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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Mar 3 6 pm, Virtual Meeting

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: Mar 8, 6 pm, The Peak.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Mar. 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: Mar 2 Crime Prevention Deputy Mark Bybee, April 6, May 4, June 1**

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**COHOPE Treasury Activity: February 2022**

**Beginning Balance February 2, 2022**

**Deposits**

**Withdrawals**

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

**Ending Balance March 2, 2022**

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

\$ 998.16

\$ 0.00

\$ 26.80

\$ 971.36

## THE BACKYARD

### *Columbine Hills News*

**President's Corner** — Welcome, dear neighbors, to the second month of 2022. As we are sure you have read, Randy Montgomery, who has been Columbine Hills Civic Association President for many years, has resigned from the Board. He has done an exceptional job as President, and we wish him well and will miss him. At this time, CHCA has no President, and we are not planning to make any hasty decisions. We intend to take the time we need to find the right candidate for the position. Is it you?

We have received several letters from CHCA neighbors with suggestions and ideas for the Board. We are grateful for every suggestion; they remind us that CHCA is a community, not a Board, organization, and without community ideas and participation we are nothing. Some of the ideas include more newsletter articles about new faces, new and existing businesses, local schools events, child and senior resources, local history, and the like. These are great ideas and we are guessing that you have more.

The CHCA Board members will have met by the time this newsletter is delivered, so we cannot state with any certainty what some of the new ideas for CHCA and the newsletter will be. However, we are all committed to moving forward with the Association to make the events even more community-driven and the newsletter more pertinent to these 1300 households that we all call home. Let's keep the unity in our community.

Wishing all of you a terrific February and a Happy Valentine's Day, we are, —*Your Columbine Hills Civic Association Board*

### Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From President's Corner**—As I was preparing for our first HOA meeting of 2022 (January 11th) I got to thinking about what we accomplished in 2021. I want to thank the board and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of our CKSII community in 2021, and we're looking forward to an even better 2022!

A huge accomplishment made by the board in 2021 was the decision to find professional and comprehensive community management for our association. While the groundwork for this started in late 2020, the fruits of that hard work paid off in 2021 with Maximum Property Management assuming the role as our community management company. We've had a year to assess the effectiveness of bringing in Maximum, and I believe the results have been excellent. The most significant improvement for all of us is better access to communications and information. Members now have a web portal to view their account status, with the capability to make dues and assessment payments. The portal also allows you to view our governing documents, budgets, financials, meeting minutes, newsletters and web site links, among other things. Additionally, Maximum also sends you an email ahead of our bimonthly HOA meetings with information such as the meeting agenda, meeting minutes, managers' report, balance sheet and the income and expense report, along with a link or information on how you can join the upcoming meeting. In terms of back-end systems that are critical for the board, we now have software tools for the Architectural Control Committee to log and manage your requests. We now have robust software to track and manage covenant and compliance issues, and we have professional bookkeeping and AR/AP oversight and management.

In terms of community events, we were able to hold the community garage sale, large item pickup, movie and music in the park, and the holiday parade of lights. The board also spearheaded and sponsored the Electronic Waste Recycling and Document Shredding event, which was a huge success and value add for our members. We're hopeful we can bring the rolling into summer bike parade and car show back this spring.

In terms of projects, we were finally able to complete the installation of the new park light at the W Nichols entrance to Coronado Park. This was a collaboration between Foothills Parks & Rec and CKSII. Our HOA contributed funds for the new shade structures at Coronado Elementary in a collaborative effort between the Coronado Elementary PTA and our HOA. That project hopes to complete by spring of 2022. It was a busy year for our ACC, and I want to thank Josh Kunkle, Paul Peck and Elizabeth Nelson-Hulse for their hard work. They reviewed a total of 94 ACC requests in 2021. They approved 86 requests, declined 4 requests, 4 requests were withdrawn by the homeowner, and 1 request is pending. Thankfully, it was a manageable year in terms of covenant violations. We had 108 violations logged, with 102 corrected and closed, and 6 that are still being resolved. The board was also busy with several process and procedure-related projects. One challenge that all boards face (ours included) is the issue of continuity as new board members come in and old board members cycle out. To try to make this a smoother transition, the board invested a lot of time to create board position descriptions. I want to thank Chris Reynolds for leading this effort. We also started the process of creating Rules & Regulations (R&R's). This is a huge undertaking and a project we hope to conclude in 2022. The goal of creating R&R's is to enhance and clarify our current covenants that are now decades old and vague in many areas. R&R's aim to add clarity so homeowners have a clearer understanding of what is permissible in our community. They also provide clarity for those of us entrusted to ensure the covenants and rules are followed.

Few realize the time and effort it takes to run a successful HOA. I want to thank the board and the many, many community volunteers for their hard work and effort this past year! — *Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA*

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

**From A Moment With The Board** We are welcoming in 2022 with much anticipation. It is our hope that you enjoyed the January Luxury Living article and in upcoming newsletters we will be adding to the theme and helping neighbors to understand our unique position as a Civic Association. The Calendar of Events is filling up, offering the neighborhood many of the past events and a few new ones. The first event will be Meet Your Neighbor Mixer at Breckenridge Brewery Tap House, Feb 24th, 6 p.m. Our new website, [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info) will have an RSVP tab that you can select and add your name to the list. We won't turn anyone away if you forget, but we are trying to gauge the number we will need to feed.

Our 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt has us ordering approx 2,000 new plastic eggs to be filled and hidden around the pool park area. (we will continue to update this event and the location, unsure if construction will have begun on the pool renovation by then). Then the May Garage Sale followed by Dumpster Day. Although the pool will be open for the summer our FREE Swim Nights have been canceled and will be resumed after renovations with a Big Slash and Pool Party celebration. The association would like to offer a Chalk Walk Contest during the Summer when the kids are out of school. At this time we need a Committee Chair to plan, host and judge the event, budget has been secured for supplies and refreshments. Continue to check the calendar on the front page of the monthly newsletter or stop by the new website [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info) and check out what's happening. Please feel free to contact [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto: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 Rappporter**

(2) **From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes January 12, 2022** The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by President Steve Wall. Members present: Debby Baker/Vice President and Secretary, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Wade Hancey/Special Projects and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager. Ike Nelson was unable to attend due to illness.

Public Comments – None

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. She needs new checks and will order them from Costco. She has sent 2021 information to the auditor to satisfy the requirements of our audit exemption. Bills paid this month include Special District Association of Colorado (annual dues and insurance), Denver Water, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Rich Alarcon, reimbursement to Donna for the cost of the Pickle Ball sign, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Parks Manager Report – Snow removal and inspections were done in all parks, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. Dave continues to negotiate with Weston on the new maintenance contract for 2022/2023. The wear bar was changed on the ATV.

(1) Raccoon Hollar: Dave continues to monitor the beaver dam and will make sure water continues to flow in the creek.

(2) Weaver Park: A new sign was installed at the tennis/pickleball court.

**OLD BUSINESS** (1) Review of planned and possible park projects for 2022: A. Weaver Park bridge repair: Finding the wood for the project is difficult and costs are high. B. Disk Golf: A community meeting is scheduled for Feb.10, 2022, 7 p.m. at Leawood Elementary. Residents along Kendall Park will be individually contacted. C. Volleyball Court: Discussion continues. The responses to the survey question, "Would you use a revamped volleyball court in Weaver Park" are: Likely or Very Likely - 22%, Unlikely or Very Unlikely - 70%, Did Not Answer - 8%.

(2) Latest Resident Survey results: Total responses so far: 162. We continue to receive at least one response each day.

(3) Lawsuit: Donna, on behalf of the Board, was served with a court summons on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Rhonda Eveleth has filed a Complaint and Jury Demand regarding her fall at the Leawood Park Pavilion on December 1, 2019. In the Complaint, she has requested "all available relief, including without limitation economic damages, wage loss, non-economic damages and damages for physical impairment and disfigurement, as well as and interest, costs and attorney's fees, and such other relief as this Court deems proper." Ms. Eveleth was paid \$10,000 by the District's insurance company in 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS** (1) Election Update: Beginning January 23, 2022, Self Nomination forms will be accepted for one vacant Board of Directors position. Ike will submit a Call for Nomination for publication. Also, a notice of election will be placed in the Leawood Reporter and on the website. Because the District is a quasi-governmental entity, state statute defines the qualifications for board members. The requirements are: (A) Registered to vote in the State of Colorado; (B) Owns taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District which includes, Leawood, Country Farms and Vintage Reserve; (C) Resides in the District.

(2) Business Cards: Steve discussed getting business cards for each board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. —*Debby Baker, Vice President / Secretary*

**Leawood Civic Association Board Minutes of January 11, 2022**—Present: Paul O'Connor, Kyle Evans, Travis Hall, Chip Langowski, Orin Levy, Kate Shafer, Betsy Major, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Laurie Sarno, David Sarno, Amy Ascencio, Debbie Zummo. The new board members will be voted into official positions next meeting.

Treasury: There was a bit of money spent in the month of December. The balance is \$5166.69. See the full report on the back page of the Reporter.

The Leawood Santa party was a success, with over 120 kids that came to see Santa and enjoy the holiday festivities. Thank you to all who came and helped.

The Leawood Christmas dinner with our platinum members and board members was also a success.

Planning: Betsy has set up a plan to help keep the board on track with events and dates. Board members were assigned events to organize and plan.

Reporter: The survey about Reporter received good feedback.

New neighbors: Kate & Rhonda are working on a new "welcome to Leawood" card.

Next meeting will be held at Leawood Elementary at 7 p.m. on February 1st, 2022. All are welcome to attend.

## Westbury

**From the Mind of the President** —Happy New Year 2022! Thank you again for a great 2021 in Westbury. We skipped our January 12th meeting due to bouts with Covid. Many thanks to our neighbors and medical professionals at Bella Health & Wellness who helped Madonna and me through them. Also, because everything for the January Newsletter had to go to press the first week of December, it wasn't possible to include some of the great photos and stories from our 2021 Christmas Party.

Santa was busy in Westbury in December, and rewarded with numerous smiles and plenty of hugs. Brendon, Donna and the lovely Isabella Cody hosted about fifty of us for food, drink, and great companionship. New friends were made, existing friends re connected. Santa's helpers did a great job making this a wonderful time for all. This is exactly what's important to me here in Westbury. Thank you!

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15th. Bring great ideas and something good to eat. We will start discussing changes to our bylaws, as we are no longer incorporated, and it's time to clean things up a bit. If you haven't paid your 2022 dues, \$20.00 for the year, please bring in or mail them. All Westbury Residents are welcome to attend, but only those Members in Good Standing can actually vote on matters before the general membership.

As always, I welcome your articles and ideas. Please submit them to Madonna@Gaudio.com, or call me. (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*



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

## Woodbourne

**From Note From the Board**—The January Board meeting was held on January 19, 2022. One of the issues that was discussed and adopted was a change of meeting days. The Board will now hold the monthly meetings on the second Wednesday instead of the third Wednesday of each month as in the past. The change is effective this month. Currently, the Board is comprised of five members. However, we will be losing a Board member after the February Board meeting. That means that we are in need of a volunteer to serve as a Board Member and complete the Board term until this year's Annual Homeowners Meeting. At the Annual meeting, the community will hold Board elections and the volunteer can decide to run for a regular term if they would like. Please contact our Community manager, Celeste Terrell, at 303-265-7875 or at [Celeste.Terrell@claconnect.com](mailto:Celeste.Terrell@claconnect.com) for more information or to express your desire to participate. It's a great way to support your community.

Now that we finally have seen snow, and a lot of it at times, we need to remember to be sure to clear the sidewalks in front of our homes within 24 hours of the end of the storm. Many residents walk for exercise, walk their dogs, and school children walk to the nearby schools on a daily basis. So it's very important to remove snow timely.

It seems that many Woodbourne residents are becoming more and more comfortable going out to eat. Accordingly, the attendance at the food trucks has become smaller and smaller. Unless desire for the food trucks increases, the Board will cease organizing food trucks coming into the community.— *Jeff Hoffman, President*

**Jefferson County 2022 Funding Challenges** —As we've been discussing with our community, the county is facing financial challenges. (<https://www.jeffco.us/4433/2022-Funding-Challenges>) The county has already made cuts within the General Fund to slow spending and balance the county's budget – totaling \$16.1 million in 2020 and approximately \$8.7 million in 2021. These reductions have impacted essential public services such as public safety, roads and more. Beginning in 2023, the county is facing up to an additional \$20 million in cuts in the General Fund. Without support from our voters for additional funding, these cuts will reduce programs and services and the county will not be able to deliver those programs and services in the way in which the community is accustomed.

Most importantly, it's critical that your voice be heard. What are your needs and priorities? Which county services matter the most to you?

Part of a group or organization interested in learning more about Jeffco's funding challenges? Let us know and we'll come to you!

**Jefferson County Myth Busters with Commissioner Kerr** —Have you heard recently that the SLASH program has been cut and the Fairgrounds is closing? The answer is NO! These are just two myths circulating right now about Jefferson County.

This month, I'd like to set the record straight about these and a few other myths about county government and provide a reality check on what is actually happening at your county. Read the full article.

<https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1804>

*From Engage Jeffco January newsletter*