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THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

President's Corner — Soooo glad to have some warm weather so my tomatoes will start growing. They are about 3ft tall and I have high hopes for juicy fruit. I just love eating tomatoes straight from the vine, yes, I include the salt shaker on those evening rounds.

If you ride a bike through our neighborhood – BE CAREFUL!! Any weekend that there are ball games at the fields there seem to be a lot of visitors. They don't pay attention to the stop signs on Kendall. If you as a bike rider – and I've seen a lot of people do it – blow through those signs going East or West you run a risk of getting hit by a guy in a pick-up who also blows those signs going North or South. You know as a bike rider you are just as responsible to obey the traffic laws as a motorized vehicle. If you choose to run stop signs on a two wheeler it's your choice, you are going to lose that one eventually.

There have been some neighbors passing out bogus letters again from the CHCA board. Those charlatans think they can frighten people by signing a letter from our board; and they probably do. Hear me, if you receive a letter from us it will have our letter heading and my signature at the bottom. If it doesn't have those, it wasn't from us. Listen, I know the MAJORITY of you are good neighbors, but there are always a few people who don't know how to handle issues. News Flash!!! We live in a broken and messed up world, and it doesn't seem to be getting much better. Ignore the twits, embrace the good neighbors we have. Be friendly and considerate of those with whom we live. The construction project on Chatfield has finally begun, I hope they can finish it this century. The lot on where the old Safeway store sat is going to be turned to gravel if my info is correct; no one knows for sure what or when the next phase will be.

It is again my pleasure to visit with folks about their yards. I only saw about 4 yards that were embarrassing, the large majority are very well kept. This month the Summer Blooms gift certificates and awards for Yard of the Month go to Kristelle Nielsen at 7600 S Kendal Blvd and to Don and Cammy Manning [no he's not kin to Peyton] at 5405 W Caryl Ave. It was very hard to select from the list the board members [and my wife] gave me. I hope to get your yard next month, in the mean time Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had. — Randy Montgomery, CHCA president, rmontgomery@frcs.org

From CHICA BOARD MEETING, June 9, 2017—Meeting called to order by President at 9:10 a.m. Officers present:

Randy Montgomery, Don Hochhalter, Pat Miller. Board members present: Ruth Severns, Michaelle Otto. Pat Miller presented the Treasurer's Report and Randy Montgomery the motion to approve the report. Pat advised we

did not receive new memberships for the month and the current membership level is at 354.

Randy Montgomery accepted Yard of The Month nominations from Board members.

Summer CHCA activities were discussed and it was decided to postpone the playground anniversary build celebration until next year in order to see ideas from neighbors and also combine with stone dedication and xeric garden celebration. Dumpster Day confirmed for Saturday, June 24, from 8-11 a.m. or until truck is full.

Xeric garden has new plants added and continues to thrive under the leadership of Jane Savage and her band of "merry volunteers". Cub Scout Troop#596 came out to help with planting at the stone sign. Check out the new signage and opportunities to see plants to consider for your own landscaping purposes.

A short discussion was made regarding requests to install memorial items at the playground or xeric garden and a "buddy bench" was also discussed as one such item.

August CHCA meeting may include, but has not been confirmed, a visit from the Jefferson County Sheriff Department liaison for Columbine Hills.

Randy Montgomery is researching providers to hold a CHCA hayride on December 10, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Columbine Knolls Voice

From May 9th 2017 Board Meeting Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm In Attendance: Lee Woodbury, Matt Hale, Skip Wilcox, Steve Hantelman, Judy Alliprandine, Tony Tierney, Larry Wambsganss, Nathalie McClish, and Birgit White-law

Committee Reports: Membership Skip reported that there are currently 308 members in the HOA. Skip sent all board members an electronic copy of the HOA directory. Skip created a "Welcome Letter" for new home owners and read it to the board. This will be sent out to all new home owners in Columbine Knolls welcoming them to the neighborhood. Tony discussed how Normandy Estates communicates their covenants to new home owners.

Safety, Beautification, and Maintenance The Lamar entrance was cleaned up by volunteers Tim and Barb There was discussion about how to clean up the empty lot on Portland. Need to talk to owners. What can we do to improve corner vision on street corners in Columbine Knolls based upon the Jefferson County vision clearance requirements?

Covenant Enforcement and Architectural Control The Jefferson County District Court Judge upheld the ruling of the Small Claims Court, with respect to the appeal filed by the original defendants, in favor of Columbine Knolls HOA regarding two covenant violations addressing the storage of trailers and a motor home.

The ACC has received several PIPSA forms on things like house painting and solar panels which are being reviewed. **Special Events** Garage Sale - June 2nd and 3rd. Clean up Day - June 10th – need volunteers.

Treasurer's Report Financials emailed prior to meeting. Talk to Kari Kline about funding the HOA for \$150. Nathalie moved to pay insurance in full to save money / Lee seconds, all in favor

New Business Send Brian a thank note and gift card. Lee had FedEx create a map of Columbine Knolls Lee motions to begin executive session to discuss information from the attorney Executive Session begins at 7:51 pm Executive Session ends at 8:22 pm

Board meeting adjourns at 8:23 pm

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From **President's Corner** Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. June started off with a successful community garage sale event, with over 30 households participating and lots of treasure hunter traffic through the neighborhood. We've been fortunate to have early summer rains to keep everything green and in bloom so far this summer. As you drive through the neighborhood, take time to admire how beautiful and well maintained our neighborhood is. Please remember it's up to each homeowner to keep the high standards that result in our homes and neighborhood looking great. Thanks to all the RV and boat owners for limiting the time parked on the streets or in your driveways prior to and after use. Everyone appreciates your efforts!

Also, thank you to the volunteers working behind the scenes to help enhance the community environment of CKSII. Throughout the year the HOA Board and committee volunteers are working hard. If you're interested in giving back to the community or becoming involved we are always looking for volunteers for the landscape committee, welcome committee, social committee or future open board positions! You can help make a difference and open up opportunities to meet many of your neighbors.—Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From **A Moment With The Board** The June 14th monthly meeting was attended by Officers/Board members and a few residents. Our monthly meeting was held at the pool pavilion, starting at 6:30 p.m. We had a beautiful evening meeting.

The sun and the clouds were bringing on an amazing light show, while allowing us to savor the last few days of Spring. Currently we have 342 memberships. The 2017 CWCA Budget is currently based on 345 memberships. Memberships are important to keep all of the scheduled events happening without disruption.

Have you seen the new 'blue shirts' that identify CWCA Officers/ Board members? We will be wearing them at Dumpster Day and will continue to be seen wearing them at community events. Dumpster Day gives members & nonmembers an opportunity to remove unwanted trash from their property. The event has become a welcomed event costing \$35 at the gate if you are not already a registered CWCA member. There are 2 more FREE swim evenings at the Columbine West Pool offered July 8th & July 22nd. These evenings will have Lifeguards on Duty and the pool is for Columbine West residents. Bring the family, your neighbors, your dinner and a chill attitude. Please take the time to enjoy these special scheduled pool times.

August will bring back the National Night Out event to be held at the pool pavilion. If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting.

The Leawood Rapporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes June 7, 2017 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Debby Baker, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip and Angela Langowski

Membership Drive – The Board discussed following up with the people who indicated their interest in volunteering on their membership form. Debby has created a spreadsheet of them along with their interests so that the information can be easily accessed.

Leawood Website – Through the website, emails were sent to the neighborhood to remind them of the June 9th FYP and the Neighborhood Clean-up on June 10th. The Board decided to upload the monthly Rapporter to the website. Board Meeting Signs – Details of signs to notify the neighborhood of LCA Board Meetings were discussed. The signs will be the size of a realtor yard sign with spaces to show the date and time of the meetings. These areas will allow the date and time to be changed.

Upcoming LCA Events - All of the remaining FYP dates have been spoken for. The LCA Picnic is Saturday, August 26th @ Leawood Park Pavilion. Paul will contact the caterer we used last year for a price quote. Richard will contact the provider of the bouncy castle we used last year for a price quote.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes June 14, 2017 The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM at Leawood Park by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Debby Baker/Special Projects, Linda Smith/Secretary VP and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Public Comment/Correspondence - Linda replied to a resident via Nextdoor.com who was asking when the junipers in Leawood Park along the south fence line would be removed since they were removed from the east fence line. Linda explained that was on our project list and would likely be done next year. Resident reported she thought the east side was looking very nice with the new bushes and trees.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by Donna. We continue to receive property tax and ownership tax revenue. Donna received a notice from the Colorado Lottery giving amounts for next issue of funds. Invoices for the month include: Weston for June landscaping services, doggie bag vendor, United Site Services (port-a-potties), Denver Water (Donna to call to ask for a meter check since Tract T water was more than Dave thinks it should be), Waste Management, Xcel, Silver Sage for new shrubs and trees in Leawood (11 crab apples, 2 Austrian pines and 1 Autumn Blaze maple), DBC for supplies, LCA for first quarter costs for Rapporter, Valles Construction for planting trees, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Debby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Weston mowed all parks and fertilized all bluegrass. Repairs were made to several irrigation lines and clocks. Recreation Plus contractor repaired one of the child size rockers and made some other miscellaneous repairs on equipment in Leawood Park. Junipers were removed, new shrubs planted and new trees were added to the east end of the Leawood Park. Dave had to inform a Weaver Park pavilion user they were not to take off the bollard at the volley ball bridge and drive their truck into the park. No vehicles on park property except for necessary workers. Dave must give permission.

Old Business -. Benton Way property exemption notification Kyle discussed the email he sent in response to a resident on Benton Way whose property borders Weaver Park and who had requested a zoning exemption to construct a new garage. The resident had been informed by the County that there had been an objection raised by the District regarding the request. Kyle told the resident that the District did not have an objection to the exemption, but that the District didn't have sufficient time to consider the notice sent by the County prior to the comment deadline and had said so to the County. Kyle also told the resident that the District was not contacted by the resident and that any property owners who border a park should consider reaching out prior to seeking zoning changes with the County. 2017 Projects - No update.

The meeting was adjourned 7:41 p.m.-Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary

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The August meeting will be the Annual candidate picnic at Clement park (shelter 6). Please bring a pot luck dish to share. We will start at 6:30 pm. In September the speaker will be Public Trustee Margaret Chapman. The meeting will be September 6 at 7pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd).

Woodbourne

From **Notes From the Annual Homeowners Meeting** The June Board meeting was held on June 21, 2017. The summer is in full swing and the Fourth of July is right around the corner. The windy weather has torn up some of the umbrellas, and the Board will budget for new umbrellas for the 2018 pool season. We will also need to replace a couple of tables that have rusted out.

The Fourth of July activities and festivities are Board sponsored. Other events have community sponsors. With that in mind, the Board has revised sponsorship guidelines and a new sponsorship policy is included in this newsletter. Some of the feedback we received concerned the notification of availability for sponsorship opportunities within our community. The Board has considered this feedback and is taking steps to provide better notification of these events for potential sponsorship.

The next event available for sponsorship will be the Holiday Hay Ride and Cookie Exchange in December.

Finally, we understand and share the frustration that residents have felt around the way that the large item pick-up was handled last month. The Board asked Waste Connections to have a representative at the June Board meeting to answer our questions. A representative did show up, but the Board felt that their explanation was not sufficient given two successive years of mis-steps by Waste Connections. As a result, the Board will be considering bids from other trash companies since our contract with Waste Connections will be ending. The Board will keep everyone up to date on the outcome of these decisions as well as any impact on the community. Also along those lines, the Board has decided that Keesen will no longer be an option for our Spring Tree Chipper and Shredding Event. The Board will also solicit bids for other parties to provide services for that event in a manner that is compatible with our community. We will keep everyone apprised of the activity on that front as well. We hope that everyone has a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Please contact Litha Spies with Management Specialists at 720-974-4224 with any questions.—James Meyer, President

Jeffco Public Scools Board Update—June 1 / 2017

Adopted budget for 2017/18 school year (\$7,483 Jeffco per pupil funding; \$237.66/pupil increase; \$76 million Jeffco budget stabilization/negative factor); engaged with the Capital Asset Advisory Committee on the status of district facilities; monitored MAP spring assessments indicating improvement in reading and math student performance; reviewed progress on early literacy, algebraic thinking, graduation guidelines and pathways, student plans, and continuous improvement cycle; appointed members to District Accountability Committee; honored Wayne Carle awardees, student art purchases, Conifer HS DECA, Prudential Spirit of Community winners.