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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: May 1, 2025, 6 pm, Ponderosa Room

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Foothills: May 27, 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

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

One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: May 21, 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: May 7, Jun 4 XCEL, Jul 2, Aug 6, Sept 3

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: April 2025

Beginning Balance April 9, 2025

Deposits

Sielaff, Paavola (20)

Columbine West CA, Columbine HOA (80)

Withdrawals

March Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 May Newsletter \$ 3.60

Ending Balance May 7, 2025

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 621.09

\$ 100.00

\$ 30.55

\$ 690.54

Draft Minutes for April 9 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Galen Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic HOA, Anita Twisselman / Columbine Knolls HOA, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / 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 had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$631.64. He presented the Annual Budget.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for Feb. and Mar. were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County Information: PA 25-105918 is for 6587 W. Ottawa Ave. The Front Range Christian School is requesting a second PA meeting concerning their proposed baseball field location.

PA 25-106222 is for 8515 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is the medical building on the northwest corner of W. Coal Mine Ave. and S. Wadsworth Blvd. They want to add 40 parking spaces.

The plan for Sears at Southwest Plaza has not changed.

Diane attended the event that Xcel hosted about preparing homes / property from wildfires, Wild Land Urban Interface.

Diane had some handouts from one of the non-profit organizations from the meeting. Diane will ask Xcel if they would give the presentation to COHOPE's June meeting. The handout from United Policyholders is not insurance.

Wild Land Urban Interface needs to set up rules by July 1. The county person thinks that it is going to take longer. Some changes are for new building. Some may be retroactive. If this is delayed, it will affect the dates of fire organizations. Will there be an impact to insurance? Diane did not get an answer. You can see which fire district you are in on your property tax.

How much notice can Xcel give you when there is a power outage? Usually 24 hours. If you have a special need like oxygen or medical, they can notify a day ahead.

Diane also had information from Rooney Road Recycling Center.

We held elections for Vice-President and Treasurer. Diane Suchomel was elected for President. Ray Moore was re-elected for Treasurer.

Diane has been seeing more graffiti than usual. It appears to be done by 1 person.

Diane attended a meeting at the Sheriff's office. They formed a new 501c3 for donations for S.O Strong Foundation. It has 5 basic components. There is a different 501c3, the Employee Assistance Plan, for employees that have emergencies.

Short Term Rentals - No change.

The new library is anticipated to open in 2027.

Columbine Library has been reserved for our meetings in May and June. Our next meeting is on May 7.

Our Adopt-A-Highway is on April 12. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Bowles Community Church. Our highway is on Bowles between Simms and C-470.

There is a May Election for FHPRD. Only Ward 3 has 2 candidates for the Board of Director position..

Old Business / New Business / Announcements None

We adjourned at 6:39 p.m.. —Cheri Paavola, Secretary

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Annual Planning Meeting: March 6, 2025, 6:05-7:05 Attendance: Galen, David, Jenn, Kelsey, Gii, Michaelle, Janet & Kelly Community member: Heather Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: 39 new members, 87 paying members for 2025. Approved by Jenn; seconded by Gii

Feb minutes approved by Jenn; seconded by David

OLD BUSINESS: Trees haven't been chosen yet. We've raised \$2,581.00 to date for this project. Foothills P & R, along with Heather Johnson, Janet and Jane met last week to determine where trees could be planted and what irrigation needs there are. We are looking at planting trees in late summer, early fall.

David cleaned up the sign on the Lion House. Will table further projects to end of year.

Signs update: Signs were approved by board. Minor changes to design. \$2,000.

Monthly meet the board: Jenn is next!

NEW BUSINESS: St P's chili cook off: "Best name" & "Best taste" prize

Facebook/Website: CHCA- Jenn is working on the directory. Getting Hogback menus, Sandy Puc Photography business cards and looking into Anytime Fitness.

Events: Trash pick-up day 9-11, April 26 (Earth Day the 22nd) (Weirdest find: Mother Earth shopping bag and what else....?)

Will write a follow-up on radon mitigation. Healthy level is 3.9. Average cost \$1,500-\$2,000.

Newsletter / Walkers: Thoughts on new design? Everyone loves it! Sending minor changes to Galen for April newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS: Survey: (Gii) Fit the survey all on one page. Gii has been put in charge of feedback and sharing the information with the board.

Next year chili cook-off: Jenn will reach out to the Millers for ADA access.

We are short one walker. Michaelle is going to cover the route until a replacement is found.

Columbine Knolls HOA

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2025

President Twisselman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. The meeting was conducted via Zoom. Board Members attending: Anita Twisselman, Lynn Koch, Jean Baden-Gillette, Tom Fraley, Steve Hantelman, and Levi Woods. One other homeowner was in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Membership: Lizz Walters, Membership Chair gave the current status of the membership drive as being 233 paid members as of March 3, 2025. The second Membership Drive letter has been mailed out. The deadline for inclusion in the printed membership book is March 30. The book will be printed and mailed out to the membership by April 30th.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Levi Woods stated he recently visited all entrances and that they look good. Levi stated that he has called Jefferson County to make them aware that the light pole at the Lemar St. entrance is damaged and needs to be repaired. Jeffco has it on their list for replacement.

Covenants and Architectural Control: Anita Twisselman stated that there are currently 3 paint PIPsAs, 2 have been approved.

Special Events/Programs: Lynn Koch stated that there was nothing new, still working on details for the events scheduled for later this year. Help is needed stuffing the eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

COHOPE: Anita Twisselman stated that she is currently receiving any mail from COHOPE and will pass pertinent mail along to the appropriate board member.

Treasurer's report: Jean Bader-Gillette stated that membership dues are currently running \$615.00 ahead of last year at this time.

Real Estate News & Website: Steve Hantelman stated that there are currently 11 homes listed on the market with 6 currently under contract. The CKHA website is running smoothly. Question was asked if we could do an Email Blast for new members, special events, etc. Steve answered it would be very easy to do.

News Letter: Anita Twisselman stated that the deadline for the April edition is March 15th. Any and all new ideas/articles are needed and welcomed.

Old Business: None New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From Board of Director's Letter Columbine Knolls South II is Going Digital – Win a \$100 Gift Card! The Columbine Knolls South II HOA is excited to announce our Going Digital campaign! As part of our commitment to improving communication and keeping our community informed, we are transitioning into greater digital communications. This shift will allow us to provide you with faster updates, important neighborhood news, and timely event reminders — all straight to your inbox!

Why Go Digital? Stay Informed – Get real-time updates about community events, HOA meetings, and neighborhood improvements. Save Time & Resources – Digital communication is faster, more convenient, and environmentally friendly. Enhance Community Engagement – Easily connect with your HOA and neighbors through direct and timely updates.

Win a \$100 Gift Card! - To encourage participation, we're offering a raffle for three (3) \$100 gift cards to community members who complete one of the following: confirm, update, or add a new email address to our HOA database. The raffle will take place during the next regular Board of Directors meeting on May 13, 2025, hosted by Keystone Pacific Denver Management Company.

Three lucky winners will get to choose a \$100 gift card from VISA, King Soopers, Safeway, or Amazon! Sign Up Today! Don't miss out on important community updates and your chance to win! Head over to www.cksii.org/digital/ to ensure your email is on file. Let's make our neighborhood more connected, informed, and engaged — digitally!

Thank you for being a part of Columbine Knolls South II. We look forward to keeping you updated in the most efficient way possible!

Dutch Creek Village News

From Dutch Creek History — There was a time when one or two local teenagers were hired to mow the greenbelt and handle a few other tasks. This was, of course, more affordable for the HOA than hiring a professional landscaping company. However, changing labor laws and insurance requirements eventually brought that practice to an end.

Similarly, unpaid annual dues were once handled differently. Instead of sending them to collections, the Treasurer would place a lien on the property, which would be settled upon the sale of the home. That approach also had to change to ensure the Association's financial stability.

Today, the highest expenses come from maintaining the common areas — including the pool, courts, irrigated grassy areas, open spaces, and tree and shrub maintenance. These costs continue to rise, posing an ongoing challenge for the Association.

The Leawood Rapporater

From LCA Minutes Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Leawood Elementary, Start 6:32 pm

Attendees: Paul O'Connor, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Camille Sankey, Desiree Robinson, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, Guests Jesse & Jack

Discussion: Treasurer report provided - good standing, some dues are coming in.

The LCA website is back in working order. We are working on getting email addresses and groups set back up.

Jack expressed his disappointment about not winning the holiday light contest. Discussed options for a more inclusive vote next year.

Rapporater - unknown whether Leawood Park Board will maintain their part of the newsletter & website. Making contact with the Park Board President was unsuccessful. Continuing to try to get answers.

Discussed candy options for Easter Eggs. Need to update Garage Sale information to include in rapporater.

Paul K will contact environmental company to redirect barrel bill for Raccoon Hollar to Park Board.

Still working on access to Stripe to update membership link. Email blasts starting up again – send one for Easter.

Looking for new location for car show since Summerset Fest is cancelled.

Meeting ended at 7:37pm. Next Board meeting Tuesday March 4th at Leawood Elementary at 6:30pm.

Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting minutes of March 4, 2025: Call to Order: 6:04 p.m.

Attendees: Carole Gottlieb (President); Judy Anderson (VP); Carrie Dupree (Secretary); and Ken Leaf (resident and Park Manager candidate). Other community members present: Mike Shaw and Tom Bryant Directors Amanda Halbert (Treasurer) and Kyle Sargent were unable to attend.

Park Manager Contract – Ken Leaf transitioning into PM position, pending contract. No actions were voted upon.

Ken updated the board on his liability insurance – he will purchase a policy before the next meeting.

A brief discussion of the PM contract occurred, with a few corrections and updates needed. An updated PM contract and Statement of Work will be voted upon at the regular meeting in March.

Going forward, the PM will be paid to attend the meeting and provide his update. PM will not be required to be present for entire meeting, and will not be paid for remainder of meeting. PM will be allowed more hours in the summer given the seasonal nature of the work. Contract will provide maximum number. The board also discussed having Ken submit future requests for reimbursement from Denver Water when we fix water leaks that inadvertently occur.

Annual Audit Exemption – No material discussion occurred.

Insurance – The board discussed leveraging volunteers and the availability of additional insurance coverage for the board that would cover the liability risk of using volunteers, at a cost of up to \$50 per year for up to 200 volunteers. The board unanimously voted to add the additional insurance coverage.

Election – A brief discussion occurred regarding the election. Four individuals submitted self-nomination forms by the 2/28 deadline. Another neighbor is interested in joining the board but did not submit the form to the Designated Election Official (DEO) by the deadline. Because only four individuals self-nominated (five open slots), the election will be cancelled and Seter, Vander Wall & Mielke, P.C. (the DEO) will send required notice. No actions were voted upon.

US Bank Single Point – The treasurer was unable to attend meeting, so this topic will be discussed during next meeting.

DropBox – The board briefly discussed the benefits of having a DropBox for the park where we can store historical records and move away from paper documents. The board unanimously approved purchasing a DropBox file storage subscription for the board, up to \$200 per year.

Weston & Service Contracts – Multiple proposals (such as LDL, Cox, Savatree) are in process for tree trimming or park maintenance, which serve to help the board understand market pricing for services in today's environment, as well as provide varying perspectives on the work that needs to be done. No actions were voted upon. Weston will attend the next meeting, and we will decide whether to accept their 2025 contract at the increased rates.

Going forward, PM Ken can consolidate service contract/proposal information and help educate the board and bring in various experts to speak to the board as appropriate.

Vintage Reserve (VR) – We have not been properly notifying VR of LMRPD actions because they do not receive the Reporter, and no recent communications have been sent to them (excepting the flyer the Board hand-delivered in February to homes in that community). No actions were voted upon.

The board generally discussed the challenges of providing information widely to the VR community given the lack of one centralized channel to provide information to everyone. We also discussed that our communication plan for the entire park district should leverage all available channels, including Reporter, Social Media, VR HOA, mail, new website, etc. We discussed possibly sending out one more mailing as well, to explain status and reference new website.

Arcadia Development – The board discussed that we should be receiving ~\$75k from the Arcadia Development, which will help us with park expenses in the next few years. However, to continue to manage the park locally, we will have to consider increasing the mill levy. No actions were voted upon.

Website Update – The new website is now live, but also still under development. No actions were voted upon. The web address is: leawoodparks.colorado.gov Trish (Coberly Web Creations) recycled a lot of the content from the old LCA website (the park-specific info), with some adjustments as directed by Carrie. Everyone is encouraged to review website content and recommend additional adjustments. Upload of documents – pending completion. We will need to ensure all documents available on the website are accessible per regulations. We discussed that it makes practical sense to keep the key document requirements on the website going back a limited time, then have the bulk of historical records accessible to us via DropBox. We received the board minutes from Debby (in digital format), going back to 2015. When the new board takes over, we need to update the website with a general correspondence email or position-specific board email (for contacting the board), as some directors may not be comfortable sharing their phone number and email address publicly. In the interim, Carrie is sharing her email on the website: carriepb2024@gmail.com

We would like a logo but need to develop one. This is lower priority and can be added to the website at any time.

The board acknowledged that guidelines for volunteers need to be prepared, and all volunteers should be coordinated through the Park Manager.

A brief discussion of meeting procedure occurred. We are not legally required by the state to use Robert's Rules of Order (RRO), but RRO are currently required by our bylaws, which are outdated. Updates to Bylaws are scheduled for update in 2025. A community member expressed that some procedural guidelines are warranted to facilitate orderly meetings.

A brief discussion related to park maps occurred. Judy has a binder with printed maps. The consensus is we need to get paper maps in digital format.

A brief discussion occurred about the entry to Leawood. The entry is owned by Jefferson County, but the Leawood Civic Association has the right of way to maintain it. A community member expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of the entry, and a desire to unify maintenance and have the park board involved but acknowledged the likely challenges.

A community member/future board member stated that Country Farms is not receiving the Reporter (based on conversation with one resident) which does not align with the board's understanding of the Reporter mailing distribution list. We will need to confirm this information.

• Ken said he may be able to complete some of the Xeriscape garden trimming (Raccoon Hollar) that Rich Alarcon currently does. The board and community discussed the large volume of work, including some areas that haven't been trimmed.

A community member had multiple comments: It is impossible to understand when multiple people are talking on different topics; The rotting landscaping boards (part of the Raccoon Hollar path) can be replaced, and Rich Alarcon said he can do the work and provide a quote. There are rats under the dumpster at the south end of Raccoon Hollar, which need to be addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.— *Carrie Dupree, Director/Secretary*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The March Board Meeting Happy Spring, First and foremost, the annual Woodbourne Homeowners association meeting occurs on Wednesday, April 9 at the Chatfield Library. You should have received an envelope with the formal notice and the accompanying proxy form. We cannot conduct the meeting unless we achieve a quorum of 104 homes represented. This can be either via physical attendance of the meeting or filling out and sending in the Proxy form. If you prefer – there will be a tote in front of the Clubhouse, where forms may be dropped off. You may also contact any board member via email, and we will pick up your proxy form.

The annual meeting is not intended to be a longdrawn-out event, but rather an opportunity for the board to re-introduce itself to residents, give a past, current and future report on neighborhood initiatives and allow for some dialogue on that vision. Please ensure that if you are attending the meeting to voice a concern, recommendation or proposed change, that the annual meeting is not the first time you are bringing it to the board's attention. The annual meeting is a vital part of our operational standards, and we appreciate your help and diligence in working to ensure it can be held. The board currently is comprised of four (4) members. If you have an interest to join us, please fill out the member prospectus. We ask that members join to help facilitate betterment of all 407 homes in Woodbourne, not to advance a single issue or change to our operations. This is a time-consuming endeavor and is much more than attending a 90-minute meeting each month. We have many mature elements of our common areas and for the most part, there has been little change the last 30 years. We are excited to add to the Clubhouse renovation project and look to landscape, tennis courts and ways to expand the use of our community for those who enjoy it

In other news, we have signed on with Doherty Pool Management to operate and manage our pool for the season. Our prior provider notified us in late January that he was retiring. This was the second year of our 3-year contract, so we scrambled to find a comparable company, both in operational capabilities, but ownership alignment and common expectations. If anyone would like to lifeguard for Woodbourne, please go to the Doherty Pool Management website and look for the APPLY NOW banner in the upper right. Be sure to mention Woodbourne neighborhood and if you are already CPR certified. (www.dohertypoolmanagement.com) We look forward to another successful season and support of our Wave swim team as they participate in league meets.

Please keep an eye out for meetings/registration events held by the Wave steering committee. They are still recovering from our Covid years, and the preponderance of year-round, club and other sporting events have drawn down what was a consistent participation of swimmers. The Wave is again extending approved sponsorships of extended family members, or local neighborhood families who want their kids to be able to experience all that the Wave provides. They had over 80 Woodbourne swimmers last year and a tick over 20 swimmers from the sponsorship program. The sponsored families are only able to use the pool, facilities during specific daily practice and home swim meet events. It does not grant them any use to any of the Woodbourne facilities outside of those specific use cases. Any questions – please reach out to the steering committee: (woodbournewave@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing our neighborhood begin to get busy and appreciate your support — *Your Woodbourne HOA*



It was a really good day
April 12th for the trash
pickup.



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). There is no speaker scheduled at this time.

Jeffco Unveils Refreshed Website for Enhanced Public Experience — Today, Jefferson County is excited to announce the launch of its refreshed external website, designed to offer residents and visitors a modern, user-friendly experience. This update brings a fresh look to our online presence, making it easier for the public to access important, frequently visited county information and services. Read the news release.

<https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2362>

Join the Jefferson County Budget Retention Advisory Committee — Jefferson County is seeking applications from community members to serve on the county's Budget Retention Advisory Committee (BRAC). In November 2025, Jefferson County voters approved Ballot Measure 1A, allowing the county to retain revenue collected to help fund public safety, transportation, and infrastructure needs. This committee will play an important role in deciding how that retained revenue will be spent. Read the full article. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2361>

Nominations Now Open for the 2025 Sustainability Awards — Each year, Jefferson County recognizes outstanding residents who contribute positively to our community and the planet, playing a key role in advancing sustainability in the county. Please let us know who these outstanding community members are by submitting your nomination today. The nomination period is open until April 30, and award winners will be recognized in May.

<https://www.jeffco.us/4411/Awards>

What to Know About the SAVE Act — The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act is a bill currently under consideration in Congress. If passed, it would change how Americans register to vote in federal elections and eliminate online and mail registration options. The Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office has compiled a set of FAQs to help you understand how this could affect voter registration in Colorado. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2353>

The Q1 2025 Law Enforcement Authority Report is Now Available — Each quarter, Jefferson County Sheriff Reggie Marinelli presents the Law Enforcement Authority (LEA) Report to the Board of County Commissioners. The report includes Sheriff's Office events, news, statistics, and notable activities during the previous quarter. You can read the Q1 2025 report in its entirety on our website. <https://www.jeffco.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1129>

Mark Your Calendar: Passport-palooza is May 29 — The Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office is bringing back Passport-palooza! Join us from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, for this one-day, no-appointment-needed passport processing event. If you're applying for a new passport, renewing one that's expired by more than five years, or getting a passport for your child, this is the perfect time to do it. RSVP and learn more today.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h-zoe8maak6RQd75YxxD6sK3qLb9MT9PnF6hihP4P6JUMjBDQ0JTM0VGREpOVzIKT0FGUkgxU0dFNy4u>

Jefferson County Weed of the Month: Scotch thistle — Scotch thistle is a biennial noxious weed (List B) commonly found in parts of Jefferson County below 6,000 feet. It spreads in disturbed areas, roadsides, and agricultural fields. The plant can grow more than 10 feet tall. Dense patches can block access for both people and animals. For effective control, remove plants or apply herbicide early – before flower buds develop. Learn more about Scotch thistle.

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