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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 6 Backyard 2-5</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: April 2024</p> <p>Beginning Balance April 3, 2024</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Columbine Knolls S/E, Columbine Knolls, Dutch Creek \$40 (\$120) Auburn, Ham, Macmillan, Hintz, Suchomel, Rotherham \$20 (\$120)</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>April Website \$20 Bank Fee \$8.95 May 2024 Newsletter \$ 3.60</p> <p>Ending Balance May 1, 2024</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 436.96</p> <p>\$ 240.00</p> <p>\$ 32.55</p> <p>\$ 709.51</p>
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Draft Minutes for April 3 Meeting—Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, David Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls HOA, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South, Craig Pedersen / Dutch Creek Village, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Sarah McAfee, Kevin Wilks, Mike Burnett / Foothills Park and Recreation District.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one was present from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department or Jefferson County Public Schools.

Our speaker for tonight was **Sarah McAfee** from **Foothills Park and Recreation District**. They have 4 regional parks, 8 community parks, 35 neighborhood parks, 42 playgrounds, 41 irrigation systems, and 31 miles of trails. They take care of noxious weeds, mowing, trash pickup, natural resources, snow plowing, pools, parking lots (some of which need resurfacing), and land use. They have parks planning.

They have a Pride in Parks program. They have 813 volunteers last year for 1845 hours on 31 opportunities. The first volunteer day was on Summit Ridge Middle school with 8th graders. They have programs for cub scouts, Columbine Saturday, Trader Joes, Holcrum, Inspirator, MSU Denver Women Denver soccer, Fehringer Ranch - Disc Golf, Brownie troop, and Arts in the Park.

Mike Burnett, Ranger, started in 2021. For criminal incidents, call 911. Call a ranger if it is on their land and not criminal. Both rangers have EMT training, advanced first aid, and NMS / ICS training which is structural response. The other ranger is Gwen Ganow.

They can be reached at parkranger@fhprd.org or 303-409-2314.

The Supervisor for Schaefer is Kevin Wilks, The planner is Sean Kittener.

Reports from Officers We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 9 members present and have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. We have \$602.86. He also presented the annual budget.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The minutes for Mar. were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Pre-Application: 24-107800 is for 6365 W. Coal Mine Ave. The proposal is to rezone parcels 300070806 and 300077060 from A-1 to P-D. This zoning will allow a mix of residential and commercial uses on both parcels. Parcel

300070806 will remain as it is after the rezone is complete. The other will have a site plan after the rezone. It may be for 5 residential lots, a commercial lot for a pickle ball facility, a detention pond tract, and an access tract.

Site Development: 24-106153 is for 6228 S. Carr Ct. They want to add a 2-story, 4,869 sq. ft. gross floor area addition to the north side of the existing building.

Other: Our next meeting is May 1. We do not have a speaker yet.

The union was voted in by Jefferson County Public Library employees.

The Library has free tickets to cultural facilities. These include museums and dinosaur ridge. You have to order the tickets online.

April 18 is the next Library Board meeting. They have been doing site tours.

There has been a broken down truck at Colorow. They were hired to empty all remaining furniture and trash.

The fiber optic work is still going on. Diane had a handout from Gene Bennetts, a County Investigator. The fiber optic work was not their idea. They have no control over Quantum / DirectLink. Jefferson County has no right to tell them no. The county easement is in the right of way. It is a utility easement. The work is mandated by the government.

There is a flood at the playground at Westbury. They are looking into it.

April 13 is our Adopt-a-Highway event.

The County will have an issue on the ballot in Nov. The School Board also does.

Foothills Parks and Recreation District will have a mil levy on the Nov. ballot. It does not have a sunset clause.

Columbine Knolls Park is right next to Marker Park. Neighbors don't want people on their property during school hours.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements

We adjourned at 7:02 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Board Meeting Minutes February 29, 2024 : Start 6:05 p.m.. Officers: Dave, Galen, Steve, Jenn (on speaker), Jodi,

Michelle, Janet. Other: Nick. Community Members: Lia, Tina, Gabby, Lauren (is on the Columbine Hills Elementary PTA)

Treasurer's Report (January and February combined):

Thus far 58 paying members (45 checks, 13 on Paypal)

Historically Jan/Feb are not as strong in terms of memberships

Normally we are at 130 by the end of spring

Expenditures: Chili Cookoff supplies, Dumpster Day, COHOPE dues, insurance will be due, PO Box

New Community Participants: Welcome Gabby, Lauren, and Tina **NEW BUSINESS:**

State amendments are coming for increased taxes on short-term rentals (AirBnB and VRBO)

There will be a new Jeffco library but not at the sledding hill

Chili-Cookoff: At the park pavilion Sat, March 9

Jenn and Kelly continue to distribute Q1 2024 Welcome Bags

Facebook and Website: Jenn reached out to community member Gabby to help with WIX

Trash Pickup: May 11th. Robert (from Robert's Deli) is providing lunch for trash pickup. Foothills will give CHCA trash cans and grabbers to collect trash (confirmed with Sarah McAfee, Foothills P&R). David and Galen have the orange vests (20-25).

Tasked Tina, Gabby and Lauren to make a template to put in the school. Jenn to talk to Dairy Queen if she can get ice cream vouchers for the kiddos who volunteer. Will commence trash pick-up at Depew (or Platte Canyon by the creek) and move through the parks/ballfields, along the creek, to Pierce.

Fall Festival: Two new community volunteers

Newsletter walkers: Two potential volunteers to serve as back-ups

Dumpster Day: After discussion at meeting, confirmed five 20-yard units with Bargain Bins; will arrive May 31st in Col. Hills Elementary School parking lot. David at BB will remove them (on June 1) as we fill them. Briget Butterfield at Platte Canyon Water District has offered to offer a presentation and answer questions. Will reach out to neighbors in the newsletter to assess interest.

Xeric Garden: Janet wanted to thank the board for the support of the garden. Janet would like to have a small article in the newsletters from May to October. Send pictures of blooms to Galen or Jenn to post on Facebook / Instagram. Michaelle is working on a new sign for Ralph and Pat

The new UPS store owners are getting a printer to make the sandwich board signs locally and for less cost

.End: 6:59 p.m

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner — First and foremost, I would like to thank Tom Schicktanz for his previous and ongoing leadership within the community. Both Tom and his wife Anita are steadfast volunteers, and I am very appreciative of their ongoing involvement. It is not very often that past Presidents are willing to remain on the Board to assist with the transition and provide invaluable insight to the history and evolution of the Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors. Second, I want to acknowledge all past and present board members, committee members, volunteers, and anyone within

the community that forfeits their personal time to provide such altruistic services for the benefit of all those who call CKSII home, thank you.

My name is Mike Tignanelli, this will be my eighth board seat and fifth within Colorado. With a career in commercial real estate development, I have enjoyed various rolls from President to Treasurer in a handful of condominium and residential communities within Telluride, Breckenridge, Evergreen, and Steamboat Springs. I look forward to sharing a wealth of declarant board experience and institutional rigor with CKSII. Some of the many reasons my wife Michelle and I chose to live and raise our children within this community are the remarkable friends and neighbors, and because of the presence of an HOA with moderate oversight and regulation. I believe this is an attribute that should be preserved at all costs.

With the natural progression of our community, evolving from internal pen and paper administration to third-party management comes a lot of work. As I look forward on the year ahead, a few key items that I intend to spearhead are:

- 1) Renegotiating the management contract with Keystone to reduce monthly fees
- 2) Evaluating the contract and synergies of our HOA legal counsel Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt
- 3) Clarifying the existing Rules and Regulations governing our community by way of a non-board member Special Committee
- 4) Updating Board email addresses to a Microsoft enterprise solution
- 5) Assisting ACC Chair, Matt Lawicki, on providing our community with a set of guidelines for the architectural review process to help streamline approvals and simplify ACC requirements.

If you are interested in helping the Special Committee on Rules and Regulations, please reach out. I am still looking for two volunteers. This committee will kick off at the next regular meeting on March 12th regardless of seats filled. The completed document will provide Keystone Property Management with a set of guidelines during the contractual monthly violation enforcement procedure; ensuring we keep regulation moderate and reasonable for all members.

To see what's happening within our community, to volunteer, or to get in touch with the Board please visit www.cksii.org.—*Thank you, Mike Tignanelli, President - CKSII Homeowners Association*

Hello Columbine Knolls South II Residents. My name is Matt Lawicki and I am the new Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Chair person. Our family has lived in the neighborhood for eight years now, and we feel very fortunate to be a part of such a great community. We enjoy spending time with our neighbors, accessing Coronado Park and walking our kids to school.

I am replacing Bob Pellegrini as ACC Chair and want to thank Bob for his years of service to our community. We are happy to announce that Bob will continue serving CKSII as an At-Large Board member and as an ACC member. The ACC has three volunteer members, Bob Pellegrini, Sean Lyons and me. We are committed to a timely review process for our community members. Our goal is to review and respond to projects within 2 weeks, but some projects can take up to 30 days. To help speed up the review process, the ACC committee has created "Project Guides" that outlines community guidelines and recommendations. These documents will help homeowners understand details that are needed for approval and expedite our review process.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment with the Board The March monthly meeting was attended by a handful of residents. The volunteer members spent time finalizing the upcoming Meet your Neighbor event, scheduled for 3/14, 6p at Breckenridge Brewery TapHouse. (Which unfortunately was CANCELLED due to the March 13th Snow Storm of the Century.) The Easter Egg Hunt, mark your calendar for 3/23 is hopefully not going to be affected by any rouge Spring storms. Our Annual Membership Drive kicked off on March 1st, the newsletter has a QR code directing you to a link on the website. If you didn't receive a Membership Card in the mail please drop information to CWCAtalk@gmail.com or use the small form inside the newsletter to send your volunteer dues in. We would so enjoy meeting and exceeding the 350 membership goal for 2024. The Community Garage Sale is May 3rd-4th, John Basila will be sponsoring again this year, more info to be posted in the newsletter and on Nextdoor.com. Our Annual Elections are in May, the Office of President, Treasurer & Secretary are open for new candidate. There is also room for a couple more new volunteers for Board Positions, if interested drop in a meeting or feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. Please drop a note to CWCAtalk@gmail.com if you need to speak with a committee member. The community is held to a standard by being 'Covenant Protected'. Stop by the new website www.CWCA.info, which will have all the information you need. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting, the next one is April 9th, 7:00p at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

Dutch Creek Village News

From From the President This Welcome to Spring! Flowers are starting to bloom, trees are beginning to sprout leaves, and dues notices were sent out for the Master HOA. We received a few questions from homeowners about dues, with some responses more colorful than others. Please remember that everyone that volunteers for the HOA, including all board members, is not compensated monetarily for their time. I believe every volunteer does it for the sole purpose of helping the community.

A common question we received was if the new mailing address in Las Vegas was correct. Yes, the address on your dues mailing is the correct mailing address for our new HOA accounting and banking services. We had to make a change for 2024 due to our previous accountant deciding not to renew services. The Las Vegas address is a lockbox where our payments will be processed automatically for us (no cost to the association for this service through our new bank). The new vendors are intended to reduce fees to the HOA and improve the recordkeeping services we receive. We will continue to monitor the situation and determine where we can receive the best value for the services provided. built in DCV. Then at some point before I moved into the area two things changed. Trash pick-up was added to the HOA services and CPI has been used to increase the base dues amount annually. Increasing the base dues has been necessary since the costs to the HOA are increasing, and we need to plan to have sufficient reserves to cover improvements and replacements for our existing infrastructure to hopefully avoid considering special assessments. Why CPI? Some identifiable measure needed to be chosen to try to avoid future assessment needs and CPI has historically been a common measure of general inflation. Financial statements can be found online at [https://www.dutchcreekhoa.com /resources/financial-monthly/](https://www.dutchcreekhoa.com/resources/financial-monthly/).

The notice of Master HOA dues was mailed around March 1, 2024. If you did not receive a dues notice, please reach out to us at info@dutchcreekhoa.com. And please pay the dues promptly by April 1, 2024. Not having a current address on file for the responsible homeowner is not an excuse for not paying the dues in a timely manner. We do not enjoy enforcing the rules for late payment of dues, but we attempt to follow the rules exactly to make sure all homeowners are treated equally.

The Dutch Creek Village Master HOA will have its annual meeting this April. The tentative date is April 18, 2024, at 7:30pm. Attending the annual meeting or submitting a proxy is accomplished in the same way. To attend the meeting or submit a proxy, you must go online to www.dutchcreekhoa.com and either click that you will RSVP as attending or click to submit a proxy assignment. The Master HOA needs your vote or proxy submitted to conduct annual business; therefore, it is greatly appreciated if you can submit a proxy document online if you are not able to attend in person. The annual meeting will include a discussion of the budget, annual elections of board members, and anything else attending homeowners may wish to discuss. Please send an email to info@dutchcreekhoa.com if you would like to be nominated for a board position. — *Craig Pedersen, Dutch Creek HOA President*

The Leawood Reporter

From LCA Meeting Minutes TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH Place: Leawood Elementary Time: 6:34pm

Attending: Mike Major, Travis Hall, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Evelth, Paul O'Connor, Mike Whalen, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno

Discussion: Treasurer report provided - 2024 Budget Estimates discussed

Online payment still needs to be addressed

Membership drive signs are up with flyers being mailed. Website to be updated with new payment service for memberships & get corrected board members added.

24 Calendar discussed: March 23rd Easter egg hunt weather permitting- March 30th is back up date; 8:30am at Raccoon Holler to hide eggs- different areas for age groups with other candy for young age group

Leawood playground days at once a month Shannon may run- Sundays 5/19 next date

May garage sales still going on

June annual clean up 2 dumpsters

July 14th Craft/Car show -need portapotty reserved has an organizer & is a go.

August 24 Annual picnic

September will be Board/ Platinum Member party

Possible shred-a-thon

Feather flags to be ordered x 2

Leawood Civic Association to help with car show portion of Summerset Festival in September Meeting ended at 7:16pm.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes March 13, 2024 The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President/ Treasurer, Maggie Tocco and Myra Pasco. Other District: Debby Baker/Secretary & Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Leawood Resident Steve Wall and Dutch Creek resident Craig Peterson.

Public Comments – (A) Steve Wall attended to learn more about the future of the District and Board listed in the February 14th meeting minutes. Kyle explained the challenges that the District faces: funding; Parks Manager and Treasure changes; and District residents lack of interest in serving on the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Judy presented the Treasurer's Report. Bills to be paid this month include Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Honey Bucket, Weston, Judy (reimbursement for stamps), Peak Honda (ATV service, front tires and battery), Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash.

Treasurer transition – The District data on Donna's computer had been successfully removed and converted from DOS to a current format. Further clean-up is needed before the data can be given to the District. An accounting contractor has been identified, Judy is preparing the contract and document stating duties and responsibilities. Myra suggested that the Board needs to review the policies and procedures for financial transactions.

Parks Manager Report – Snow was removed, doggie bags checked and replenished as needed in all parks. ATV serviced, two new tires and battery. Dave continues to negotiate with Weston to get a new contract before Spring. Graffiti continues to be a big problem in all parks. The graffiti has become more explicit and offensive. Dave is trying to remove the graffiti as he becomes aware of it.

a. Leawood Park – The iron fence damaged by Honey Bucket has been repaired. The gutters on the Pavilion were cleaned. Vandals damaged the gutter downspout at the Pavilion and will be repaired.

b. Weaver Park – The dead evergreen tree near the playground equipment was removed and stumps ground. The Ranch pump was removed. A new cement pad was poured for the box controller (sprinkler box)

Old Business a. Future of the District Board: The future of the District and the Board will be an ongoing discussion for the year. Decisions need to be made by the end of 2024. Possible options need to be defined along with the pros and cons of each.

b. Document Retention Policy: Postponed until April meeting due to time constraints.

New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. —*Debby Baker, Secretary*

Woodbourne

From Notes from the March Board Meeting—Happy Spring! Tuesday April 16th at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. soft start for proxy counting) will be the annual resident meeting. We hope to acquire a quorum of at least 102 residents in participation, either via in-person or through a completed proxy form. Mailers with the notice of the meeting and proxy were being seen in the mail around March 20th. Please email any board member if you would like to submit a proxy form and we will pick it up. Otherwise, please follow the steps for submission in the mailer. The annual meeting is a chance to come together and appreciate our neighborhood, while providing a forum for discussion and comradery.

The cracked pipes servicing the wader pool have been repaired and we hope that by the time this newsletter is delivered we will be working to replace the 30-year-old pool filter and motor. We have contracted with All Star Pool Management again this season. John and his staff were extremely diligent and supportive of our community last season, and we look forward to another great summer. Depending on resources, we hope to provide a section of new pool furniture and the addition of a few movable tables to allow more people to sit poolside. Speaking of swimming – the Wave is in full force and has worked tirelessly to recruit new members to ensure the viability of future team participation. There will be three home meets this season, and the Wave team will also be sponsoring another end of summer party and possibly other events along the way. Keep an eye out for future communications with updated activity dates. The pool will officially open for the season at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 25th!

For those affected by the large mid-March storm, we understand that tree/landscaping companies are in high demand and ask that you address broken tree/limb removal when you are able. If you intend for Waste Connections to remove them, no part of the tree may be larger than 36 inches, and branches must be bound with string or twine. If limbs fit into the trash bin (door closed), they will be taken with normal trash. Full limbs or uncut branches will be left on the curb.

As always, we ask that any resident yard projects that require Architectural Control Committee approvals be submitted as soon as possible. We want to be able to facilitate full reviews and communication of project expectations in a timely manner. The committee does technically have 30 days to review and respond to any request, but we attempt to service each request much quicker. Roofing, windows, exterior paint, landscaping, fencing, storage sheds, play structures, decks, free-standing structures and any other externally visible project requires ACC submission and review. Typically projects like home gardens, back yard grass, flatwork or other decorative additions that are less than 6ft tall and/or invisible to close neighbors are not required for approvals. The State of Colorado has recently approved many new options for backyard designs that require less organic material and/or low water use. Feel free to research the options via [http:// grow-give.extension.coloradostate.edu/garden-plans](http://grow-give.extension.coloradostate.edu/garden-plans). As always – full redesigns require ACC approvals. —Your *Woodbourne HOA Board*



The Coho cleanup from Simms to C-470 along Bowles was on April 13. The weather was pretty good.

The next trash pickup will be in the fall.



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The next meeting will be May 1, 2024 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled for the meeting.

Treasurer Closes Property Tax Payment Drop Box Due to Tampering —Jefferson County Treasurer Jerry DiTullio has closed the property tax payment drop box located on the outside of the Jefferson County Administration and Court Facility. The drop box was tampered with on the evening of Tuesday, April 9, in an attempted theft of payment checks. The checks in the drop box were not accessed and the drop box was not breached.

Jeffco Clerk & Recorder's Office to Host Passport-palooza on May 28 —Twice a year the Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder's Office provides passport processing with no appointment necessary. If you are filing for a new passport, your passport has expired by more than five years, or are getting passports for your children, this is the event for you. From 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., stop by with all of your documents, a checkbook, and your application—we'll get you ready for fall and winter travel. RSVP today. <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=h-zoe8maak6RQd75YxxD6sK3qLb9MT9PnF6hihP4P6JUMFhVQjFQS0ILN09FV0RZODRNOEICMVJVUC4u>

Native Plants Make a Difference in Water Usage and the Local Ecosystem —Colorado has been home to native flora for thousands of years that is perfectly adapted for our climate. Planting a native garden means reducing the need for maintenance, watering, pesticide use, and more. Most importantly, that garden will provide a sanctuary for native birds and insects—even the annual migrations of butterflies. Check out this great list of native plants. <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/gardening-resources/online-garden-publications/native-plants/>

Illicit Discharge Information for Jefferson County Residents —Storm sewer systems are designed to carry runoff from rain and snowmelt and discharge it directly to the drainage way. Materials that are dumped or inadvertently washed into the storm sewer system can pollute our creeks and rivers. An illicit discharge occurs when an activity results in an unauthorized substance entering our storm sewer system. Learn about Jefferson County's procedures to address illicit discharges. <https://www.jeffco.us/2719/Stormwater-Management#illicit>

From Engage Jeffco April Newsletter

Received this email from Jennifer Hall of Jeffco:

The purpose of this email is to inform registered HOAs that Jefferson County is accepting applications for vacancies on a few boards and commissions. Of particular interest to Planning & Zoning are the vacancies for the Board of Adjustment.

Via quasi-judicial hearings, the Board of Adjustment considers granting variances in cases where a property owner cannot meet the standards in their zone district; to consider granting special exceptions for temporary activities and to consider appeals of the Director of Planning and Zoning's written decisions, determinations, and interpretations.

The Board of Adjustment meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 8:15 am.

Please let your members know about these openings and encourage anyone interested to consider applying using the following link.

<https://www.jeffco.us/767/Boards-Commissions>

Thank you!

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