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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: 2026: June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 4-6, Backyard 2-4</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: April 2026</p> <p>Beginning Balance April 1, 2026</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Columbine West CA, Columbine Knolls HOA, Columbine Knolls S/E, Westridge-Lakeview Meadows \$40 (\$160) Hintz, Macmillan, Auburn, Suchomel \$20 (\$80)</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>March Website \$23.08 April Newsletter \$ 3.60</p> <p>Ending Balance May 6, 2026</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 493.22</p> <p>\$ 240.00</p> <p>\$ 26.68</p> <p>\$ 706.54</p>
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Draft Minutes for April 1 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Michael Pichler / Columbine Knolls HOA, Jennifer Gerdes / Columbine Hills Civic Assn. The meeting started at 6:02 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. Foothills is still having issues with their website.

We had no speaker.
We do not have a President.
Roll Call was taken. We had 6 members present and have a quorum.
Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$493.22.
Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The March minutes were approved.
Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County and Planning & Zoning Information: 26-106945 PA is for 6724 Canyon Ave. It is out on 1st referral. It is proposed for Littleton Dance Center, 7352 square feet at S. Pierce St. and W. Canyon Ave.
26-107461 PA is for 5649 S Alkire St. It is for a pre-application by Bonaventure Senior Housing for 172 senior living units. It includes 72 independent living, 69 assisted living, and 31 memory care. This is same project that was previously had an ODP for same thing. Access will be off of S. Alkire St. at W. Cross Ave. and one access through La Quinta Inn parking lot.
26-107182 SP is for 5924 S Kipling Pkwy, Unit C. It is for a new business, Vapes Plus (It is at the shopping center on southeast corner of S. Kipling Pkwy. and W. Bowles Ave.)
26-107755 RDP is for 5873 W Alder Ave. It is a registered distressed property.
26-106625 RZ is for Columbine Car Care Center. It is commercial. They want to amend the ODP to add permitted uses for: mini-storage, mini-warehousing and contractor business/storage. There are 10 lots in this ODP. It is on the northeast corner of S. Kipling Pkwy. and W. Coal Mine Ave.

COHOPE's Springtime Adopt A Highway trash pickup is on April 11. If it snows or rains that day, then it will be on April 18. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the West Bowles Community Church. Our highway section is Bowles Ave. between Simms and C-470.

The **Jeffco School Board, District 5**, town hall is on April 22 with our representative, Tina Moeinian, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Chatfield HS. The subject is "get to know your area representative, learn more about the Board's goals and understand their role in districtwide initiatives".

The **FHPRD** board meeting is on 3/24. They will be discussing the board approved contract with the consultant working on their Master Plan update and staff are preparing a plan on how to deal with any restrictions Denver Water may place on them. Diane's impression is **FHPRD** will prioritize using their allowed amount of water to support their revenue generating areas (golf courses, rented fields). As of 3/24 Denver Water hadn't yet told them what restrictions would be placed on them yet.

Denver Water announced Stage 1 drought restrictions. Places with addresses ending in an even number will be allowed to water on Sunday & Thursday. Places with addresses ending in an odd number will be allowed to water on Wednesday and Saturday. Denver Water is requesting that nobody turn on their irrigation system until Mid or Late May. **Denver Water** will be issuing fines to places not following their 2 days per week watering restrictions. (Notice will be given for first offense and fines begin with second offense.) **Denver Water** is asking to increase fines (meeting April 8).

No update yet on what will happen to the Colorow Elementary school property. There was a recent post on the Next Door website announcing that Calvary Veritas, a church, will be "launching" at Peiffer this coming Fall. The notice also advertised the Easter Egg hunt they will have at Peiffer on 4/4. However, when Diane contacted the School District they said it was a one off rental event and not a permanent thing. The County working on a partnership arrangement with **FHPRD** for **FHPRD** to purchase the Peiffer property.

Jeffco Open Space is beginning a process to evaluate the County Fair Grounds and Fehringer Ranch properties. They are beginning with an in-house evaluation and then there will be a lot of public outreach to find out what people would like to happen. There are a lot of questions -ex: Should some or all of the activities at the Fair Grounds be moved, possibly to Fehringer Ranch property? Or should the County invest in upgrading buildings there?

The transgender issue at Jeffco Schools is about a boy sharing a restroom with a girl and about a boy having an advantage while playing sports with girls. The Feds dislike it and want to stop Title IX funds. The **School District** has told the DOJ that it is following state law.

The Governor signed a bill about how some social media companies need to respond search warrants. One other bill related to how social media companies need to respond to search warrants and report specific and imminent threats to the appropriate law enforcement agency is outstanding.

The Wildland meeting is April 2 at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. It will be at the new Library.

There have been a couple of PAs for short-term rentals. The promised map is not up yet.

They are talking about a roundabout on Coal Mine at Lamar by the horse barn.

What is the status on Baseball fields? Nothing.

What is the status on the group home on Portland? Nothing.

Columbine Library has been reserved for May and June.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements None.

We adjourned at 6:46 p.m. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Board Meeting March 5 2026 Start: 1800

Officers: David, Jenn, Galen, Steve, Kelsey **Members-at-large:** Michaelle, Gii **Community Members:** Karen

Treasurer's Report: will present both Feb and March reports next month

Review Board minutes Feb: Need to print correction for Cody A. Approve: Jenn Second: Gii

New Community Visitors: Now have way to document visitors, their contact info, and what their concerns/questions are. Thanks, Gii!

Old Business: Paint the signboards? No. For now we will leave the signs as they are; encourage neighbors to refer to newsletter, Website, FB, Instagram

Group photo: deferred

Tees: Steve will obtain color samples from vendor at which time we can submit an order. CHCA + pic of Columbine on front, Columbine Hills Civic Association + Volunteer on back.

Little library: Angela has committed to getting a group together to build it. Need to keep track of supplies and pattern costs for reimbursement.

CHCA Mission Statement: most of group approved this mission statement—Work collaboratively with homeowners and residents to promote a safe and engaged neighborhood through community events and volunteer opportunities

-Support an informed neighborhood population via monthly meetings, newsletters, social media and the website.

-Maintain existing green space in collaboration with FPRD

-Liaise with neighboring communities to collaborate with South JeffCo.

CHCA Vision Statement: Members are invited to rework this: please submit proposed changes by March 19
-Our vision is to see a well-connected community with natural places to enjoy in which residents are proud to live.

New Business: Events: Trash pick-up: need signups. Robert (Robert's Deli) has committed to feed those who sign up for the trash pick-up. Galen will reach out again to Cub Scout leader who had suggested the Cubs might want to earn a badge picking up trash for CHCA. - March 13 note: Den Five from Littleton Pack 554 is joining us; the Scouts will be working on their Council Fire Adventure award.

Tree planting: Need signups. We will offer water and lemonade, iced tea, salty snacks.

Other: Elections in Dec: Treasurer and VP in 2026; Pres and Secretary in 2027 sound good? Two-year terms; four-year term limits? Yea or nay? Will also need to address Social media, Garden overseer, Newsletter overseer. Not officers per se but must be peopled. Will need to change the bylaws if we stagger elections.

Newsletter walkers: All routes are now covered

Need more board members! Discussed strategies for encouraging neighbors to join the board.

COHOPE: Sears building to become a large fitness center with outdoor pool, amenities.

Info about Wildlife Urban Interface (WUI) and what it means for CHCA homeowners. Will address in April newsletter.

End: 1900

The Leawood Reporter

From LCA Minutes March 3, 2026 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Attending: Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip Langowski, Paul Klingler, Paul O'Connor, Emma Smedberg, Camille Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno.

Treasurer Report: Paul provided an update on the financial status. He confirmed that all outstanding bills have been paid. Additionally, funds from the current membership drive are being received.

Membership: Chip is working on a couple glitches in paying for membership using Venmo. Chip has also fixed the out of date information on the LCA website. Rhonda mailed the membership applications last week. Due to a USPS location change, the bulk mailing had to be dropped off in Commerce City, instead of Highlands Ranch. Postage increased this year to \$550 so the board will explore cheaper options for 2027.

Easter Egg Hunt-March 28th at 10am at Raccoon Holler. The back up date, in case of bad weather, is April 4th at the same time and place.

Garage Sale-May 15th and 16th

Front Yard Party- The Sarno's will host the first Front Yard party June 12, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – Thursday, March 12, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Patsy Carole Gottlieb (Treasurer), Jesse Opgenorth (Board Member), Zach Sack (President), Vicki Grove (Board Member), Marci Turaga virtually (Secretary), Judy Anderson (resident/volunteer), Beth Narva (Resident)

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by President Zach Sack.

Administrative Items Public Comments: Beth Narva, a long-term resident, attended to compliment the board on its new maintenance company, Designs by Sundown (DBS), specifically regarding their tree trimming work. Ms. Narva noted the work was outstanding and personally complimented the workers. Ms. Narva also expressed concerns about teenagers from the nearby high school gathering at Leawood Pavilion during lunch hours, particularly given the presence of young children in the park. She noted that when DBS workers were present in Leawood, the teenagers tended to disperse.

Board response: The Board thanked Ms. Narva for attending and for both her compliments and her concerns. The following actions were discussed: Jesse Opgenorth is looking into cameras as a deterrent and will contact the high school as a first line of defense. If the issue persists, the Board will consider arranging a security drive-through during lunch hours.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carole reported the District's current cash balance is \$284,000. The Board continues to work toward compliance with 2024 and 2025 submissions. Treasurer is creating a comprehensive checklist to ensure ongoing compliance going forward.

Park Maintenance and Operations Park Manager Report: Ken reported 41.5 hours worked in the past month. Recent maintenance across several parks focused on tree care and protection, infrastructure repairs, lighting upgrades, and general park cleanup. Work included removing hazardous debris, maintaining playground and sports equipment, installing energy-efficient lighting, and protecting trees from wildlife damage. Ongoing coordination also addressed signage requirements and additional tree-protection recommendations. Park manager to focus efforts for upcoming month on protecting trees from beavers, trimming sucker branches from trees in Weaver Park, and repairing swing sets and replacing post caps in Leawood Park.

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning Signs: Judy Anderson continues to develop new signage. It has been confirmed that the required Colorado state logo can be incorporated into the new sign designs.

Communication: Carole is working with SIPA to identify the best resource for implementing a new communication platform. This platform will include static board emails, new phone number for parks, ability to transfer voicemails from residents directly to board member emails, data storage (eliminating paper) and more. Vicki will apply for SIPA Microgrant to

fund this platform.

Grants and Tree Replacement: Vicki reported that Phase 1 of the Colorado Tree Coalition grant has been completed, and a liaison (Scott) has been assigned to the project. If LMPRD holds an Arbor Day volunteer event and begins promoting tree sponsorships, deeply discounted trees will be available through the coalition. Native Silver Maples were suggested as a preferred species due to their drought resistance. The Board voted to authorize Zach Sack to purchase 3 trees at \$240 each (total: \$720). Motion passed unanimously. Jesse Opgenorth, in his role as a Cub Scout leader, will explore opportunities to involve his troop in Arbor Day tree planting activities. Marci Turaga and Vicki Grove to meet to work on planning a volunteer day for ArborDay.

Update on Tree Trimming: Tree trimming is continuing through Weaver Park; all other parks are complete. Systemic tree work is planned for May.

Irrigation – Weathermatic/Weather Station: The Board discussed adding Weathermatic Weather Stations to the irrigation system estimated at approximately \$10,000 for all three parks. Zach Sack will obtain a full detailed quote. Jesse Opgenorth and Zach Sack will conduct fact-finding on replacing the existing sprinkler system.

Beavers/ Pond Leveler: The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve up to \$3,000 for a pond leveling device, to be installed by wildlife coexistence expert, Nick Hagan, the following Wednesday through Friday. The pond leveler is a temporary solution to lower current water levels that have been impacting nearby residents' homes. This summer, the District plans to rehome the beavers and remove beaver dams, per guidance received from Colorado Wild, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Mile High Flood District. See the LMPRD website (leawoodparks.colorado.gov) for further information relating to beavers or contact park board at leawoodparks@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned by President Zach Sack at 7:19pm. *Minutes respectfully submitted by: Carole Gottlieb/Marci Turaga*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The March Board Meeting Dear Homeowners, Dear Welcome to Summer (cough cough)... we mean SPRING! As we endure this early 90-degree heatwave—we wanted to share some much cooler updates with everyone.

EASTER: At the Clubhouse, produced by the Woodbourne Wave on Saturday, April 4, 10:00am – 12 Noon. Firm details to follow via e-blast.

2026 SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND SEASON OPENING: Registration is coming to a close, so if your family is interested and you need to register – please reach out to: woodbournewave@gmail.com. We are steadily building the team back to record enrollment and welcome new families to be part of the fun!

POOL OPENING: We have a signed contract for management and maintenance of our pool and clubhouse facility from May 22 - September 7th. The pool will be opening early for the swim team starting on May 11. We have pre-staged the mechanicals and are confident for a smooth opening with no technical issues. More to come, but there may be an opening weekend event that will include food, games and community fun at the clubhouse. Look for email or newsletter updates soon. Also, we are ordering new pool furniture. Both chaise, chairs will be ordered to replace our current counts, with 8 round tables and 8 kids chairs for the wading pool. They will be delivered in late April and will add a new look for our residents to enjoy.

ANNUAL HOA MEETING – 7PM April 7th, Chatfield Library: This will be a very short meeting, so long as we are able to obtain a quorum of resident participation (102 proxies or mix of proxy/resident attendance). If you have a proxy, please drop it off at the clubhouse, or contact a board member for pick up. If you are going to attend in person, we will 'read' the minutes of last year's meeting and approve. If there are any residents interested in joining the board, please come ready with a short statement enthusiastically demonstrating why you want to add your time and energy to this great volunteer group and be prepared for questions. We do sincerely ask that board members act in the best general interest of the community and not attempt to elicit change for a singular cause or issue while on the board.

The annual meeting will NOT be a time to air any new grievances, personal opinions or discuss board matters. Our charter requires this meeting be held once a year to re-elect or add new board members to a 3-year term, and to ratify the prior meeting minutes ONLY. The Board meets monthly, and any issues need to be addressed during those meetings, or via our management company (ACCU) through normal order in those sessions. As a reminder – there is a monthly email invite to attend the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month @7PM in the Clubhouse.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing everyone a happy Spring. — *Your Woodbourne HOA*

Episode 16: Fostering a More Sustainable Jefferson County Community — Kevin Trautman and Jessica Hymer from the Jeffco Sustainability team join us in this episode of the Engage Jeffco Podcast to chat about Jefferson County's environmental initiatives. Listen to the episode. Follow the Engage Jeffco Podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. https://open.spotify.com/episode/68fFx9p3lcCXpXXxvs1Wji?si=Haj_6WQCQDKlekrA1bz0XA&nd=1&dlsi=46e9bd2acf9244c6

Time to Get Ready for the Upcoming 2026 SLASH Season —The much-anticipated SLASH season is just around the corner! With the calendar now released and warmer weather on the horizon, it's the perfect time to start clearing your property and preparing for drop-offs. Fees are based on 6 cubic yards (162 cubic feet) of material per load, at a

	Jan1 Dec 31	Actual	Budgeted
Budget Yr	2026	2025	2025
Income			
Bank Account, yr start	528.86	499.42	499.42
Est Dues income	360.00	400.00	380.00
Est other income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total for year	888.86	899.42	879.42
Expenses			
Newsletter/postage			
est. \$5 / month	60.00	56.20	60.00
PO box	0.00	0.00	0.00
Picnic / Xmas Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lilley Gulch / other rental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	276.96	261.56	240.00
Bank Fee	0.00	27.80	106.00
Other*	25.00	25.00	25.00
Total for year	361.96	370.56	431.00
Est + / - for year	-1.96	29.44	-51.00
Est funds, Jan. 2027	526.90	528.86	448.42
* Colorado report fee	other		

Discussion of Expenses for 2025 Budget for 2026:

Major expenses were reduced by dropping the P.O. Box and using the Columbine Library for meetings.

The postage, Website, and Report fee are pretty fixed.

2025 showed a positive for the year, and barring any unforeseen expenses, we should only have a slight negative for 2026.



Cohope trash pickup April 11— It was a pretty nice day for it. Not too much trash this time.

rate of \$24 per load (credit cards only). For accepted vs. nonaccepted material and all other information, please visit our website. <https://www.jeffco.us/2493/Slash-Collection>

Jeffco Wildfire Resiliency Code Approved, Goes Into Effect July 1 —The Jefferson County Wildfire Resiliency Code (WRC) was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 10. It will be effective on July 1. It includes structure hardening and defensible space requirements for new construction, additions, re-siding and re-roofing for properties within the Wildland Urban Interface. Visit the Regulation Updates page for more info.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2613/Regulation-Updates>

New Grants to Support Local Food System Resilience, Climate Goals — Jeffco’s Food Systems and Policy team is partnering with Jeffco Sustainability to offer a grant to support projects that enhance local food system resilience and



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.

address goals in the Jefferson County Climate Action Plan. The program aims to empower farmers and food system partners to create impactful, community-driven solutions. For more information, please visit the Food Policy and Systems page. <https://www.jeffco.us/3780/Food-Policy>

Stay Tuned: Additional Features Coming to the YourJeffco App— YourJeffco, the online portal and mobile app for residents, business owners and visitors to report issues and concerns about roads and bridges maintained by Jefferson County, will soon roll out features designed for additional county departments.

Currently, users can report issues and concerns such as: potholes, flooded roads, downed trees and graffiti. Those submissions are then routed to the appropriate departments or individuals for handling and resolution. Download the app: Apple | Android [Apple https://apps.apple.com/us/app/yourjeffco/id1634627458](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/yourjeffco/id1634627458)

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.qscend.report2gov.yourjeffco&hl=en&gl=US>

Free Legal Help Available for Jeffco Community on May 6 — Community members can meet one-on-one with an attorney during a free legal clinic on Wednesday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the atrium of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility (100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden). Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and no registration is required. <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/courts/trial-courts/jefferson-county/free-legal-clinics>

Join the Spring Into Sustainability Challenge Beginning May 1 — The Jefferson County Sustainability Commission is excited to announce this year's Spring into Sustainability Challenge! The challenge, which runs all of May 2026, will utilize the JouleBug! app to easily track and measure the carbon reduction impact that a community can make during a one-month period. Get involved for a chance to win great prizes donated by members of our business community in Jeffco. <https://www.jeffco.us/4735/Spring-into-Sustainability-Challenge>

Relief Available for Costs Related to Medical Energy Needs — Xcel Energy's Medical Exemption Program can help reduce electricity costs when health conditions require higher energy use, such as using life-support equipment or needing consistent cooling. Learn more. <https://co.my.xcelenergy.com/s/billing-payment/energy-assistance/medical-exemption-program>

Jefferson County Archives Launches New Site for Historical Research — The Jefferson County Archives is excited to announce the launch of its new digital collections website. Designed to be colorful, welcoming and easy to navigate, this site makes it simpler than ever to explore the rich history of Jefferson County.

Discover an ever-growing collection of records that tell the story of our county — its government, its land and the people whose lives and work shaped the communities we know today. Read more. <https://digitalarchives.jeffco.us/> and <https://www.jeffco.us/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/2567>

Foothills Park & Recreation District is Hiring for Summer— Foothills Park & Recreation District is now hiring park maintenance and childcare workers for the summer. Help support your community and get outdoors at the same time, all while receiving great benefits like free use of our recreation centers, swimming pools and ice arena, as well as reduced golf rates! View current job openings and apply today. <https://www.foothills.org/employment/>

From Engage Jeffco April Issue