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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Jan. 8, 2026, 6 pm, 700 Jefferson Co Pkwy, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Foothills: Dec. 9, 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room
One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Dec. 17, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street 1st Floor, Aspen /Birch
Conference Room

Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing
Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

**Calendar for upcoming meetings: 2026: Jan 7, Feb 4,
Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct
7, Nov 4, Dec 2**

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: November 2025

Beginning Balance November 5, 2025

Deposits

Withdrawals

November Website \$23.08 December Newsletter \$ 3.60

Ending Balance December 3, 2025

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 591.62

\$ 0.00

\$ 26.68

\$ 564.94

Draft Minutes for November 5 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one from **Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Public Schools or Foothills Parks and Recreation District** was present.

At the last **Foothills** meeting, they discussed budgets. There was a presentation by Jovial Projects. They seemed well organized. Food was given to Food Banks. They discussed Weaver Hollow at C-470 and W. Simms. They are involved in the community. They discussed golf fees for the golf courses. The average cost is \$61. The new board member was present. They will finalize the budget in December.

Colin will pass on the Maureen's letter to Ron with **Foothills Parks and Recreation District**. They have applied for a the grant from Jeffco Open Space for that proposed trail connection near Sledding Hill park.

We had no speaker.

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 5 members present and did not have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$591.62.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The October minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County Information: CMT 25-126745 is for 5641 Deframe St. They want to rezone from R2 and PD to Industrial-3. This will allow light industrial / office / Warehouse uses. It is the Intercessors of the Trinity west of C-470 and north of W. Bowles Ave. They said that they would pave the street.

PA 25-125507 is for 11852 Schaffer Dr. It is a site development plan for 60 light industrial units, warehousing, and personal storage.

RDP 25-125661 is for 11262 W. Patterson Place. It is a registered distressed property.

RZ 25-124994 is for 6609 S. Yukon St. They want to rezone from PD to R-1C for a subdivision of up to 6 single family homes. It is currently a shopping center in Woodmar Subdivision.

SU 25-124378 is for 6004 S. Kipling Pkwy. The Redemption Hills Church has applied for a special use application. This was previously the Elvis Theater.

The P & Z website has released the draft for STR. A PC hearing and BCC hearing has been scheduled for 11/12 and

12/1 respectively. The company that will manage STR is Vacation Rental Services. They expect to take 7 days to remove web lists that are not approved. Then they will notify the county. They will not start out issuing fines. They will try to educate first, then begin issuing fines at some time in the future. The fines for the first offense are \$500. For the second offense it is \$1,000. Plus, there are daily fines. Who gets the money? It goes into the General Fund. The company is paid based on fees collected. They expect it to take effect in 2026. Diane asked everyone to read up on the STR draft. Also always check the agenda shortly before the date to check for changes. Please attend one of the hearings. The draft excluded hotels and apt. buildings.

The Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up was on Oct. 19th. Diane thanked Ray for his help for our 19th year on this project. Columbine Library has been reserved for Dec. and Jan.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements None

We adjourned at 6:27 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Meeting: October 4, 2025, Meeting called to order by President at 18:05. **Officers present:** Officers present: David, Galen, Steve, Gii. Board members present: Michaelle, Janet, Kelly Community members present Megan, Lia, Liz, Scott, Karen, Alexis. Changes in CHCA by-laws require a majority of board members [5 of 9].

Approval of minutes from Sept meeting as recorded in Oct Newsletter

Treasurer's report presented by David Wiese

Welcome visitors – what can we do for you? Discussion of speed bump install and S Kendall which is on Jan 26 agenda; dropping speed limit to 25, consider asking Jeffco about a 'No commercial vehicles' status for Kendall; noted increased number of critters in the 'hood as habitat loss continues east of Platte and south of Mineral.

Discuss with Jeffco what a neighborhood watch entails and reach out to CHCA neighbors

Continue to see drug-dealing and drug use on S Kendall and in the parks; reach out again to Jeffco

Uncover what Section eight housing standards are for the appearance of the property

Homeless encampment is reoccupied; sheriffs have engaged a couple of times

On east side of Platte, Arapahoe County is evaluating a proposal for building 38 duplexes and 40 townhomes, 2-3 storied. If you are concerned about how that might affect your property, contact Highland Development Company at 303-945-9867 or Kathleen Hammer, Planning Division, PWD Dept for Arapahoe County, at 729-874-6650. A public meeting has already been held but since it is Arapahoe County, we were not apprised in COHOPE. If you are invested in the outcome, please submit an article for our newsletter.

Proposal for a Farmer's Market in Columbine Hills. Will place on the Jan 2026 meeting agenda.

Old business: Columbine Day at the parking lot: most input suggested that it was fun but since many of our visitors were not from CHCA, and it being so close to our annual Fall Festival, we will forego it in the future. Perhaps CHCA can purchase a raffle ticket to support animal welfare. Huge shout-out to Gwen Pina for our raffle gifts! They were lovely and all the recipients loved what they chose. Thank you, Gwen!

CHCA Fall Fest: Another great time. Many community members volunteered and participated. Tara England drew some remarkable chalk art, Alpa Gupta kept very busy painting faces, and neighbors helped with baked goods, grilling, set-up and break-down.

New business: We will have a board meeting in Dec (4th). In previous years we met on the 3rd Thursday of the month, and the proximity to Christmas and the holidays made it difficult.

Contact Xcel for free mulch.

Upcoming events: Trunk or Treat: We have many neighbors reaching out to participate.

Dutch Creek Village News

DCV History: The Story of Our Tennis & Multi-Sport Court — When the DCV Recreation Center was first built, it featured four asphalt tennis courts. Asphalt was the economical choice at the time, but in Colorado's harsh freeze-thaw climate, cracking is inevitable. Over the years, the courts deteriorated to the point that some had to be locked and closed for safety. During the facility upgrade in 2006–2007, the easternmost court was removed and replaced with the grassy area visible today. Between 2011 and 2016, the remaining courts were patched several times, but each winter brought the cracks back. In 2017, the HOA made a major investment to rebuild the east and middle courts using post-tension concrete – the gold standard in tennis court construction. This system uses tensioned steel cables to keep the slab under constant compression, resulting in superior durability and resistance to cracking.

To expand their appeal, one court was retained for tennis, and the other was converted into a multi-sport court featuring basketball, hockey, a hitting wall, and even four-square. Additional lines were also added for junior tennis and pickleball. Since reconstruction, the courts have remained in excellent condition and require minimal maintenance.

Resurfacing is typically needed every 5–10 years, and the Board anticipates funding this in 2027.

In the meantime, minor repairs continue – such as adjusting gate springs and addressing a broken west gate lock, currently secured with a temporary chain. Please remember to close the gates behind you when leaving to keep the courts secure and prevent unnecessary wear on the surface.

Important Reminder: No bikes, scooters, skateboards, or dogs are allowed on the courts. Please also avoid using shovels to clear snow, as they can damage the playing surface.

Thanks to these improvements, our neighborhood courts continue to provide a safe and fun place for families to enjoy recreation close to home.

The Leawood Reporter

From LCA Minutes October 7 **Members present:** Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Jesse Opgenorth, Paul O'Connor, Dave & Laurie Sarno

Treasurer Report: Paul reported another quiet month as far as expenses paid out. He has investigated banks that have Zelle and is trying to narrow it down. Jesse & Paul O. pointed out we can keep the current credit union if we have Venmo. Board members agreed that it was a good option.

Other topics: Camille expressed concern that present signs for advertising events are getting old and deteriorating. Nancy contacted PTSA and advertising events on the school marquee board is an option. Other signage will be discussed next month.

Laurie discussed Platinum membership dinner being held next week at 3070 Sports Bar.

Halloween Decorating Contest: Laurie will buy Target gift cards for the three winning houses.

Santa Party: Will be on December 10th. Nancy called Mrs. Santa to make sure that date was good for her & Santa.

Meeting ended at 7:15pm.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – Thursday, Oct 8, 2025, The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Carole Gottlieb. Board Members Present: Carole Gottlieb (President), Jesse Opgenorth, and Zack Sack. Others Present: Ken Leaf (Park Manager), Judy Anderson, and Vicki Graves.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS Treasurer's Report (Carole Gottlieb) The Denver Water bill for September was noted as being higher than in any previous month.

The Board is awaiting the signatures of Carrie and Kyle to finalize the 2024 audit.

New bid for dog waste pickup services that is anticipated to reduce current costs by 40%.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS Public Comments—Weaver Pavilion Electrical Outlets: Jesse Opgenorth reported that the electrical outlets at the Weaver Pavilion require locks. Motion: A motion to purchase two combination locks for the Weaver electrical boxes passed 3-0.

Graffiti: The ongoing issue of graffiti under the bridge was discussed. Park Manager Ken Leaf was tasked with investigating anti-graffiti paint solutions.

Park Manager Report (Ken Leaf) Rebar was cleared and collars were removed. Dog waste stations were cleared and serviced. The Benton flower bed was cleaned up, and the purchase of mulch was approved. New timbers for the playground swing set were installed by Brother's Landscape. A resident, Sheridan T-Trac, emailed the District regarding soggy turf and expressed interest in splitting the cost of replacement trees.

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LONG-TERM PLANNING Trees, Dams, and Stream Management (Zack Sack)

Zack Sack is including commercial arborists in the search process for a replacement firm for Cox Landscaping Two arborist reports were received from Jeffco, both identifying major issues due to a lack of tree care, necessitating significant removal, trimming, and replacement.

Another large tree fell along Weaver Park and has been removed. The Board plans to move quickly on the removal of compromised trees and to implement a replacement plan. Significant costs are anticipated, with an initial estimate of \$200,000+. Initial arborist meetings revealed conflicting views on which trees to remove. Zack Sack will schedule meetings with both maintenance/arborists for a final determination.

Sprinkler Systems (Zack Sack, Steve Wall, Vicky Graves) Year-to-Date (YTD) irrigation costs are more than double the prior year's costs. A complimentary audit of the Weaver system by Resource Central noted major issues. The Board will collaborate with the new maintenance firm to determine necessary upgrades. Steve Wall and Vicky Graves will research potential grants or awards available to fund the system upgrades.

Beds and Signs (Judy Anderson) New signs detailing rules and prohibitions for the tennis court have arrived. Judy Anderson will continue her bed improvement plan in the spring. Will from Creekside Gardens has offered to provide free design plans.

Insurance and Claim (Carole Gottlieb) Carole Gottlieb completed a full review of the insurance package with the agent (CSD). The Board unanimously agreed that an insurance claim is warranted. A successful claim would help offset the estimated \$200,000+ needed for dead tree and shrub removal and replacement. The claim is scheduled to be filed in Q4 2025.

Maintenance Firm Replacement (Zack Sack) Zack Sack is currently scheduling meetings with Sundown by Design and Lawncare Solutions as candidates to replace the former firm.

NEW BUSINESS The following proposals were made by Tom Bryant:

Flagstone Steps lift and repair (Weaver Park) Wilderness Construction \$1,900 Approved (3-0)

Woodbridge Railing repair (36 feet, both sides) Wilderness Construction \$2,500 Approved (3-0)— *Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Carole Gottlieb President/Treasurer*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The September Board Meeting Happy Leaf Season. As we have lost daylight savings and enter the hibernation season, the board has settled into a slower pattern of daily work. We do want to remind everyone that one last landscaping task remains – fall cleanup. As you assess your yard and the work required to get cleaned up, please remember the following: blowing leaves or yard debris into the street is not helpful to the neighborhood or our watershed systems; Waste Connections allows for additional yard waste/trash to be set around your blue trash bin for the month of November; as always, we ask that you attempt to fit as much as possible into your provided bin before relying on street placement of trash.

Please check your mail, the 2026 proposed budget has been provided to all residents. The board remains committed to ensuring we are stalwart managers of our dues, reserve funds and to align to our collective commitment that Woodbourne remains a premier neighborhood. As the snow is likely to start to fall, please be cognizant to ensure your sidewalks and driveways are cleared in a timely manner after each storm. In some cases, teenagers and neighbors can be leveraged for homeowners that require help. If you do require assistance, please reach out to a board member or support@accuinc.com and we will ensure your address is aligned to a resident or board member that can assist.

The board will be reviewing and ensuring we are consistent with guidelines around permanent lighting being adopted by a few residents currently.

Please be aware that any permanent alterations to your residence DOES require an Architectural Change Control form to be filled out. We will be developing a dedicated form that allows for quick submission with the relevant requirements to be collected. We appreciate your patience and compliance.

A reminder that you may have up to two (2) political signs or postings in your yard. No resident may adhere any signage to their home or fencing. Signs may be placed prior to voting day but must be removed within 5 days of voting. If there are specific questions, Woodbourne has developed a document that aligns the rules and regulations posted on the Woodbourne online portal.

Please continue to check the social calendar for current events. The Woodbourne Wave has once again offered to produce the Holiday Hayride on December 13. They will ensure that everyone has a festive time and can enjoy community bonding with other residents. Our dedicated ACC volunteers will be coordinating the holiday decoration installs in the coming weeks and if you would like to assist, please reach out to tonyb@woodbournehoa.com and he can keep you aware of the planned installation day. — *Your Woodbourne HOA*

Giving Tree Returns to Jefferson County Administration & Courts Facility — We are pleased to announce Jefferson County's annual holiday Giving Tree is now on display in the atrium of the Administration and Courts Facility. Continuing a cherished tradition, the Giving Tree will feature gift tags with holiday wishes from children in need within our Jeffco community. Everyone is invited to select a tag and help make the season brighter for these children. Learn more. <https://www.jeffco.us/m/newsflash/home/detail/2495>

Engage Jeffco Podcast: The Lasting Impact of Jeffco's Giving Tree — In this month's episode of the Engage Jeffco Podcast, we chat with Audrey Miklitsch, Engagement and Communications Manager for CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties, and Jessica Hansen, Executive Director of Jeffco Prosperity Partners, about Jefferson County's annual Giving Tree program, which aims to make the holidays a little brighter for some less fortunate children in our community. Listen to the episode.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/0BRFxKzFLMIWfGiINyFfNi?si=tPywyibZRYabHGN5tZYz_g&nd=1&dlsi=eca31684c2634a50

Follow the Engage Jeffco Podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.. <https://www.jeffco.us/4019/Find-Resources>

Help Jeffco Prosperity Partners' Families for Colorado Gives Day — Early giving for Colorado Gives Day is open!

Every gift now through Dec. 9 helps JPP families reach their goals, from earning degrees and starting meaningful careers to building brighter futures for their children. This year, Colorado Gives Foundation will match the first \$100 for all new monthly donors, doubling your impact! Want to do even more? Create your own fundraiser and rally your friends and family to support Jeffco Prosperity Partners' mission. Give early or start your fundraiser today.

<https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Jeffco-Prosperity-Partners>

Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Applications are Open — Applications for the 2025-'26 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) are now open. LEAP helps to cover the costs of home heating during the colder months. Applications are open through April 30, 2026. You can check eligibility requirements, find an application checklist and learn about additional resources at www.jeffco.us/LEAP. Have additional questions? Call 719-442-0007.

Seeking Applicants for Regional Early Childhood Council — Join We want to make our streets in Jeffco safer for everyone. Our goal is called "Vision Zero," which means we are striving toward zero deaths or serious injuries from traffic crashes. Help us by taking a survey on where you feel unsafe walking, biking, riding the bus or driving. And join our online public meeting on Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. mental health and health.

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4bb39fe4461840a0806d3bbb2b01455b/page/Take-the-Survey!>

Colorado Central Railroad Trailhead To Open Nov. 21 —Jeffco Parks & Open Space is excited to announce the opening of the Colorado Central Railroad (CCR) Trailhead in Clear Creek Canyon Park on Friday, Nov. 21. This new segment connects the CCR Trailhead to the Tunnel 1 Bridge that opened with the Gateway Segment, which opened in August 2021. Visitors are encouraged to explore this exciting new addition to Clear Creek Canyon Park and enjoy the continued expansion of the Clear Creek Trail system. <https://www.jeffco.us/3442/Trails>

What is Household Hazardous Waste, and How Can You Recycle It? — Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic. Recycling HHW is critical for personal, public and environmental safety, and Rooney Road Recycling Center is your one-stop shop for recycling household hazardous waste. Learn more. <https://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org/>

Festival of the Trees Decorating Competition Kicks Off Nov. 29 — The Join us for the Festival of Trees, an exciting holiday tree decorating event that brings the holiday spirit for a good cause! Decorate a Christmas tree to be displayed throughout the week, starting Nov. 29 and culminating at the annual Holiday Celebration on Dec. 6. Showcase your business, engage with the community and spread some holiday cheer while making a difference for local animals in need. Learn more. <https://www.rootedinfun.com/394/6642/Festival-of-the-Trees>

Jefferson County Employee Holiday Bazaar Set for Dec. 10—Join us Dec. 10 for the annual Jefferson County Employee Holiday Bazaar! An excellent opportunity to accomplish some holiday shopping while supporting Jeffco employees, this festive market features a variety of gifts for sale — handmade crafts, cards, jewelry, woodworking and more. The event will be at the Lookout Mountain Room on the lower level of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility and runs from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn more. <https://www.jeffco.us/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/2501>

Passport-palooza Returns Jan. 15 to Administration and Courts Facility— Adding “get a passport” to your New Year’s checklist? Mark your calendars for Jan. 15! If you’re applying for a new passport, renewing one that’s been expired for more than five years or getting passports for your children, this event is for you. Stop by anytime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. No appointment is needed! Just bring all required documents, your completed application and a check-book. RSVP now. <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=h-zoe8maak6RQd75YxxD6nRHTLUd-AVPt4J0O2SeARpUMehUTTJWUEXLTeo5TVJIRUJJQzkzTzNJRC4u&route=shorturl>

Sheriff Marinelli Shares Q3 2025 Law Enforcement Authority Report— Each quarter, Sheriff Reggie Marinelli shares the Law Enforcement Authority (LEA) Report with the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. The report highlights key events, statistics and activities from the past three months within the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office. Read the full Q3 2025 report on the JCSO website. Want a quick look at the numbers? View crime totals and data summaries. <https://www.jeffco.us/4981/2025-LEA-Reports>

Election Results Are In, and Jeffco Led the State in Voter Turnout—Jefferson County, once again, led the state in voter turnout! Unofficial results for the 2025 Coordinated Election are now available with final certification expected next week. Thank you to every voter who made their voice heard and helped make democracy happen. View voter turnout and unofficial results. <https://www.jeffco.us/578/Voter-Turnout-Election-Results>

Explore School Finder Ahead of 2026-'27 Enrollment—Round one of EnrollJeffco for the 2026-'27 school year is open Dec. 2 to Jan. 9. Not sure which school is best for your student? School Finder can help you make an informed decision that fits your family's needs. <https://enrolljeffco.my.site.com/Find/s/>

Foothills Park & Recreation District's Holiday Pottery Sale — Dec. 5-6— Find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts at Foothills Park & Recreation District's Holiday Pottery Sale at Ridge Recreation Center. Buy local, handmade pottery produced by students and instructors from Foothills Clay Arts Studio. Stop by on Friday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.

Merry Christmas