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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sept 3</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 5-6 Backyard 2-5</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: January 2025</p> <p>Beginning Balance January 8, 2024</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>January Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 February Newsletter \$ 3.60</p> <p>Ending Balance February 5, 2025</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 480.16</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>\$ 30.55</p> <p>\$ 449.61</p>
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Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Craig Pedersen / Dutch Creek Village HOA, Michael Pichler / Columbine Knolls HOA.

Draft Minutes for January 8 The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was present. They are now policing Morrison.

No one from 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 6 members present and we did not have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$480.16.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for December were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jeffco Information: CMT 24-133099 is for 8345 S. Brentwood. They want to rezone from R-1 to R-2 to allow a duplex. The virtual Community meeting is Jan. 6 at 5:30 p.m. This is in the Meadowbrook Heights area.

CMT 24-133618 is for 59-251-00-002. It is to rezone from PD to R-1A to build 4 residential lots. This is on the west side of S. Depew St. and is a few blocks south of W. Coal Mine Ave. The virtual Community meeting is Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m.

CMT 24-133807 is for 14959 W. Hampden Ave. It is for a potential rezoning from C-1 (Commercial) to PD for an Event Center for Edgemont Country Club. This is along the east side of Soda Lakes. The virtual Community meeting is Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

PA 24-132642 is for parcel 59 354 11 067 and combines lots 2 and 3 of Villas at Chatfield to build a funeral home and community outreach building for Archdiocese of Denver and St. Francis Cabrini church.

Columbine Library has been reserved for Feb. and Mar. for COHOPE.

Short Term Rental - They have posted some information about possible changes to STR on their web site under a staff briefings meeting. They are trying to determine what will be changed via ordinances, resolutions, or regulations. They are determining the % of each fire district that each Short Term Rental resides in. Possible change is that the STR's contact person has to live within 30 minutes of the property and in-state. They are defining a new Admin Process. For the Process, they only show the current one. Nothing on the new Process. The proposal is to remove the lot size requirement. Next, they have to post the Process, release the draft, and have Community meetings. There are currently about 650 short term rentals, but only 50 have permits.

There was a county staff briefing meeting after the Dec. 17 BCC meeting. They discussed the regulations and licenses for medical mushrooms. They expect that it will be similar to medical marijuana.

The Dutch Creek Trail has almost been extended to C-470. There is a small property that is in the way. It was assumed to be owned by CDOT. But this is wrong. When C-470 was built, the owner believed they sold it to CDOT, but they never completed the process. They have tracked down the widow of the prior owner. She agreed to complete with the original terms, but the accessor could cause a sale for back taxes in 2025 if the legalities aren't completed soon. A special consultant is now involved. It is on the north side of Meadows Golf course.

Diane has noticed more campsites lately. They have been reported. One has been cleaned up.

What is the construction going on at Santa Fe and Mineral? It is south of Aspen Grove. The only thing anyone knew of was changing the turn lanes.

The meeting for the new Library was tonight. They asked for our support. Diane sent a letter as herself (not representing COHOPE). She noted access to RTD was needed and more outside lighting was needed. It will still be a year before it opens.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements: None

We adjourned at 6:34 p.m.. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Board Meeting: November 21, 2024 Start: 6:13pm Officers: Galen, David and Jennifer Other members: Michaelle Community Members: Janet

Treasurer's Report: David: No quorum - unable to approve. Paying members: 208 - 2024 Expenditures: Trunk or treat expenses.

Review Board Minutes: No quorum – Unable to approve

Old Business: Tree project/fund – Discussed and explained to board members who were not at the last meeting

Trunk or treat – great event – lots of good feedback and people saying next year they would bring their car to hand out candy – next year's event will be held from 5p-6:30p

New Business: Making purchases for the Board – will be discussed at January planning meeting

Facebook and Website – Jenn will create a jot form to get suggestions from community members – Eve with Santa will be posted

Events: Eve with Santa: Dec 14, 5-7. Who is bringing what? Music – Jenn or Kelly; Karen – Chex mix; Michaelle – Gott coolers (water), chairs, fire pit; Galen and David – hot cocoa, coffee, cookies, snacks, fire pit, two tables; Kelly – little sandwiches – décor. All board members can be looking for fun decorations for Santa visit. Set up 4pm.

Annual planning meeting: Kelly's? Reach out to board to determine which Saturday

Meeting ends: 7:15

Columbine Knolls HOA

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting December 10, 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, Lynn Koch, Levi Woods. Melissa Irwin and Steve Hantelman sent emails regarding their approval for the minutes. Two other homeowners were also in attendance. The November 12, 2024 minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership: Lizz Walters, Membership Chair said she has finished updating the membership list to the website. She would like to email Membership letters out in early January and February 1st. Ideas are being explored to host a Directory online with Director Hantelman.

Special Events/Programs: 2025 dates are being explored at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Director Baden-Gillette says all is well with one month to go in 2024.

Real Estate News & Website: Director Hantelman sent a report via email. 42 homes have been sold to date; 43% or 18 of these homes sold below list price; 31% or 13 of these homes sold for the list price; and 26% of these homes sold above list price.

Newsletter: Publishing deadline was December 8th and has been sent to print. 2025 Membership was a focus for this newsletter.

Old Business / New Business / Executive Session: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From Presidents Letter Snow Removal In Our Community (Originally written Jan 11, 2023) Hi Neighbors! I wrote this article almost two years ago and we received a lot of positive feedback about it. We thought it would be helpful to share it

again as we head into our snowy season.

While Coloradoans frequently say “we need the moisture” our recent snowstorms have created some nuisances as well as some liability issues when it comes to snow removal. I’ve lived in CKSII for over 18 years and I’m happy to say most of our community members properly clear their sidewalks after a snowstorm. But I recently learned a few things about snow removal that I wanted to share. You might be as surprised as I was!

Do you know who is responsible for clearing the sidewalks along Carr Street?

In mid-January, I went on a morning walk with my neighbor and her 10-year-old son. It was a cold clear morning and Jack was showing off his “big poofy jacket” as we walked him to school at Coronado Elementary. We are fortunate to live so close to the school but even so, when the sidewalks along Carr Street aren’t properly cleared, kids must walk through the snow or in the road to get to school.

My friend worries about Jack possibly stepping out into the street to avoid icy, snowy sidewalks, especially when Carr Street is so busy around school start and end times. We want our children safe when walking to school, which makes it so important for people to clear their sidewalks (shovel, snow-blow, salt). But who is responsible for clearing the snow from the sidewalks along Carr Street?

When researching the lot lines of the homes on the east side of Carr Street (using the Jeffco ASPIN map at <https://www.jeffco.us/2197/Address-Lookup>) we found the lot lines of these homes directly border the sidewalk. If a property line is next to the sidewalk, then that property owner is responsible for the snow removal (just as it is on the interior streets). This is particularly important because those sidewalks on the east side of Carr Street are school pedestrian routes and when they aren’t cleared, children may have to walk in the street.

We ask for community support to keep those sidewalks clear of snow. Do you know that Colorado has a snow removal law? It states: Residents are responsible for clearing driveways and sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowstorm to allow safe use by pedestrians.

Owners must place snow from their driveways and sidewalks onto their front yard or other areas of their own property, and not into the street.

Jefferson County postal regulations require residents to clear snow in front of mailboxes to allow for mail delivery.

Check out <https://www.codot.gov/travel/snow-removal> for more details.

I am guilty of directing my snowblower to blow snow into the street. I had no idea! From now on I will blow snow onto my yard because 1) it’s the law and 2) free moisture!

As a community member, I am grateful to everyone who dutifully clears their snow. And hopefully this article provided new information about how we can all work together to keep our sidewalks clear and our kids (and community) safe!

If you or someone you know needs assistance with snow removal services, check the Teen Services in this newsletter for local helpers.—Mike Tignanelli

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment with the Board No Monthly meeting in December. Happy New Year Everyone. Cheers! The CWCA Board is actively looking for replacements to fill the much needed volunteer spots of Pres & Sec. There are also (3) OPEN Board positions awaiting interested volunteers to join in and see how they too can help Columbine West. Any interested neighbor can attend a monthly meeting, drop a message to CWCAtalk@gmail.com or call the voicemail line. 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. There was plenty of participation in our Events in 2024, it is imperative for more volunteer hands to come forward to help. The Easter Egg Hunt does NOT currently have a Chairperson to schedule, plan & stuff eggs. Our Annual Dumpster Day Event in June will be planned and hosted by a volunteer Chair already installed. The FREE Swim Nights usually offered in July & August will need someone to step forward to help schedule and plan. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. The community is held to a standard by being ‘Covenant Protected’. Stop by the new website www.CWCA.info, which will have all the information you need. The Officers/Board takes December off to spend time with family and friends. We ask that you consider how you might spend a little time to give back to the neighborhood. The next monthly meeting is January 14th, 7pm, Dutch Creek Library. Happy New Year to everyone. Cheers!

The Leewood Reporter

From LCA Minutes Tuesday, No December Meeting

Leewood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Special Meeting minutes of December 5, 2024: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Attendees: Judy Anderson (Treasurer); Amanda Halbert (BOD) Carole Gottlieb (BOD) Donna Snyder (Former Treasurer and resident) and Wade Hancey (former VP and resident).

Location: 6269 S. Fenton Court

New Business: Secretary position: Judy Anderson proposed that the December 11, 2024 Board meeting agenda include a discussion on releasing Debby Baker as Secretary as we now have 5 Board members. Carole Gottlieb seconded, and motion was approved without objection.

Park Management Succession Plan: Judy Anderson proposed that the December 11, 2024 Board meeting agenda include a discussion that a committee be formed to research options for Park Management Succession plan. Amanda seconded and motion was approved without objection.

Draft Budget 2025: With the much-appreciated help of the Park's prior Treasurer, Donna Snyder, the attending Board members completed the year-to-date financial report and created a 2025 Draft Budget. The Board also established a list of critical and non-critical open items. 2025 Draft Budget to be presented to all board members no later than Sunday December 8, 2024 noon in preparation for final approval at next regular Board meeting on December 11, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:03 p.m.— *Carole Gottlieb, BOD member serving as Secretary*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The December Board Meeting Happy New Year to all!! Well, 2024 went out with a whimper and a slight chill, but hopefully found everyone in good spirits and hopeful for a new year.

Due to various issues in December, the board was unable to meet. We are looking forward to a significant amount of work getting completed as we too look to a busy year of activities. Before we know it, we will be opening the pool and wondering where almost half the year went. We do want to apologize for the lack of holiday décor this winter season. The board had decided back in September to forgo the estimate of \$1,400 to have a professional company place the lights at the two entrances, at the time agreeing that we had time to form a volunteer committee and do it ourselves. Well, as they say – life happened, and the only real attempt mid-December fizzled out. We have a refreshed holiday budget as well as reserve budget for this year and plan to use a majority of that \$1,400 holiday install savings and develop big plans around our entrances, not only for the winter holiday, but also year-round.

The board is anticipating kicking off our second phase of the Clubhouse renovation by tackling the restrooms and (hopefully) some exterior landscaping. After thirty-plus years, a landscaping vitality project is well overdue. The board is also going to repair parts of the iron fencing surrounding the pool. Speaking of the pool; furniture, furniture, furniture... With the assistance of our pool management company, we now have two more local vendors from which we plan to begin our refreshing of our future pool styles. Our previous option was based in Florida and the costs, plus shipping charges limited the number of pieces we could purchase and would have extended our plans another 3 years. We will also be soliciting ideas from our renovation subcommittee of other ways to liven up our pool surrounding. There is limited workable space, but little things we can do to add color or style; we will entertain.

The board appreciates the patience with Waste Connections as we worked through some service issues late in 2024. We believe we have it worked out, but will ensure to communicate any official changes to services for the current year. We also plan to retain both the electronics recycling and paint recycling programs, as well as our large trash pickup after the garage sale. Large trash pickup is being scheduled this month to ensure we get our desired week.

The holiday hayride was a huge success! Having the event deeper in December, seemed to be the ticket as it kicked off the official school break. Thank you again to Erica Franzel and Wave Swim Team for sponsoring the event and providing delicious treats and refreshments to the holiday cheer.

We hope the coming weeks of reflection and/or drive to accomplish all your new 2025 resolutions are rewarding and prove successful. As always, please reach out via the published board email addresses, if you have any questions or suggestions for Woodbourne.— *Sincerely, Your Woodbourne HOA*

From DRCOG—The **DRCOG Aging and Disability Resource Center for Colorado** is where older adults age 60 and older and adults with disabilities can receive help accessing long-term services and support to remain independent in the community. The Aging and Disability Resource Center helps people make informed choices about their care. It serves Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson counties, the City and County of Broomfield, and the City and County of Denver. DRCOG is one of 14 Aging and Disability Resource Center sites in Colorado.

Through the Aging and Disability Resource Center, DRCOG offers:

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

Options Counseling.

Older Adult Refugees and Friends program.

Case Management.

Information & Assistance.

Network of Care.

Family members, caregivers, friends and professionals can contact the DRCOG Aging and Disability Resource Center and access the services at no cost by calling 303-480-6700. Anyone may make a referral.

With more than 50 years experience as the designated **Area Agency on Aging** for an eight-county region, the Denver Regional Council of Governments provides comprehensive services to address the needs of the region's older adults and people living with disabilities. The Area Agency on Aging serves Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and Gilpin counties.

Network of Care Directory & Resources

A comprehensive, community-based service guide for older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers.

General Help: Help is provided for individuals, families and caregivers.

Housing help: Find assisted living residences and nursing homes.

Food Help: Find out how to get nutritious, affordable meals or groceries.

Medicare and Benefits Help: Get help with Medicare and other benefits.

Resident Rights Help: Connect with an ombudsman for residents of nursing homes or assisted living residences.

Transportation Help: Request a ride to the doctor's office or other locations .

<https://drcog.org/area-agency-aging>

Jefferson County to Launch Engage Jeffco Podcast — An in-depth look at the issues, events, and unique perspectives that shape our community, Jefferson County is set to launch the Engage Jeffco Podcast, a deeper exploration of important county initiatives, ways to get involved, and the people who make this county function.

Engage Jeffco dives into all things ... Jeffco. Learn about wildfire season and mitigation, snow removal priorities and obstacles, and get a behind the scenes look at how Jefferson County works for our community. Give the preview episode a listen. You can also follow the podcast on Spotify.

<https://open.spotify.com/show/6kA719n7ahn8hTW71PAK9Y?si=akEVdmgoRWeQvDJGfsomiA&nd=1&dlsi=e2a4f960d0fc4d45>

Severe Cold Weather Resources for the Jefferson County Community —As severe weather events become more frequent and intense, it's vital to provide support for those in the Jeffco community who may be affected, particularly those experiencing homelessness. Access a variety of resources for shelter, safety, and essential services during severe cold weather conditions. <https://www.jeffco.us/4854/Severe-Cold-Weather-Resources>

Almost All DMV Services Are Available Online —Appointments are required at DMV offices in Jeffco. Skip the trip by completing services online or at an express kiosk in select King Soopers stores across the state. Renew your vehicle registration, check your title status, apply for or renew a disability placard, review fees, and more—no trip to the DMV required. Access online services <https://www.jeffco.us/397/Motor-Vehicle>

Digital Library Cards Now Available at Jefferson County Public Library—To better serve our digital and remote users, Jefferson County Public Library now offers a more accessible library card application. Our new Jeffco Resident Digital Cards provide nearly all the benefits of a physical library card and are available in minutes. Accessing library resources is easy, even when you can't visit a physical location. <https://jeffcolibrary.org/library-card-rules/#digital>

Treasurer's Office Announces New Property Tax Payment Drop Box —In April 2024, Jefferson County Treasurer Jerry DiTullio closed the property tax payment drop box located on the outside of the Jefferson County Administration and Court Facility after it was tampered with. The new property tax payment drop box features enhanced security, using the same technology and design as the ballot drop boxes.

Free Tax Help From Jefferson County Public Library and AARP —Appointment reservations are now open. Get tax help from AARP IRS-certified volunteers who offer free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of taxpayers with special attention to elderly and low to moderate-income taxpayers. These free tax counseling appointments are available between Feb. 1 and April 5. Registration is required. <https://jeffcolibrary.libcal.com/appointments/aarp>

Jefferson County Weed of the Month: Siberian Elm —This fast-growing perennial deciduous tree is an ornamental that escaped cultivation. It infests vacant lots, roadsides, and is common sprouting up in landscaped areas near parking lots. It can grow to more than sixty feet tall, with a trunk diameter of three feet or more.

Control is best done using multiple methods including removal of seedlings, treating resprouts with chemical or using chemical for cut stump or basal bark treatments. <https://www.jeffco.us/795/Invasive-Species-Management>

2025 ENOR Summer Camp Registration - Now Open —Enroll your child in ENOR's award-winning summer day camps, renowned for engaging and innovative environmental education programs. Designed to inspire curiosity and foster a love for nature, the camps provide hands-on experiences in a fun and supportive setting. Camps will be held June 12 to July 1 and are open to children entering fourth through eighth grade. Get full details and register.

<https://jeffco.extension.colostate.edu/programs/enor-environmental-discovery-camp/>

Prom Swap Donations Needed - Time to Clean Out Those Closets —From Jan. 2 through Feb. 28, bring your gently used and clean formal wear, accessories, and other prom essentials to any Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) full-service location. Your donations will be shared with local high schools and made available at JCPL prom swaps. Support youth and promote sustainability. <https://jeffcolibrary.org/news/call-for-prom-swap-2025-donations/>

Child Care Assistance Application Freeze —Due to limited state and federal funding, Jefferson County's Child Care Assistance Program is not accepting enrollment applications. If interested in receiving notifications about the enrollment freeze in the future, please complete a questionnaire. See other available resources for families in Jefferson County. .

<https://www.jeffco.us/2495/Child-Care-Assistance>

New Residential Speed Limit in Lakewood —Lakewood officially adopted a 20 mph speed limit for residential streets, creating safer, quieter and more livable neighborhoods. City Council reduced the residential speed limit to 20 mph from 30 mph in September after consultation with city staff, research from the Lakewood Advisory Commission and public engagement. The speed limit is 20 mph on neighborhood streets unless posted otherwise. For more information, visit Lakewood.org/SafeStreets

Volunteer at The Action Center and Make an Impact in Jeffco —Do The Action Center is excited to see a surge in clothing donations, now volunteers are needed to help sort through the many items.



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm at at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). There is no speaker scheduled at this time.

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting individuals and families in need, creating a meaningful impact in our community. For more information contact staff or see the volunteer shifts calendar. <https://www.theactioncenter.org/volunteer>
Milestone Marathon Challenge - Get Fit One Mile at a Time—Foothills Park & Recreation District challenges you to walk one mile each day in the month of February to reach 26.2 miles. The challenge includes weekly motivational e-mails, an event t-shirt, and more. Register today to create healthy habits in 2025.

https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_class_detail.cfm?s=&t=&season_id=14132&program_id=550444
Apply to Be a Part of the Foothills Art Market—Foothills Park & Recreation District invites local artisans to display at the new Foothills Art Market, Saturday, April 12 at Foothills Fieldhouse. This event will feature original artwork, goods, and crafts, including pottery, sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, home accessories, photography, and more. Apply online by March 7. <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=13117>

From Engage Jeffco January 2025 Newsletter