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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: 2026: May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 5-6, Backyard 2-5</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: March 2026</p> <p>Beginning Balance March 4, 2026</p> <p>Deposits Columbine Hills CA \$40, Moore \$20</p> <p>Withdrawals March Website \$23.08 April Newsletter \$ 3.60 Dues Mailout \$12</p> <p>Ending Balance April 1, 2026</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 471.90</p> <p>\$ 60.00</p> <p>\$ 38.68</p> <p>\$ 493.22</p>
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Draft Minutes for March 4 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Michael Pichler / At Large, Galen & David Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates.
The meeting started at 5:59 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.

We had no speaker.

We do not have a President.

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

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$484.90.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The February minutes have been approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County Information: HB 26-1203 is a proposal that any county with 70K or more residents would need 5 County Commissioners. There would be an election to choose which method to use to elect commissioners. Options would be either 1 commissioner/district elected only by voters in that district or have all commissioners elected at-large.

PA 26-105287 is for 10512 W. Toller Dr. It is about a 64,000 sq. ft. industrial building for office, light manufacturing, and warehouse use.

PA 26-105230 is for 13420 W. Coal Mine Ave. They want to build a 150 ft. tall monopole cell tower. It will be on the north side of the WalMart property, south of the gas station. They would lease a 100' by 30' space and establish utility easements.

PA 26-105048 is for 11200 W. Belleview Ave. Denver Water wants to build a 2-megawatt solar PV facility on the western half of their property.

PA 26-104839 is for 10700 W. Bowles Ave. It was Jared's nursery. The ODP is under review. They want to meet to get information about preparing a SDP.

PA 26-103233 is for 5641 S. Deframe St. It was the Padre Pio center property. It is under contract to sell for developing 3 industrial metal buildings, septic system, etc. It is west of C-470 and north of Bowles Ave.

RDP 26-103584 is for 6527 S. Flower St. It is now registered as a distress property.

SD 26-105146 is for 8501 W. Bowles Ave. It is the old SEARS store in Southwest Plaza. They want to demolish the existing building and build a new 2 story, 103,000 sq. ft. athletic center with a outdoor pool. There is also a SDP for Lifetime Fitness. It will have 500 parking spaces.

RZ 26-103768 is for 6859 S. Iris St. They want to rezone from Agricultural-1 to PD. They want to build up to 48 single family homes.

Diane signed up for **Jefferson County Property Disposition Work Community Distribution List**. She is interested in Colorow and Peifer. (update: *Diane saw a recent post on Nextdoor announcing that Peifer will become a church (Calvary Veritas) in the Fall. the post was advertising an upcoming Easter egg hunt that the church will be holding there.*)

The **Planning Commission** hearing was on Feb. 24. It was for 2 WUI related cases. Diane listened for 2 1/2 hours without any resolution on the first case. The website has not posted any documents yet, so she does not know the results.

There were restrictions in Class 1 area that were stricter than the State documents. There were also concerns about restrictions on trees / Heat centers. A change was recommended. In addition they recommended that a study be conducted about the affect of the proposed restrictions regarding trees and how they might impact/cause heat centers.

West Metro Fire Department meeting was on 2/25. Diane attended and completed the questionnaire. She brought the handout to our meeting. This only affects people living in the West Metro Fire Department area who affected by the Wildfire Urban Interface. They are working with Ember Alliance. *update: The BCC voted unanimously to approve the WUI map and Wildfire Resiliency Code including a change that was recommended by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission voted 6-1 to approve it with a recommended change.*

Diane attended the **Foothills Parks and Recreation District Meeting** on 2/18. There was a presentation by Jason Genck, Senior Manager of BerryDunn for Park, Recreation, and Libraries. The Board voted to hire this company to start the Master / Strategic Planning Process. They will do outreach with the residents to learn what they might want or do not want.

FHPRD emphasized that motorized vehicles or e-motorbikes are NOT allowed on trails or in parks. There is a bill proposed in the State Legislature to make parents responsible when their child get in trouble for riding their e-motorbike where it isn't allowed. (update: that bill didn't pass)

WalMart is remodeling. Some aisles are very narrow. The Fire Department has the following minimum requirements: 24" between mini-aisles, 36" where merchandise is only on one side of the aisle, and 44" where merchandise is on both sides of the aisle. West Metro Fire will inspect the work after it is all completed to see if it complies with the pre-approved plans.

Columbine Library has been reserved for Apr. and May.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements None.

We adjourned at 6:46 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From **CHCA Board Meeting February 5 2026** Start: 1800

Officers: David, Galen, Kelsey, Gii, Steve **Members-at-large:** Janet, Kelly **Community Members:** Mark & Andrea W, Randy E, Karen O

What can we do for you? Interested in garden, helping, curious about process of board.

Treasurer's Report: David Paying members: 27 members Expenditures: nothing this month Approve: Kelsey. Second: Gii.

Pie chart for 2025: Working on one for Mar or April newsletter

Review Board minutes: (Jan 11) Approve: Kelsey. Second: David

OLD BUSINESS: Chili cookoff: Only three chilis brought, 15-20 people came. It was on the same day as a church event. Perhaps have it one more year (at pavilion?) and see if we keep it as an event. Big shoutout to Randy and Sarah Miller for hosting again. Signs/ideas to make more visible: We discussed ways to make the top half of the signs easier to read. Angela was going to try painting; maybe an indigo background with light wordage?

Treasurer oversight: David will reach out to accountant at SwS Food Pantry to see if he will help us with a 2025 oversight of the treasury activity.

Slowing speeders: (Galen) Spoke with Jeffco; they have generated a ticket to evaluate speeders down and up Kendall to assess (again) whether the stop signs at Canyon and Elmhurst Ave warrant solar lights, or a 'stop sign ahead,' or SOMETHING. It will take 3-6 months to complete evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS: Group photo: when can we all be here? Deferred T-shirts: Steve's friend can make for \$16-18. Probably a columbine on front and CHCA Volunteer on back. Need to look at colors.

Little library: We plan to install this on April 25, the day we plant the trees.

Bylaws and SOPs: Anyone working on them? Gii is working on hers; by having Google docs we can enter our own and generate consistency in our language and formatting. Final goal is both a digital and actual folder with all bylaws, descriptions of roles, and SOPs.

Elections: Let's establish month of next election, 2-yr board member commitment? At least six meetings and one event yearly? Did not discuss criteria for board members; decided to have elections in Dec so we can start the new year with everyone in place.

Facebook, website, Instagram: Discussed new approaches and ways to keep information consistent between these and the newsletter.

Kids Corner art/content: Will look for ways to add puzzles, crosswords other content

EVENTS: Apr 25 Tree planting and trash pick-up: This will be a huge day for the CH community. We will need all available neighbors to come and help. It is most likely that the trees will go in before the irrigation system is added (sorry, no drinking fountain); until there is irrigation water, Foothills will bring water trucks for the newly-planted trees.

Garage Sale: Fri and Sat, June 12 & 13

June 27 Dumpster Day: All scheduled with Bargain Bins; \$200 down payment for five trucks, more can be available. Kim H will be available for metal this year.

Newsletter walkers: we have two new routes: One in NE quadrant; 55 houses. Could break into two routes. One in SW quadrant; 42 homes.

End: 1910

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From Why Do I Need To Submit To The ACC and What Happens If I Don't? Columbine Knolls South II is a covenant-controlled community. Our Protective Covenants are recorded with Jefferson County and are binding and enforceable on all owners (regardless of purchase date). In simple terms, that means the covenants apply to all of us and help set consistent expectations for exterior improvements.

Those covenants require ACC approval for exterior changes. More info and forms are available at: www.cksii.org/acc

Why ACC submission is required: Most home improvement projects are exciting - new paint, a refreshed landscape, updated windows, or a new shed can make a big difference. The ACC process is here to help homeowners make those improvements in a way that stays consistent with the Protective Covenants and supports neighborhood standards we all share.

In general, any exterior improvement visible to the public requires ACC approval. Painting, roofing, windows, siding, landscaping, and sheds are all examples of work that requires approval before you begin. Submitting in advance helps avoid delays, protects your investment, and prevents the frustration of having to revisit a project after it's underway.

The short version of "What if I don't?" CKSII's ACC materials and the recorded covenants explain what can happen if work starts without approval or if the project doesn't match what was approved: Fines: The Association may impose reasonable monetary fines after notice and an opportunity for a hearing. Stop-work expectation: If you're requested to stop or cease work, the ACC form states you agree to do so for 30 days or until the matter can be resolved.

Approval can be withdrawn: If you don't notify the ACC within 30 days of completion, refuse inspection, or don't finish by the stated completion date, the form states that approval may be withdrawn.

Restore/undo the work at the homeowner's expense: If the ACC determines work was done without approval, wasn't performed per the approved application, or wasn't completed within required time frames, the covenants state the owner must remedy the noncompliance or restore the lot to substantially the same condition as it existed prior to the work, at the owner's expense within 45 days of notice.

And if work is deemed nonconforming, the covenants state that upon written request from the Board, the owner must remove the nonconforming work and restore the lot, again at the owner's cost and expense.

Can the HOA force compliance? The HOA's covenants state the Association has the authority to pursue legal and equitable remedies to enforce the Protective Covenants and ACC decisions, and to seek attorney fees incurred in enforcement. In plain terms, the goal is always to work things out informally and neighbor-to-neighbor whenever possible, but the Board of Directors must pursue formal collection and legal involvement when necessary to enforce compliance.

Bottom line Submitting to the ACC isn't meant to be a hassle, it's a helpful step required under recorded, enforceable covenants. Skipping can lead to fines, stop-work demands, withdrawal of approval, and in some cases being required to remove the unapproved work and restore the property at the homeowner's expense, plus escalation to formal collection/legal involvement if the issue isn't resolved.

If you're considering an exterior project and aren't sure whether it needs ACC approval, the best approach is to check www.cksii.org/acc and submit a request. The ACC process is there to help you move forward with confidence.

– *CKSII Homeowners Association Board of Directors*

The Leawood Reporter

From LCA Minutes February 3, 2026 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Attending: Nancy Paul O'Connor, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Camille Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, Rhonda Eveleth, Jesse Opgenorth, Emma Smedberg; Guest: Rachel

Membership: Membership mailers will be printed & date will be announced soon for stuffing

Treasurer report: it has been provided - good standing some dues are coming in. Venmo is up & running - Paul will

send info to Chip for membership information

Garage sale dates 5/15 & 5/16, Clean up 6/13 & Picnic 8/22

Rapporter Emma is doing great & has some good ideas for upcoming issues

Egg hunt will be 3/28 with 4/4 as alternate date in case of bad weather, stuff date will be 3/19

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – Thursday, February 12, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Patsy Stockton, Neil Baker, Tom Bryant, Judy Anderson, Ken Leaf (Park Manager), Vicki Grove (Board Member), Jesse Opgenorth (Board Member), Carole Gottlieb (Treasurer), Zach Sack (President), Marci Turaga (Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President Zach Sack.

Public Comments A resident from Jay Way, at the corner of Jay and Weaver, shared concerns regarding water impacts from beaver activity. The resident reported that a neighbor's sump pump has been running continuously and expressed concern about potential yard damage and the impact of beaver dams on nearby properties. The board is aware of the issue and shared the plan for handling the beavers which includes installing a pond leveling device, seeking to relocate beavers in the early summer and then removing dams (more info about beavers can be found on the LMPRD Facebook page or website). The resident was provided contact information for the Jefferson County Floodplain Administrator. Another resident reported trimming lower tree limbs in Raccoon Hollar, assisted at times by the Park Manager. It was noted that many loose limbs remain in Raccoon Hollar due to wind and need to be collected and removed. Resident also highlighted the need for LMPRD information in the Rapporter to be updated. Jesse shared that he had raised these concerns with the LCA.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Carole reported that 1099 forms have been completed and distributed. The District's cash balance remains stable. Invoices from Designs By Sundown are forthcoming. The Board discussed whether to renew SDA membership and decided to hold off for now with option to revisit later.

Policies and Procedures A vote was held to adopt the updated Policies and Procedures. The motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed appreciation to Tom Bryant for his significant effort in preparing the documents.

Park Maintenance and Operations Park Manager Report Ken reported 40 hours worked in the past month. Completed tasks included: Repair of lights at Weaver Pavilion by an electrician; lights were reset to the lowest setting. Graffiti clean-up. Playground repairs. Removal of treehouse materials in Weaver Park. Limb cleanup in Raccoon Hollar. Cleanup at Leawood Park following evidence of an attempted fire. Monitoring and guarding trees in Kendall Park, including color matching for tree protection. Ken reported learning from Foothills and South Suburbanpark districts that they use a concrete mixture for tree protection; however, he believes caging or protective paint remains the preferred solution for our parks.

At T-Tract, U-posts were removed from trees. Required Land and Water Conservation Fund signs were secured to be installed at playgrounds. Beaver activity continues to be monitored. Ken will follow up with Hooper Construction for a tree removed during construction in Vintage Reserve, the matter has been pending for over one year.

A resident shared that continued communication with Mile High Flood District may result in assistance if the District remains persistent.

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning Phone/Email System The Board reviewed options for phone service to update LMPRD telephone number. One option included a local contract at approximately \$45 per month with one to two controlling accounts. An alternative discussed was a Google Workspace package providing phone service (Google Voice), storage, and professional email. The Board voted unanimously to move forward with Google Voice through Google Workspace.

Signs The board reviewed information provided by Judy about replacing the park signs. Marci suggested simplifying and updating existing signs rather than replacing them entirely. Jesse suggested including a possible "speed limit" notice for motorized recreational bikes and scooters. Board members to work on securing a working phone number and desired verbiage for signs before next meeting.

Grants and Tree Replacement Vicki shared information about the Colorado Tree Coalition grant, noting maximum award of approximately \$4,500 for recent projects. The grant emphasizes community-focused efforts. The Board discussed encouraging families and local businesses to sponsor trees for possible Arbor Day event. Vicki worked with Jonathan Dees from Arbor Care Specialist to identify potential tree planting areas. Vicki to prepare grant proposal. Carole also shared information about the SIPAA Communication Grant. The Board discussed possible ideas, including outreach to HOAs and sponsoring signage.

Update on Tree Trimming Zach reported the following progress: Leawood: approximately 50% complete with significant pruning and 30% with light pruning. Raccoon Hollar: completed. Weaver and Kendall: all Russian Olive trees removed. Tier 2 (moderate pruning): approximately 25% complete.

New Business Community Event Ideas The park manager suggested a number of jobs for community event day, including: Refreshing Weaver garden beds, including one near the playground as part of a possible adopt-a-garden initiative. Remulching and raking the swingset area. Improvements to Vintage Reserve beds along Coal Mine Trail. Meeting adjourned by President Zach Sack at 7:19pm. — *Minutes submitted by: Marci Turaga, Secretary*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The February Board Meeting Dear Homeowners, As we head into the spring season, we would like to share several important community updates and reminders.

Annual Homeowners Meeting Our Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held at the Chatfield High School Library. Official notices have been mailed and should be delivered by the time you are reading this newsletter. If you have not received a physical notice, please reach out to the HOA as soon as possible so we can ensure you have all meeting details. We look forward to your participation and encourage all homeowners to attend.

Clubhouse Landscaping Update We are currently working with Keesen on a refreshed landscaping plan for the clubhouse grounds. They will be providing markups and detailed drawings by March 11. Once the Board reviews and approves the final design, planting will begin a few weeks thereafter. We're excited to enhance the appearance and long-term sustainability of this shared community space.

Exterior Permanent Lighting Reminder We respectfully ask homeowners who have installed permanent exterior lighting systems to limit motion or animated lighting patterns to recognized holiday seasons only. Recently, we have received an increased number of communications regarding motion settings that impact neighbors' sleep and are often unknown to the residents displaying them. In many cases, homeowners are unaware their lighting system has been adjusted or remains active overnight. Additionally, we ask that all exterior accent lighting systems be placed on a timer and set to turn off no later than 10:00 PM. This will help reduce overnight light pollution and maintain a comfortable environment for everyone in the community. We appreciate your cooperation and consideration for your neighbors.

Wave Swim Team Proposal The Board has received a proposal from the Wave Swim Team. While few details are currently available, they have expressed interest in hosting the first State distance swim events at our community pool. We will be meeting with their representative in March for a Q&A session and will provide additional information to homeowners once more details are confirmed.

ACC Reminders & Watering Restrictions As spring approaches, please remember to submit all home improvement projects to the ACC Committee with ample time for review. Early submissions allow for discussion of details and ensure timely majority approval from committee members. We also anticipate early watering restrictions to be issued by Denver Water. While this is not unexpected, it does require preparation. The HOA will work with homeowners who wish to replace sod with low-water alternatives and will provide guidance regarding potential drought impacts on existing lawns and landscaping. Planning ahead will help ensure compliance while maintaining the health and appearance of our community.

Thank you for your continued involvement and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and to a productive spring season ahead.— *Your Woodbourne HOA*

More Than Books – A Look Inside the Jefferson County Public Library — Marcy James and Sean Eads from Jefferson County Public Library join us in this episode of the Engage Jeffco Podcast to chat about the organization's community programming, which is much more than just books. Listen to the episode.

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Save the Date: The Next Jefferson County Virtual Town Hall is April 30 —Join us on April 30 as Jefferson County subject experts and the Board of County Commissioners will be available to share important updates and answer your questions. You can join online to listen or ask any questions you might have. Register to participate via Zoom and find more information on our Town Hall webpage. <https://www.jeffco.us/3227/Town-Halls>

Jeffco Wildfire Resiliency Code Approved, Goes Into Effect July 1 —The Jefferson County Wildfire Resiliency Code (WRC) was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 10. It will be effective on July 1. It includes structure hardening and defensible space requirements for new construction, additions, re-siding and re-roofing for properties within the Wildland Urban Interface. Visit the Regulation Updates page for more info.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2613/Regulation-Updates>

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tay Tuned: Additional Features Coming to the YourJeffco App— Practice YourJeffco, the online portal and mobile app for residents, business owners and visitors to report issues and concerns about roads and bridges maintained by Jefferson County, will soon roll out features designed for additional county departments.

Currently, users can report issues and concerns such as: potholes, flooded roads, downed trees and graffiti. Those submissions are then routed to the appropriate departments or individuals for handling and resolution. Download the app:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/yourjeffco/id1634627458>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.qscend.report2gov.yourjeffco&hl=en&gl=US>

Public Hearing for Together Jeffco 2045 Comprehensive Plan on April 8 — The Together Jeffco 2045 Comprehensive



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.

sive Plan will be presented at a public hearing before the Planning Commission on April 8. This is the last of four plans in the Together Jeffco project, which integrated land use, transportation, wildfire and evacuation planning. The hearing packet is available through the case file, and you can find background information at TogetherJeffco.com
<https://togetherjeffco.com/>

Celebrate Earth Day Making an Impact with Jeffco Parks & Open Space — Spend Earth Day volunteering to help make a difference in Jeffco's open spaces! Choose your adventure: from planting projects to restore habitats in Van Bibber Park to trail work to keep South Table Mountain Park paths in great shape. Get your hands a little dirty, meet great people and do something good for the planet. Plus, breakfast and lunch are on us! Find more information and register for either location through our April calendar. <https://offero.jeffco.us/Calendar>

Jefferson County Public Library Completes 2026-2029 Strategic Plan — Jefferson County Public Library has completed its 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, a roadmap that will guide priorities, services and investments in the years ahead. The plan was shaped by extensive input from staff, community partners and more than 8,300 residents who shared feedback through surveys and conversations. <https://jeffcolibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2026/02/2026%E2%80%932029-Strategic-Plan.pdf>

Weed of the Month for March 2026: Myrtle Spurge — Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*) is an escaped ornamental that can now be found invading many natural environments, including rocky soils along the Front Range. This List A perennial is one of the first plants to flower in our region, usually mid to late March. It is required to be completely eliminated, and control methods include removal or by application of a systemic herbicide. Learn more.

<https://www.jeffco.us/795/Invasive-Species-Management>

Foothills Art Market Returns on April 11 to Foothills Fieldhouse— After a successful first year, Foothills Park & Recreation District is excited to host the return of the Foothills Art Market on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Foothills Fieldhouse. Shop unique creations in pottery, sculpture, glass, jewelry, wood, fashion, soaps, home accessories, photography and more. Admission is free! <https://www.ifoohills.org/foothills-art-market/>

From Engage Jeffco March Issue