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**Upcoming Meetings:**  
 Open Space: Mar. 5, 6 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
 Foothills: Feb. 25, 6 pm, The Peak.  
 Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
 DRCOG: Feb 19, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street, Aspen/Birch conf room  
 Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

**Calendar for upcoming meetings: Feb 5 Mar 4 April 1  
 May 6 June 3 July 1 Aug 5**

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There was no meeting in January, so no minutes to look at.

<b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: January 2020</b>	<b>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</b>
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2020</b>	\$ 1960.04
<b>Deposits</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Withdrawals</b>	\$ 106.95
Feb. newsletter \$4.95	
Bank Fee \$2	
P. O. Box \$100	
<b>Ending Balance February 5, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 1853.09</b>

## THE BACKYARD

### *Columbine Hills News*

**President’s Corner** — Another year is in the headlights. 2020. Be prepared for lots of vision puns— I can clearly see them coming. First item – please note elsewhere how to renew your CHCA membership. Over the past bunch of years we have been spending nearly \$900 to print, fold, stuff, and mail requests for membership renewal. NOW we’ve finally made it to the 21st Century!! Note our website, [ColumbineHillsHOA.com](http://ColumbineHillsHOA.com), go to that site and click the link to process dues via our PayPal account. This will save you time and us a lot of money. I know some don’t like or trust on-line money processing, I get that. If that is you, cut out the form on the second page of our newsletter, fill it out and send in a check like you have always done. The good news, either way will work nicely. We truly hope this will increase membership. This will enable us to spend our money more wisely to your benefit. Hooray for the hayride last month. Things went well, those of you who brought snacks did a fantastic job, the Indian fry bread was incredible – thanks to you if you were the one! I enjoyed sitting around the fire pits and chatting with you. Thanks to our awesome board who put in the effort to make this successful. Special thanks to Santa Bruce for making our event delightful. I regret the roads had not been plowed forcing us to ride around the parking lot. The driver told me the ruts made it just too difficult for the horses to navigate the streets. As we head into our winter months PLEASE drive sanely. I can’t help but notice there are several people who think their four-wheel drive pick-ups make them kings of the road. And there are several people who don’t clear their sidewalks after a snow. I walk to work or ride my bike – when the paths are snow covered, it makes my trip hazardous at best. I wish there was legislation that forced you to clear your walk with in 24 hours of a snow fall. Alas there isn’t – but if you want to be a decent citizen you would do that without legislation. If your neighbor is physically unable to shovel their walks, then be a good neighbor and do it for them. Keep those walks shoveled, thank your neighbor who helps you with yours. As always Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.—*Randy Montgomery, CHCA president*

*nmontgomery@att.net*

**From CHCA Meeting: November 2019** Meeting called to order by President at: 7:07 p.m. Officers present: Randy Board members present: Michaelle, Don, Nick, Galen, Kelly and Ralph - (CoHope)

Community members present: None CHCA by-laws require a majority of board members [5 of 9]

Treasurers report presented by Galen. Seconded by Kelly, Don.

Old business: Membership status – Galen

Additional old business . . . Hayride costs and reimbursement, Hayride had 80-100 people coming and going, End of year and beginning of 2020 CHCA planning, 165 apartments possibly going up on Platte Canyon

New business: Next newsletter needs to push online registration (not sending out reminder letters), Decorating house award, \$25 for a quadrant champion and \$50 for the grand champion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From HOA Minutes from November 12**—President, Bob Haberkorn called to order the Nov 12, 2019 meeting at 7:02 pm. Board members Tom Schicktanz, Steve Kalney, Joshua Kunkel, Pam Horiszny, and Chris Reynolds were in attendance along with Roger Borchering of DARCO Property Management.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam reported the HOA currently has 360 members.

**ACC Committee:** Josh K. approved two roofs, two sheds, egress windows, six painting, one remodel to extend a garage roof and two full window replacements.

**Social & Welcome Committee Report:** The Welcome Committee will do one more visit in November, the last for the year.

The Committee is busy planning the Holiday Hayride on Dec 1, 5:30 to 8 p.m. This year, the Coronado school will be open for the event, providing lights in the parking lot and access to restrooms. Tom S. will post the signs for the event.

**Management Report:** Five inspections were conducted in October. Twenty-three problems were observed: eight campers; eight trailers; one RV screen needing repair; one lawn with very poor grass near the sidewalk, one fence needing repair, one wood planter needing repair or replacement; one shed roof structure stored in view; and two nuisance complaints investigated and discussed with adjacent homeowners.

No Covenant violations have been referred to the HOA's attorney since June of 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS** We continued conversations about the requested installation of a park light at the entrance of Coronado Park (at the crosswalk near Nichols and Ammons Streets) using HOA funds (up to \$5000) to support half of the upfront installation costs. For those who are not familiar with this request, several HOA members feel this major entrance into the park needs better lighting, as the nearest light is nearly 400 feet from the entrance. In September, several neighbors shared their concerns about how dark the entrance is and criminal activity that appears to have been reported to the police.

As part of the process to gain support for the light installation, the board requested the owners of the houses immediately surrounding the proposed location sign a document indicating their support. The board feels the signatures currently collected don't adequately reflect neighbor support. Therefore, the board has created a one-page form that contains the following: 1) a summary of the request, 2) the names and addresses of the six neighbors, and 3) a signature line next to each neighbor's name. The board has requested to receive this form/signatures by Dec 17. Signing this document only indicates whether these neighbors support this request. It does NOT count as a vote to authorize the HOA to contribute funds for the park light.

At the November board meeting, an HOA member shared her perspective, how there is only one other light in the park, at the upper playground. She felt that the entrance isn't so dark but that the rest of the park is much darker. She is concerned it may open a can of worms that if we put in one light and there are other areas that need more attention. We discussed the rationale for the current proposed location: it is inside our community, it has a crosswalk, it is a bus stop, and it is the entrance to the park.

We also heard from the neighbors living in the house closest to the proposed light. They expressed concern about the brightness of the streetlight currently in front of their house and now having a second light in the back of their house.

Those supporting the proposed light clarified that the new light will be like the light at the park, not a streetlight, so it will have: lower wattage than streetlights, a height of 12 feet, and a downward angle that limits light casting to approximately 40 feet. Josh K. reported that he followed up on getting an accurate estimate from Foothills but they couldn't provide it. So Josh K. volunteered to get an estimate from his electrician.

All HOA members can vote on this request at the Annual HOA Meeting on January 14th at 7 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS** Bob mentioned he is coordinating with Jefferson County to get a new crosswalk sign installed at the crosswalk near Nichols and Ammons Streets.

To ensure best use of our remaining 2019 budget, Tom S. will purchase the HOA signs for next year before the end of the calendar year.

Proposed Budget for 2020 - We discussed proposed budget items for the 2020 budget. One of the items included snow removal on the east side of Carr and the south side of Chatfield. One neighbor suggested that, rather than paying for

snow removal, we should hold the homeowners accountable to clearing their sidewalks. This led to a discussion about the difficulty of identifying houses from the back of the house. All HOA members can vote on this request at the Annual HOA Meeting on January 14th at 7 p.m.

Waste Management Contract Analysis – Pam H made a motion to approve the new WM contract and Tom K seconded it. The motion to accept the contract was approved. The Board continues to discuss who will pay for the rise in WM costs. One proposal has HOA members paying for the increase. The board has not yet settled on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

*From A Moment With The Board* No December meeting. Happy New Year everyone. Erin D has stepped up to help judge the Holiday Lighting Contest. Winners will receive a Gift Card and a shout out in the February newsletter. It has been a goal of the association to provide a community event each month, which we are getting closer to achieving. Many thoughts were exchanged during the budget presentation yet it still includes annual favorites such as Easter Egg Hunt, Dumpster Day, National Night Out and FREE Swim Nights will be combined with a BBQ dinner offering. Elvis Cinema can provide us with a private theater and we have scheduled a family friendly FREE Movie on Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m. The movie has not been decided yet, but will be advertised in the February newsletter. As always, if you don't see a neighbor out and about during the cold weather the Jeffco Sheriff can also perform a Well-Check. Don't hesitate to call the non-emergency dispatch 303-271-0211. Please join us at the January monthly meeting. The mixer will have us gathering at the Breckenridge Brewery Tap House with appetizers being shared. As always we would love to have more hands to address the many concerns in and around Columbine West.

If you would like to join the efforts drop us an email or attend a monthly meeting. If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com). Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting.

## The Leawood Reporter

*From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes December 11, 2019* The meeting was called to order 6:35 PM at Leawood Elementary, by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder/ Treasurer, Linda Smith/Vice President, Debby Baker/Secretary, Steve Wall/Special Projects and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager.

**Public Comment/Correspondence** – On December 2, 2019, the board was notified that a resident fell and was injured when attempting to access the Leawood pavilion. Debby agreed to keep the board apprised of the resident's condition. Because this area does not get plowed, especially during heavy snowfall, the board discussed options for the future to increase safety, including temporary signage, and will continue to review various options.

**Treasurer's Report** - Donna presented the Treasurer's report. Lottery funds were transferred to the checking account for park projects. Invoices for the month include Denver Water, United Site Services, Waste Management, Xcel, LCA for fourth quarter of Reporter, doggie bag vendor, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda was reimbursed for printed pictures of other playground equipment.

**Parks Manager Report** – ATV was taken in for repair to the snow plow and new front tires. The wear bar on ATV snow-plow was replaced. Snow removal done in all parks. Doggie bags were checked and replenished as needed.

Weaver Park: Denver Water inspected the back flow device for the irrigation system. The District is awaiting more information before deciding what actions, if any, need to be taken to update the system.

Raccoon Park: Denver Water inspected back flow. No changes required.

**New Business – Designate Election Official** - Special District Elections are held in even years. Given the new statute and the vacant position that was just filled, four of the currently occupied Board seats will be up for election in May 2020. A Designated Election Official is needed to manage the process who is not up for election.

**Old Business** – Weaver Park play area: A. Donna presented a motion to move forward with the creation of a new area for swings and an accessible spinning wheel in Weaver Park per the bids provided by Churchich Recreation and Weston Landscape and Design, totaling \$55,000. Board members will meet with Churchich Recreation and Weston Landscape and Design to finalize the equipment choices. Steve seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

B. Linda made a motion to move forward with the replacement of the existing playground equipment and accept the proposal for new playground equipment from Churchich Recreation and the proposal for area preparation from Weston Landscape & Design. The total cost will be \$90,000. Donna seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

Resolution for mill levy, adopt 2020 budget - After final review of the budget, Debby moved to adopt the 2020 budget. Linda seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Debby moved to certify our mill levy remains unchanged at 3.73 mills. Steve seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Donna

will forward all necessary documents to Jefferson County and to DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) as per statutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m...—*Deborah Baker, Acting Secretary* Posting location: District Board's agendas are posted by the Clerk to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners board



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The February 5th meeting speaker has not been set at this time. The meeting will be at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd) at 7 pm.

## Woodbourne

*From Notes From the Board* As you may remember, the December Board meeting was held before the newsletter deadline so a combination of November topics, December topics, and the 2020 budget will be included in next month's newsletter. The holiday season has come and gone. The hustle and bustle of the celebration begins to slow as the rhythms of life return. The children are back to their studies and the adults are back to the everyday routines. This is no different from the activities of the Woodbourne HOA Board. We would like to apologize for the lack of holiday lights at the Simms entrance this year. Typically, the Board likes to support local citizens who want to contract to perform this work. Unfortunately, this year it did not work out. Next year, the Board will entertain bids from professional decorating companies to determine how the front entrance should be decorated.

As we look forward to spring and our season of planning, the Board has contracted with an independent arborist to help the community develop an ash tree management program. With more than thirty ash trees in the common area, the Board feels it is prudent to develop a plan to not only help us address and plan for the eventual emerald ash borer arrival, but also to understand the general health of the ash trees. Once the report is finalized, the Board will share this document with the community. This report undoubtedly will be discussed during the January Board meeting. Please contact Kim Herman with CLA at 303-265-7923 with any questions. —James Meyer, President

**New Jefferson County Treasurer Property Search Tool**—Paying your taxes just got easier! Jefferson County made improvements to its Treasurer Property Tax Search, which allows residents to view their tax statement and pay their property taxes online. Highlights include; additional property search capabilities, enhanced historical data, viewable tax bills from 2015 to current year, multiple property tax payments can be made within the same transaction (shopping cart feature), estimated property taxes for the next year are viewable - after Notices of Value are sent out, and users can expect improved security and help features.

In an effort to reduce postage costs, the Treasurer's Office will only send one property tax statement in 2020. In previous years, two mailings were sent for those who chose to pay their taxes in separate payments.

Tax notices will be mailed by the end of January. If a mortgage company has requested tax information, a postcard will be mailed to the property owner in lieu of a tax statement.

If you receive a tax notice for a property you sold in 2019, please disregard it. Once the ownership records are updated the new owner will be notified of the taxes due.

**Renew Vehicle Tags Without a Hassle at King Soopers**—Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is encouraging residents to protect themselves and loved ones from dangerous radon gas by testing their homes. JCPH is offering free radon test kits all month long, while supplies last, one per address and on a first come-first served basis, at our location in Lakewood at 645 Parfet Street.

*From Engage Jeffco emailing*