



<p><b>The Facts—President / Public Relations / Development: Open</b></p> <p><b>Vice President / Environmental Advocate: Diane Suchomel</b> E-mail: <a href="mailto:diane@cohopejeffco.com">diane@cohopejeffco.com</a>  <b>Secretary: Cheri Paavola</b> 303-972-8080          E-mail: <a href="mailto:cheri@cohopejeffco.com">cheri@cohopejeffco.com</a>  <b>Treasurer/Newsletter/Membership: Ray Moore</b>          303-978-1145 E-mail: <a href="mailto:wrmooejr@msn.com">wrmooejr@msn.com</a></p>	<p><b>Upcoming Meetings:</b>          Open Space: Nov 7, 2024, 6 pm, Ponderosa Room          Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am          Foothills: Nov. 12, 2024 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.          Board of Adjustment: 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway          DRCOG: Nov.20, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street 1st Floor, Aspen /Birch Conference Room          Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway</p>
---	--

<p><b>Calendar for upcoming meetings: Nov 6 HAAT Force, Dec 4</b></p>	<p><b>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 3-4 Backyard 2-3</b></p>
---	--

<p><b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: October 2024</b></p> <p><b>Beginning Balance October 2, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Deposits</b></p> <p><b>Withdrawals</b></p> <p>October Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 November 2024 Newsletter \$ 3.60          Lilley Gulch Rental \$35</p> <p><b>Ending Balance November 6, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>\$ 606.81</b></p> <p><b>\$ 0.00</b></p> <p><b>\$ 65.55</b></p> <p><b>\$ 541.26</b></p>
--	---

**Attendance:** Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Florene & Larry Rotherham / At Large.  
 The meeting started at 5:58 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.  
 We had no speaker.  
 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 \$606.81.  
**Cheri Paavola, Secretary,** was present. The minutes for Sept. were approved with one correction. Pickler was misspelled. It should have been Pichler.  
**Diane Suchomel, Vice President,** was present.  
*(At the COHOPE meeting a discussion mentioned there was some uncertainty as to whether any of the recently passed State legislation would affect the Senior Homestead property tax exemption. (recent passed bills - SB24-111, SB24-233, HB24b-2001)*  
*Based upon information Diane received from two sources since the last COHOPE meeting it appears that the Senior Property tax exemption program will continue and beginning in property tax year 2025 there will be changes in how that exemption will be calculated. Details are in the various bills. (Its complicated...)*  
 Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup will be Oct. 12 starting at 8:30 a.m.  
 RTD will have an issue for the Nov. ballot. It is to extend a mil levy.  
 Our next meeting is Nov. 6 and will be at Lilley Gulch. We have no speaker yet, but are asking Planning and Zoning if they have a short term rental regulation draft available for public review before then..  
**Short Term Rental** - No changes on the P&Z website.  
**Foothills Park and Recreation District** - The pay rate for 2025 will be \$16.15 per hour. Ward 3 and 4 are up for election in May 2025. Their budget for a election is \$110,000. They want to extend their current operational mil of 2.75. It was approved by the Board to put on the ballot. A request for a memorial bench was approved.

The status has not changed for the new Library. They have 60 days before they can write a contract.

**Old Business / New Business / Announcements** None.

We adjourned at 6:17 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

## THE BACKYARD

### *Columbine Hills News*

**From Board Meeting Minutes August 29 2024** : Meeting Start Time: 6:05 pm

Members: Members: Janet, Galen, David, Steve

Treasurer Report: (Dave) Expenditures: Gift Cards, NNO, bags.

Review Board minutes (July)

**Old Business:** National Night Out: Successful

**New Business:** New signage, New bags: for us, new neighbors, walker. Angela (xeric gardener) took Jane and Janet to Alameda Wholesale for plants. Facebook and Website

Events: Fall Festival Sept 21, 1-4:30. Alpa G is booked for face painting 12:30-5 Need sign-up sheets for walkers too. Trunk or Treat Oct 26

Other: Jenn cover Galen for Nov newsletter. Newsletter walkers: still need one. David Boland, one of our neighbors and newsletter deliverers, passed away. Condolences to Deanne.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:28 pm

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment with the Board** The September Monthly meeting was held in the Dutch Creek Library, back inside we go for the next couple of 2024 meetings. It was disappointing to have only (4) residents in attendance. The association belongs to the residents. It would be wonderful to have a few extra bodies at the meetings to share thoughts, ideas, give feedback, whether it be positive or negative. All are welcome to attend. We promise not to badger you to volunteer. What was accomplished at the meeting? Setting a date for the upcoming 2025 Budget Meeting, planning CWCA participation in the Trunk or Treat at Dutch Creek, reviewing the current bank account numbers and checking on progress made with a few Jeffco Road & Bridge requests. 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. 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 October 8th, 7pm at the Dutch Creek Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

## The Leawood Reporter

**From LCA Minutes Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Leawood Elementary, 6:39pm. Attending:** Camille Sankey, Betsy Major, Mike Major, Nancy Bock, Paul O'Connor, Kyle Evans, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno.

**DISCUSSION:** Treasurer report provided - all is good with the account- check for landscaping & beer & ice from picnic still out- still nothing received from from Park Board & Venmo.

Picnic on August 24th - went well but participation way down. Lost almost \$2,000 - definitely need to look at changing the picnic next year (time, food).

Summerset Festival update given need volunteers to be there by 6:30am for set up & staging cars- map to be sent to board.

Board & Platinum member party to be held at The Major's house on October 5 at 3pm - board decided to have it catered by Romano's - approximately 40 people to attend - BYOD.

Front yard party on September 13th was cancelled.

Halloween Judging needs to be completed by October 24th must be a member to win.

Betsy Major has announced her resignation from the Board (Membership) end of year - also Mike Major will resign when a new Treasurer can be found so we have 4 openings on the board, Vice President, Reporter Editor, Membership & Treasurer.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm

**Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting minutes of September 11, 2024:** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President/Treasurer, and

Maggie Tocco. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Leawood residents Carrie Dupree, and Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

**Treasurer's Report** – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Weston, Doggie Bags, Waste Management, Honey Bucket, Denver Water, Keeperly LLC (accounting contractor), USPS (annual box rental), Leawood Civic Association (Reporter and dumpster for Clean-up,), Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Weston, Honey Bucket, Denver Water, Dave and petty cash were paid by check. All others listed above will be paid electronically. Maggie moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Judy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Parks Manager Report** – All parks were mowed, inspected, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. In October, the sprinkler systems in all parks will be drained and prepared for winter.

(A) Leawood Park – The park and pavilion were prepared for the LCA picnic. Clean-up was done in the east end of the park. At the pavilion, the stucco was repaired and painted, the planter area was cleaned, and more mulch was added. The main water line was cut by American West Construction, the contractor installing a new traffic tower on Pierce. Dave presented the contractor with an invoice detailing the cost for the repair and water loss. The big evergreen tree that fell in the storm will be replaced as weather permits.

(B) Weaver Park – The clock for the sprinklers was adjusted to dispense the correct amount of water. The tree removed from the playground area will be replaced as weather permits. The trees along the parkway and the tennis courts need to be trimmed. Judy moved to go ahead and have the trees trimmed as needed. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

(C) Raccoon Hollar – Weston submitted a bid for the safety tree trimming. Judy moved that the bid from Weston be accepted. Maggie seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Safety trimming will be done as weather permits.

(D) T Track – Putting in the new tree is on hold for now. One of the residents does not want to have a tree there.

(E) Kendall Park – The bid for safety trimming of Raccoon Hollar includes removal of the down trees in Kendall.

**OLD BUSINESS** (A) Board Appointments: (1) The Board voted unanimously to appoint Carrie Dupree to one of the two open Board positions. Carrie was sworn in and will serve until the next election in May of 2025 when she may run for a new term. Welcome Carrie! (2) The Board voted on the appointment of an additional member, the vote failed two for and two against.

(B) Columbine HS Leawood Park field lease: The Columbine High School girls' soccer team is looking to use the field in Leawood Park. Discussions are continuing.

**NEW BUSINESS** (A) Discuss summer special meeting schedule: The walk through for Weaver Park, T-Track and Kendall park is rescheduled for Wednesday September 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., Park Board members will meet at the volleyball bridge.

(B) Review By-Laws: Postponed due to time constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. — *Debby Baker, Secretary*

**Significant Increase in Pine Trees Affected by Mountain Pine Beetles**—Mountain pine beetles are native to Colorado and always present in low numbers, but experience epidemic outbreaks every ten to thirty years. Jefferson County last experienced a major outbreak from 1996 to 2004. The latest outbreak was first noted in 2023. Landowners can reduce the spread of Mountain pine beetle by managing their forest and removing newly infested trees.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2738/Mountain-Pine-Beetle>

**Fresh Start Event: Relief for Outstanding Warrants**—The First Judicial District will hold its next Fresh Start event on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. Fresh Start will benefit individuals with outstanding warrants, cut down on costs to taxpayers, and allow law enforcement to direct resources toward offenders who commit higher level crimes. <https://www.jeffco.us/4346/Fresh-Start>

**Jeffco Treasurer's Office to Hold Tax Lien Internet Sale on Nov. 7-8**—The tax lien sale is the final step in the Jeffco Treasurer's efforts to collect taxes on real property, allowing taxing authorities to receive budgeted revenue without having to wait for delinquent taxes to be collected. Delinquent taxes are sold, not property. Property owners have three years to redeem a tax lien before the lien is eligible for the investor to apply for a treasurer's deed on the property.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2430/Tax-Lien-Sale>

**Help Shape the Future of Your Jefferson County Public Libraries**—Imagine a library that grows with our community's evolving needs. What would it offer? How would it serve you? What new opportunities would it unlock? Take a short survey to help shape the future of Jefferson County Public Library so we remain a vital, innovative resource for all.

<https://jeffcolibrary.org/strategic-plan-survey/>

**Connect More: Mental Health Edition**—Did you know that 40% of Colorado youth report feeling frequently sad or hopeless? The Connect More guide will give you practical tips to strengthen your connection with your teen and improve their mental health. Ready to pump up your teen's mental mojo? Tackle mental health talks with your teen for wellness wins. <https://parents.forwardtogetherco.com/guides/wellness-wins-for-teen-mental-health/>

**2024 Historic Preservation Symposium Available on YouTube**—The Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) debuted its annual Historic Preservation Symposium, featuring five fascinating stories of Jefferson County history and how it is being preserved. This virtual presentation is available on the JCHC YouTube channel. Read more on the



PO BOX 620783  
Littleton, CO 80162

**Editor's address:**  
**Ray Moore**  
7294 West Hoover Ave  
Littleton, CO 80123

<http://www.cohopejeffco.com>

To:  
Littleton, CO 80128

**The next meeting will be November 6, 2024 from 6 to 7 pm at Lilley Gulch Rec Center (6147 S. Holland Way). The speaker is tentatively scheduled to be from the HAAT Force (Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force South Metro).**

Historical Commission webpage. <https://www.jeffco.us/4270/Happenings>

**Jefferson County Weed of the Month: Canada Thistle**—Canada thistle leaves are four to eight inches long with spiny, serrated edges. The flowers are about .5 inches wide and one inch long. Purple to white flowers are present from June to August.

Canada thistle can be found in disturbed areas, fields, riparian areas, pastures, roadsides, and lawns and gardens. It is often found where there is good soil moisture. This is one of the most widespread noxious weeds in Colorado.

<https://www.jeffco.us/795/Invasive-Species-Management>

**Interest Revenue, Other Monthly Financial Reports Available**—One of the duties of the Jefferson County Treasurer is to invest county funds after county expenses. Investment income from January through September 2024 is in excess of \$22.5 million. This information and other monthly reports are posted on the Financial Reports webpage. All numbers are unaudited. <https://www.jeffco.us/3815/Financial-Reports>

**Volunteer with CASA and Make a Difference in the Lives of Children**—CASA of Jefferson & Gilpin Counties recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in our community. All it takes is a willingness to invest in a child. The next training class will begin on Monday, Oct. 28. Find out more about CASA's upcoming training and other ways to get involved. <https://www.casajeffcogilpin.com/>

**Fun Holiday Entertainment at Lakewood Cultural Center**—Kickoff the holiday season with a rollicking performance by the Rocky Mountain Stocking Stuffers, "Home for the Holidays – Thanksgiving Too" on Nov. 8-9. Guarantee a "white" Christmas with tickets for the whole family to the holiday classic musical, "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," showing Dec. 6-22, co-presented by Performance Now Theatre Company.

<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Arts-and-Culture/Lakewood-Cultural-Center/Lakewood-Cultural-Center-Presents-2024-2025-Season>

**Learn How to Help Someone Facing a Mental Health Crisis**—Do you want to learn how to support someone facing a mental health crisis? Mental Health First Aid prepares you to help in a mental health emergency, making the difference in the lives of those around you. Sign up for one of Jefferson Center's upcoming trainings.

<https://www.jcmh.org/mental-health-first-aid/>

**Save the Date for Lakewood Lights on Thursday, Dec. 5**—Celebrate with Lakewood's mayor and city council members during this free holiday event at Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park. Visit with Santa, enjoy sparkling lights, festive treats, and holiday crafts - plus the historic buildings will be open. Join the fun on Dec. 5 from 5-8:30 p.m.

<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Arts-and-Culture/Arts-and-Culture-Events/Lakewood-Lights>

*From Engage Jeffco October Newsletter*