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Calendar for upcoming meetings: Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

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<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: September 2024</b>	<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>
<b>Beginning Balance September 4, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 637.36</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ 30.55</b>
September Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 October 2024 Newsletter \$ 3.60	
<b>Ending Balance October 2, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 606.81</b>

**Attendance:** Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Michael Pickler / Columbine Knolls HOA, Rene' Yaws / Jefferson County Library Public Services Manager, Lizzie Gall, Assistant Director of Public Services for Resources and Programs.

The meeting started at 5:59 p.m.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President,** welcomed everyone.

No one from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Public Schools or Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

Our speakers were Rene' Yaws, Jefferson County Library Public Services Manager and Lizzie Gall, Assistant Director of Public Services for Resources and Programs. Rene' started in 2019. She was given the job in Dec. 2023 to search for the site for the new library.

They had 5 high level concepts. Repurpose a school, store, or industrial site. Partner with an affordable property. Build new. They investigated 50 properties. There were funding issues with some of the properties.

On Thursday, a property was authorized. It is at 11100 Bradford Road. It was an old industrial site, and old beer distribution site. It meets or exceeds their criteria. It has mature trees and landscaping. It has lots of open space to allow growth. It is near the Post Office and across from the Sheriff's station. It will be easy to get to and has decent parking spaces. They may add some. It is accessible via RTD. County services are nearby. It is 64,000 sq. ft. and is on 7.04 acres. In comparison, Columbine Library is 30,000 sq. ft.

The next steps are closing on the property in December. They will have Community Engagement sessions in 2025. They can start short term deliverables after they close. The manufacturer can hold them until we can accept delivery. They need to determine the services that will be offered. They also have to ensure the building is up to ADA standards. Will more lights be installed in the parking lot? This will be handled by Library services.

She can be reached at [rene.yaws@jeffcolibrary.org](mailto:rene.yaws@jeffcolibrary.org). Let her know if you want to be added to their distribution list. The Project website is at <https://jeffcolibrary.org/south-county/>.

**Reports from Officers** We do not have a **President**.

Roll Call was taken. We had 7 members present and have a quorum.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer,** said that we have \$637.36.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary,** was present. The minutes for August were approved.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President,** was present.

**County Permits/Activity:** PA: 24-123303 is for 6859 S. Iris St. It is a 21.4 acres parcel that is currently zoned A-1 (i.e., horse barn, goat barn) It is adjacent to Dutch Creek trail. It is east of Kipling. They want to rezone it to PD and allow 4 - 6 dwelling units per acre. There are many hurdles: geohazards, access roads, flood plain, closeness to existing buildings, proof of water, sanitation, etc.

SD: 24-122221 is for 13420 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is at WalMart. It is a minor revision to an existing plan.

**Variance C:** 24-123617 is for 12266 W. Crestline Dr. It is a Variance Request / Board of Adjustment. It is for a person to store guns in his home. Sales would be done at traveling gun shows, not at his home.

Our next meeting is Oct. 2. It will be at Columbine Library.

**Short Term Rental** - No changes on the P&Z website.

Jefferson County has declared Stage 1 fire ban.

Gov. Polis signed a new Tax Relief bill providing that two initiatives that were going to be on ballot would be removed.

**Old Business / New Business** None

**Announcements** We have the library reserved for our October meeting.

Our Trash Pickup Day is coming up in October.

We adjourned at 6:30 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola*

## THE BACKYARD

### *Columbine Hills News*

**From Board Meeting Minutes July 25 2024 :** Meeting Start Time: 6:05 pm

Members: Michaelle, Jennifer, Jodi, Galen, David, Kelly, Janet Guests: Lia

Treasurer Report: 9 new memberships. CHCA made payments for Garden Supplies, Rubber bands, Night Out swag.

Members as of July 2024: 203

**OLD BUSINESS:** CHCA received \$500 membership fee from generous member

Website is updated by Gabby. Update website auto payment to

CHCA bank card from Nick P.

Supplies for CHCA Night Out – Tablecloths, whistles, pamphlets to help find missing children. Food shopping list. Ask Panera Bread and Dairy Queen if they would like to add coupons to the event. Jenn is making volunteer sign-up sheets for future events.

Thoughts about updating CHCA neighborhood signs to switch out events easier. Old signs are falling apart and faded.

Will discuss again in the winter for 2025. Also will need to purchase CHCA meeting signs.

Fall Festival: will discuss in Aug & September. Need face painter.

Ask Shawn or Sarah, at Foothills Rec. if they would partner with CHCA to install a bench or two at CHCA pickleball court

Increase newsletter walker annual gift cards from \$25 to \$35. Need around 2 more walkers to help deliver newsletters

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:55pm

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From Hello, Columbine Knolls South II Residents** — As you know, living in a deed restricted community comes with many benefits, but also with some responsibilities. In this article we will be discussing the fencing guidelines and their impact on you.

It is important for all residents to familiarize themselves with the community website, located at [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org), as there is a wealth of information regarding the community available, including the design guidelines that your ACC Committee and Board have put together for you.

Please remember, all fence replacements or installations (even if it is a 1 to 1), as with any other project taking place on your property or to the exterior of your home, does require ACC approval. Over the years, there have been changes to what is permissible in the ongoing effort to bring the community into a more harmonious aesthetic, and to abide by Jefferson County requirements. Submitting your ACC request well in advance of your project gives you the opportunity to confirm that what you are proposing complies with the HOA and will help avoid unnecessary costs and delay. It is always advised that you contact the County regarding permit obligations, setback requirements, and any other building code regulations that will be enforced.

When submitting ACC requests, please remember to always provide supporting documentation, such as building specs, pictures of colors/materials, and anything else you think may clarify questions about your project. Having all the information up front helps the committee make prompt decisions, allowing you to plan accordingly.

The Fence Project Guide, located at <https://www.cksii.org/acc> provides pictures of fence types, links for local county websites, setback requirements, and a shared boundary approval form if your fence will be shared with a neighbor.

As always, if you have questions or comments, I am available via email at [ATillotson@keystonepacific.com](mailto:ATillotson@keystonepacific.com)— *Amanda Tillotson, Keystone Community Association Manager*

## *Dutch Creek Village News*

**From Pool Update—** The pool area will have its last day on September 2nd this year. The HOA Master Board determined that it was not cost effective for the HOA to keep the pool area open until a later date. Please plan that the last day to use the pool area in 2024 is September 2nd.

Next year, the HOA initially plans to have the pool area open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend as usual. We are considering running an online survey of residents in the Spring/Summer of 2025 to determine if there is sufficient interest in keeping the pool open longer next year. Watch for that survey next year and let us know your thoughts. For those that are curious, for 2024 we estimated the cost per week of additional pool access as approximately \$700/wk for pool upkeep, gas, and electricity

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

**From A Moment with the Board** The August monthly meeting was attended by concerned residents that are continuing the battle with excessive speed on their streets and an uptick in property damage due to speed. Neighbor Kristin from Ontario PI is leading the project to encourage speed limiting measures installed, while also checking into having movable speed limit signs posted as an Awareness Campaign. Other neighbors offered suggestions and the association is sharing the correct agencies in Jeffco to connect with. Updates on the Pool Swim Night were shared, mentioning that a rather ominous storm blew through, causing the pool time to be limited. Yet, the BBQ in the park was well attended, as the pavilion cover allowed everyone to eat without getting wet. Ideas were shared about the swim event scheduling in 2025 and maybe creating (2) offerings. Agenda items were squared away. The Yukon entrance renovation is coming together very nicely, volunteers have been watering the new plantings diligently through the hot weather. More plantings will be installed before the snow flies. The Webster/Coal Mine, Roxbury/Pierce, Ken Caryl/Webster entrances were pruned, weeded and maintained by neighbor Brian Currie. A Board Member approached Brian to requisition the clean up project which he handled seamlessly. Thank you so much Brian for your attention to details on the project. Ashlyn, who is a Girl Scout working on her Gold Award (Saving Bees), approached the association with a request to install some pollinators within an entrance. She was given the name of our resident Master Gardner as well as another gardening resident. We will follow her progress and do a feature article on her finished project. Our Membership Meter has reached 324, every Membership and donation is appreciated greatly.

There are still (3) OPEN Board positions awaiting interested volunteers to join in and see how they too can help Columbine West. The association is committed to seeing the Columbine West neighborhood be the best it can be. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. The next event the CWCA has scheduled is Trunk or Treat. Would love to have some volunteers help with the event alongside the school volunteers. Visit [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info) today.

Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. There has also been Realtors that have used the website successfully to attain paperwork necessary for home closings. Please drop a note to [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com) if you need to speak with a committee member. The community is held to a standard by being 'Covenant Protected'. Stop by the new website [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info), which will have all the information you need. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting, the next one is September 10, 7pm at the Dutch Creek Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

## **The Leawood Reporter**

**From LCA Attending:** Camille Sankey, Betsy Major, Mike Major, Nancy Bock, Paul O'Connor, Kyle Evans, Rhonda Eveleth, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno.

**DISCUSSION:** Treasurer report provided - all is good with the account.

Picnic on August 24th - all to arrive by 9:30am - caterer will be Smoking' Outlaw decided by board for 100 people this year as there were leftovers last year (brisket, pulled pork, hot links potato salad & beans)- 50 pieces of chicken to be ordered- hot dogs & buns to be purchased- bouncy house ordered- firetruck & police have been secured- Kyle will lead the bike parade from Leawood Elementary to park- soda & beer to be purchased- (ice the day of) - 4 \$25 gift cards to be purchased- bring traffic cones to park.

Car & Craft Show was good with vendor participation - car participation was way down - possible date change for next year to June.

Jay Court entrance to be redone - bids to come in from landscaper.

Front yard parties - dates still available.

Leawood Civic Association to help with car show portion of Summerset Festival on September 21st at Clement Park.

October will be Board/ Platinum Member party

Halloween decorating winners to be decided by 10/24 must be a member to win

Travis Hall has left the board so we have 2 openings on the board, Vice President & Reporter Editor.

Meeting ended at 7:35pm.

**Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting minutes of August 14, 2024:** The Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District did not hold an official meeting due to the lack of the required quorum (minimum of three Board Members attending). No business was conducted, nor were any decisions made. However, the Treasurer's monthly report can be published in the Leawood Rapper. — *Debby Baker, Secretary*

## Westbury

We're excited to announce our Community Garage Sale Weekend on September 13-14th! Join us from 8am to 4pm as we come together to declutter, find great deals, and enjoy a fun-filled weekend right here in our neighborhood.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors, recycle those gently-used items, and snag some bargains. Remember, one person's "trash" is another person's treasure! Let's make this a fantastic event! Looking forward to a great weekend with our wonderful community!

## Woodbourne

**From Notes From The August Board Meeting** —Hello neighbors! We hope everyone had a great end to their summer and are looking forward to some cooler fall weather.

Thank you again for another fun, safe and successful pool season, and for all the support we received for the clubhouse renovation project that kicked off back in June of 2023 – it's been vital in keeping the momentum going as we look forward to phase 2. Again, if anyone is interested in joining and getting trained to be a lifeguard next year, please contact John @ All Star Pools – 303-961-0632. It is a great opportunity to ensure employment next summer without a commute to work.

We will have a relatively short newsletter this month due to some upcoming changes within the Board, which we will communicate out as soon as possible. The Board president will be stepping down (date pending), but there are some important opportunities available to get active within our great community:

- 1) We will be looking to add more board members at our next annual meeting with all of the ongoing projects, new projects, vendor relationships and bidding, financial reviews and anything else that needs attention, so please consider joining the Board this year, or attend an upcoming Board meeting to learn more.
- 2) We have redistributed Architectural Control Committee (ACC) duties to Tony Brown (member at large), who is actively recruiting other residents to join him. You do not need to be a Board member to be part of the ACC committee, so if this is something you are interested in contributing your time to, please let Tony know.
- 3) Lastly, if there any other ideas, projects or sub-committees you'd like to create or bring to our attention, we'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas. We love seeing our neighbors at meetings – you are the reason we joined the Board, so come on down!

We hope everyone had a safe and great start to the 2024-25 school year, and happy September!—Your *Woodbourne HOA Board*

## COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

**From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting August 13, 2024**

President Twisselman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom. Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Steve Hantelman, Briana Austin, Lynn Koch, Steve Boyle. Two additional Columbine Knolls homeowners also attended the meeting.

The July 9, 2024, meeting minutes were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Membership: Lizz Walters, Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that membership has lessened since the beginning of the year. 10 new members have been added over the last month. Two new additions from the pool party.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Levi Woods, Chair, is unavailable this month.

Covenants and Architectural Control: President Anita Twisselman shared that there have been very few Paint PIPSA's submitted recently.

Special Events/Programs: Director Lynn Koch stated that the CKHA Pool Party was a success. Due to inclement weather, the turnout for National Night Out was low. After clouds cleared up, several Sheriffs and two mounted police officers came and attracted several people from the park. Clean Up Day hosted by the CKHOA is 9am to 11am on 9/14 in the pool parking lot. Lynn, Lizz and Jean proposed a future discussion for new ways to communicate with the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jean Baden-Gillette reported that the financials had two corrections to mention – budget vs actual balance in savings and checking accounts.. Jean will revise and send corrected reports to Steve Hantelman to post on the website.

Other Reports: Real Estate News & Website: Director Steve Hantelman reported that there is quite a bit of activity. Homes under \$750,000 move quickly. 7 homes listed for sale and 6 under contract. A couple are listed over \$1M, but prices keep dropping.

Newsletter, The Voice: President Anita Twisselman shared the newsletter deadline is August 15th for the September issue.

**OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS** None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**DRCOG Area Agency on Aging Programs: Aging and Disability Resource Center for Colorado** 303-480-6700 The Aging and Disability Resource Center provides older adults and adults with disabilities streamlined access to long-term services and supports to remain independent in the community. Information and Assistance and options counseling help individuals manage their health issues, remain independent and understand long-term care support and service options.

**Information and Assistance** 303-480-6700 Community resource specialists provide information and assistance by phone and email to older adults and people with disabilities (18 and older). They help individuals understand their options, connect them with community service providers, offer guidance and tips on accessing services, and provide resources by email and mail.

**Options Counseling** 303-480-6700 Options counseling is available for older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers. Options counseling begins with an in-person interview and a strength-based assessment. Counselors work with consumers to explore individualized options and resources for long-term services and supports; provide decision-making support; establish an action plan; and help individuals access to desired services.

**Case Management** 303-480-6704 The Area Agency on Aging provides intensive short-term case management services for people 60 and older. Case managers conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and help the individual or their caregiver develop a care plan with the goal of obtaining services and benefits. Case managers help coordinate and monitor services so individuals can live independently and safely.

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** 303-480-6734 The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is an advocacy program that protects the rights of residents of nursing homes and assisted living residences. Ombudsmen investigate complaints, help facility staff solve or mediate problems, provide education about long-term care communities and residents' rights, and help consumers select care communities appropriate for their needs.

**Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Ombudsman** 303-480-6734 The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Ombudsman is an advocate for participants in programs beyond long-term care facilities. Ombudsmen help resolve issues related to care, health, safety or participants' rights. Ombudsmen resolve complaints from quality-of-care issues (such as a participant's preferred time to receive care) to abuse and neglect.

**Caregiver Support and Services** 303-480-6700 The caregiver support and services program helps caregivers access resources and support in their communities. Support and services include evidence-based education, care consultations and respite care options. The program supports caregivers at all stages of the caregiving journey.

**Choice Services Program** 303-480-6700 The Choice Services Program provides no-cost community services to qualifying individuals 60 and older, including transportation for personal and medical trips at no cost to eligible/qualifying older adults through a variety of contractors. The Choice Services In-Home Services program provides up to two hours per week of home care at no cost to eligible individuals 60 and older. Some examples of in-home services include: Light housekeeping, Laundry or linen changes, Meal preparation, Grocery shopping, Nonskilled personal care needs, such as bathing and dressing.

**State Health Insurance Assistance Program** 303-480-6835 The State Health Insurance Assistance Program provides Medicare beneficiaries in Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties with information, counseling, and enrollment assistance. SHIP counselors provide free in-depth, one-on-one assistance with Medicare and supplemental insurance policies to beneficiaries, their families and caregivers. They also help eligible people obtain financial assistance.

**Senior Medicare Patrol** 303-480-6835 Senior Medicare Patrol provides people with Medicare preventive education and counseling on how to protect, detect and report suspected Medicare fraud, errors and abuse. Certified counselors provide advice on protecting Medicare benefits and detecting irregularities on Medicare Summary Notices. They conduct Medicare fraud prevention classes for groups and providers. They can help individuals with Medicare billing errors or charges for services they did not receive, or who want to report suspected Medicare fraud.

**Network of Care** 303-480-6700 Network of Care is a comprehensive web directory with easy-to-use community service listings, a library on more than 40,000 health topics and a secure, electronic personal health record.

**Community Options (Transitions)** 303-480-6838 Transitions counselors educate eligible Medicaid members living in nursing homes, regional centers and intermediate care facilities about community-based living options. Members receive options counseling to support decision-making and may enroll in Medicaid Transition Services.

**Veteran-Directed Care** 720-278-2351 Veteran-Directed Care helps veterans of all ages live independently in their homes and communities. Area Agency on Aging case managers serve as the veteran's primary source of support, and can provide help for veterans who are isolated or whose caregiver is overburdened. Case managers help veterans obtain services that allow them to live safely at home, including help with bathing, getting dressed, preparing meals and managing medications. Eligibility is determined through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Older Adult Refugees and Friends** 303-480-6786 In partnership with the Colorado Refugee Service Program, DRCOG's elder refugee program helps older adult refugees decrease their social isolation, increase integration experiences and build community connections. Activities promote health, nutrition and wellness. The program partners with the Aurora Center for Active Adults and other recreation centers.

From <https://drcog.org>



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**The next meeting will be October 2, 2024 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). There is no speaker scheduled at this time.**

**South County Library Location Announcement** —The Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) Board of Trustees recently authorized a purchase and sale agreement for an existing property, located at 11100 Bradford Road in Littleton, to be used for a new South County Library. Next steps in this project involve conducting due diligence before closing on the property. Find out more about the South County building project. <https://jeffcolibrary.org/south-county/>

**Jeffco Commissioners Vote to Refer Ballot Measure in November**—After months of extensive community outreach and research, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to place a question on the ballot. The commissioners believe the voters of Jefferson County should have the opportunity to decide if the county can retain additional revenue to address budget shortfalls and a growing backlog of infrastructure needs. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2250>

**Jeffco's Case Management Agency to Host Open House**—Individuals served by Jefferson County's new Case Management Agency are invited to an Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 4-5 p.m., at the Human Services Building. Staff will be available to meet and answer questions with brief remarks at 4:45 p.m. and an optional tour of the CMA space at the end. Please RSVP to attend. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cmaopenhouse>

**Join CSU Extension for its Annual Fall Family Fun Day** —In partnership with the Whale of a Used Book Sale, CSU Extension will offer an afternoon filled with fun fall-themed activities and demonstrations for all ages. Learn about CSU Extension programs, collect Halloween candy and stickers, win prizes, and enjoy discounted books. The October 20 event is open to ages. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Entry for the event is free. For the book sale, admission is \$5 and a bag of books is \$8. <https://teamup.com/ks6n382hkj8ppjhvf3/events/1719911602>

**Audio Recording of the Commissioners' Virtual Town Hall Now Available**— On Aug. 27, Jefferson County Commissioners Lesley Dahlkemper and Andy Kerr were joined by County Manager Joe Kerby and county subject-matter experts to provide updates and answer questions on wildfire preparedness, the county budget, and more. An audio recording is now available <https://www.jeffco.us/3227/Town-Halls>

**Learn About 4-H at its Annual Open House on Oct. 20**—4-H is a youth development program that focuses on providing young people with hands-on learning experiences. Participants join a club and connect with other kids to complete a project. Join 4-H at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds and meet club leaders, check out project demonstrations, and learn what it means to be part of 4-H. Questions? Email Christine Jacquot. [cjacquot@jeffco.us](mailto:cjacquot@jeffco.us) <https://jeffco.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/>

**BOO-rific Bash & Splash at Ridge Recreation Center**—Bring the whole family to Foothills Park & Recreation District's BOO-rific Bash & Splash at Ridge Recreation Center on Oct. 25. This fun and affordable indoor trick-or-treating event allows children to dress in full costume, trick-or-treat among community business tables, and enjoy bounce houses and swimming for one low price. Entry for kids is \$5. Adults accompanying children are free. <https://www.ifoohills.org/events/>

*From Engage Jeffco September Newsletter*