

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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## Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Aug. 6, 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: August 25, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Aug. 19, 6:30pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference rm.  
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **August 5 Picnic**  
**Sept 2 Jeffco BOCC, Oct 7, Nov 4**

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**Draft Minutes for July 1 2015 Meeting** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Mary Parker / At Large, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Larry Major / Columbine South Estates, Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assoc., Burke & Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West HOA, Bob & Pat Ham / Westridge-Lakeview Meadows, Dian Rase & Gary Hansen / Columbine Ridge, Captain Allen Simmons / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, State Senator Andy Kerr, State Representative Justin Everett.

.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**, said that the response time was just over 6 minutes for Priority 1 calls. There have been more Priority 2 calls.

Burglaries spiked 111% last month, but it has gone down the last 3 weeks. It is down 23% this month. Motor vehicle trespass is down 17%. Criminal trespass is up, usually unlocked doors.

Complaints have increased concerning cars and bicycles on Deer Creek Canyon Road. They are keeping an eye on it. There have been drug complaints at Clement Park in the parking lot near the Skate Park. They spent 47 hours this month working on the issue. Dealers are coming from Denver and Douglas Counties. There was an arrest for drug dealing at Quincy and Eldridge. One person ran from a Jeep. The Jeep was stolen. It was impounded. The suspect has been tied to 15 burglaries.

There was a robbery of a wallet and cell phone at Remington.

If someone wants to grow marijuana, can they? They need a permit.

Someone heard about a robbery north of Clement Park. They arrested 4 people.

Cooperation between Douglas and Jefferson Counties resulted in the arrest of 3 people from Illinois. They were passing fraudulent coupons at Target. Lone Tree Target is prosecuting.

Someone has a neighbor with a fire pit. They are getting noisy and vulgar. If it goes past 10:00 p.m., just call the Dispatcher.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speakers were **State Senator Andy Kerr** and **State House of Representative Justin Everett**.

Senator Andy Kerr's profession is teacher. He teaches at an online school.

This session was quiet. A lot of bills passed in one house only to fail in the other. No major bills got passed.

The bill that got passed in the final hours in May was to reduce testing in schools. There was support for it in both houses and both parties. Andy Kerr was a sponsor. Everyone wanted something related to testing to pass, but the devil is in the details. They rolled back testing in High School primarily.

It has been shown that if a student can't read at grade level by the 3rd grade, there is a much higher incidence of dropping out or incarceration.

Every year the Governor signs a bill at a school. This year the chosen Jefferson County school declined his request.

The budget is balanced every year. It was done this year again. We have reached our Tabor limit. Next year there will probably be a refund of \$20.

Recreational marijuana in Colorado is tested for things like pesticides, mold, etc. Medical marijuana is not tested. They are working on a bill to test Medical marijuana. A bill was passed to raise the penalty for extracting oil from marijuana. There is something on the ballot to tax marijuana. Last year's Proposition AA was approved. It specified what would happen if more money is collected than what was predicted. So the \$56M collected in excise tax needs to be refunded. But to whom? Amendment 64 said the money would go from school construction. The new bill would take care of this. The Lark Bill did not pass. It was for long acting reversible contraceptive IUD. Women using them have fewer pregnancies and better health. The \$5M spent on the program was saving Colorado \$8M per year. The Grant Program is running out of money.

Is the Cyberbullying law going to work? Cyberbullying will probably still happen. It is very hard to enforce. A person has the right to say what they want, but they cannot harass. However with cyberbullying there is usually written evidence. There is a rumor that the Governor will call a special session to implement primaries instead of caucuses. It could happen in late August or early September.

The Felony DUI law finally passed. It could increase the number of people in prison and that will increase costs. Ed Wood is working on a bill that requires drug testing at accident sites. Andy had not heard about it. It would require a blood test.

State House of Representative Justin Everett said that this session had a different tenor. Anything extreme brought up in one house was killed in the other house.

Many very important bills get presented late in the session. Justin wants to present a bill next year that will specify if someone runs a late bill or more bills than you are allocated, you have to get a super majority before it is presented. The budget passed. The 6 members (3 Democrats and 3 Republican) of the Joint Budget Committee have the most power over the budget. The budget they presented did not have a lot of changes.

This session was different. There was a lot more activity, a lot more working across the rows, and a lot more debate. What does he think about Colorado having a primary versus a caucus? We may lose delegates if our primary is close to Iowa, etc. Colorado would lose influence in this situation. It would cost counties more. (It is estimated that the Douglas County election would cost \$700K more.)

Does Justin think that the Red Light Camera bill will come up again? Justin is sure that the Governor will veto it again. On the subject of marijuana, will there be any legislation to stop or control doctors from handing out red cards? They prosecuted the doctor who handed out the most. It was assumed that Medical marijuana users would shift to Recreational marijuana. However this hasn't happened because the taxes are lower for Medical users.

**Reports from Officers** Roll Call was taken. We had 11 members present and we have a quorum.

We do not have a President.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, was present. We have \$1,840.13.

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

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present.

A new Paint Recycling program, [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org), starts today. There are 49 places in Colorado where you can take paint. The nearest location is 8996 W. Bowles Ave. The criteria at this location is 5 gallon can be recycled per visit during normal business hours. The can has to have the original label. Different places may have different criterion. The cost is paid for by a National Program where the customer pays the recycle fee when the paint is purchased. It is the Colorado Paint Stewardship Law.

Foothills Parks and Recreation District will probably have a mil levy on the ballot in 2016.

On July 8, there is a Planning Commissioners Hearing about the Senior Living Facility on the north side of Bowles by Rite Aid. It will be a multi-story building.

On Aug. 4, there will be a County Commissioners Hearing about the Senior Living Facility.

There is a Pre-Application proposed rezoning for Self Storage facility at Coal Mine and Kipling.

There is a Pre-Application proposed rezoning for Commercial retail / Assisted Living facilities on Columbine Drive.

5021 S. Jellison has an old Shell Station. They want to demolish it and build 2 retail units. They want an exception from the 20 ft. height, to 27 ft.

There is a rezoning request for the hardware store where Hugh M. Woods was. There are a lot of options.

The Libraries in Jefferson County will ask for a 1 mil levy increase on the ballot.

Our next meeting and annual picnic is Aug. 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Shelter 6 at Clement Park. We will be in this room for Sept.

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

There is more information on the line of sight issue that Ralph brought up last meeting. The 42 inches is measured from the gutter. You can file complains on-line. There is 1 address per complaint but you can attach 3 photos. Ralph was not present to give us any status.

Ray will reserve Lilley Gulch for October and November. Winnie Burdan plans to be at our September meeting.

**New Business** None.

**Announcements** Our Aug. meeting will be at Clement Park in Shelter 6 at 6:00 p.m.

We adjourned at 8:25 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Cohope Secretary.*

*Additional—the September speaker will be one of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.*

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**From President's Corner June 2015**— Summer is finally here, and I hope you have interesting family plans for the Fourth of July holiday. Now that the grass is growing rapidly, let's do our best to keep our yards mowed and looking nice, 95% of you do a great job of that. Thanks for keeping your property looking nice; it helps all of us when our community looks cared for. I've noticed that several have not yet trimmed bushes and trees back from your corner lots. Mainly it's a traffic safety issue. I know Jefferson County will get involved if things are not taken care of. Please trim bushes so they are no higher than 45 inches and tree branches so that they are no lower than seven feet.

Please take advantage of our wonderful summer weather to get out and renew friendships with your neighbors. If we all did our part to build a strong community we will enjoy our time here a lot more. The wisest person who ever walked this planet asked us to do unto others as we'd have them do unto us. I'm asking you to be the kind of neighbor you wish you had. If your neighbor's yard needs help, don't sit and complain – go help them. Let's take every opportunity to look for ways we can be an encouragement to those around us.

*Randy Montgomery - rmontgomery@frcs.org CHICA President*

**2015 June Board Meeting** for June : Randy Montgomery, Michaelle Otto, Pat and Ralph Miller.

Old Business: Bike parade was discussed and agreed upon for prizes and activities and details were ironed out.

New Business: Signage for neighborhood and activities was discussed. Will be discussed further in July's meeting.

Next month's meeting to be a social gathering along with our meeting. Burgers will be served, all we are asking is that community members that attend bring a side dish and/or beverages.

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. The late spring rains have made it absolutely gorgeous. What a great time to live in Colorado!!! Also, summer means the kids are out of school and more kids will be riding bikes and playing outside. Please be especially careful as you drive through the neighborhood. For the 4th of July Holiday I would like to suggest if you have an American flag to display outside in support of the holiday, etc. It really gives off a positive vibe in the neighborhood.

Thanks to all of who own RVs and boats for limiting the time that they are parked on the streets or in your driveways prior to and after use. Everyone appreciates your efforts!

Thanks to our Landscape Committee of Bob Pellegrini, Stephanie Haberkorn, Steve and Mary Kalany, Jay Seifert, Joan Weyhmiller, Tom & Donna Telschow and others who planted new perennials at the entrance gardens on Chatfield and Yukon.

In June, Jennifer Blake and I had the privilege of meeting some of our new neighbors. We were able to present them with welcome baskets. It was great to meet you all and hope you find living in CKSII an enjoyable experience.

We had an excellent meeting in June which was attended by both board members and some new members of the CKSII community. It is great to have community members take the time to come to our meetings to let us know what is on their minds. Thanks to all those who attended. Please check the June minutes to see what was discussed.

The next CKSII Board meeting will be August 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the north kiosk in Coronado Park. Hope to see you there!— *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

**From Board Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2015** President, Jon Brouillet, called to order the meeting at 7:00 pm. Board members Jon Brouillet, Debbie Opperman, Steve Kalney, Bob Pellegrini, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 312 members.

ACC Committee: Bob Pelligrini reported 9 requests and 9 approved with 0 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 4 for paint, 1 for a deck, 1 for windows, 1 for a pool, 1 for a shed, and 1 for fence.

Landscape Committee: Stephanie Haberkorn reported that many plants in the original plan for the landscaping along Chatfield Ave are not coming up and the landscaping committee would like approval to replace those plants in accordance with the Jefferson County approved landscape plan. The Board approved this request.

Welcome Committee: Jon Brouillet reported that he and Jennifer Blake visited 11 new neighbors to deliver welcome baskets. It was reported that these baskets are well received and have been a success.

Management Report: Six inspections were conducted since the last Board meeting. Forty-six violations were processed by mail and/or personal contact. This included 31 visible RVs - 17 campers, 10 boats and 4 trailers; 3 weeds; 1 long grass; 2 dead trees; 2 visible trash containers; 1 wrecked car; 1 deck with peeling paint; 1 fence stain; 3 political signs; and 1 report of ducks in back yard. The fence stain has previously been discussed and the owner was mailed a letter and photo. The political signs were discussed at the last meeting when the Board gave an owner one month to remove

their sign. The ducks were reported by email but could not be seen.

**Community Garage Sale:** The community garage sale occurred last week and weather appeared to impact the number of participants, especially on Friday. Jennifer Blake submitted a proposal to sponsor next year's sale and add additional signage and organize a charity pick-up truck to come to the neighborhood following the sale to pick up usable items not wanted after the sale. The Board voted to approve this proposal.

**New Business:** Greg Steward commented that the ballots for Section 1 will soon go to the board and legal counsel for review before mailing. These will be for Section 1 to vote to merge with Sections 2 and 3 which recently passed covenants that match Section 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

**From A Moment With The Board** The June 9th CWCA meeting was at the pool pavilion, the weather was threatening, huge clouds and some thunder, but the Board conducted business as usual and welcomed a visitor to the meeting. Presently there are 299 paid members, that is 78% of our 2015 goal, plus extra donations from generous households. It is hoped to reach our goal at Dumpster Day. Thank you Cindy for planning the Big Event and the weather report for Saturday, June 20th, looks to be cooperating. Plans are underway for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4th. Thank you Dee Nise Stow for stepping up and volunteering to become the NNO Chairperson. Newsletters are now available for pick up at 7860 W. Portland Ave. The Fall Festival is being planned for the beginning of October, offering a chili cook-off (with prizes), potential neighborhood car show, entertainment plus more items being planned. Watch the newsletter for more details. Come join the neighborhood. 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 the next one is July 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Pool Pavilion, second Tuesday of the Month.

## **The Leawood Rappporter**

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes: June 3, 2015** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Nancy Bock, Heather Hanley, Richard White, Debby Baker, Rhonda Eveleth, Paul O'Connor, Lori Patik, and Steve Patik. Please find the Treasurer's report featured separately in the Rappporter. Richard will provide the Leawood Park Board with invoices for the Rappporter and Dumpster.

LCA memberships are on the rise. Paul reported receiving several memberships from the Membership Drive Flyer that was recently mailed to Leawood residents.

Lori Patik motioned to have Debby Baker resume responsibilities as the Rappporter Editor. Paul O'Connor seconded. All in favor. Paul will review the Rappporter proof prior to publication.

The board discussed the following events; Spring Garage Sale, Bulk Clean-Up, and the annual Picnic. The garage sale was a success this year, with 34 participants (up 10 houses from last yr). Board member responsibilities were briefly reviewed for the Bulk Clean-Up. Board members discussed food options and activities for the picnic. Volunteers will be contacted for assistance.

Heather will provide Rhonda with 3 welcome baskets needed for new Leawood homeowners (May). Debby will work on creating a Leawood magnet, on Café Press, to include in the welcome baskets.

The board briefly discussed the Jay Court entrance. Maintenance has begun. Richard will follow up with volunteers regarding flowers.

Lori will continue to post upcoming LCA meetings, FYP's and events to the Leawood Facebook page. LCA needs volunteers!

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. These June minutes were finalized and approved, via email, on June 12, 2015.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes June 10, 2015** The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. in the pavilion at Leawood Park by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Resident and Leawood Civic Association board member Debby Baker was also present.

**Public Comment** – At the request of the Leawood Civic Association, Debby asked the District to pay for one of the dumpsters at the LCA Cleanup event. The cost for the dumpster is \$350. Linda moved we pay for the one of the dumpsters. Donna seconded and the motion passed. An invoice is needed for us to pay for this.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Donna and bills to be paid. Property tax revenue and ownership tax revenue was reported. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services, Denver Water, L&M for grass cutting, doggie bags invoice, Silver Sage for trees at Raccoon, Valles Construction for planting trees, a check for Pop's Concrete for concrete pad for the new potty area, L&M for fertilizing the blue grass, a check for stamps, Post Office box invoice, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash.

**Parks Manager Report** – Dave reported the trees in Raccoon Park have been planted and irrigation to water them is in place. A tree was added to the Weaver parkway to replace a dead one and a downed tree was replaced in Raccoon Park. A contractor for the concrete pad for the new potty structure was chosen and the pad will be placed as soon as weather permits. Dave has given the okay for the structure contractor to start production on the actual structure in his

shop. Urban Drainage removed the downed tree in Raccoon Park and at the creek area in Weaver Park. L&M has been busy keeping the grass cut and we can expect some extra cutting costs to be added to our contract. Irrigation equipment was repaired in various places. Dave commented that he has removed several unauthorized piles of grass clippings and cardboard at our dumpster on Sheridan. This is not for public dumping. We ask that anyone who sees someone other than Dave dumping, to please let Dave know. The landscape contractor for the C-line project seeded the tracks in Weaver Park and added straw. Dave reported lots of trash in the pavilion at Leawood Park. This is an ongoing problem after most weekends. The playground area in Leawood Park was raked level. Dave asked for permission to have the pavilion and corner signage in Leawood Park painted. We hope to have it done before the LCA picnic in August. The graffiti is getting difficult to cover up. Donna asked Dave to have the Russian Olive trees at the bridge areas trimmed of the new growths. Dave will have a contractor do that as soon as possible.

**Old Business** – Open Board positions – Kyle is still putting together information on Board position descriptions. We will discuss this again in July.

**New Business** – Discussed the Goode property that is up for sale.

Future Meetings – August 12, 2015 – Leawood Park pavilion, 6:30 p.m., September 9, 2015, October 14, 2015, November 11, 2015, December 9, 2015 – Leawood Elem. School, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 7:32 p.m. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## Westbury HOA

**2015 Annual Membership Update** As of June 9, 2015, we have 37 household members, not including online payments. A great continuation for our 2015 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. Our goal for 2015 is to increase OUR MEMBERSHIP to 25% of the 273 homeowners in Westbury.

**Fair Entrance Traffic Concerns Addressed** Following a recent fatal accident at W. Fair and S. Kipling, your Westbury Homeowners Association contacted Jefferson County regarding traffic safety at the major entrances to our neighborhood. Together we explored options for improved safety at that intersection, including timing of the traffic light, reduced speed limit near the Fair light, and use of a “signal ahead” flashing beacon on Kipling just before the Fair light. The county adjusted signal timing to allow cars and pedestrians entering or crossing Kipling ample time before the change. The county gathered traffic count statistics and accident rates for the intersection. After analysis, they concluded that the accident rate is too low to warrant a flashing beacon or a reduced speed limit. (Jeffco is reluctant to reduce speed limits on major arterials because of the domino effect of creating other traffic issues along that road.)

Additionally, we pointed out that the “yield” sign at the turn from Kipling southbound onto Fair appears too late into the turn for drivers to notice it. The county traffic engineer agreed, and submitted a work order to place an additional “yield” sign earlier in the turn. This new signage means that the driver turning there must yield to all cars entering the intersection; first from Kipling onto Fair, and also those cars that have pulled ahead into the intersection after stopping at the stop signs on Fair. All drivers will need to exercise due care, as this intersection is a bit awkwardly configured.

The engineer offered data showing that the flashing beacon on W. Bowles eastbound before the neighborhood entrance at S. Kline, placed there several years ago, has been effective in reducing the number of serious accidents there.

We inquired whether a “No Left Turn” sign could be installed at the W. Walker intersection to S. Kipling, as many drivers still try to turn left in spite of a “(right arrow symbol) Only” sign there. Although the words “No Left Turn” might be more effective, the engineer declined that suggestion, saying that the message is the same.

Our thanks to Mr. Derek Schuler of the Jefferson County Traffic Engineering Department for quick attention to our concerns and the timely gathering of data. He kept us informed of each step he was taking and explained his decisions well. Hats off to Mr. Schuler and to WHOA VP Sharon Hilderbrant for coordinating the exchange! We’ve posted the traffic data research at [www.westburyhoa.us](http://www.westburyhoa.us).

## Woodbourne

**From Notes From the June Board Meeting** The June Board meeting was held on June 17, 2015. The recent community events were reviewed and planning continues for the upcoming summer events.

The covered patio has been constructed and finishing touches are being made. The Board discussed the purchase of picnic tables and grills for the covered patio area. The Woodbourne pool is now in full summer operations mode.

The Annual Woodbourne Garage Sale was another success and the Board would like to thank everyone that participated this year. Thanks go out to Julie Render, RE/Max Professionals, and Linda Hansen Randall, Starkey Mortgage, for their support and sponsorship.

Residents are reminded that although the pool is a facility for Woodbourne residents and their invitees, a household is allowed only SIX GUESTS at the pool unless you pre-arrange a party reservation and have life guard coverage coordinated with Front Range. Also, NO ALCOHOL is permitted at the pool at any time.

The Board continues to request additional participants for the 2nd Annual Woodbourne Pitmasters BBQ Competition. The 2015 Competition is sponsored by Tom Walker with American Family Insurance. If you have questions about this event, please contact Jay Hansen at 720-220-6805.

Additional Social Events that are being planned for Woodbourne are the Annual Fourth of July bike parade, Teen and

Tween events, and the annual movie night at the pool. Please continue to check the Woodbourne Newsletter and website for additional details and dates. — *Jay Hansen, President*

**Foothills Park & Recreation District, Contact: Kate Drago, Communications & Marketing Supervisor (303) 409-2525; [kate@fhprd.org](mailto:kate@fhprd.org)**

**Foothills August Events**

**August concerts**

Saturday, August 1, 7-8:30 p.m. – Shakespeare in the Park, Twelfth Night Pre-show Information for Shakespeare in the Park: Are you new to Shakespeare or would like a better understanding of the storyline? Beginning at 6pm, our cast will present a fun and engaging game show that will take you through the plot of Twelfth Night. This game show will play twice between 6-7pm and is great for families and kids of all ages. Show will start promptly at 7pm. Pre-show Information for Shakespeare in the Park: Are you new to Shakespeare or would like a better understanding of the storyline? Beginning at 6pm, our cast will present a fun and engaging game show that will take you through the plot of Twelfth Night. This game show will play twice between 6-7pm and is great for families and kids of all ages. Show will start promptly at 7pm.

Thursday, August 6th, 7-8:30 p.m.—Ryan Chrys & The Rough Cuts - modern outlaw country

Friday, August 7th, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Doctor Noize - concert for kids packed with FUN!

Thursday, August 13th, 7-8:30 p.m., Opener: TBA - winner, 2015 Battle of the Bands, Headliner: 21 Taras (formerly Keep Kalm) - winner, 2014 Battle of the Bands

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: July 2015</b>	<b>Beginning Balance July 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 1842.49</b>
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$ 10.78</b>
April newsletter \$5.39, July newsletter \$5.39		
<b>Ending Balance August 5, 2015</b>		<b>\$ 1840.13</b>
<b>W R Moore, Treasurer</b>		

*From Jeffco website* **Jefferson County Head Start Open for Enrollment**—All children should have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Jefferson County Head Start believes that quality, early education fundamentally transforms children and families and assists them in reaching their full potential. In 2014, Head Start provided no cost preschool and other family supportive services to more than 466 children and their families in Clear Creek, Park, Gilpin and Jefferson Counties. All parents can call Head Start today to get children enrolled for fall 2015.

Jefferson County Head Start is a no-cost, child-focused and family-centered preschool program committed to providing education, health, nutrition, and family services to children and families in need. Head Start is more than a preschool program; it provides a range of wrap-around, individualized services in several areas. Most importantly, it gives children who wouldn't usually have the opportunity to go to preschool the ability to learn, participate, and be active in a school setting at an early age.

Jefferson County Head Start teachers prepare children for kindergarten by implementing activities and assessing children in the social, emotional, physical, cognitive, literacy, mathematics, and language developmental domains. These domains are aligned with Jefferson County Head Start's School Readiness Plan as the Head Start Early Learning Framework, Parent Family Community Engagement Framework, and the Colorado Academic Standards. Teachers plan lessons to provide daily opportunities for children to focus on the objectives for development and learning from Creative Curriculum. Teachers create individual lesson plans to meet the needs of all children, including those who are dual-language learners and those who have disabilities.

Enrollment is now open for the fall 2015-2016 school year. Give your child a head start and call today to see if you qualify! Applications are available on our website or contact Michelle Kalkwarf, 720-497-7908. [mkalkwar@jeffco.us](mailto:mkalkwar@jeffco.us)

*From Jeffco Schools website* **Jeffco Schools Choice Enrollment**—Jeffco students and families, who wish to enroll their children in a school other than their neighborhood school, have the option of participating in Jeffco Public Schools' choice enrollment process for the 2015-16 school year.

Second-round choice enrollment for the 2015-16 school year runs through Monday, August 31. Any student in Colorado may enroll in any Jeffco school that has classroom space. To access a choice enrollment form, visit Jeffco's choice enrollment website.

Fill out the choice enrollment form and submit it to the school of choice. Second round applications are added to the remaining names on the first-round list on a first-come, first-served basis. A separate application must be completed and submitted for each child.

**Behind the badge—Safety In Faith Summit by Sheriff Jeff Shrader** Recently, while attending an FBI sponsored law enforcement executive's seminar in Washington, D.C., I had the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with Sheriff Al Cannon of Charleston County, South Carolina. Charleston is the location of the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church where nine church members were tragically murdered. It was while we were at the seminar that Sheriff Cannon first received word of the tragedy.

I was able to observe, firsthand, Sheriff Cannon's response to the shooting and his engagement with his staff and his community, even though quite a distance from home. What impressed me most was his ability to immediately begin making contact with churches in the Charleston area, sharing factual information with church leaders and his efforts to mitigate additional threats and worries the community might have.

In our own county and state, we too have experienced the devastation of violence in religious institutions. Many will recall the events of December 9, 2007 when two members from the Youth With a Mission missionary center in Arvada were murdered and two others were wounded. The same suspect then travelled to Colorado Springs to the New Life Church killing two and wounding three others. The suspect was shot by a member of the congregation and ultimately committed suicide.

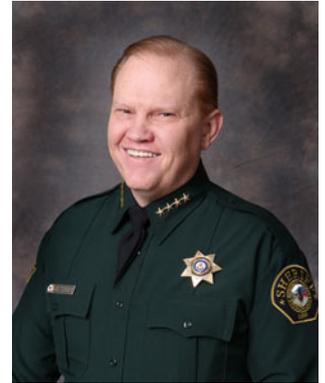
As community engagement is a primary focus of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, these incidents cause me to think that Jefferson County law enforcement needs to revisit, enhance and strengthen our relationships with our faith communities. In cities and counties where this has been done effectively, some in Jefferson County, there has been success in: Ensuring public safety and addressing threats by building on law enforcement's knowledge and experience; Building and maintaining relationships and partnerships with the faith community and those they serve; Establishing transparency, mutual understanding and trust between these communities and law enforcement; and, Best ensuring equal and respectful treatment of communities and partners.

To this end, and to create an opportunity to make our places of worship safer, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with other Jefferson County law enforcement agencies, is sponsoring the inter-faith "Jefferson County Safety in Faith Summit" at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on Thursday, August 20th.

Former United States Marshal Tina Rowe will be a key presenter at the summit. Tina brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in the area of safety and security to what promises to be an informative summit. Among many topics, she will address a six-step approach to ensuring whole facility safety and other issues that affect people, places, property, programs and processes.

Participation in the event is free but registration is required due to limited space. Those interested are encouraged to register before August 17th by visiting [www.http://jefferson-county-safety-in-faith-summit.eventbrite.com](http://jefferson-county-safety-in-faith-summit.eventbrite.com).

Please encourage appropriate leaders in your place of worship to participate. Together, we can make Jefferson County a safer place for all!



**Change in date/location for the Community Meeting for 9670 W Coal Mine Ave.... moved to Aug 4th in a meeting room at the Lilley Gulch Rec Center.**

Case Number: 15114897 CMT

Address: 9670 W Coal Mine Avenue Sub Type: Rezoning Case Manager: Heather Gutherless

Associated People: Who?

Acres: 11.33

Community Meeting Date: Aug 04, 2015 Community Meeting Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Community Meeting Location: Lilley Gulch Recreation Center - Rio Grande Room 6147 S. Holland Way, Littleton

Description: To rezone from PD to PD to allow for a free standing emergency department in addition to the medical office uses currently allowed.

*From Heather Gutherless—* A meeting to present the complete first draft of the Conifer/285 Corridor Area Plan has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 1. The meeting will be from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Conifer Community Church, 9998 Havekost Road.

Notes from the June 30 Land Use meeting are attached. They include both the verbal comments and written comments on the maps that I received at the meeting. They do not include any comments I have received since then. Please submit any comments you have on the Land Use maps by next Friday, July 31. Comments I get by then, I will be able to address in the draft Plan. In case you haven't already viewed them, here is a link to the website to view those maps, just scroll down to the maps section. After that date, I will still keep your comments, but may not be able to have them addressed in the draft Plan. They may have to wait until the 2nd draft.

Please send me any comments you have! If I complete the draft Plan prior to the September 1 meeting I will let you know. Regardless, I will send out another meeting reminder a week or two prior to the meeting.

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**Land Use Meeting Meeting Notes June 30, 2015—**Discussion: Activity Centers along 285 should be mostly commercial – at least all land adjacent to 285 and 73.; 285 is very noisy for nearby residential; Areas of stability could use help



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The August 5th meeting will be the annual Cohope pot luck dinner from 6 to 9 pm at Shelter 6 at Clement Park. (South of Bowles between Wadsworth and Pierce) Cohope will provide fried chicken and soft drinks /water. Please bring a dish to share. County officials and candidates for office will be invited. Our September speaker will be one (or more) of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. It will be at the Sheriff's South station at 11139 Bradford Road on September 2 at 7:00 pm.

with developing infrastructure – roads, water, sanitation, etc.; The plan should have definitions of retail, office, etc.; Distinction needed between commercial and retail; The quarry at Shaffer's Crossing should be identified as mineral extraction.; Can meadows be developed? There are special meadow policies for 1 du/5 acres that would keep development out of meadows.; Do meadow policies apply to all meadows? Currently, they only apply if rezoning less than 1 du/10 acres. Language should also address 1 du/10 acres.; Would like to see a minimum lot size in the meadow areas (Ex. 5 acres) rather than an overall density.; Will the definition of centralized water and sanitation change? No; How can people hook up to water and sanitation? They are not in good sites to hook up to. It is difficult if you are in an area far away from one of the existing water and sanitation providers. The County does not have plans to create new districts.; Can the existing centralized water/sewer handle the proposed densities? We will look at the service plans for the two districts in the Aspen Park -Conifer Activity Center.; Could the school's sanitation system serve or be expanded to serve other properties? We will talk to the School District.; Water will be a limiting factor for multi-family development.; Conifer Heights – test wells will not support the density.; There is always consumptive use.; Why does the plan stress centralized water over wells – all we have are wells. We can't stop using wells as the source of water for water districts. There is not the free-flowing water available in this basin.; Are there any guidelines for submittal comments? Please submit comments by July 31. Comments about a specific recommendations are appreciated.; Can the draft plan and/or large land use maps be posted in the Conifer Library? We will check.

**Comments on Maps:** Aspen Park – Conifer Map: Map does not show Pike national forest area near Martin Lane, Label Beaver Pond Road, Desperate need for frontage road between Richmond Hill and Kings Valley, Kings Valley intersection is a death trap, Elk Creek Sand and Gravel, There should be a trail connection between West Jefferson Middle School and Marshdale Elementary, Area near Coyote Song Trail – This area should be at least 1 du/10 acres if not 15 – 30 acres. Agreement with a previous development.

Eastern Conifer Map: I think South Ridge Road is a dead end. Contact mapping and Jeffco Roads to check out., Do not believe S. Ridge Road connects to Kuester Road – Confusing to Fire/EMS

Turkey Creek Map: Area north of Davco Drive and Arrowhead Drive is steep and had wildfire and wildlife issues. This may be better in the 1 du/10 category than the Area of Stability., Show Fire Station and Buddhist Church in Homestead area as Isolated Existing Commercial.

Pine Junction Activity Center Map: It would be helpful to have a service road on the south side of 285 east of 126.

Aspen Park-Conifer Activity Center Map: Check the existing uses west of 285 between Morris Ave and Rea Ave. Are they residential or commercial? The area west of 285 between Rea Ave and Light Ln should be something other than residential. Main Street, if ever connected will go through this area.

Pine/Bufalo Creek Map: No comments