginning January 1, 2022.

(6) Community Input for Disk Gulf: Additional community input is needed before a decision can be made for disk gulf. Input is especially needed from the residents which will be most affected by the addition. Having a public meeting was discussed, tentatively on February 10th, 2022.

New Business – Designate Election Official: Special District Elections are currently held in even years. One Board Member position will be open for election in May 2022. Debby isn't allowed to run again since she is no longer a District resident and owner. A Designated Election Official is required to manage the process. Donna moved to nominate Ike Nelson, Debby seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. —*Debby Baker, Vice President / Secretary*

Westbury

From the Mind of the President —Happy New Year! :) Thank you all for your help and participation as our Westbury Home Owner's Association, WHOA, once again began serving this wonderful community last spring. Special thanks to those who volunteered their time to get us back up and running in 2021, and to those who are helping us this year as well. Please reach out to me, or any other member of the board, if you have questions, suggestions, or requests. You'll find our contact information in this newsletter. Also, please join us for our meeting on Wednesday, January 12. We want to see your smiling faces!

Thanks also to all who participated in last year's events, and especially those who chose to become "members in good standing" of WHOA by paying their dues for 2021. Very special thanks go to one member who blessed us by knowingly and intentionally paying five times her standard annual dues. She also included a thank you note explaining that the extra money was in appreciation for what WHOA does for our neighbors. Such thoughtfulness and generosity are tremendously gratifying.

What shall we do this year? Fall and/or Spring Cleanup Days, National Night Out, Ice Cream Social, Scholarship Award, Garage Sale, Large Item Dumpster Drop, Christmas Party, etc.? We need your help and input, especially for the "etc." Please join us for potlucks and meetings to discuss such things.

What do you want to see in our Newsletter? I want to hear about things of concern, not only to our members, but to our neighbors and neighborhood as well. Uncensored communication in the public square is critical today, as so many in social media, legacy media, and government push one narrative, while trying to ban and cancel the opinions and speech of those with whom they disagree. If you agree with me, please write an article. If you disagree with me, please write two articles. I want free speech, and all our God given rights, protected in Westbury, Jefferson County, our state and our nation. All articles should be respectful, avoid ad homonym attacks, and be of interest. Please write something of importance to you, and to our community. Then submit it with your contact information to our newsletter editor, Madonna@Gaudio.com. Please become a member in good standing, by paying your 2022 dues now. The \$20.00 you pay each year makes it possible for WHOA to make Westbury a better place. It also gives you the right to vote at our general membership meetings to help determine the direction of our organization and our neighborhood. Please join us!

(These are my opinions, and do not necessarily reflect those of all board members, WHOA members, and residents of Westbury. God bless you all. John.) —*John Gaudio*

Woodbourne

From Note From the Board President—Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a happy and safe holidays. The December Board meeting was held after the newsletter deadline so we will update the community about any business from that meeting in next month's newsletter. We will also announce the winners of the Holiday Lights Contest then as well.



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The February meeting will be Wednesday Feb 2, 2022 at Lilley Gulch Rec Center (6147 S. Holland Way) at 6 pm. The speaker will be Crime Prevention Deputy Mark Bybee.

The neighborhood certainly looked festive this year.

I want to remind everyone about the dues increase. HOA dues will be \$65 per month starting January 1, 2022. Don't forget to update any automatic payments that you may have in place to reflect the change. Also, please remember to take down any holiday decorations in the next couple of weeks.— *Jeff Hoffman, President*

Property Tax Statements to be Mailed Week of January 24—Each January, the Jeffco Treasurer's Office sends tax statements to property owners for the taxes due and payable that year. Taxes are paid one year in arrears (2021 taxes are payable in 2022).

Property Tax Statements will be mailed the week of Jan. 24. For most properties, copies of statements can be found on our website. Visit the Treasurer Property Records Search (<https://treasurerpropertysearch.jeffco.us/propertyrecordssearch/dashboard>) to view and/or pay your taxes. Please disregard any statements you receive for properties you sold in 2021.

Sidewalk, Intersection Improvements Coming to South Kipling—The South Kipling Parkway Sidewalk and Intersection Improvements project includes construction of a missing section of 8-foot-wide sidewalk from W. Geddes Ave. to W. Coal Mine Ave. along the east side of S. Kipling PKWY. A connection to Dutch Creek Regional Trail will be installed near the intersection of S. Kipling Parkway and W. Meadows Drive. These improvements include new traffic signals, pedestrian crossings at the south of each intersection, and upgraded pedestrian curb ramps.

New Toll-Free Number for Jefferson County Human Services—Jeffco Human Services customers now have the option to call using a new toll-free number, 1-888-256-0321. Nothing has changed except customers now have the option to call on a toll-free line. The new number will roll callers over to the Human Services main number, 303-271-1388.

Free Parenting Workshops about Youth Vaping and Other Substance Use—Parents, guardians and caregivers can better support the youth in their lives by learning practical skills for having difficult conversations about alcohol, marijuana, vaping and other substances. Register today for free parenting workshops being offered monthly through April in English and Spanish. Workshops are sponsored by Jefferson County Communities that Care, Jeffco Public Schools and Jefferson County Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Initiative. (<https://www.twelvetalks.com/workshops>)

Jeffco Clerk & Recorder Team Celebrates 2021 Achievements—Our team went above and beyond last year to continue building a 21st-century Clerk and Recorder's office. Visit our 2021 Achievements page (<https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/31022/2021-Achievements>) to see more highlights or view our 2022 goals and track our progress. (<https://www.jeffco.us/4088/Clerks-Dashboard>)

Jeffco had more voters during the Coordinated Election than any county in the state. We counted 99% of ballots on Election Night.

Increased use of grocery store renewal kiosks by 60%, helping 70,000 customers.

Overhauled Recording, Clerk to the Board websites to improve visitor experience.

From Engage Jeffco January newsletter