

COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Apr. 7, 7:00 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: April 26, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Apr. 20, 6:30 pm, 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: **Apr 6 Foothills May 4 Foothills Animal Shelter June 1**

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Draft Minutes for March 2 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore & Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, George Jackson / Williamsburg II, Burke and Betty Steinke / Lakehurst West, Sharon Hilderbrant / Westbury, Captain Al Simmons & Deputy Gordon Neuenfeldt / Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

The meeting was convened at 6:58 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports – Captain Al Simmons, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, said that response time for Priority 1 calls was 5 - 6 min. The trend of criminal trespass of motor vehicles (mostly unlocked) continues.

The Public Defender is handling a recent telephone scam. A person was called and told their grandson was in an accident and got a DUI. He needed \$1825 immediately and to send a money order from WalMart. Money was sent. Then they called back, asked for \$1900 and wanted it sent from a different WalMart. How can we stop this? We suggested training clerks, putting flyers in Meals on Wheels bags, with nursing personnel, at Senior Resource Center, and at churches.

What about IRS calls? You can report it to the Federal Trade Commission, but they don't investigate. Now the Colorado Attorney General also wants information.

There was a lot of activity at Kipling and Belleview at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. The captain was not aware of the reason.

There was a body found in the park near Coal Mine and Simms. It was a suicide.

What is the policy concerning removing snow from sidewalks in unincorporated Jefferson County? There is no ordinance.

What can be done about vehicles without a license? There is a database where the vehicle is registered. If it is not on the street, it is a Zoning issue. The form can be completed on-line. You can attach a maximum of 3 photos to that form when you send in a zoning complaint. You may want to ask Planning and Zoning about this the next time they speak at COHOPE.

What is the process for Road Races? The Sheriff requires that they hire off-duty officers. The church in the Westridge neighborhood is having a 5K in April.

No one from **Foothills Parks and Recreation District** was present.

No one from **Jefferson County Public Schools** was present.

Tonight's speaker was Deputy Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. He handed out "What is the Nearby Neighborhoods feature?".

Neighborhood Watch has reinvented itself. The original was based on a calling tree. Since March 2015 it is Nextdoor at nextdoor.com. It combines Crime Prevention and Social Media. It is part of Public Relations. It is used by law enforcement agencies. It started with reporting pot holes. It is like a private Facebook. It can be set up to send email or a text message.

There are more than 15,000 people involved in Jefferson County. One of the features in Nextdoor is Nearby Neighborhoods. Police can post in the general and crime and safety sections, but they can't see everything. Nextdoor requires a level of decorum. Anyone can delete a message and stop taking additional messages from a person. On Nextdoor, you can communicate publicly or privately. The first neighbor to join Nextdoor is designated a Neighborhood Lead. They have moderating duties. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Code Red is like reverse 911.

On Smart 911, law enforcement only has access to information for x minutes. You can upload phone numbers and photos. It is suggested that you upload photos of your house, kids, animals, etc.

You can use text-to-911 to text the Sheriff's Department.

You can contact Deputy Gordon Neuenfeldt at 303-271-5859. Although he is retiring on May 2nd. COHOPE members thank him for his service to our community over the years.

Reports from Officers Roll Call was taken. We had 13 members present and we have a quorum.

We do not have a President.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,454.99. Dues are due next month. Dues notices will be mailed out.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

There is a Community Meeting on March 14th at 8600 S. Oak Way (just south of C-470). They want to rezone the property for multifamily townhomes.

There is a pre-application meeting for Waterstone Church at 5890 S. Alkire. They want to sell property on the south side. They want to put in 4 buildings with 16 units per building.

The Liquor License Hearing is March 3rd. There is a transfer of ownership for 1053 W. Chatfield and 7660 S. Pierce. There is a liquor license transfer hearing for the space that was formerly Chatfield's sports bar at 5500 S. Simms. There is a hearing for a new liquor license application for a place in Conifer.

Mountain Ridge at 7322 S. Carr St. wants to rezone.

The new version of Jmap for Jefferson County came out Feb 24, 2016.

Foothills Parks and Recreation District will not be asking for a mil levy increase this year. The deal for their property on the southwest corner of Columbine and Wadsworth fell through. Changes were requested that made the deal unprofitable.

Concerning the Universal storage place near NE corner of S Kipling / W Coal Mine Ave., the Planning Commission didn't vote on the proposal on the original hearing date. They continued the case until March 9 with instructions to the applicant to meet with neighbors and county staff to try and work out their differences. The property owner's scheduled a meeting with only a few neighbors. They decided to reduce building height to 30 ft., increase the distance to their neighbors on the north to 40 ft, and change the shape of the building. After hearing testimony during the Planning Commission hearing on March 9 the commission members unanimously voted to deny the rezoning application. After that hearing the applicant withdrew their application to rezone the property for that storage facility so there won't be a BCC hearing on that case.

Diane has purchased a copy of the Registered Sex Offender's list for our area. Let her know if you want to see it.

Animal Control wants to remind us that it is coyote breeding season. Keep an eye on your pets.

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

New Business Our Spring adopt-a-highway cleanup will be April 9th, with April 16th as the backup date in case of snow/rain on the 9th. Meet at West Bowles Community church at 8:30 a.m. If you want to participate and haven't already signed the County's required waiver form, then please see Diane at the April meeting to sign it.

Announcements Our speaker on Apr. 6th will be **Ron Hopp** of **Foothills Parks and Recreation District**.

We adjourned at 9:03 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

COHOPE Treasury Activity: March 2016	W R Moore, Treasurer	
Beginning Balance March 2, 2016		\$ 1454.99
Deposits		\$ 340.00
Rotherham, Suchomel, Fisher, Burdan, Auburn \$20		
Lakehurst West, Westridge, Columbine Knolls S/E, Columbine Knolls HOA, Williamsburg II		
Columbine West \$40		
Withdrawals		\$ 16.66
April newsletter \$5.39, Dues Mail out \$11.27		
Ending Balance April 6, 2016		\$ 1778.33

From Jeffco website Jeffco Open House for Job Seekers—Are you seeking more than a paycheck? Come to the Jefferson County Open House on April 5 from noon to 7 p.m. The Open House will be at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden.

No matter if you're starting a new career or continuing on your chosen path, Jefferson County has many diverse career opportunities for people at any stage of their careers. Whether it is social work, construction, law enforcement or being a park ranger, librarian, nurse or IT professional, you will find almost any career opportunity at every level you are looking for. Come learn more about the county and its different departments, potential job openings and all of the opportunities we have to offer that make working at Jeffco more than a paycheck. There will be snacks, prizes and giveaways.

Human Resources 303-271-8400

COHOPE's Spring-time Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will be on Sat. April 19. 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 have already signed the 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.

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From President's Corner Howdy folks! Finally, we are on the down side of winter... I remember wanting to take pot-shots at the groundhog last month, but I think we may make it to spring. I'm ready to start turning over ground and get my garden boxes ready. Hey the Caucuses were just a couple of days ago, did you do your part in the political process? I'm afraid this is going to be a very exciting but long election season.

You have all received a request from us to join CHICA. Please consider mailing that back with your \$25 donation. We can do only so much for our community when so few actually join. We only get about 20% of our neighbors to participate. I would really like to hear from you on how to make this effort more successful and how to make our community an even better place in which we all can live. We meet the second Saturday of each month at 0900. During the winter months we meet at St. Philip church at the corner of Ken Caryl and S Kendall. In the time of nicer weather we meet in the park on S. Kendall and W. Canyon Ave. I invite you to come and share your concerns and ideas to us. Please keep in mind we are just a civic association and we have no binding by-laws. We are here to help make our community desirable. Here's to an early spring! Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had. — *Randy Montgomery – CHICA President, rmontgomery@frcs.org*

Columbine Knolls Voice

From January 12, 2016 Board Meeting Matt calls meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Board Members in Attendance: Natalie McClish, Adam Brewer, Lee Woodbury, Skip Wilcox, Judy Alliprandine, Birgit Whitelaw, Matt Hale, Bryan Slekes, Steve Hantelman. No Guests

Committee reports Safety, Beautification and Maintenance--Birgit--Entrance cleanup bids presented. Lee motions to approve. Solid Rock Landscaping bid for \$3300 for entrance cleanup for the Sheridan, Skip seconds, and Adam abstains, all in favor.

Lamar and Portland streetlight has been knocked down.

Covenants and Architectural Control--Matt--I have a rough draft of ACC guidelines. To be reviewed and presented in February. We have final letters out to residents that are violating the RV covenant. We might be going to court.

Special Events/Programs- Special events to propose events and budget for events in 2016.

Old Business— Skip to research cleanup day 2016 options. Matt to research liability insurance quotes. Thank you cards for former board members (Rachel Landess and Shirley Jervis)

New Business— Adam to resign from Secretary position but remain on the board.

Email addresses updated for ckha.org email alias (within the website).

Update admin contact on domain name. (ckha.org) will have Jeff update to accounts@ckha.org

Look into website responsive design in February.

New PayPal account for CKHA. Bryan will set up new account ASAP.

Lee to nominates Matt to remain president, Birgit seconds, All in favor

Matt nominates Bryan to remain vice president, Lee seconds, All in favor.

Matt nominates Nathalie to take the role of treasurer, Judy seconds, All in favor

Matt nominates Steve to be secretary, Bryan seconds, all in favor.

School PTA to borrow sandwich board signs.

Matt adjourns meeting at 9:27p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner The Hello everyone, what an exciting beginning to the year with the Broncos winning the Super Bowl! I am pleased to announce the officers for the 2016 Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors. Bob Pellegrini will be our Vice President and continue to chair the ACC Committee; Debbie Opperman will continue as our Treasurer; Robert Sudar will continue as our Secretary and I will be your President. New to the Board, please welcome Bob Haberkorn, Larry Opperman and Pam Horiszny who will support the ACC Committee. Stephanie Haberkorn will chair the Landscape Committees, Bob Haberkorn will chair the Social Committee and I will chair the Welcome Committee. We have a number of great volunteers for the Landscape Committee and Welcome Committee; however, we are still recruiting volunteers to help on the Social Committee. If you are interested in helping plan the Annual Holiday Hayride please contact myself at jblake5280@gmail.com or 303-842-2306. 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. Congratulations to Isaac Nelson for being selected for the position. We are confident that he will do a great job of delivering The Review to your home each month. I am continually impressed with the great kids we have in this community.

If you are interested in staying in touch with neighborhood happenings, I invite you to join our private community site,

Columbine Knolls South II Nextdoor. Currently over 120 neighbors are participating on the site and it's a convenient location for the Board to post time sensitive information, the Jeffco Sheriff's Office to communicate crime and safety information and neighbors to stay informed on local events or even post items for sale/free. To join go to nextdoor.com/join and use code ZXJKDJ.

The next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Community Garage Sale on June 3-4. This is a great time to clean out your garage and closets and make a little money at the same time!—*Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA*

From Annual Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2016—President, Jennifer Blake, called to order the February 9, 2016 meeting of the HOA Board of Directors at 7:00 pm. Board members Jennifer Blake, Debbie Opperman, Bob Pellegrini, Larry Opperman, Bob Haberkorn, Pam Horiszny, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Introduction of Newsletter Delivery Candidates: Presentation: Isaac Nelson attended to present as a candidate to deliver the neighborhood newsletter this year. Isaac answered several questions from the board. Isaac was the only candidate to attend the meeting. Vote: The Board voted unanimously to approve Isaac as the newsletter carrier this year.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 290 members. Debbie is exploring options for new certificates of deposit when one of the ones held by the HOA closes its term in June. Debbie will report back to the board with options at the next meeting.

ACC Committee: Bob Pelligrini reported 2 requests and 2 approved with 0 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 1 for a patio door and 1 for landscaping.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake and Stephanie Haberkorn went out and delivered welcome boxes to six new residents. They plan to deliver more before the next meeting to our newest neighbors.

Management Report: Two inspections were conducted in January. Nineteen violations were processed by mail and personal contact. Included were 4 hauling trailers, 1 moving trailer, and 14 homes with visible trash containers. Visible trash can violations are a common violation when there is lots of snow on the ground. If you have concerns about a notice you received, feel free to contact DARCO HOA Property Management directly to discuss. 303-925-0150

New Business: NextDoor Community Site – Jennifer reported that over 120 neighbors have joined and it's been a great site to communicate time sensitive info or community reminders. Jennifer will be adding a flier to welcome kits and will mention the site in several newsletters this year. Collecting of homeowner emails – Debbie is looking to update homeowner contact information to better be able to send community-wide reminders or time sensitive email blasts about important news such as trash pick-up delays. Debbie is looking into the most private and secure options available.

Special Event Dates: June 3-4 Community Garage Sale, June 8 – Large Item Pickup, December 4 – Holiday Hayride
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The February 9th CWCA meeting of volunteers was at Dutch Creek Elementary, business was conducted as usual. The meeting was lively and constructive.

The calendar of events has begun to be set. Continue to watch the calendar unfold this year. CWCA has scheduled, supported and seen volunteers help to run Dumpster Day/ Big Event since 2010. Our current chairperson is stepping down and we are looking for a new chairperson. This is a 'turn key' event. All providers, phone numbers and details are outlined for a new volunteer to jump right in. Dumpster Day has been a neighborhood wide event that residents look forward to each year. It started in the Dutch Creek parking lot and was soon moved to The Church For All Nations. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, give us a call or email. The community entrances are in need of some tender loving care. Do you have a green thumb? Do you have some time to invest back into the neighborhood? Would you like to help with some garden work days? Give us a call or email if you would like to get your hands dirty.

New homeowners will soon be receiving Welcome Bags filled with useful information pertaining to the neighborhood and the community at-large. Take a look. The Board is working hard to encourage new volunteers to step forward and help the community efforts. Currently we have a few newsletter routes OPEN and are in need of volunteers. Please call 303-904-8218 if interested. The newsletter remains the most important way of notifying neighbors about community events, while Nextdoor.com network has proven to be an effective way to remind Columbine West neighbors on upcoming events too. If you have questions, feel free to call the voicemail line or email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes February 3, 2016 At the The Annual Election Meeting for 2016 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The board members in attendance were Mike Shaw, Richard White, Paul O'Connor, Debby Baker, with Ike Nelson and Chip Langowski attending as resident members.

General ongoing business was conducted including review of the Treasurer's Report, upcoming events, membership etc. A budget of \$350 was established for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 19th. Any costs above that amount will be covered by volunteer donations.

Prior to the election, the board structure was discussed including ways to operate without a President or Secretary. The board will continue to function with the vacant positions until new board members and volunteers can be found. The annual election then took place with all nominations seconded and approved with a majority of votes by those present. The board positions are

as follows: Paul O'Connor, Vice President acting as interim president; Richard White, Treasurer and assisting with duties of the Secretary; Debby Baker, Board Member and Reporter Editor; Mike Shaw, Board Member and Website Administrator; Rhonda Eveleth and Nancy Bock, Board Members. Congratulations to our newest Board Member, Chip Langowski! We are so happy that he has chosen to join us!

Board discussed what needed to be done to transition administrative controls from prior Officers to the remaining Officers of the Board. A Resolution will be prepared and signed so that bank access can be transferred. Mike Shaw will continue to assist during the transition period. The Board agreed that another Volunteer night was needed. It will be at the April meeting on April 6th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Leawood Elementary. Assignments were made for scheduling and food etc. Board members will reach out to other Leawood residents in an effort to increase attendance and support of the LCA.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes February 10, 2016 The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Linda Smith/VP/Secretary, Jennifer Dawe, Debby Baker/Special Projects and Designated Election Official and Parks Manager, Dave Padilla.

Oath of Office - Linda presented the Oath to Jennifer. Documents were signed and will be forwarded the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Public Comment/Correspondence - Donna received a letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs(DOLA) requesting our resolution on our mill levy. Donna stated she had sent it but will forward a copy again. Debby stated she had informed the Leawood Civic Association of our intent to clear out the storage shed at the Leawood Pavilion and use all the space for Park Board District files. Files have accumulated at all board member's homes and need to be in one place. Linda noted that residents have been great at picking up after their dogs, especially when it snows. Keep up the good work and thanks. If we could just get the geese to do that!

Treasurer's Report – We have started receiving 2016 ownership tax income. Invoices for the month include: postage, United Site Services, Waste Management, Denver Water, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash and snow removal invoice, Excel, license fee for trailer, notary stamp for Linda, Alpha Page invoice. Donna stated the check for Valles has not been cashed and feared it was lost. She will stop payment on the check and issue a new one to Vales. Linda moved the Treasurer's report and bills paid. Debby seconded and the motion passed. Donna has files ready for the new auditor. Donna and Kyle have contacted Conservation Trust relating to calculating our District population. This relates to our share of lottery funds to be received. Dave requested a credit application be submitted for Alameda Nursery since we may be using them more this year.

Parks Manager Report – Dave met with personnel at Southwest Metro Water and Sanitation to request that they let the District handle the repairs to the damaged concrete done during the C-line sewer project. SMWS's contractor has not responded to the District. They have agreed to cut us a check; and we will have POPS Concrete do the work when the check is received and the weather permits. Areas have already been marked that will be repaired. Dave will be purchasing four benches we approved last year. Three will be installed in Weaver Park and placement of the fourth one has not been determined yet. New wear bars for the ATV have been made by JS Welding. Dave has contacted a painter for pricing on re-painting the metal fences at Weaver and Leawood Parks. We approved for Dave to purchase a sand spreader for the ATV to use as needed after snows. He has been spreading sand by hand after he plows in areas in Raccoon and Weaver Parks. The sand has been successful in keeping the walks from being too icy.

Urban Drainage notified us they will be working in Raccoon Park when the weather permits. They plan to repair the boulder wall that was done many years ago. The water is undermining the south end of the creek. The repair will involve adding boulders, grouting and will take 7 to 10 days. Work will start on cleaning out the storage area in the pavilion at Leawood Park. We are considering adding more lights and possibly some heat so we can use the space more efficiently, possibly making room for a table/chairs for a small meeting area. Files are overwhelming the board member's homes and the need for all files to be in one place is important with easy access.

Dave was busy with snow removal for three events so far in February and sand was added as needed. Thanks to Dave for keeping our walks clear. Doggy bags were replenished and trash taken to our dumpster.

New Business – Election 2016 - Debby reported the Call for Nominations was published in the Columbine Courier on Wednesday, February 10. Linda Smith, Donna Snyder and Kyle Sargent are up for re-election and all plan to run again. Self nomination forms are due to Debby by February 26, 2016.

Requests to use Leawood Park baseball field - Linda received a call and email from South Jeffco Sports to use the baseball field this Spring. Kyle will respond to South Jeffco Sports and also follow up with a resident who was also interested in the field for his team. A decision will be made at the March meeting related to the fee and who will be using the field.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 8:22 p.m.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

Westbury

Goals for the 2016 HOA Board— Increase participation at monthly potlucks (please come join us for dinner!)

20% dues-paying members

Host community-building events

WHOA will be an advocate for our residents

Research a college scholarship, sponsored by the neighborhood, for Westbury high school senior(s) to possibly implement in 2017

Research new safety measures to prevent crime in our neighborhood

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 ahead an hour the weekend of March 12/13th. Personally, I think the additional evening daylight is more than worth the lost hour of sleep. The Annual Membership Drive continues. Now you can pay online with PayPal. Please contribute and support our efforts.

The Easter holiday arrives early this year on March 27th. Don't forget to bring the kids out to Eagle Meadows Park for The Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday March 19th beginning at 10 a.m. Should Mother Nature not cooperate that day, an alternate date the following Saturday, March 26th, 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.

Noted in last month's newsletter, both myself and Sharon Erickson are departing from the Board. This will leave at least two open spots on the board and will be effective after the Annual Meeting in March. Our decisions include personal reasons, but also, this was really the plan of action during the transition of the board in July of 2014. And so it's now time to move on. Of course, new volunteers will need to step forward to fill our spots and related duties. Hope that might be you! See related article. Williamsburg II remains a great community in which to live. Thank you to all who contribute, cooperate and work hard to keep it that way.—*Mike Eppers*

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month by Sheriff Jeff Shrader—Myth: Abuse is always violent.

Fact: Emotional abuse and neglect are not as obvious as physical abuse, but they can be just as harmful. They may go on longer because the signs are harder to recognize.

Myth: Most abusers don't know their victims.

Fact: Some children are abused by strangers, but more than 90 percent of victims are abused by someone then know, including family members or friends.

Myth: Abused children become abusers as adults.

Fact: Not all victims of abuse become abusers later in life. Research shows that roughly 30 percent of people who are abused as children grow up to be abusers. Victims who are able to report and deal with the effects of their abuse are less likely to become abusers themselves.

Myth: A child being abused will speak up about it.

Fact: Most children never report being abused. Abusers threaten or pressure a child to stay silent. Children need to be instructed to tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them uncomfortable or acts in an inappropriate way.

Myth: Only 'bad' people in low-income families harm children.

Fact: Child abuse occurs in families of every race, culture, and income level. It also can happen when loving parents become frustrated and overreact. Even unintentional harm is abuse if the injury is due to a punishment.

5 Ways You Can Help Prevent Child Abuse

- 1) Wear a blue ribbon to spread the message that every child matters.
- 2) Volunteer with community programs that support children and families. (Karlis Family Center, Ralston House, Family Tree, Wings)
- 3) Be there for kids; listen and empathize.
- 4) Reach out to a parent who seems overwhelmed.
- 5) Know the signs of child abuse.

Warning Signs of Child Abuse

Unexplained or suspicious bruises, welts, burns or fractures, Unkempt or malnourished appearance; Depression, anxiety, or sudden mood swings; Disturbed sleep; Fear of a certain person or place; Changes in eating habits; Self-harm or suicide attempts; Wetting or soiling accidents not related to toilet training; Unusual knowledge of body parts or sex.

Always take children's talk of being abused seriously. Call 911 or 303-277-0211 immediately! If you have questions or unsure what to do, call the National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

Join us for the 23rd Annual Courage Walk—On Saturday, April 16th, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office victim advocates will host the 23rd annual Courage Walk for victims' rights at the Jefferson County Courts and Administrative Building. The purpose of the walk is to honor the strength and courage of crime victims, and to honor those who lost loved ones to violence. For more information visit: www.jeffco.us/sheriff/news/2016/Annual-Courage-Walk-honors-victims-of-crime

From Jeffco Website - Board Appointments – March 15 The Board of County Commissioners, at its March 15 hearing, appointed several citizens to nine of its volunteer boards and commissions.

Board of Adjustment Edward Ford and Curt Bourg were reappointed to serve on the Board of Adjustment (BOA). Michael Hult was appointed as an alternate. The BOA considers granting variances or special exceptions to established zoning regulations in cases where property owners cannot meet the standards in their zone districts.

Board of Health Kimberley Krapek was appointed as a member of the Board of Health. This board is in charge of establishing any fees for public health services. Along with the more commonly known health services, it is also in charge of the environmental health services such as water quality control, sewage disposal, air pollution control and food inspection.

Board of Review Robert Loveridge was reappointed to serve on the Board of Review. This board hears appeals



Budget Yr	Jan1 Dec 31 2016	Actual 2015	Budgeted 2015	2016 Budget—Assumed the same basic expenses and income from Dues as 2015. We will have to rent Lilley Gulch twice for meetings (\$80). I also assumed we would not have a Summerset Booth, so if we do that expense will have to be added (which would be around \$75). Overall, we appear to be holding our own. Ray Moore, Treasurer
Income				
Bank Account, yr start	1631.96	1631.18	1631.18	
Est Dues income	580.00	580.00	540.00	
Est other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total for year	2211.96	2211.18	2115.18	
Expenses				
Newsletter/postage est. \$7 / month	84.00	67.62	84.00	
PO box	60.00	58.00	56.00	
Picnic / Xmas Expenses	150.00	118.84	250.00	
Booth + Shelter	140.00	140.00	200.00	
Website	110.00	104.76	120.00	
Other*	90.00	90.00	50.00	
Total for year	634.00	579.22	760.00	
Est + / - for year	-54.00	0.78	-220.00	
Est funds, Jan. 2016	1577.96	1631.96	1355.18	

* Copies Colorado report fee
Liley Gulch rental

and makes special exceptions or amendments of the Building Code in quasi-judicial hearings. The board also makes suggestions on amendments in the building codes to the BCC.

Citizen Review Panel John Bernhart and Sam Wright were reappointed to the Citizen Review Panel. This panel reviews grievances to determine the legitimacy of complaints against Jeffco Human Services personnel and submits recommendations to the director of Human Services for resolution. The recommendations are limited to those actions within the authority of the director.

Developmental Disabilities Resource Center Board (DDRC) David Pemberton was reappointed to the DDRC. The DDRC oversees the operations of the Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities Resource Center, which provides services and training for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Library Board Travis Blacketter and Brian DaLaet were reappointed and Deborah Deal was appointed to serve on the Library Board. This board is the governing board that oversees the affairs of the Jefferson County Public Library. It employees the Library's executive director, recommends a budget to the BCC and oversees libraries and library as-sets.

Metropolitan Football Stadium District Board Donald Johnson was chosen to represent the county on the Metro Football Stadium District Board. The board oversees the Metropolitan Football Stadium District. The district is a body corporate and political subdivision of the state of Colorado established pursuant to the Metropolitan Football Stadium District Act, Article 15, Title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. The district includes all or part of the seven counties in the Denver metropolitan area. It was created for the purpose of planning, acquiring land and constructing a professional football stadium.

Planning Commission Tom Hatton was reappointed and Curtis Westphal was appointed as regular members to the Planning Commission. The commission makes recommendations on a wide variety of land use applications including rezonings, special uses, vacations, special district service plans and subdivision plats. It is responsible for adopting updates to the county's Comprehensive Master Plan.

Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Board Rob Johnson was selected to represent the county on the SCFD. This board reviews and oversees distribution of SCFD funds from a 1/10 of one percent sales and use tax to cultural facilities throughout the seven-county Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. These funds support scientific and cultural facilities whose primary purpose is to enlighten and entertain the public through the production, presentation, exhibition, advancement and preservation of art, music, theatre, dance, zoology, botany, natural history and cultural history.

Got Slash? - It's time to start spring cleaning your property and clearing out all your tree debris! Jefferson County is



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The Wednesday, April 6th meeting will be at 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). The speaker scheduled is Ron Hopp of Foothills Park and Recreation District.

The speaker for the May 4 meeting will be from the Foothills Animal Shelter.

Foothills—Summer Registration Information Exciting, NEW changes are coming soon... hang tight! Foothills will be releasing a new website and new registration software as part of the 2016 Summer Registration process. We are anticipating summer registration will begin in early April, but need to make sure all the pieces are in place before we announce an official date. We will update our website, social media channels and send another e-mail announcement when we have a firm date.

Board of Directors - May 2016 Mail Ballot Election In May of 2016, three of our board member seats are up for election for a four-year term each in Wards 1, 2 and 5. A Call for Nominations for the May 3, 2016 board election was published in the February 10, 2016 edition of the Columbine Courier. The deadline to receive the Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms from potential candidates was Friday, February 26. The candidates for each Ward are as follows:
Ward 1 – William Meyer (new candidate; current board member, Keith Sutton, is term limited after two four-year terms)
Ward 2 – Chris Crippen, Michael J. Bielkiewicz, Scott Kennerly, Peggy Louise Farrar.
Ward 5 – Lori Bosanko (incumbent, was appointed in 2015 to serve the last year of a vacated four-year term)
Wards 1 and 5 have only one candidate; therefore, there will be no election for those Wards.

A mail ballot election will be held for Ward 2, candidates are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as per the lot drawing held on Tuesday, March 1. View Candidate Profiles.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible electors in Ward 2 beginning Monday, April 11 through Monday, April 18. A drop-off box for ballots will be located at Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 South Ward Street, Littleton. Election Day is Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

once again hosting a summer-long slash collection program at which you can drop off all of your slash. The 2016 slash collection program will be traveling to many different locations throughout Jeffco and will operate every weekend, except July 2-3, from May 21 until Nov. 6.

A single load will cost \$20 and only credit cards will be accepted. A single load is a truck bed full to the truck cab height or a trailer up to 8'x5'x4'. If your load exceeds these parameters, you will be charged additional fees accordingly. The fees help offset the costs for the processing equipment, staffing and to help keep the program sustainable so it can continue into future years.

What Can be Brought to a Jeffco Collection Slash includes tree debris and limbs with a maximum length of eight feet and a maximum diameter of six inches. This year, you can bring loose pine needles, tree bark and pine cones and they no longer have to be bagged.

What is Not Accepted

So what can you not bring? We cannot accept items such as household trash, tree stumps, metal of any kind, rocks, yard waste/grass clippings, construction materials and lumber.