#### March - April 2015 Issue



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**Draft Minutes for March 4 2015 Meeting** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Bob Ham / At Large, Ralph Miller / Columbine Knolls Civic Assoc., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Larry Major & Al Nemes / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Gene Burns / Columbine Manor, Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Captain Allen Simmons & Sergeant Michelle Lucero / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Mary Ann Bonnell / Jefferson County Open Space Visitor Services Supervisor, Logan McMillan & Ann Bonnell / Guests.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

**Special Reports –Captain Al Simmons, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department,** was present. Response time for Priority 1 issues has been less than 6 min. The highest violation is trespass to vehicles. PLEASE LOCK YOUR DOORS! Windows were broken on 2 vehicles. They think it is the Felony Lane Gang. It was our month. They have found evidence of the Felony Lane Gang in 34 states. A task force has been formed. They estimate that there are over 100 thieves involved. Typically women cash the checks that were stolen from cars. If you see something odd, call it in.

For the last month (Jan. to Feb.), crimes have spiked up; from 18% to 29%. They arrested 1 person and 2 juveniles. For Dec. to Jan., crimes were up 8% overall.

For the last year, crimes were overall down; from 249 crimes to 268 crimes.

The Foothills golf carts have been hit twice. They need tips.

Sergeant Michelle Lucero, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, has been a School Resource Officer (SRO) for 15 years; 2 in middle school and 13 in high school. She started in 1996.

There are normally 10 SROs. 1 in every high school and 1 in every 2 middle schools. Right now they have 6 officers, 1 in north Jefferson county, 2 in south Jefferson county, and 3 in the mountains.

They do a lot of counseling, write tickets, and educate. 90% of harassments are female on female. They also deal with drugs, alcohol, and fights. They work closely with parents.

The Safe 2 Tell program allows kids to make anonymous reports. They have responded to a lot of suicide risks. They deal with a lot of cyber bullying. They are trying to change a parameter to detect repeat reporters. This is to verify that the program is being used correctly.

Does Dakota Ridge have a Library that would be interested in WWII stuff? Yes, call them and ask to speak to the Librarian.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speaker was **Mary Ann Bonnell** from **Jefferson County Open Space**. She is the Visitor Services Supervisor. When it comes to coyotes, there seem to be 2 opinions; either "Shoot them all" or "The problem is there are too many people".

They had to kill a young coyote in Feb. 2008 because it was nipping at the ski boots and parkas of skiers. In order to coexist with coyotes, we need to understand their behavior. A coyote is a canine just like wolves, foxes, and domestic dogs. You can identify them by their pointy ears, a long snout, they run with their tail down, they weigh 22 - 33 pounds, and their bushy tail has a dark spot about 1/3 down the tail. This is a scent gland.

Coyotes were here first, but there were fewer then. Now there are no wolves. They were a major predator of coyotes. Coyotes have adapted quite well to the suburbs. They have access to a lot of squirrels and rabbits that live in our nice landscaping. Coyotes are omnivores. They eat what is available. In the fall, 80% of their scat (poop) is made up of fruit. In the summer, their scat is 42% rodents, 22% white tail deer, 23% fruit, 18% cottontails, etc. Only 1% of their scat is cats. When a coyote injures a dog, people assume that a child is next. This is highly unlikely. Coyotes perceive pets as either prey or competitors. They perceive humans differently; as either terrifying, a curiosity, or as an enabler (who feeds them). Coyotes are not naturally wary of humans. They are cautious.

Coyotes do attack humans. There have been 2 fatalities in all recorded history.

Do not be nice to a coyote. Haze them. Encourage it to not feel welcome. Use your voice and body to intimidate them. Get loud - yell. Get big - raise your arms.

Coyotes used to be active from dawn to dusk. Now they are active at night in order to avoid humans.

Coyotes will defend their territories and food sources. They are not passive.

When you get rid of a coyote, a replacement (transient coyote moving through the area) usually arrives within 10 days. It is normal when coyotes howl at night. They are communicating with their family group. It is normal for a homeowner to see a coyote looking in their yard. They are looking for food and safe harbor. It is somewhat normal to see a coyote run by with a dead cat in it's mouth. It is normal for a coyote to follow a school kid around 30 feet behind. The kid should be taught to haze the coyote and not run from it. It was just curious and checking the kid out. It is normal to follow a person and dog along the High Line Canal. They are escorting you through it's territory. It usually stays 20 - 30 yards away. Haze the coyote to teach it not to do this. Also keep your dog on a leash. You should never walk a dog in an area where you think there is a coyote den. The coyote will attack to protect it's pups. Keep the dog close, maintain eye contact, and back away.

Do not put out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for stray cats. It will attract coyotes. Do not let your dog "play" with the coyotes at night. If you see a coyote, let your neighbors know. If you are out getting your paper and see a coyote, it is perfectly OK to throw your paper at it to scare it away. Do not encourage coyotes to hang out in your yard. If you see a coyote, haze it even if you are in your pajamas.

Mating season starts in Dec. Coyotes will start protecting their territory. They mate in Jan. Coyotes only den when pups are on the way. Pups emerge from the den in April or May. DNA testing has proven that coyotes are monogamous. All of the pups have the same parents. The dad does stay with the pups. A den could be a hole in the ground, a culvert, a downed tree, a cave, pile of rocks, a pile of concrete, under a shed, or where a cable excavation has happened and the ground is easy to dig up.

If you go to Jefferson county website, you can find maps where coyotes are under Animal Control, Coyotes.

Do coyotes have a preference to go after dogs or cats? They are slightly more aggressive toward dogs because they are competition. Cats will try to intimidate the coyotes and are sometimes successful. It is the new normal that coyotes are in our neighborhoods.

Do coyotes always run in packs? No, they usually hang out in family groups with a dad, a mom, and several offspring. They are usually 3 - 5 in a group. There are also transient coyotes; loners. They may be old and have lost their mate. They may be young and looking for a mate and territory.

In April 2014, there was a hot spot in Lilly Gulch. They had to deal with an aggressive coyote.

There has been 0 incidents of rabies in coyotes. Rabies is more likely in skunks or bats.

Have coyotes bitten humans? Yes and the numbers have been going up. Although the bites are miniscule compared to dog bites.

You can reach Mary Ann at 303-271-5070.

#### Reports from Officers

Roll Call was taken. We had 11 members present and we have a quorum.

We Still do not have a President.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,573.27. Dues go out in March.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

We have had a new HOA join. It is the Westbury HOA.

The Jefferson County website is changing. Building permits, Planning and Zoning permit, and Environmental Health (food) permits are all under Planning and Zoning.

The sale of the Foothills property on the southwest corner of Wadsworth and Columbine Dr. is contingent on a zoning change. The Core building (the one at the ball fields) at Clement Park has been closed as unsafe. They are still trying to get a Dog Park.

There is a request for community rezoning on the northeast corner of Belleview and Simms. They have changed from putting in apartments to putting in town homes.

The Planning Commission denied Jared's request. It comes before the County Commissioners on Mar. 17. You can find more information from the opposition at stopjaredsvolleyball.com. (*Update—The BOCC approved the rezoning with changes/conditions by a 2 to 1 vote. The possibility of outdoor volleyball courts was removed; height restriction of 12 feet on exterior lighting was added. The number of parking spaces was increased to 9 per each indoor Cont on page 8* 

# THE BACKYARD

## Columbine Hills News

**President's Corner for March 2015** — Good day folks, just hoping that spring is close – it is on the calendar anyway. It's time to give a little insight into the workings of The Columbine Hills Civic Association. At our last meeting there were a number of you there with encouraging words and concerns. Thanks for taking some time out of your schedule to attend the board meetings. One of the things that you brought forward were the number of cars parked on our streets/driveways/yards. Well I tried to do a little homework on the issue. I talked to Jefferson County police department in general and to three different officers in particular on this issue. I dislike reporting this – but I want to be honest. There are no Jeffco restrictions on the number of cars a resident can have as long as they are legally licensed. A car that is off street can be unlicensed if it is being restored and expected to be running in a reasonable time. If after a reasonable time it becomes a neighborhood eyesore they will step in if enough people call and report it. As long as The Columbine Hills Civic Association is a civic association with voluntary membership there is nothing we can do other than field your complaints. Please don't take this as a license to populate your property with vehicles – as always I implore you to be good neighbors first.

Our 2015 membership drive is ongoing – please consider joining. Your "dues" go to good deeds. We have about 25% membership among all of households. We are doing what we can to keep your neighborhood a desirable place to live and to maintain property values. Even if you don't own your home and are renting, please consider joining our communi-ty in this matter.

I dislike bringing this up one last time, but I have here in my hand a list of 50+ addresses that have sight-line violations as well as shrubs that encroach onto the sidewalk. Neighbors, many of these are safety issues and need correcting. If you are elderly and need assistance please contact me, I've a couple men that would join me in addressing those shrubs. If your neighbor can't physically get out, offer to help them. Bottom line these notices will be going out in a few weeks – if things aren't corrected in a short period of time we will notify Jefferson County [this is NOT just a Columbine Hills Civic Association issue].

Let me end on a good note, in January we had our first chili cook-off at the pavilion in our park. Eleven people entered and about 30 people were there to enjoy the fellowship. There was a tie for the first place prize between Dana Schoenecker and Holly Selchut. Well done ladies. Each of them received a \$25 gift card to a local establishment. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months.—*Randy Montgomery, The Columbine Hills Civic Association president rmontgomery@frcs.org* 

*From* **February 2014 Board Meeting**—Meeting was called to order at 9:10am by President Randy Montgomery **Old Business:** Ralph Miller presented the Treasurer's report.

Letters regarding visibility and site line requirements will be mailed. So that no particular property owner feels singled out, all corner lots with landscaping which currently or in the near future may affect sight lines will receive the notification. Tree branches must be trimmed to a height of seven (7) feet. Vegetation may not encroach on the sidewalk right of way. Letters will be going out in early Spring.

As discussed in the prior meetings, Robert Taylor from Jeffco County Planning had notified The Columbine Hills Civic Association that a sign can't be placed at entrance of So. Kendall Blvd. and Platte Canyon Road due to plans to widen W. Chatfield and that intersection. When plans are finalized they will let The Columbine Hills Civic Association know. A new location is being discussed, so far we are looking at the entrance to our neighborhood at pierce and canyon. Brett, our boy scout who is taking on this project, is trying to work out some details. Michelle Otto has been working with him to get his project going. We are hoping Brett can join us in a few more meetings to get a schedule and plan of attack in place. The plywood sign that Ralph has will be put back up at the corner by Schneids.

We will be cleaning up the island on Kendall – would like homeowner help!

Alicia has been handing out welcome packets - We would like for renters to join the association - \$35/yr.

**New Business:** Dumpster Day was set for June 6th. There was also a proposal that is still on the table to help people in the neighborhood that can't get their items to dumpster day. Still trying to work out the details. Will discuss in more detail at the March meeting. As well as the Annual Garage Sale.

Looking for information about the village that use to be where Chatfield Res is now. There is one remaining house but we are looking for more information if anyone has any.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

### Columbine Knolls Voice

From November 11, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes Called to order at 7:06 by Matt Hale

Matt Hale, Lee Woodbury, Rachel Landess, Shirley Jervis, Bryan Slekes, Adam Brewer, Birgit Whitelaw Guests: Dennis Jenkins, Jim Rudolf, Anne Holton, Rob Ellis, Garet and Judy Denise, Ruby Lohman, Ronald Tanski.

**RV Committee Proposal** Garet reports for committee. The committee has presented a proposal. Discussion about the proposed amendment took place. The Board thanked the committee for their work.

Committee reports Membership--Shirley 384 current members, online payment available.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance--Birgit Lamar entrance cleaned up.

Covenants and Architectural Control--Matt Splitting up request manager work for consistency sake

Special Events/Programs--Rachel Halloween Party was great. Close to 150 people.

Send Rachel successes or pictures of events to post in membership drive portion of the Voice.

Treasurer's report Rachel motions to approve membership mailing, Adam seconds, all in favor.

Email letter edits to Shirley by November 30th.

**Old Business** Meet with attorney as a board about our covenants and structure? Discussed, Lee to find information on cost or availability to come to us?

Grandfathering Lee motions to extend grandfathering policy for the last time 6 more months now expiring July 31st, 2015 or sooner if the covenants are changed. Adam seconds, Bryan abstains, motion passes 5 in favor.

**New Business** Nominating Committee All members to submit 2-3 people by the end of November. Adam will contact by the end of year.

HOA Dues Discussion about rising costs. Member involvement vs cost per family. Rachel motions to raise annual dues to \$40 in 2015. Shirley seconds, all in favor.

Continuation of RV Amendment, discussion of board members about committee proposal 10-21-14 Adjourn -Adam motions to adjourn at 9:24pm Shirley seconds all in favor

### **Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW**

*From* **President's Corner** Hello everyone, it has been an odd winter weather season indeed. Skiing in the Mountains has been good but more snow pack is needed to keep the spring and summer's fires at bay. Lately I have received several emails from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department notifying me of a few burglaries in the CKSII area. Several of the burglaries are targeting homes with open garage doors. Please take note and please keep an eye for your neighbors and call 911 if you suspect any strange activities.

I am pleased to announce the slate of officers for the 2015 Columbine Knolls South II Board of Director's. Debbie Opperman once again will be our Treasurer, Bob Pellegrini will continue to chair the ACC Committee and I will continue on to be your President. Robert Sudar will be our Secretary; Jennifer Blake our Vice Chair, Steve Kalney, and John Schutt will continue to support the ACC Committee. Bob Pellegrini will chair the Landscape Committees and I will chair the Welcome Committee 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 Lauren Adams, Jake Harlan and Thomas Borsa and all of these young candidates 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 Lauren Adams. Congratulations to Laura Adams and we are confident that she will do a great job of delivering The Review to your home each month. A special thank you to both Jake and Thomas who applied and to their parents who accompanied them to the meeting! I am continually impressed with the great kids we have in this community.

The next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Community Garage Sale on June 5-6. 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 14th at 7 p.m. in the library at Coronado Elementary School..— Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA

*From* Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2015 President, Jon Brouillet, called to order the meeting of the HOA Board of Directors at 7:00 pm. Board members (Jon Brouillet, Jennifer Blake, Debbie Opperman, John Schutt, Steve Kalney, and Bob Pellegrini,) were in attendance along with Roger Borcherding of DARCO Property Management.

Introduction of Newsletter Carriers: Presentation of Candidates; This year we had 3 applicants, Lauren Adams, Jake Harlan and Thomas Folgoni Borsa. Voting: After meeting with each candidate the BOD offered the position to returning candidate Lauren Adams.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 299 members.

ACC Committee: Bob Pelligrini reported 3 requests and 3 approved with 0 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 1 for paint/siding, 1 for roof, 1 for garage door.

Welcome Committee: Jon Brouillet reported that: on February 10 the welcome committee delivered 4 baskets to new homeowners.

Management Report: Two inspections were conducted since the January management report. 10 violations were processed by mail or by personal contact. This included 2 visible campers stored on the owner's property, 4 visible trailers; 3 had trash containers stored in view; and 7810 W. Friend Place has two snow plows parked on their driveway.

Covenant Renewal: (Greg Steward) Exciting news, Section 3 has passed the covenant renewal and Section 2 is just a few votes away from passing as well.

Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2015 The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

### **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

*From* **A Moment With The Board** At the February 10th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary, business was conducted as usual. The Officers and a small handful of Board members were in attendance. The agenda had us looking at upcoming events and formulating ideas on how to attract more volunteers. We have events each month, some not requiring any volunteer hands. The FREE Columbine Pool Swim Nights will be scheduled in June, July and August. Dates will be posted soon, so make sure to mark your calendars. A Fall Festival is being planned for the beginning of October, offering a chili cook-off (with prizes) and more details to be disclosed. Watch the newsletter for more details. Thank you Mother Nature and your unseasonably warm temperatures that helped in clearing up all the icy sidewalks in Columbine West. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Please call the CWCA voicemail at (303-904-8218) or email us at cwcatalk@gmail.com. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is March 10th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elementary, second Tuesday of the Month.

### **The Leawood Rapporter**

*From* Leawood Civic Association Minutes: February 4, 2015 The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. In attendance were Nancy Bock, Mike Shaw, Heather Hanley, Richard White, Rhonda Eveleth, Debby Baker, and Paul O'Connor. Richard will file the Annual Report on-line.

The 2015 Election of Officers was completed. The board voted, and all were in favor, of the following positions; Mike Shaw as President, Paul O'Connor and Heather Hanley as Co- Vice President, Richard White as Treasurer, Heather Hanley as Secretary, Debby Baker as Rapporter Editor, Rhonda Eveleth and Nancy Bock as Board Members. A 2015 Election Resolution was signed by each elected officer. Each officer was elected for a one year term ending on February 2, 2016.

The board discussed the new Leawood Civic Association website. The new site will allow for membership and financial tracking, email lists, calendar access, and more. The website will continue to be www.leawoodneighbors.com. The board approved the annual fee of \$500 for the site. Paul O'Connor motioned to compensate Mike Shaw \$10/hr., for twenty hours of website research and creation, totaling \$200. Nancy Bock seconded. All in favor. Debby Baker motioned to continue with the annual \$48 web and email hosting fee. Paul O'Connor seconded. All in favor.

Rhonda and Heather will deliver welcome baskets to the two new homeowners that moved to Leawood in January. The board discussed the upcoming Membership Drive (March 3) and board member responsibilities for this event.

The membership flyer will be reviewed and approved by the board, via email, for a 3/15 mailing.

Nancy reported that no scholarship applications had been received to date. The deadline is March 31. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

*From* Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes Feb 11, 2015 The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith, Donna Snyder, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Resident and Leawood Civic Association board member Debby Baker was also present.

**Public Comment** – Debby asked if we could look at a pooling of water at Raccoon Creek when spring arrives and more runoff is in the creek. One area has lots of roots and causes mosquitoes to breed. Dave said we would keep a watch on it.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Donna. Ownership tax revenue was reported. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services, doggie bag vendor, Denver Water, Waste Management, Special District Due, Alpha Page, Excel, snow removal invoice, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Mibby moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave was busy with lots of snow removal in January and early February. The work for the Cline sewer project is complete. While removing a pumping station for the project, a forklift slid into the creek area and caused quite a bit of damage. The contractor repaired the area and set some straw blankets on the damaged area. Urban Drainage will review the damage later.

Weston Landscape was in Raccoon Park to remove a tree and grind the stump. Dave will have them remove the last four trees and grind the stumps as planned around the end of the month. Dave will check on the availability of tree types to be used to replace the ones removed, and we will finalize the decision at the March meeting. A bid was received from Weston to trim the xeriscape areas in Raccoon Park and Tract T. We accepted the bid and the work will begin as weather permits.

Dave had a walk through with Insituform, Jacobs Engineering and Platte Canyon on January 27. All areas on the west end of Weaver Park to the far east were affected by the bypass contractor. Repairs will be completed using drill seed and hydro mulch. Some concrete will be replaced also. Prior to re-vegetation, the port-a-potty in Weaver Park will be removed so that the ruts in the native grass can be repaired and not re-damaged. A new structure design is in the works but Weaver Park will be without a port-a-potty temporarily. Dave is to have some pricing and suggestions at the March meeting. Also Dave will have pricing on painting fences, adding concrete to Weaver Park entrance and other concrete repair work.

Dave was aware of a huge party in Leawood Park the weekend of February 7 because of large amounts of trash, beer and liquor bottles that needed to be removed. No one contacted him that there a problem with a party. It took two truck-loads to remove the trash.

**New Business** – Donna suggested we look at lockable, fireproof, and waterproof file cabinets for the Leawood Pavilion storage area. We all have files that need to be stored somewhere. Also it was suggested that new locks be put on the storage with a record of who has the keys. Dave and Kyle will schedule a day to review what is in the storage area and remove old pipes and other items collected over the years to make room for the file cabinets suggested by Donna. At the same time, if possible, the Civic Association needs to review what they have stored there also.

Meeting Dates: Day/Time: 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless noted), 6:30 p.m.

Location: January to May – Leawood Elementary School June, July and August – Park pavilions or Board member's homes (school is closed) September to December – Leawood Elementary School

Posting location: District Board's agendas are posted by the Clerk to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners board at the county.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 8:05 p.m. – Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary

#### WoodBourne

*From* **Notes From the Board** The February Board meeting was held on February 18, 2015, 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.

We are having the Annual Homeowners Meeting earlier this year to allow homeowners to give input on the proposed covered patio for the pool area. The Board wants to know if homeowners are in favor of using existing HOA funds to cover a majority of the construction costs if our fundraising continues to come up short. The Board wants to gauge the community's support for this project and still provide time for construction before the pool opens in May. During the open discussion agenda item, we will discuss the patio cover and survey results, if available. We will also be sending email blast reminders.

We have three Board members with terms that are expiring this year, Jay Hansen, James Meyer, and Mary Ellen Nuhn. Both Jay and James are seeking re-election and Mary Ellen has agreed to stay on the Board until her replacement can be found. Mary Ellen, thank you for your three years of great service to our community. If you have an interest in becoming a Woodbourne Board member, please contact Kim Herman or Jay Hansen.

It is important that we get a quorum for the Annual Homeowners Meeting this month. In the past few years, we have had trouble getting enough residents to attend or submit proxies. Board members and volunteers will be walking the neighborhood to collect proxies. It will cost the HOA about \$500 - \$750 if we have to reschedule the Annual Homeowners meeting. Please include a copy of the patio survey with your proxy.

Last month I reported that we were going to be initiating activities for Teens & Tweens. Scary movie night and Dodge Ball will kick off these activities once we get closer to summer. — Jay Hansen, President

## Williamsburg II News

*From* **President's Message** Greetings to the month of March. The arrival of longer days as Daylight Savings Time kicks in. Don't forget to "Spring" forward and set your clocks March 7/8th. The additional evening daylight is more than worth the lost hour of sleep for me. The Annual Membership Drive continues. Now you can pay online with PayPal. The Easter holiday arrives a bit earlier this year on April 8th. Don't forget to bring the kids out to Eagle Meadows Park for The Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday March 28th beginning at 10 a.m. Should Mother Nature not cooperate that day, an alternate date the following Saturday, April 4th, has been penciled in. Speaking of Easter, we need a new volunteer to be Mr. Easter Bunny this year. Any teens out there interested? Call any board member.

Do you have something to say? Something to share? The Board is always looking for ways to keep the newsletter fresh and interesting. If you have something you'd like to submit (article of interest, editorial, etc.), please submit to us at www.williamsburg2hoa.com.

*From* **Secretary's Report: HOA Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015** Mike Eppers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members in attendance were Mike Eppers, Jessica Clark, Chris Falin, Wyatt Koeniger, Mark Hickman and Sharon Erickson. Homeowner's present were Scott Clark, Kathy Morelli, Common Areas, and Deb Clark.

Architectural Committee Report: Mike reported that there was one email request for information from a homeowner. Mike referred the homeowner to Jim Reindel, Architectural Coordinator for follow up.

**Covenant Control** Received one complaint from a homeowner reporting a camper parked on a side yard and not behind a fence. A letter will be sent to the homeowner with the camper reminding them about the covenant restrictions concerning recreational vehicles, boats and trailers.

**Newsletter /Web Page/Facebook:** Kathy Morelli reported that we can upgrade our website from the basic plan we currently have to a business plan that will facilitate the addition and use of PayPal for online dues payment. The business account would allow us to add a PayPal button, capture email and address information as needed, and provide more security and domain options. The cost is \$20.99/month. The board approved upgrading the website to a business plan. Kathy and Scott Clark will work together putting the necessary set ups in place.

**Old Business** Wyatt will follow up with the trash company to set up a large item pick up to be scheduled for spring clean-up and/or after the garage sale that is set for June. He will also contact VA or ARC to schedule a neighborhood pick up of items that homeowners were not able to sell at the garage sale and would like to donate to a charity. The dues drive was also discussed. Envelopes will be added to the March newsletter for those homeowners who want to mail in or drop off their dues payment. The board approved the ordering of banner reminding everyone that we are collecting dues for HOA membership. Jessica Clark will send the board members a "mock up" of what she has designed. She will then order it and have it hung on the fence at the front entrance to our subdivision.

Kathy Morelli will replicate the banner on our website home page as a reminder to those accessing the site. **New Business** The Annual Meeting will be held on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at Sharon Erickson's house - all are welcome to attend. Board members are appointed at this meeting - our by-laws state that we need 7 members, appointed on a rotating basis. Currently we have a full board and hope that continues in to 2015. Officer elections occur at the April meeting (first meeting following the Annual Meeting).

Deb Clark met with Gary Ramos our Urban Parks representative from Foothills Park and Recreation. The meeting was set to discuss clean up needs at Eagle meadow Park. Since the bond measure for the district did not pass there are limitations to what can be done in the park. Deb heads a wonderful group of Williamsburg II Homeowner volunteers who cleaned up our common areas last fall. They are willing to help out on the park clean up. Foothills will do some preliminary clean up along the pond area, east of the gazebo. They will bring in a dumpster; remove the overgrown shrubs and trees including willows and Russian olives. Our volunteers would follow up with more clean up in this area. Gary was very impressed that we have volunteers who are willing to help out in this endeavor - we ARE lucky to have homeowners who are willing to pitch in and help keep up our neighborhood. Thank you in advance!

According to Deb, Foothills will also do some sidewalk repair at the park and repaint the tennis court. Unfortunately there is not enough money in their budget to resurface the courts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**Behind the badge—Coyote Behavior by Sheriff Jeff Shrader** Once considered ghosts of the plains, coyote's elusive reputation of being heard but not seen has changed dramatically along the urban landscape. With the exception of a few incidents, coyotes had largely learned to avoid us. Though a relatively recent phenomenon, coyotes are among the top emerging wildlife species in an increasing number of metropolitan areas across North America. This includes one of the largest urban areas along the Front Range - unincorporated Jefferson County. Due to wildlife studies and help from our communities, we are beginning to understand how coyotes continue to thrive and adapt in landscapes dominated by people.



The typical duties of a Jefferson County Animal Control Officer include investigating animal abuse, enforcing leash laws, and regulating barking dogs and dangerous dogs. In recent years Jeffco Ani-

mal Control Officers have directed resources towards coyote conflict management. Our Animal Control Unit works closely with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and Jefferson County Open Space to monitor the uptick in coyote activity. As a result, an innovative new approach to documenting coyote behavior in unincorporated Jefferson County was recently launched.

**Coyote Behavior Maps** Animal Control officers track coyote observations, sightings, encounters and pet attacks. In 2015, the Animal Control Unit created an interactive map that details coyote behavior for 2014 and 2015. Users are now able to search coyote activity within a desired location as well as refine their search to view only attacks or sightings. By clicking on any given icon, users can now view a brief description of the coyote encounter, the approximate location, and the date of the incident. The coyote behavior maps are a true testament to our mission in providing responsive, top quality service to our community. In recent weeks, there have been eight coyote sightings and 13 attacks on pets reported in south Jeffco.

How can your sighting be added? Reporting sighting and encounters allow us to monitor coyote behavior in unincorporated Jefferson County. All reports are anonymous. Your name and address will not appear on our coyote map. Please call 303-271-5070 or submit an email to: animal-control@jeffco.us.

Co-existing with coyotes is possible through education and information sharing.

Currently, we are limited to providing support and referrals for coyote reports made within the boundaries of unincorporated Jefferson County. We are actively collaborating to involve multiple jurisdictions. If you live within a municipality, please contact your city's animal control agency.

What to do if you have an incident with a coyote If a coyote attacks your pet, or if you have an unexpected en-

counter with a coyote in which the animal appears aggressive, please report the incident to Jeffco Animal Control immediately at 303-271-5070.

In the case of a coyote attack on a human, call 911. The Sheriff's Office will respond and notify Colorado Parks and Wildlife who will assess the need to relocate or destroy the animal.

For more information on avoiding coyote conflicts and tips for protecting your children and pets visit: www.jeffco.us/sheriff/animal-control/coyotes

**Question from COHOPE member**—Littleton passed two ballot measures in a special election. Question 2A prohibits the city from using eminent domain procedures except at the request of the property owner. Question 300 requires the city to get voter permission to use urban renewal tools like tax increment financing or eminent domain to declare an area blighted and redevelop it.

The argument for these laws is that it allows the citizens to have some control over development, while the argument against is that redevelopment of areas may not happen if businesses have too many hurdles to get over. Should similar ordinances be considered for Jefferson County? Is this a subject / issue that COHOPE should pursue? Is

there enough input on development to the county or should the process be examined / changed / updated?

#### volleyball court)

Littleton's Sewer Rates will increase 2% for both in and out district. A single-family residence will be assessed \$226.31 per year for sewage treatment. Sewer lines are maintained by the sanitation district in which the property is located and that district may bill for maintenance, or may have a property tax assessment. A multi-family residence will pay \$192.36 per dwelling unit. A commercial or industrial user will be assessed \$2.48 per thousand gallons of wastewater with a minimum charge of \$122.83.

On Mar. 24 - 26, Meadows Shopping Center is being auctioned off. It is by Fun City and the Post Office. The addresses are 9719 - 9779 W. Coal Mine. They are requiring a \$25K deposit in order to bid on the property. They hope to get \$750K.

The Grace Place church on S. Everett is requesting a rezoning for a 7K sq. ft. expansion.

On Mar. 12 the Liquor Board will discuss the Little Thai restaurant request. It is at 7470 S. Pierce.

Our speaker for April will be Jefferson County Mental Health representative from the Sheriff's Department. In May we will have the County Assessor. In June, we have Tina Francone from RTD. Her email is tina.francone@rtd-denver.com. She is speaking in April at the Ken Caryl Ranch House about rate increases. She also provided a "Stand Up 4 Transportation" flyer.

Diane will not be able to attend our meeting in April and May. She will be attending the Citizens Academy. Ray or Cheri will run the meeting.

Old Business The position of President for COHOPE is still open.

New Business Elections were held. Diane was reelected Vice President. Ray was reelected Treasurer.

It was proposed we discuss and vote on a resolution against Jared's rezoning. The Board of Commissioners should vote on this on the March 17th. The current by-laws prevented this because they require a notice prior to the meeting that such a vote is to be taken.

#### Announcements None.

COHOPE Treasury Activity: February 2015 E Deposits Withdrawals March newsletter \$7.35 Website Feb 15 to May15 \$26.19	Beginning Balance February 4, 2015 \$ \$ \$	1	1565.83 0.00* 33.54
Ending Balance March 4, 2015 W R Moore, Treasurer	\$	1	1532.29
*Westbury HOA sent in dues mid February to join, but dep Dues notices will go out in March for current members.	posit was not made prior to this newsletter.		

Area Meetings: **RTD meeting** in our area to discuss new fare structure and receive public comments

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.-District N, Ken Caryl Ranch Metro District, Ranch House 7676 S. Continental Divide Rd. Littleton, CO 80127

**Case Number: 15104793** CMT Address: 12472 W Belleview Avenue Special Use Sub Type: Rezoning Acres: 3.9 Case Manager: Alan Tiefenbach

Community Meeting Date: Apr 14, 2015 Community Meeting Time: 6PM

Community Meeting Location: Belleview Community Church, 12472 W. Belleview Ave

Description: Special Use to allow expansion of existing church "12742 W. Belleview Avenue, between S. Alkire Street and S. Simms Street, on the south side of Belleview.

Proposal for Special Use and Site Development

Plan to allow church expansion and a pre-school, K-6 school and day care"

Foothills Park & Recreation District (303) 409-2525; kate@fhprd.org - Spring Lifeguarding Courses The hiring

standard for those aspiring to be lifeguards, is the Lifeguarding Course. It is a course designed by the American Red Cross on a national level. Register for this class and enjoy the challenge of improving your swimming and lifesaving skills. Students must be 15 years of age. Water tests must be passed on the first day of class. All classes must be attended to pass. For more information please E-mail the program coordinator at meaganv@fhprd.org

Session 3265-3 4/4/2015 - 5/2/2015 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Class Days: Saturday Ages: 15 - Adult

Location: Ridge Recreation Center Fee: \$235.00 District Rate: \$185.00

**Summer Camps** run June 1 - August 13, 2015. Summer Camp Enrollment will be held online, occurring on the dates below. Mark your calendars, camps fill quickly.

April 13: Enrollment begins for year round families (currently attending before & after school or all day care and preschool who also attended summer camps last summer). Summer Camp Enrollment will be held online, occurring on the dates below. Mark your calendars, camps fill quickly.

April 20: Enrollment begins for the general public.

May 28 from 4-6:30pm: Medication Check In Night at Ridge Recreation Center (for families requiring medication in camps) Parents will have an opportunity to choose days or weeks of care based on camp selection. A \$25 deposit per week, per child will be due at time of selection. Remaining tuition will be due on the 1st of the month, prior to care.

**Battle of the Bands**—A competition of local bands comprised of middle & high school teens. Saturday, June 20, 2015, 6-8 p.m. in Clement Park. Bands interested in applying should review and complete: Rules & Regulations, Band Application, Waiver Form.

Submit completed application and CD in person by MAY 22 at: Music Go Round - 8055 W. Bowles Ave. #2C, Littleton 80123 • 303-932-8277

Grand Prize is an opening gig on July 3, 2015 for Red White & You and on August 13, 2015 for the Foothills Entertainment Series.

Additional prizes include Music Go Round gift certificate, swag bag and other prizes. Voting will be conducted by judges and include audience vote. Band selected to compete will be notified by MAY 29.

For information, contact Regina Smith at 303.409.2612 or reginas@fhprd.org.

**Spring 2015 Pottery Sale**—Free Admission FRI, MAY 1 (9 a.m. – 7 p.m.), SAT, MAY 2 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) Ridge Recreation Center (downstairs) 6613 S. Ward St., Littleton

, Budget Yr	Jan1 Dec 31 2015	Actual 2014	Budgeted 2014	
Income	2013	2014	2014	
Bank Account, yr start	1575.18	1777.60	1777.60	
Est Dues income	540.00	480.00	620.00	
Est other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total for year	2115.18	2257.60	2397.60	<b>Cohope Budget report for 2014/20</b> We did not get as much dues income predicted in 2014, so even though w
Expenses				a little less than budgeted we still los
Newsletter/postage				\$202.42. In 2015, assuming about th
est. \$10 / month	84.00	115.16	100.00	expenses as 2014 and the same due
PO box	56.00	56.00	54.00	come, we will lose \$220. So we can either drop expenses or t
Picnic / Xmas Expenses	250.00	196.50	250.00	a bigger membership. Even at the cu
Booth + Shelter	200.00	200.00	190.00	loss rate, we can go 4 or 5 more yea
Website	120.00	104.76	104.76	fore it becomes critical.
Other*	50.00	10.00	50.00	The major expenses are the Picnic for
Total for year	760.00	682.42	748.76	shelter rental, the Christmas party, the merset booth and supplies, and the w
Est + / - for year	-220.00	-202.42	-128.76	Ray Moore, Treasurer
Est funds, Jan. 2016	1355.18	1575.18	1648.84	

\* Copies Colorado report fee



The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 1st, at 7:00 pm at the Jeffco Sheriff's South station— 11139 Bradford Road. The speaker will be **someone** from Jefferson County Mental Health and will discuss the mental health related work they are doing helping JCSO interact with people they encounter on some calls for assistance. The May 6th speaker will be Mr. Sandstrom, Jeffco Assessor. The June 3rd meeting speaker will be Tina Francone, our District representative to RTD.

COHOPE's Spring-time Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will be on Sat. April 18.. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of W Bowles Community church. Everyone participating must sign the County's release waiver prior to helping with the cleanup. If you already sign that form, then you don't need to sign it again. The County provides the trash bags and orange vests. If it snows/rains then, the trash pick up will be the following Saturday, same time/place.

**DRCOG—Way to Go - Commuter Services** - Way to Go is a regional partnership between the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and a dedicated group of Transportation Management Associations (TMAs). We work together to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and make life better for the region's residents. Formerly known as RideArrangers, we've been promoting better commuting options for employers and individuals for more than 30 years. We offer real-life solutions helping commuters save money, experience less stress, and save time, so that they can focus more on the things they enjoy. We're here to help you find a better commute and our assistance is free of charge thanks to federal funding earmarked to preserve air quality and reduce congestion. If you're an employer who wants to attract and retain the best employees by offering progressive and friendly commute options, we're here to help, again at no charge. Visit the Way to Go website (http://waytogo.org/) to learn more.

**SkiPool**—Love the mountains, but hate putting the wear and tear on your car? NOW is the time to set up a vanpool through the Way to Go program and join the I-70 SkiPool! The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Denver Regional Council of Governments' (DRCOG) Way to Go program are rewarding those who reduce congestion by sharing the ride. Set up a new daily commuter vanpool and CDOT will cover the cost of one mountain trip every weekend – this means zero miles, gas costs and related maintenance on personal vehicles, while also reducing the number of cars on I-70! Only 25 new vans are available for the I-70 SkiPool program. Sign up soon so you can ride up in style in a 2014 Chevy Traverse equipped with ski rack, XM radio, backup camera and brand-new tires.

Here's how it works: Find at least 4 coworkers or friends with similar weekday commutes (minimum total of five people) Contact Way to Go at 303-458-POOL (7665) or waytogo@drcog.org. Drive the Way to Go van to work every day during the week, and DRCOG will subsidize up to 60 percent of your commute costs Drive the Way to Go van to one of the designated ski resorts one weekend day per week, and CDOT will subsidize 100 percent of your trip costs from January 17, 2015 to March 28, 2015. Designated ski areas are Arapahoe Basin, Breckenridge, Copper, Keystone, Loveland and Winter Park. Drivers must maintain and submit a weekly trip report for each ski trip (failure to do so may result in loss of the weekly SkiPool subsidy). All SkiPool riders must be at least 18 years of age and registered at MyWayToGo.org. New vanpools only; existing vanpools are not eligible.