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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Mar. 6, 2025, 6 pm, Ponderosa Room

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Foothills: Mar. 25, 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room

One,100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Mar. 19, 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

Calendar for upcoming meetings: Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sept 3

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: February 2025	W. R. Moore,	Treasurer
Beginning Balance February 5, 2025	\$	449.61
Deposits	\$	0.00
Withdrawals	\$	30.55
February Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 March Newsletter \$ 3.60		
Ending Balance March 5, 2025	\$	419.06

Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Galen & David Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic HOA, Al Hintz / At Large, Michael Pichler / Columbine Knolls HOA, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large.

Draft Minutes for February 5 The meeting started at 5:57 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department or Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present. They will be holding an election for Ward 3 and 4 on May 6. They are taking applications. You can self-nominate by completing the application on the FHPRD website. To apply you must live or own property in the Ward you are self-nominating for.

We had no speaker.

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 9 members present and have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$449.61.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for Dec. and Jan. were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County Information PA 25-101000 is for 5511 S. Deframe St. They want to rezone the north property to PD to match the zoning of the southern lot. Then they want to subdivide it into 6 residential units which are 2 acres each. RZ 25-101666 is for 8345 S. Brentwood St. They want to rezone from R1 to R2 to rezone for a duplex. It is in Meadow-brook Heights.

RZ 25-101850 is for parcel 59-251-00-002. They want to change zoning from PD to R1A for 4 single plots. Access will be from W. Ontario Dr. It is a couple of blocks south of Coal Mine and about a block west of S. Depew St.

SD 25-101403 is for 11737 W. Ken Caryl Ave. They will pay fees for 22-129019 PF.

SD 25-101691 is for 6228 S. Carr Ct. They want to add a 1495 sq. ft. "learning studio" to the existing Journey Life Center.

SD 25-102046 is for 9859 W. Coal Mine Ave. They want to add sand to build a 3640 sq. ft. addition for a medical office building onto an existing dentist office. This is the northeast corner of W. Coal Mine Ave. and S. Kipling Pkwy. TP 25-102417 is for 10393 W. Alamo Pl. They want to modify a rooftop communications facility for T-Mobile. They will remove 9 radios and replace with 6 radios.

Adapted Baseball League will play at 6587 & 6657 W. Ontario Ave. by Front Range Christian School. They will start in the spring.

Short Term Rental - nothing new.

Diane has noticed signs on Bowles to expect delays Feb. 10 - 21 between Wadsworth and Kipling. Work is being done by Denver Water. (*update: The start of the work has been delayed apparently due to the cold temperatures.*)

Diane found a camp by Lilley Gulch. It has been cleaned up by FHPRD. They also posted the area with No Trespassing/Area Closed signs). There was new graffiti in the Dutch Crk pedestrian tunnel under S Wadsworth Blvd - FHPRD painted over it..

There has been a lot of demolition and building at Aspen Grove.

On Saturday, Feb 22, there is a meeting for the new Library from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. The open house is at the new location, 11100 Bradford Rd. You can walk around inside and leave comments about what you would like to see. There will be a follow up meeting with poster board on Mar. 1 from 10:00 till 11:30 a.m. in the Columbine Library.

Columbine Library has been reserved for Mar. for COHOPE. The room is not available in April. Diane will apply for study room 1 when she can.

New Business Someone asked for information on BAM.

The old building on Mineral Blvd that was owned by Lockheed Martin, US West, etc.is being demolished. It is going to be a COSTCO.

Old Business / Announcements: None

We adjourned at 6:18 p.m.. — Cheri Paavola, Secretary

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Annual Planning Meeting: January 12, 2025, 8:45-11:00 Start: Attendance: Galen (President) David (Treasurer) Kelsey (Secretary) Jenn (Vice President) Board Members: Gii, Kelly & Janet Changing Board Meeting dates to first Thursday each month. More continuity with minutes, Cohope reporting Chili Cookoff Jan 25: Jenn and Michaelle to lead. Trash Pick Up: April 26th, 2025, 9:00 - 11:00

Jennifer will engage in incentives.

Gift card for most interesting find • Garage Sale: June 6 & 7, 2025

Dumpster Day: June 14th, 2025, 8:00 - 11:00 Set up: 7:30 am for board members. Need volunteers to register people, take dues and help load dumpsters

National Night Out:August 5th, 2025, 5:30 - 7:00 Location: TBD. Reserve school parking lot?

Fall Festival: September 27th, 2025, 12:30 - 4:00 Invite Alpa (face-painter) to begin at noon

Trunk or Treat: October 26, 5:00 - 6:30

Evening with Santa: December 13th, 2025, 5:00 - 7:00 Include box for children's letters to Santa

January 17th: Jennifer, Gii and Kelsey are gathering to edit Wix Columbine website at Kelsey's home 12:00 - 2:00.

1st order of business: Re-design event signs. Kelsey sent mockups of new designs as PDF on January 12th, 2025 @ 12:30pm to entire group via email. Jenn will discuss cost with UPS store.

2nd order of business: Develop a QR code and google form (delegated to Gii) to set up survey of what community would like more of to see, e.g. movie night. Have QR booth at each event to receive dues and surveys from residents TBD: Movie night. Approx \$1200, \$1500 with popcorn

Monthly Prayer Meetup: 1st Sunday of the month at Kelsey & Jarod's home. Tentative first prayer night will be February 2nd at 7:00pm. Once confirmed will post Nextdoor, Instagram, Website

3rd order of business: Receive pictures from community throughout the year to later publish in December newsletter to hype up community regarding involvement. Sort of like an end of year yearbook. Pics to be posted on website as well. Invite rep from Platte Canyon water district to speak at the board meeting June 5 (pavilion)

Jenn to develop neighborhood directory

Jenn will alternate with David/Galen to attend Cohope meetings. D/G will attend February meeting Kelly and Jenn will continue new packages to welcome new neighbors.

Columbine Knolls HOA

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2025

President Twisselman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Board Members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Lynn Koch, Levi Woods, Melissa Irwin, Steve Hantelman, Tom Fraley, and Steve Boyle. One other homeowner was also in attendance.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the December 10, 2024 CKHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership: Lizz Walters, Membership Chair said CKHA Membership reminder letters will

be mailed out in the next few days. Another CKHA Membership letter is planned for February.

Special Events/Programs: 2025 dates are currently being explored.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Baden-Gillette presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for review. A vote will be taken at the February meeting.

Real Estate News & Website: Director Hantelman reported final real estate results for 2024. 44 homes sold in 2024; the average sold price was \$777,505; the maximum sold price was \$1,140,000; the minimum sold price was \$555,000. The maximum time listed to close was 295 days; the minimum time listed to close was 14 days; the average time listed to close was 72 days. On average homes sold for \$4,000 less than the originally listed price.

Newsletter: Publishing deadline is January 15th. 2025 Membership was a focus for this newsletter.

New Business: Officers' positions were assigned and voted on by acclamation. President, Anita Twisselman; Vice-President, Lynn Koch; Secretary, Tom Fraley; Assistant Secretary, Steve Boyle; Treasurer, Jean Baden-Gillette. Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From **Board of Director's Corner** Additional Waste Management bins should be ordered through Keystone Pacific Property Management. The Waste Management 2025 annual fee is \$210 (\$17.50/month) for all CKSII homeowners who are permanent or voluntary members in good standing and should be paid alongside your annual membership dues. To order a secondary bin, change to smaller (64-gallon)/larger (96-gallon) bin, or replace a damaged bin, please contact Jessica Azzarano at jazzarano@keystonepacific.com or direct at 720-372-1151.

We apologize for any miscommunication on ordering your secondary bin. Waste Management has confirmed ordering your bin through Keystone is the fastest way to process your order. When placed, delivery will take 7-10 business days to receive the new bin. Once you have received confirmation the additional bin is ordered, you may place bagged trash out for pickup at the curb while waiting delivery.

If you want to explore joining membership to take advantage of the CKSII HOA trash pricing, please contact Jessica. Thank you! — CKSII Board of Directors

Dutch Creek Village News

From Dutch Creek Annual Assessments & Budgeting — To establish the DCV HOA Budget for the upcoming fiscal year (April 1 to March 31), the Board begins preparations in January by comparing the previous year's expenditures with the projected needs for the upcoming year. In practice, much of this work falls on the Treasurer and the President.

Each Director or volunteer overseeing a specific aspect of our community's operations is responsible for submitting proposed contracts from subcontractors to the Treasurer as soon as possible, preferably no later than February 15. It is important to note that costs generally increase each year in all areas.

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Dutch Creek Village Homeowners & Recreational Association outlines "Assessments" in Article I: Definitions and Article V: Covenant for Maintenance Assessments. Several years ago, with guidance from the Association's legal counsel at the time, the Board clarified that under Article V, Section 3, "Annual Assessments may be increased by the Board of Directors... without a vote of the membership in accordance with the rise, if any, of the Consumer Price Index."

This approach was adopted to minimize the need for special assessments or significant increases in annual assessments over

The Board of Directors will discuss the proposed budget during the monthly meetings from January through March. At the March meeting, the Board will vote on the final Budget Proposal. Annual Assessment invoices will be sent to residents shortly thereafter, with a due date of April 1, 2025.

If you have questions about the budget process or how dues are determined, we encourage you to email your questions or attend a Board meeting. Details about meeting dates and times are available on our website: info@ dutchcreekhoa.com | www.dutchcreekhoa.com.

Finally, please ensure your email address and other contact details are current in both the PayHOA system and the website Directory. Instructions for updating your information are available on the website.

The Leawood Rapporter

From LCA Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 2025, Leawood Elementary, Start 6:33pm

Attending: Nancy Bock, Paul O'Connor, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Rhonda Eveleth, Desiree Robinson, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno Guest Jesse.

DISCUSSION: Treasurer report provided - annual report was handed out & account looks good going into 2025. Positions are open on the Board: President (as Kyle resigned today thank you Paul O for stepping in for this meeting), Vice President & Membership.

Chip is interim Membership position until filled.

Website needs to be paid, safety certificate also needs to be paid so the site stays secure.

Water needs to be turned on to be able to plant items at Jay entrance.

Possibility of Rapporter going to every other month to save some money.

April 12th will be the Easter egg hunt with the 19th as alternate for inclement weather - Tuesday April 8th will be egg stuffing with candy.

Santa Party went very well.

Winners announced for Holiday Decorating contest.

Over 300 homes were decorated this year - looked fantastic.

Rhonda will continue mailing out new residents welcome cards.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm

Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Special Meeting minutes of December 11, 2024: Call to Order: 6:07 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent.

Members: Judy Anderson (VP/Treasurer), Carrie Dupree, Carole Gottlieb, Amanda Halbert. Staff: Dave Padilla (Park Manager), Colin Mielke (Proposed District Counsel). Visitors: Wade Hansey, Donna Snyder.

District Counsel: Judy moved to accept Colin Mielke as counsel; Amanda seconded. Motion passed 4–1. Colin reviewed district meeting and email requirements.

Minutes Approval: November minutes approved as amended. December 5 special meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bills approved for payment. Amanda moved to accept the report; Carrie seconded. Motion passed. Judy moved to add Dave's bills; Carrie seconded. Motion passed.

Parks Manager Report: Parks mowed, inspected, doggie bags replenished. Minor ATV maintenance completed. Fall leaf cleanup pending. Snow removal after second snowfall. Concerns about icy patches at Weaver Park addressed. Weaver Park: Swing structure repaired, swing seat installed. Water Leak: Backflow repaired at Weaver Drive/Ingalls after suspected vandalism.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) 2025 Budget, Mill Levy: Budget adopted (4-1). Mill levy (3.73) approved unanimously.

- (B) Board Roles: Amanda named Treasurer, Carrie named Secretary, Judy confirmed as VP. Kyle stepped down as President; decision pending.
- (C) Park Manager Succession: Discussed options. Dave to propose flat-rate seasonal pricing. Carrie to document responsibilities.
- (D) SDA Calendar: Mill levy due 12/15, budget due 1/30.

OLD BUSINESS Website: The Board approved engaging Coberly Web Creations, recommended by CO SIPA, for faster website completion. Amanda moved; Carole seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:38 p.m. — Carrie Dupree, Director/Secretary

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The January Board Meeting Brrrrr. As we write this letter, January is going out on an extremely cold note! We hope all are well and that bursting pipes are not a thing as we are seeing on the news. Just remember with every passing day, we are getting longer daylight minutes and progressing towards warmer weather.

The Board too is progressing, and as such, has had some changes in our membership. Both Sheryl Archuletta and Adam Sherris have stepped down from their positions (VP and At-Large, respectively). There will be more information about how and where to apply for a Board position as we approach the April annual meeting, so please consider if this is a role you would like to volunteer for so that Woodbourne can remain a community that is in high demand, where homeowners show their pride in ownership. We thank Sheryl and Adam for their time.

The January meeting was a standard affair, with passing of our prior month's minutes due to the 2025 budget ratification meeting in November, and the cancellation of both October and December's meetings. We discussed the upcoming pool season, and the repairs and maintenance required for investment in March and April, as well as the second stage of the Clubhouse renovation project. This phase will tackle the restrooms and determine the renovation and beautification of the spaces. More information will be provided in March as we determine budget and scope.

We are also looking for volunteers to manage our annual Easter Egg hunt. We have individuals that have conducted this in the past, and all the physical resources are stored in the pool shed. There is a budget to purchase the egg fillings. We will also be reaching out for Fourth of July volunteers to coordinate the South Metro firetruck, BBQ and other activities. The garage sale and large trash pickup will remain in 2025 – dates forthcoming.

We also discussed changing the way this newsletter is delivered to our residents. It has become more arduous for the Wave to maintain volunteers to help distribute the newsletter, and after surveying the community, the majority feel it's time to save time and paper, and finally go digital. We are working with the printing company and ACCU to plan an April rollout and will plan to deliver the newsletter via email. If you don't already, now would be a good time to get your email registered with ACCU so that you can receive all updates that are communicated out. If you have any questions, please consider attending an upcoming meeting.

We are working with Waste Connections on our recent service issues. Since the company has outfitted their trucks with automated lifts, they have become very strict about only picking up the single bin that is included our contract. The same is becoming true with the recycling service, but not all those trucks yet have the automated service arm. We were able to amend our contract in September to include up to 5 additional bags of trash a week, for the months of May and November (Spring cleanup and leaf mitigation). We do however see those residents (<3%) that have weekly trash requirements

that expand past the capacity of a single bin. We are hoping we can either rewrite or amend our contract to ensure that the trash is fully removed from all 407 homes each week. We certainly cannot afford 407 homes x \$6.00/month (\$2400 total per month) for another bin, nor can most residents support the space to retain another bin, for the 1-2 times a year, they may need to put it on the curb. More to come as we work with Waste Connections to get back to the service levels we were accustomed to, before last summer.

Please look for future email blasts regarding help for our neighbors at 7211 S Pierson Street. A fire ravaged the home on January 21 and at the time of this writing, the family was only in the very beginning of assessing what is salvageable and what is needed, short, mid and long term. We always stand behind our residents and may look for donations of gift cards and/or other things that can assist in restoring their lives — *Sincerely, Your Woodbourne HOA*

Engage Jeffco Podcast Premiere Episode: Jefferson County 101 — Take a listen to the premiere episode of the Engage Jeffco Podcast! We dive into our first County 101 segment, a conversation about how our county works and the systems that shape our community.

An in-depth look at the issues, events, and unique perspectives, the Engage Jeffco Podcast is a deeper exploration of important county initiatives, ways to get involved, and the people who make this county function. Follow the podcast on Spotify.

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Gateway to the Rockies Opioid Council Funding Opportunities —The Gateway to the Rockies Opioid Council (GROC) received \$11.2 million from opioid settlement dollars to address gaps and opportunities in opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery.

The funding is focused on people who use opioids or other substances and those with opioid use disorders and other substance use disorders and mental illnesses in the region. Learn more about GROC's funding opportunities. https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2320

A New South County Library is Here; Make it Yours!—In January, Jefferson County Public Library purchased an existing building at 11100 Bradford Road in Littleton to be transformed into an approximately 40,000 square-foot library serving southern Jefferson County. We want your input to help us create a library that meets the community's needs. Learn about all of the ways you can get involved. https://jeffcolibrary.org/south-county/

Imagination Library Comes to Jefferson County —Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has mailed 215 million books to more than 3 million kids across five countries. And now, the Imagination Library program is available in 28 of Jefferson County's 41 zip codes.

Enter your zip code to see if your address is eligible to receive books. https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/
Congrats to Emergency Manager of the Year: Nathan Whittington — Congratulations to Jefferson County Emergency Manager Nathan Whittington for recognition as the Statewide Emergency Manager of the Year at the recent Colorado Emergency Management Conference.

During the past year, Whittington led transformative initiatives that have strengthened our community's preparedness, resilience, and response capabilities. Read more about Nathan's accomplishments.

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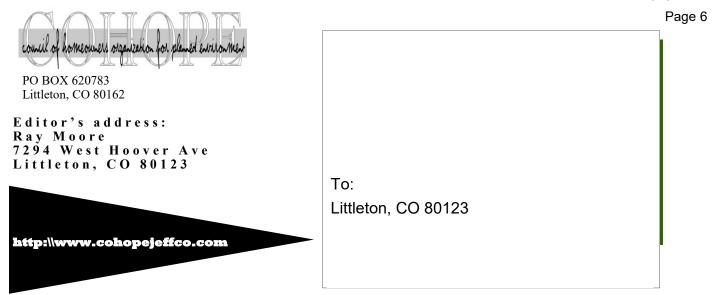
The Q4 2024 Law Enforcement Authority Report is Now Available —We invite you to read the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office quarterly Law Enforcement Authority (LEA) Report for the fourth quarter of 2024. Undersheriff Scott Eddy presented this to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The report includes Sheriff's Office events, news, statistics, and notable activities during the previous quarter. View the entire report. https://www.jeffco.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1099

Announcing New Community Water Conservation Programs —Jeffco Sustainability is pleased to share that all Jefferson County residents are eligible for free or discounted participation in new water-saving programs offered by our non-profit partner, Resource Central. Programs include Garden in a Box, Lawn Replacement, and Slow the Flow sprinkler evaluations. Visit the program webpages to learn more about how you can save water. https://resourcecentral.org/ Seeking Feedback on Jeffco Open Space's Five-Year Master Plan —We are welcoming feedback on Jeffco Open

Space's next five-year master plan in the form of five drop-in open houses throughout Jefferson County. Your voice is essential to making sure that JCOS understands your priorities. Check out the website for dates, times, and locations! https://www.ieffco.us/1585/Plans-Projects

Coroner's Office to Hold Community Education Tabling Event March 3 — Jefferson County Coroner's Office, in collaboration with Donor Alliance and Rocky Mountain Eye Lab will hold a Community Education Tabling Event on March 3 from noon to 1 p.m. in the atrium of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. Please stop by for resources, education, and discussions. We will have some swag too! https://www.jeffco.us/665/Coroner

Save the Date for an Inspiring Afternoon with Author C.J. Box— Mark your calendars for In Conversation with C.J.



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

Box, a free event spotlighting the bestselling author behind the beloved Joe Pickett series and masterful crime thrillers. On Saturday, March 29 at 12 p.m., hear C.J. Box share his journey from Wyoming ranch hand to an award-winning novelist and TV producer. Prepare for an inspiring afternoon of stories and creativity! https://jeffcolibrary.org/news/save-the-date-signature-author-event/

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's Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion — Over the last month, we have heard uncertainty and concern from our community about the impact of the White House's wide-ranging executive orders. Let us be clear on where we stand: Jefferson County will not waver on our core values, which include equity, diversity, and inclusion. We will continue to protect and advocate for all community members, especially our most vulnerable neighbors.

We are stronger together. While it is still unclear how the executive orders will impact Jefferson County, we are preparing for any outcome and will keep you informed.

Please refer back to this page regularly for any federal impact updates.

https://www.jeffco.us/4887/Federal-Impact-Updates

Culture Pass Reservations Return to Jefferson County Public Library — Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) is thrilled to share that Culture Pass reservations have returned! Our new system, Tickets & Passes, offers a user-friendly experience, including automated email confirmation with PDF ticket and clear instructions, museum address and contact information, and a convenient link to cancel your booking. Discover locations and benefits, browse by available destination or date, book your pass and go!

2025 Native Plant Master Classes Now Open! — Whether you're a native plant enthusiast, a professional pursuing a Native Plant Master (NPM) Certification, or someone in between, CSU Extension — Jefferson County offers a diverse selection of classes across various life zones. Participants can choose from 1-, 2-, or 3-day courses, gaining knowledge about botany, plant identification, native and non-native species, ecosystems, and much more. Get more details about NPM Certification. https://jeffco.extension.colostate.edu/metro-to-mountain-npm/colorado-flora-

certificate/#:~:text=Certification%20as%20a%20Native%20Plant,may%20be%20completed%20over%20time.

Become a Member of a Jeffco Board Advisory Committee — Join Jeffco Public Schools Board Advisory Committees and play a key role in shaping Jeffco's future. These committees bring together parents, educators, community leaders, and professionals to support the Board of Education with expert insights and advice. Learn more about the different committees and apply today!

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