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#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: June 3 5:30 pm, Virtual meeting

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: June 22, 6 pm, The Peak.

Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room

One,100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: June 16, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street, Aspen/Birch conf rm Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing

Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: June 2, Wednesday, 6:30 pm at Powderhorn Park (on Coal Mine ,just East of South Simms Street)

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: May 2021	W. R. Moor	e, Treasurer
Beginning Balance May 5, 2021	\$	1632.04
Deposits	\$	0.00
Withdrawals	\$	18.03
May newsletter \$4.40, Internet \$13.63 (now monthly)  Ending Balance June 2, 2021	\$	1614.01

**Draft Minutes for May 15 Meeting:** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Randy Montgomery / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Al Hintz / Kipling Hills, Logan McMillan / At Large,

Commander Ron Leonard / Jefferson County Sheriff.

The meeting started at 11:00 a.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Commander Ron Leonard from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was present and was the speaker.

Property crimes have been going up the last 4 months. The crimes are mostly trespass and burglaries. For non-violent crimes, the police will put on their lights but will not do a high speed pursuit. There have been Senate bills requiring that people lock up their guns. But they are still being stolen. Some thieves are only stealing the garage door openers and then coming back later to take their time. Also if they find keys to another car, they may steal it instead. Car trespass is not a high crime, so the perpetrator will not go to jail. If you see anything unusual, please call the police. Please pass this information on to your HOAs.

Ron is moving on to a new job. Commander David Swavely will be out new contact.

They are looking into Urban camping. Lakewood and Golden have passed camping bans. The police are more interested in addressing the issues of homelessness, addiction, mental health, etc.

They have shut down parks at night to deal with the street racers. At the moment they have moved on to Johnstown. The commander wanted to thank everyone for the community support.

Who do we contact to get graffiti removed? It depends on who owns the property.

They are partnering with JCMH for mental health issues. Legislature support/legislation is needed to fund this. How do we deal with Distressed Property. After they ticket, the owner has 15 days to comply. Then a summons is issued. They have 8 weeks. However the fees are \$500 the first week and \$1,000 per week for each additional week. Then court costs \$7,500 more. The court and police prefer that the owner just fix the property.

#### **Reports from Officers**

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 8 members present and had a quorum.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, said that we have \$1,632.04. Ray moved that we not charge dues this year. It passed. **Cheri Paavola, Secretary,** was present.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

SB 21-062 is about limiting actions that law enforcement can take in various situations.. It is apparently going to be replaced by SB 21-273 which has a different name (Concerning measures to increase public safety by minimizing custodial responses to low-level offenses), but includes many of the same things as SB 21-062.

HB 21-1229 is 27 pages long. There would be numerous changes to existing laws. It is about HOA governance, funding, record keeping, etc.

HB 21-1310 is about rules HOAs are allowed to have/enforce about flags and signs on homeowners' property. HOA's would be able to limit size and location, but not the subject matter.

SB 21-262 is about Metro Districts. This is a first step effort to increase transparency of Metro District operations /governing rules.

**Jeffco Planning & Zoning** is working on revising regulations on fence permits and sheds. Expect comment and draft version of new regs sometime this summer. They may eliminate fence permits. It could impact the setbacks of sheds and some other parts of shed permits.. They are also working on a revisions of the Short term rental policy. Expect information sometime in 2021. There will be more public outreach.

The following are Administrative Reviews.

21110565 AR is for 9150 W Cross Dr. It is 4.072 acres. It is for zoning verification.

21110581 AR is for the Southwest Plaza main mall 35.87 acres.

The following are Proposals.

21110694 PF is for 10144 W Belleview Ave. It is for 1st bank super lot. They want to sub parcel it for coffee shop with indoor/outside seating.

21118209 PA is for 13412 W Coal Mine Ave. This is the former Echo Park car lot. They are proposing making it U-Haul and to add 2 buildings. The old proposal was for a high density residence.

The following is for **Site Development**.

21111382 SD is for Highland Trails. It is for a 4 story apt bldg. that is 55+ age restricted. It is on the NE corner S Zang St and W Ida Ave.

There is to be a new library in South Jeffco. It is in their 5 year master plan. There is no site chosen yet. A survey was done this Spring asking for suggestions. This will be topic is on their 5/20 Board Meeting Agenda.

The **Foothills Park and Recreation District** is looking to hire 2 part time park rangers. 1 is for Clement Pk and 1 is for Schaffer Athletic complex and Urban Parks. Ward 5 has a new board member, Phillip Trimble. They have a new fire arms policy which prohibits open carry of anything that fires a projectile. It applies to all FHPRD property. The outdoor pools will open this year. There will be no Red, White and You this year. They are planning 8 summer concerts in Clement Pk. The 2021 projects are in 8 places including redesigning an outdoor pool, a new clubhouse at Foothills golf course, etc.

Blue Heron Park has a new no overnight camping sign.

We completed our Adopt a Highway cleanup. Diane thanked Ray. This was our 15th year.

We still haven't found any rooms available to have our meetings. Facilities still says we can't use room "until further notice" and to check back in a month. It is tentatively for Wed., 6/2, at 6:30 pm in the Powderhorn Park.

**Old Business** The position of President for COHOPE is still open.

**New Business** Pine tree infestations have been found in the area. It starts with brown needles on top of tree and works way down through tree. It kills the tree in 1 growing season. If you want to see an example, go to Westbury park. Diane's HOA recently had all pine trees sprayed.

**Announcements** Nothing.

We adjourned at 11:53 a.m.—Cheri Paavola, Secretary

**Update on New Jefferson County Public Library in South Jeffco** You talked and we listened. Join us June 15 to hear what more than 1,300 people said they'd like to see in our new Library coming to the south county region of Jeffco. Registration opened May 15. Visit our South County Building Project page and sign up for email updates to stay tuned." https://jeffcolibrary.org/south-county/

Read the Quarterly Law Enforcement Authority Report Each quarter Sheriff Jeff Shrader presents the Law Enforcement Authority Report to the Board of County Commissioners. The report includes Sheriff's Office events, news, statistics, and notable activities during the previous quarter for the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions. You can read the report in its entirety on the Sheriff's Office website. https://www.jeffco.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/612

New Drop Boxes at Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility Drop boxes were recently added to the desk just inside the main entrance of the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility (in Golden), where citizens can drop off documents for various offices and departments. This option may come in handy on Fridays, when most county offices are closed to the public. It is also where customers can drop documents while some offices are still by appointment only.

Below is a list of the types of documents that can be dropped off.

Assessor's Office: - Do Not Leave: Tax Payments, Recording Documents (any kind), Abatement (see page 6)

## THE BACKYARD

# Columbine Hills News

**President's Corner** — Dear friends and neighbors, May – in Colorado can mean so many things, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's day, Memorial Day etc. For me it's hope that spring finally arrives. As I write this there are five inches of Colorado spring on my yard. Don't get me wrong, I've lived in the state a loooong time and I know we need the moisture, but I'm ready for some warmth. By the way, you can tell a real Coloradoan by the way they shovel their sidewalks, a transplant throws the snow into the street, a local makes the effort to throw it up onto the grass.

Keep up the good work, so many have done yard remodeling projects this spring, I LOVE it when people take ownership of their property and make it look as good as possible. Hopefully, we can schedule a community wide dumpster day soon to help you in cleaning things up. Yeah, Covid has made it difficult to schedule things, be patient. Also, with reduced number of members it is getting harder to be able to afford these types of events. Each truck costs us well over \$800 and this event alone just about clears out our yearly income.

Hopefully we can start having our board meetings face to face again soon. If you are community minded and would like to join the board, there are openings. Please e-mail me with any ideas or suggestions at the address below. If you would like to become a member, please do the same, include a little information about yourself. We need good neighbors to contribute to the effort. As always, be the kind of neighbor you wish you had.—Randy Montgomery, CHCA president rnmontgomery@att.net

March CHCA Meeting 2021 by Zoom—Meeting called to order: 7:15 p.m. Officers present: Randy, Jodi Board members present: Jen, Steve, Nick, Michelle and Don Community members present: None Treasurers report presented by: Galen Seconded by: Nick

**New business:** Jen wants to make 'Welcome to the Neighborhood' packets with coupons and surrounding business information. Vote passed to give Pat and Ralph a 'Thank you for your service' card with gift card. Talks for a "Party in the Park" on Aug. 28th for a return to school bash. Steve and Kelly are going to talk to bands to play at the park. Looking for food trucks like Robert's Deli, Hogback BBQ, tacos, margaritas and shaved ice.

**Old business:** Still 97 new members. CHCA banner is up on the bridge. Jen and Michelle are working on looking for sponsors for Dumpster Day. We may have a Spring and Fall Dumpster Day. 2 trash trucks around \$1,000 with Waste Management. Spring Dumpster Day on Calendar for May 22nd. Columbine Hills Yard Sale date change to June 18-19th Meeting adjourned at: 7:45 p.m.

# Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner— Spring is finally upon us and I begrudgingly mowed my yard for the first time in 2021. Only five or six more months of mowing left! I am starting to see neighbors cleaning up their yards from a long winter and it is great to see more people out whipping their yards in to shape. While you are working on your yards, please do not forget to assess the landscaping near your sidewalk. We have received several calls from neighbors about trees and shrubs encroaching on the sidewalks. Now is a great time to have a look and trim back any vegetation that is encroaching on your portion of the sidewalk or encroaching on traffic signage.

Maximum Property Management is on the lookout for this so please do your part. One last friendly reminder, trash and recycling containers must be stored out of view on non-pickup days. You would not believe how many calls the HOA gets on this topic! Lastly, we have slated the annual cleanup of the S Yukon Street entrance for Saturday, May 1st. Unfortunately, the timing of this event is such that you will be reading this posting after this work has been completed; I will report how it went in the June edition of the Review.

We are also starting to receive a flurry of ACC requests for painting, windows, fencing, concrete work and even a few solar projects. It's great to see neighbors taking on these significant projects that protect and improve not only their property values, but the value of our entire community! Keep up the good work and please make sure you submit your ACC requests as soon as you can to allow the ACC time to review your requests.

I want to remind you that the annual Community Garage Sale is slated for Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th. Jennifer Blake sponsors this event, and you can find more information as the date approaches on Nextdoor and our website at cksii.org. We will then hold the Large Item Pickup for HOA members who subscribe to the HOA sponsored Waste Management trash program on Wednesday, June 30th. Details about what items are and are not accepted can be found on our cksii.org website on the Home page.

Other than the events mentioned above, our social events remain on hold pending how the Covid-19 restrictions playout. We will keep everyone posted as things unfold.

As I mentioned last month, Foothills Parks & Recreation has included the installation of the park light at the entrance near Nichols and Ammons streets in their 2021 project plan. They are now conducting preliminary planning and due diligence activities, and the HOA should learn more from them in the coming month.

The shade structure at Coronado Elementary that our HOA contributed funding toward is moving forward with the school

district selecting the contractor to do the work. The next step is for contractor to complete his formal quote for his part of the project. After the district receives the quote, they will create the purchase orders and get the materials ordered. As I mentioned in my opening, it's great to see everyone starting to prepare their yards for the season and submitting their ACC requests! Take good care and I'll talk to you next month.—*Tom Schicktanz, President CKSII HOA* 

#### **Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association**

From **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** April 20, 2021 President Hale called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom.

Board members attending: Matt Hale, Tony Tierney, Jean Baden-Gillette, Dustin Cartwright, Levi Woods, Anthony Pudewell, Cole Fichter, and Bill Weeks . Five additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** Judy Alliprandine asked why the Board meeting minutes were no longer published in the Voice. President Hale explained that they are published on the website, but said that space permitting, the minutes could be included in the newsletter

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Membership: Lynn Weitzel reported there are currently 262 members. The directory is scheduled to be mailed around May 15.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods stated weeds have been clipped at a couple entrances and that would continue, probably, every two weeks.

Covenants and Architectural Control: President Hale shared that covenant issues continue to be pursued; as well as, PIPSA approvals. He is currently working to finalize the ACC Guidelines.

Special Events/Programs: The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. A special thanks was extended to Cole and Jess Fichter for organizing and spearheading this event. The Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation webinar is scheduled for Tuesday May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. President Hale will send the zoom code for the meeting to Vice President Tierney. The Community Garage Sale is scheduled for June 11,12, and 13.

COHOPE: Judy Alliprandine stated there were no meeting updates, as COHOPE has not been meeting due to the weather and Covid-19 pandemic.

Treasurer's Report: The financial reports can be viewed at www.ckha.org. Treasurer Baden-Gillette reported that the cost of storage space is increasing once again, from \$77 to \$92. Director Fichter is going to check with the owners on the reason for the price increase. He also shared that he has \$1,500 in checks from businesses supporting CKHA. NEW BUSINESS Director Pudewell expressed a concern from a homeowner in reference to signs and stickers on stop signs. He contacted Jeffco requesting the vandalism be removed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

From A Moment With The Board The April CWCA meeting was well attended via Zoom, seeing a few more new faces that are sharing ideas and looking to get involved. We continue to work through the projects we have set on the table, the website, voicemail, entrance signs and new Board members. The Slate of Officers for the upcoming May elections is included in this issue. We have been updated on our neighborhood pool and an article addressing the issues is included. Our Dumpster Day Chairperson, Jenn, has been working hard to bring all the parts and piece together for the June 19th event. More details are included and will be expanded on the front page of the June issue. The weather did not allow us to plan an entrance clean up and mulch install in March, so we will reschedule and post the next date soon. CWCA Welcome Bags continue to be delivered to all of our new residents by Bill and he does a great job of informing new neighbors about our community, the covenants and the association. Thanks so much Bill. In the past 3 years we have experienced about 12% overturn of residents, that's roughly 180 new residents. Home prices continue to climb. When reading home descriptions the one that caught my eye was "an opportunity to live in the very desirable Columbine West community". Thank you neighbors for doing your part to keep the neighborhood looking great and showing pride of ownership.

Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gamil.com with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. You can also connect with us if you feel you have some time & talents to share with the community. Stay warm, stay safe and stay healthy in 2021.

# The Leawood Rapporter

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes April 14, 2021 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Debby Baker. Members present: Steve Wall/Vice President, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Wade Hancey/Special Projects, and Dave Padilla/Parks Manager. Ike Nelson absent due to illness.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 1. Judy Anderson – Called to agree with adding Pickleball to Weaver tennis courts but requested that, before adding Pickleball, to resurface the tennis courts by adding an acrylic overlay. Board Response - The Board agreed to delay adding Pickleball to allow research into the requirements and cost of adding an acrylic overlay.

2. Tom Bryant – Contacted to report a loose post in Weaver Park which causes the wood rails to fall. Board Response –

The post will be fixed

3. Forest Clark – Emailed to request that a Frisbee golf course be added. Board Response – The Board is considering the addition of a Frisbee golf course at Kendall Park and will research into the requirements and cost.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report: Funds were transferred from savings to checking, bills paid this month include Weston, Denver Water, doggie bag vendor, Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Liberty Waste Management, Leawood Civic Association (Rapporter), Donna (postage) Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, reimbursement to petty cash.

PARKS MANAGER REPORT – Snow removed in all Parks. All parks were inspected, and doggie bags checked and replenished as needed.

- 1. Leawood Park: Blue grass was fertilized. A swing was repaired temporarily until correct hardware is received.
- 2. Weaver Park: Blue grass was fertilized.
- 3. Raccoon Hollar: Weston continued the tree trimming project. The project is ongoing and will be completed in three phases. Xeriscape area was sprayed, and trimming was started.
- 4. T. Track: Blue grass was fertilized, and Xeriscape was sprayed.

**President's Comments** – Debby's term expires in May 2022 and is not allowed to run again as she has moved out of the Leawood neighborhood. For the purpose of succession planning, Steve and Debby will switch roles. Beginning May 1, 2021. Steve will take the position of President and Debby will become the Vice President/Secretary.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1. Website: Wade presented the design of each web page. Board approved and Wade will proceed to have the web pages completed.

- 2. Weaver Park Bridge Repair: The application for grant funds was approved. A Minor Flood Plain permit will be applied for.
- 3. Pickleball: The Board agreed to delay the addition of the Pickleball court to allow research into an acrylic overlay of the tennis courts.
- 4. Storage: Debby has obtained a copy of the Colorado Special Districts Records Management Manual. She will document for the Board the requirements that pertain to Recreation and Park Districts.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Rental of Fields: Front Range Christian School will be using the field in Weaver Park.

Future Meetings: As all Board members have received vaccines, in person meetings will resume. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Leawood Pavilion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. — Debby Baker, President From

**Leawood Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021—**Meeting began at 7:03 online. In attendance: Paul O'Connor, Chip Langowski, Laurie Selander, Mike Major, Gina Severino, Betsy Major and Rhonda Eveleth.

Treasurer's Report was approved and printed on the back page of the Rapporter. We had \$1007 in memberships come in this month. Chip is processing the memberships as they come to him.

Rhonda, Betsy and Chip have been working on the front entrance. Chip moved the large boulder and Rhonda and Betsy put in new silk flowers. Thank you for your effort.

Domain Name and Online communication: Mindi is working with the Park Board and the look of our website is changing. The park board will have events in one column and the civic association will have the other.

The Shred a thon will be June 19th at Leawood Elementary from 9 – noon. Free to all Leawood residents. Laurie is ordering four banners for two sandwich boards to be placed at the end of Kendall and Weaver one week prior to the event.

The Clean up Day will be June 26th at Leawood Elementary from 8 until full. Free to all Leawood residents. Three dumpsters will be ordered. Laurie will contact Scott Disney from Sandstone Construction to arrange for the dumpsters. Rapporter distribution: The Rapporter is mailed to residents in Country Farms in addition to Leawood. This is to satisfy a requirement from the Park Board.

Front Yard Parties: These will begin again June. Dates TBD. If residents are interested in hosting a party, contact Rhonda Eveleth.

Garage Sales in the fall and the Picnic in August are on hold waiting for more relaxed restrictions on social gatherings. These topics will be reviewed next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Next meeting will be online May 4th, 2021. May the 4th be with you!

## Woodbourne

From Note From the Annual Homeowners Meeting—The Woodbourne Annual Homeowners Meeting was held on April 21, 2021. Thank you to all of you who submitted proxies and/or attended the meeting. In several past years, we had to re-schedule the meeting when we did not have enough participants. But this time we had over 50 people attend by Zoom and, along with the proxies, we easily met the quorum requirement. Please remember that you can always attend the bi-monthly Board meetings on Zoom in the same manner.

There were many good questions asked during the open forum on such varied topics as the community fence, ACC policy changes, and the pool. With the large number of participants, many questions were answered and others will be examined by the Board for future action.

Three new Board members were elected. They are Sheryl Archuleta, Kit Badger, and Errin Elizondo. They will join cur-



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If the weather cooperates, we will have our June meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 outdoors at 6:30 pm at Powderhorn Park, which is on Coal Mine just east of Simms. Bring a chair. In case of bad weather we may need to postpone or cancel, so keep an eye on your email if the forecast is questionable.

rent Board members Alex Crosby, Brittney Rodgers, and Jeff Hoffman. The Board will decide on who will take the officer positions over the next month and this information will be in next month's newsletter. We all owe a debt of gratitude to outgoing Board members James Meyer, Justin Sasso, Jeff Lubthisophon, and Sharon Erickson. Thank you all for your service.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on June 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. In the meantime, please contact Celeste Terrell (303-265-7875) or Natalie Herschberg (303-793-1417) with CLA with any questions

Petitions. Board of Equalization Information

**Building Safety:** Payments, Permit Submittals, Revised Drawings (8x10)

Clerk & Recorder: Liquor License Packets, Motor Vehicle Documents (Tag Renewals, Handicap Placards), Recording

Documents (Marriage/Civil Union Licenses, Land Recordings)

Community Service: Intake Paperwork, Timesheets, Certificates for Completed Classes

**Human Resources:** HR Related Documents **Planning & Zoning:** Permit Documents

**Pretrial Services:** Payments (money order only), Signed Paperwork, DO NOT LEAVE – Personal Checks, Cash **Transportation & Engineering:** Permit Payments, Original Signed Documents for Right of Way Acquisitions

**Treasurer:** Property Tax Payments

https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1551

**Updates from the Jeffco Treasurer's Office** If you paid the first half of your property taxes, the second half is due June 15. Please visit the Treasurer's Payment Options Page to learn about the available ways to pay property taxes. https://www.jeffco.us/2418/Payment-Options

The latest financial reports are available on the Treasurer's Office website. These reports include general fund revenue and expenses, taxing entity distributions and the Treasurer's budget.

https://www.jeffco.us/3815/Financial-Reports

From Engage Jeffco May Issue

**Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Public Engagement Plan**—Notice is hereby given that the Denver Regional Council of Governments will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this hearing will be held virtually. The public hearing is an opportunity to comment on amendments to the public engagement plan, People-centered planning, projects and services. You can also send in your comments prior to the hearing.

The proposed amendments focus on: Incorporating additional guidance for virtual participation methods, Providing direction for revising the public engagement plan, Specifying a process for different types of amendments to the transportation plan, Fixing minor formatting and text changes

There are several ways you can provide comment on the amended public engagement plan: Submit written comments via email or mail: You may email written comments before 5 p.m. on June 16 to Lisa Houde at lhoude@drcog.org (link sends e-mail) or mail them to: DRCOG Chair, 1001 17th Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202 From DRCOG website—https://drcog.org