March - April 2014 Issue



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Calendar for upcoming meetings: April 2 Jim Rada Jeffco Env. Health Services, May 7 June 4

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Draft Minutes for March 5 Meeting Attendance:Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Linda Auburn / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Mary Parker / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assn., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Greg Kottcamp / Lakehurst West Filing 5, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Captain Allen Simmons / Jeffco Sheriff's Department, Ron Hopp / Foothills Parks and Recreation District.

The meeting was convened at 6:57 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Captain Allen Simmons from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was present. Comparing the last several years, we are on a downward trend in crime. Most crimes involve puffers and unlocked cars. They have been posting VMS signs warning about crimes of opportunity. There was a group of break-ins at Bally's on Feb. 6th and at Chick-fil-A. It is rumored that the perpetrators have moved on to California. There were several vehicle trespasses at Westridge HOA on Jan. 10. If you see something that doesn't look right, call it in. There have been people going through mailboxes looking for checks and credit card solicitations.

What is the penalty for vehicle trespass? It depends. They have to find incriminating evidence inside the vehicle to convict. Generally the prison sentence can range between 6 months and a couple of years.

Someone said that they received a CodeRed Emergency call today and asked why. The system must be tested yearly. All land lines should be in the system. If you have a cell phone and didn't get the call, you need to register it on the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department's website, http://jeffco.us/sheriff/crime-prevention-and-safety/code-red/.

Someone said that a neighbor who, in response to dog "present" issues, installed a motion detector with an alarm. The police have been involved. The decibel level is within allowed limits during the day. If the alarm goes off at night, they can issue a summons. The neighbor has been informed. They are trying to work on a solution.

Is 911.com a legitimate website? Allen thought that it is. He sent an email out saying that the correct website is your911.net and that your911.com is not associated with emergency services.

The Wadsworth shutdown was discussed. A backhoe hit a gas line. The area was cordoned off for 4 hours. West Bowles Avenue was closed between S Wadsworth Blvd and W Cross Drive for 2 hours or more.

Ron Hopp from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker was **Ron Hopp, Foothills Parks and Recreation District**. He spoke about a potential dog park. First he wanted to say that Foothills Parks and Recreation District is working on setting up cameras at their facilities. He also wanted to mention that there will not be a Board Election for the 5 Wards. There had been a potential election for Wards 2,3, and 4, but they only have 1 candidate for each Ward. So no election will be needed. Each candidate will be elected. Dr. Tim James will represent Ward 3. Dr. John Bradley will represent Ward 4. Mike Belkowitz will represent Ward 2. We were asked to have a dog park in our District. But first he wanted to mention that they do not have the resources to build a dog park.

In 2009 a group raised funding for a dog park, but the location received too much push back from the community. So the grant money was returned.

Foothills Parks and Recreation District has reached an agreement with Ken Caryl which allows residents to go to The Ridge and get in district rates. Ken Caryl pays the difference. Based on this new agreement, a new dog park was proposed for the Sledding Hill Park. It is used a lot in winter but not so much in the summer. The Sledding Hill Park is at Ken Caryl and Kipling.

They have identified 2 concept areas. The dog park will be fenced and dogs will be allowed to run free. The State requires that dog parks have a source of water, a source of shade, and a double gate. The soonest the dog park could be built is 2015.

The process would start with the County Commissioners. Yellow signs would have to be posted. There would be hearing and public meetings. It would cost between \$125,000 - \$150,000. More information can be found at

http://www.ifoothills.org/pdf/parks/Public Meeting Presentation 2014-02-12.pdf.

The following are some of the issues brought up. Could a child sledding run into the fence? What about contamination from dog feces on the sledding hill. Concept A is too close to the nearby neighborhood. Ron should expect a lot of opposition from that neighborhood. Why not look at something near the Meadows Golf course. What about Ferringer Ranch? It is still a possibility.

Have there been any conversations about a Shooting Range? No.

On Aug. 9th, they will rebuild the playground at The Ridge. The Church of Latter Day Saints will help.

On May 10th, they will build a Disc Golf course at Ferringer Ranch. The Church of Latter Day Saints of Lakewood will help.

They are presenting the Clement Park Master Plan tomorrow night. They have started to look for funding. Clement Park is 27 years old and very tired.

Safety signs need to be put up at the playground at Lakehurst West. There have been a lot of people speeding in the area. Safety signs are provided by Roads and Bridges. They have not responded to request. Ron will try to help.

The Kiosk / Bulletin Board needs to be reinstalled at Harriman Lake. Ron will look into it.

There has been an increase of vandalism and graffiti. Some districts have rangers. Foothills Parks and Recreation District does not.

Expect a mill levy on the Nov. 2014 ballot. They would like to speak to us this fall.

Reports from Officers

Roll Call was taken. We had 16 members present and we have a quorum.

Winnie Burdan, President, was not present.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,602.39. Notices for Dues will go out soon.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The Minutes for Feb. were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present. Winnie said that John is recovering slowly. Bette Peterson had a stroke in Feb. She is recovering at home.

HOAs need to register annually at http://planning.jeffco.us. They use the information to determine to whom to send community notices.

There is a Community Meeting on Mar. 11th on the Quincy Lake Use Area A. They want to rezone the area for mixed use - commercial and residential. The meeting will be at The Rock of the Southwest Church at 6:00 - 7:00.

The County Commissioners Hearing for 10251 W. Bowles Ave rezoning to mixed use neighborhood is on the 18th. Although it may be delayed. The property owner asked the Planning Commission for Mixed Use - N zoning (Neighborhood level zoning). He made no mention of an apt building during that hearing. Planning commission members unanimously approved his request. The rezoning case is on the BCC agenda for 3/18, but there is a sentence in that part of the agenda saying they will ask for the case to be continued indefinitely.

There is a ODP change request for Alkire, north of Bowles. They want to build a Mini-Warehouse Storage building. There is a change to Zoning Residential Section 2 Subtext Q. The meeting will be Mar. 26th. The change pertains to private marijuana parties. On Apr. 15th, there is a county meeting that addresses cultivation.

Someone just had furnace issues. It was 2 months past warranty. The repair person said that Lennox furnaces were the 2nd worst built. He also mentioned that now he could park his commercial vehicle in his driveway. The person responded that that was not allowed in Jefferson County. The repair person claimed that he got Zoning to allow it. He was advised that he should call Planning and Zoning.

Old Business Ray Moore rented Shelter 6 at Clement Park for the August picnic.

New Business None.

Announcements None.

We adjourned at 8:19 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

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a portion of the map or digitally save a portion for your reference. The website also has the option of buying a copy of the map.

"FEMA Map Service Center—*https://msc.fema.gov/* Federal Emergency Management Agency Now Available! Know your local flood risk by viewing and downloading your community's Flood Risk Products (FRPs) from FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC)." - *Diane Suchomel*

COHOPE's Spring-time Adopt-a-highway trash pick up for our adopted section of W Bowles Ave between S Simms St and C-470 will be on Saturday, April 19. (If rained/snowed out that day, then it will be the following Saturday at 8:30 a.m.). We'll meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of West Bowles Community Church. If you haven't already signed the County's required waiver and want to participate, then please sign the County's waiver form at our April 2 meeting. Thank you for continuing to help with our community service project.

BUDGET 2014 Budget Yr	Jan1 Dec 31 2014	Actual 2013	2013 ^t	Jefferson County Planning & Zoning is in the process of updating the County's Accesso- ry Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations to allow
Income	1000.00	1700.00	1700.00	more flexible options to citizens to have an
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Est Dues income	620.00	660.00	620.00 g	ated a first draft of the proposed revisions and
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Picnic / Xmas Expense	s 250.00	204.02		tion Revisions—An Accessory Dwelling Unit
Booth + Shelter	190.00	125.00		(ADU) is an additional dwelling that can either
Website	104.76	89.10		be added to an existing single family detached
Other*	50.00	10.00		dwelling, or built as a separate accessory
Total for year	748.76	564.63		structure on the same lot as the primary dwell-
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owner must prove at a Board of Adjustment hearing that the ADU will only be occupied by a family member, the property is a minimum of one acre, and adequate water and sanitation is provided. See the Draft regulation changes for all change proposed. Please note that the regulations are being moved from Section 4 to Section 5 of the Zoning Resolution, so Section 4 will only show deletions. The three major changes proposed are as follows.

The intent of these regulation changes is not to double the density allowed in an area, or to allow the ADU to be sold off as an independent unit. The intent is to create more housing options for Jefferson County citizens. This would allow some citizens to age in place by having a second unit for perhaps a caretaker or grown children.

Public Meeting Information—Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 6:30pm - 8:00pm Lookout Mountain Room Jeffco County Administration and Courts Building, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, :30pm - 8:00pm, Evergreen Fire Protection Distric, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, CO

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

January 2014 Board Meeting There were 4 board members and 3 homeowners in attendance.

Treasurer Report: Bills for the December Holiday Hayride and Colorado Lasertype have been paid.

Old Business A second entrance sign for Columbine Hills is still in the discussion stage, especially where to locate the sign. If anyone knows of a contractor that does engraving let the Columbine Hills Civic Association know.

It was estimated that approximately 150 residents participated in the Holiday Hayride. A special thanks to Robert's Deli for donating several gallons of hot chocolate. It was greatly appreciated.

New Business Due to lack of a quorum, minutes of the October and November meetings could not be approved. There were no meetings in December and January. Homeowners in attendance discussed concerns and welfare about some residential property.

Of concern to several residents is a situation that falls under the category of what could be classified as a "Nuisance." This situation may fall under the Jefferson County Zoning "Noise Abatement Policy" of which the Sheriff's office is the Policy Custodian. It was also noted that all Covenants in the 10 filings in Columbine Hills have what is called a

"Nuisance" clause. The Columbine Hills Civic Association will be sending a letter to the homeowner regarding the situation.

Mailings for the annual membership drive were sent and many residents have already received them. Deputy Jeremy Mayns will be our liaison with the Sheriff's office for the year 2014.

There will be only one Dumpster Day this year. Discussion is open on whether to hold it in April or May. There will be no fall Dumpster Day.

Shrubbery over the sidewalk (forcing you to walk in the street) and vision clearance problems at STOP signs and intersection are still a problem. Per suggestion from Jefferson County Road and Bridge, the Columbine Hills Civic Association will be sending reminders to residents to take care of the problem. If not taken care of the addresses will be forwarded to Jefferson County Zoning. Kudos to those residents that already have trimmed their shrubbery.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. - Randy Montgomery, Secretary

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From **President's Corner** Hello everyone. It has been a cold winter, indeed. However, for those of us who like to play in the snow, it has been an amazing year and who could argue that we really need the moisture for our trees, plants and reservoirs.

I am pleased to announce the slate of officers for the 2014 Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors. Jennifer Blake has accepted the position as Vice President, Debbie Opperman, once again, will be our Treasurer and Robert Sudar has accepted the position of Secretary and I will be your new President. The ACC Committee will be chaired by Bob Pellegrini with Steve Kalney and John Schutt as committee members. Bob Pellegrini will chair the Landscape Committee and I will chair the Welcome Commitee and we have a good quorum of volunteers for the Social Committee. Thanks to all the Board and Committee members for their willingness to volunteer and their dedication to make this a better place for each of us to live!

This is the time of year that the CKSII Board of Directors interviews and selects the newsletter carrier for our community newsletter, The Review, for the upcoming year. Applications were received from Abbie Brouillet, and Lauren Adams. As both of these young ladies proved to be well qualified to do the job, the decision on who to hire was no easy decision for the Board! After considerable discussion, the Board decided to hire Abbie Brouillet. Congratulations to Abbie and we are confident that she will do a great job of delivering The Review to your home each month. A special thank you Lauren Adams who applied and to her parents who accompanied her to the meeting! I am continually impressed about the great kids we have in this community.

The next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Community Garage Sale on June 7-8. This is a great time to clean out your garage and closets and make a little money at the same time!

Hope to see you at the next CKSII HOA meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at 7 p.m. in the library at Coronado Elementary School. .— Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA

From **Board Meeting Minutes** – February 11, 2014 :President Jon Brouillet called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. HOA Board members Jon Brouillet, Debbie Opperman, Jennifer Blake, John Schutt, Bob Pellegrini, Steve Kalney, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcherding and Darcy Borcherding of DARCO Property Management. Also in attendance were 4 homeowners.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY CANDIDATE SELECTION: The HOA board met with candidates for the newsletter delivery person. Abbie Brouillet and Lauren Adams were the candidates. The HOA board members, excluding Jon Brouillet

who recused himself, interviewed the candidates. Abbie Brouillet was selected by a majority vote.

Debbie Opperman reported the HOA currently has 280 members. There were 5 home sales that were not new members and Roger assisted Debbie in researching. Jennifer has created a query in the MLS site to identify home sales. She will send the results to Jon and Roger.

ACC COMMITTEE: Bob Pellegrini reported 5 ACC requests. All were approved with 0 in pending status. Applications were for 2 paintings, a fence, a roof, and a garage door. Bob will work on setting up a new way for people to drop off requests. Bob wants to see more detail about product, especially for roofs and paint samples. Bob would like to avoid receiving email requests to facilitate actually receiving those samples. There was a question for the ACC about a house on the SW corner of Ammons and Clifton being repainted and did not receive ACC approval.

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Two inspections were conducted since the last Board Meeting. Twenty-six notices were issued by mail. This includes: 10 with holiday light still up as of 2/10; six recreational vehicles; six with visible trash containers; one basketball hoop in street; 1 with tree branches blocking sidewalk, two with trash beside house.

The HOA board decided on the action for a home on Morraine Dr. with a broken fence along Wadsworth. The board voted unanimously that the homeowner was to repair the fence and pay all legal costs and expenses by a set date in May or court action would be taken.

Bob Pellegrini will be the chairperson of this committee this year.

Jon Brouillet is the chair of the committee. He is looking to get a meeting set up with the

committee to begin a welcome basket, including and information package, for new people moving into the neighborhood.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Jon is looking for volunteers to be the chairman of this committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Next month, the HOA board will meet with Greg Steward about the covenant renewal process. Jon Brouillet will find a good time for them to meet.

The next HOA Board of Directors meeting will be held on 4/8/14, 7:00 p.m. at Coronado Elementary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

A Moment With The Board At the February 11th CWCA meeting the Board conducted business as usual. The Membership Drive will begin in April, look for your membership card to arrive in the mail sometime in March. The budget is set at \$10,437.00. The two largest expenses are \$4,000 alloted to Dumpster Day and \$1,600 alloted for watering and weeding the entrances. Other fees include liability insurance, phone/message service, membership drive, neighborhood school support and other community events. The budget is based on acquiring 382 paid memberships, (plus extra donations) which calculates to 24% participation of Columbine West homeowners. More membership dollars along with community volunteers could secure additional community events. There is one Board position plus the office of Vice Pres. still available. CWCA is in need of more volunteers. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting. March 11th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elem

The Leawood Rapporter

From **Leawood Civic Association Minutes February 4th, 2014** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Rhonda Eveleth, Dan Perkins, Heather Hanley and Richard White. Treasurer's Report was given showing slight increase in funds since November, with a total balance in all accounts of \$5,378.79. The web site provider had billed us for back payments due to an expired card in file.

It was proposed and approved to move the LCA Board Election to March's meeting on the 11th due to some candidates and board members unable to attend.

All meetings and event dates were planned out for the entire 2014 calendar year. Most notably the LCA Volunteer Night will be held on April 8th at Leawood Elementary combined with the regular LCA Meeting, the Spring Garage Sale will be May 16th and 17th , and the Spring lean-Up will be on June 7th. An LCA Crisis Planning meeting will be coordinated between the volunteers of that group and then announced later.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes February 5, 2014 The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Linda Smith, Donna Snyder, Charlie Campbell, Mibby Luedecke, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Resident, Ike Nelson, was also present.

Public Comment – Ike Nelson had several comments for the Board. He requested a list of projects planned to be sent to him, was concerned about the sidewalk slopping at the west end of the Weaver Park and around the wooden bridge.

We will review these areas and see what can be done. He also mentioned the communication between the Park Board and the Civic Association. Kyle stated anyone was welcome to attend the Board meetings. We have had representatives from the LCA from time to time, but have not had any representatives lately. We publish our minutes in the Rapporter to give information to the whole community as to what is going on related to the parks. Linda reported on the communication she had with Mike related to the January minutes not showing up in the Rapporter. LCA had a change in the secretary position and the minutes were missed last month. Linda, Mike and Colorado Lasertype have currently worked out the procedure.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Donna. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services, Waste Management, Denver Water, postage, doggie bags, Alpha Page, Horizon, Denver Concrete, Jeff Goode for new pine trees for Leawood Park, Ponderosa Tree Company for moving and installing new pine trees, Dave's invoice, Dave's invoice for snow removal and reimbursement to petty cash. Charlie moved the report be approved and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed. Linda reminded Kyle we have not had any payment from Powered By You for using Leawood Park last year.

Parks Manager Report –Dave reported we have two large trees down in Raccoon Park. He will be taking bids for the removal. Repair to the ATV was done and he is searching for new wear bars for the plow. Snow melt was purchased for some icy spots in Raccoon Park. Snow removal was major project for most of the month. Dave received a thank you from a resident for his excellent work in keeping the walks clean during recent snow events.

Dave and Charlie will be attending a walk-thru with Jacobs Engineering on February 19 related to Southwest Metro Water and Sanitation District's C-Line Intercepeptor Sewer Rehab Project. The east end of Weaver Park will be a staging area for some pipe and equipment while in our neighborhood. (Note: All residents received a newsletter from Platte Canyon related to this project that will run from Wadsworth to Sheridan.) The District is involved only because of the use of our park for staging and equipment. More info will be reported as this project starts.

Ponderosa Tree Company planted two new 16 to 18 feet tall pine trees in Leawood Park. The trees came from the Goode Farm which has property adjacent to Leawood. Ponderosa used their huge spade to remove the trees and replant them in the park. They look great and fit in nicely with the other trees in the area. Dave cleaned the sign in Raccon Park and took it to Fast Sign for a coat of protective laminate, then reinstalled it.

Correspondence – Donna received a Notice of Application for an Administrative Exception from Jefferson Planning and Zoning related to residence on Chase Court. We had no comment on the notice.

Old Business – 2014 Projects – No action this meeting. Permit access to Platte Canyon for C-Line Interceptor - Kyle is still working on language for the project.

Elections – It was resolved that our District hold a polling place election, if needed for the May 6, 2014 election. Linda's motion was seconded by Donna and the resolution passed unanimously. Linda attended a webinar on 2014 Election information on January 23. We have two board positions up for re-election on May 6. A Call for Nominations is being published in the Columbine Courier on February 5 and February 12. Since we do not have any Tabor issues, we can have a polling place election if we have more than two candidates for election. Self-nomination forms are available from Linda. The deadline for self-nomination is February 28, 2014 by 6:00 p.m.

New Business – Newsletter – Due to the unfortunate situation with our January minutes, Linda talked to Colorado Lasertype about our minute's insertion. We have worked out a plan for the future. We have been offered a special rate if there is too much text from LCA for insertion. Mike stated we will have priority space along with their minutes. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

WoodBourne

From **Note From the Board President** The February meeting was held on February 19, 2014, at the Woodbourne clubhouse. As winter is ending and spring is around the corner, there are several issues regarding the community and the Annual Homeowners Meeting that were addressed by the Board.

The strong winds that hit the area caused a good bit of damage to the common trees and the common fence. After the insurance adjusters have inspected the damage, our contractor will temporarily prop and brace the fence until warmer weather when final repairs can be made.

We still want to hold a Woodbourne BBQ Pitmasters cook off. We are tentatively looking at the contest being held in the pool parking lot on August 2. The HOA Board would be the judges and we would cook enough meat for the judges, the other competitors, and the rest would go to the neighborhood. Exact details will follow once we determine the interest level. Contact me if you are interested in cooking at this event at Woodbourne.president@hotmail.com.

The pool season is fast approaching and this year we will have all new pool chairs and chaise lounges. The tables and umbrellas will be the same as they weathered the storms better than the other furniture. The gates to the tennis courts are having some issues. We are aware of the problems and repairs have been scheduled. If you are walking by the

courts, please help keep the gates closed.

It's not too early to start thinking about the Annual Homeowners Meeting in April. In the past few years we have had trouble getting enough residents to attend or submit proxies. Please look for your proxy in the mail and we will also be holding several events where residents can obtain and submit a proxy in the next few weeks. It will save time and money if we can hold the meeting as presently scheduled on April 16, 2014.— *Jay Hansen, President*

Williamsburg II News

From **President's Message Hello March.** The arrival of longer days as Daylight Savings Time kicks in. Personally, losing an hour of sleep that weekend is worth the additional evening daylight. Don't forget to "spring ahead" March 9th. The Annual Dues Drive continues. Declining revenue from dues combined with a lack of community support and participation is placing several of the HOA sponsored events at risk of cancellation. Please reconsider if you haven't yet submitted your dues payment and again, thanks to all who contribute, supporting the community and the Board's efforts. The Easter holiday arrives much later this year on April 20th. Don't forget to bring the kids out to Eagle Meadows ParkforThe Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday April 12thbeginning at 10 a.m. Should Mother Nature not cooperate that day, an alternate date the following Saturday, April 19th, has been penciled in.

From **HOA Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2014** Mike Eppers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Mike Eppers, Winnie Burdan, Susan Ganz, Bill Ganz and Sharon Erickson

Treasurer's Report: Susan Ganz reported that a debit card has been set up with FirstBank (tied to our checking account). This will be used to cover bills such as the website monthly charge and items purchased in conjunction with HOA events. Previously these expenses were paid by board members and then reimbursed. Susan also reported that we will need to set aside money to cover mulching materials for the front entrance area and the sign board area. This will help keep the water usage down and protect plants in these areas.

The percentage of homeowners contributing dues has stayed around 42% - based on this number and cost of events, the board will have to reassess which community events continue.

Will request input from homeowners via the newsletter.

2014 dues collected \$3010.00 = 27% or 86 households in Williamsburg II. Balance in checking account as of 2/04/2014 is \$4159.00

ACC Report Bill Ganz reported that he has not had any requests – cold weather and time of year so no surprise. Historian: Debra White was not able to attend meeting, however, she emailed that all information is up to date.

CoHope: Winnie Burdan, CoHope President, will attend the CoHope meeting for February and will submit an article for the next newsletter summarizing meeting information.

Old Business: Susan and Bill will follow up on necessary repairs need for the signboard at the front of the subdivision. Anticipate that it can be repaired and will not need to be replaced.

New Business: Winnie shared a letter from a neighboring HOA concerning pedestrian and bike trail safety. Reminder to all to share the trails and sidewalks – will put the letter in the newsletter as an insert. Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Distracted Driving—By Sheriff Ted Mink—Distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on roadways. In 2012 alone, 3,328 were killed in distracted driving crashes. It takes 4.6 seconds to drive the length of a football field at 55 miles per hour. It's also how long a driver's eyes are off the road when sending or receiving a text.

Distracted driving is defined as any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety.Common distractions include: Texting; Using a cell phone; Eating and drinking; Talking to passengers; Reading (including maps); Using a navigation system; Watching a video; Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player



Sheriff Ted Min

Because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction. In Colorado texting while driving can result in a ticket without any other traffic violation taking place. Your first cellphone citation will result in a \$50 fine, and \$100 for each subsequent cell-phone violation.

What Can You Do? We're glad you asked! At any given moment during daylight hours, over 800,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone. You've already taken the first step by learning about the dangers of distracted driving. The next step is to take a pledge to drive phone-free and turn your cell phone off when you turn your ignition on. If you're a passenger, make sure your driver does the same. You can help save lives.

To Report a Distracted Driver Don't put yourself in harm's way or violate any laws to report a distracted driver. If you are under 18 years old, or driving with a learner's permit it is illegal for you to use a cell phone while driving. If possible, pull to a safe location to report a distracted driver or have a passenger make the report. Try to provide a license plate number and description of the vehicle. To report other traffic related concerns please call our KOPS hotline at 303-271-KOPS (5677).



The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, **at 7:00 pm** at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station—11139 Bradford Road. Jim Rada of Jefferson County Environment and Health will be the speaker on Colorado's food service laws and regulations and the food service inspection process.

Jeffco Public Schools news – WARREN TECH STUDENTS PRACTICE TO FAIL Twenty Jeffco high schools and 240 Warren Tech Career and Technical High School students spanning 12 educational programs participated in a mock emergency exercise. Students studying fire science and emergency medicine participated. Even students studying cosmetology helped put make up on the students playing victims to make the exercise seem more realistic. "We want to fail in this exercise, so we don't fail in real life," said Warren Tech Emergency Management Instructor Chris Mailliard. Warren Tech instructors worked in conjunction with professional partners from the FBI, Colorado State Patrol, Fairmont Fire Department and others. "The most important piece of all of it is that it takes everything that the students have been learning over the year or two that they've been at Warren Tech and puts it all together," said Warren Tech science instructor Arlie Huffman. It was the first time Warren Tech had staged a field exercise of this magnitude. For students, the exercise is the ultimate test. Warren Tech Principal Joe Shaw explained, "So when they have a real life scenario, they're better prepared for it." To see more photos from the exercise visit Jeffco's Facebook fan page.

READY, SET, READ Broncos' mascot Miles visited Witt Elementary School to share a book and celebrate reading. "For us it's a way to build community and show the joy in reading," said Witt Principal Turina Zimmer. Miles was just one of several celebrity readers who visited Witt. Students read aloud, were read to and participated in a reader's theatre. "It's not just about raising test scores, but once kids love reading, that's the foundation for all learning," said Zimmer.

VOTE FOR EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL Evergreen High School (EHS) students and staff designed a 21st century teaching and learning program in their school. They entered a video contest organized by the Follett Challenge which highlights and rewards the most innovative schools in the world. EHS created a video that tells the story of how the school implemented a vision of change in the library. They changed the space from a seldom used space with books lining the shelves to an energetic hive of creativity, innovation, technology and collaboration. Now they have a chance to win \$60,000 for their hard work. Watch and vote for the EHS Collaboraquarium video submission.

ARVADA WEST PLAYS HOST TO HISTORY Arvada West High School (AWHS) students have been playing hosts to 17 student visitors from Schönebeck, Germany. AWHS students and their German visitors recently had the chance to meet holocaust survivor Judy Urman, originally from Schönebeck, who now lives in the Denver area. "To have a survivor here to talk about their personal experience touches the students so personally and emotionally that they will forever remember," said Arvada West assistant principal Debbie Pearce. "It's about understanding our differences, but also how similar we are across the globe."