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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: March 2, 2023 6 pm, Virtual / In person Meeting
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am

Foothills: February 28, 2023 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

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

DRCOG: February 18, 6:30 pm, Virtual Meeting

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

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

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Elections Notice: COHOPE holds elections every March for officers. The President and Secretary are elected in the even years and the Vice President and Treasurer are elected in the odd years. The Terms are for 2 year periods. Due to Covid and the aftermath we have not been very rigorous about it. We have also not had a President since Winnie stepped down in 2014. The current Vice President, Diane Suchomel, has indicated she will step down this March. We will need to elect a President, a Vice President and a Treasurer this March. The current Treasurer, Ray Moore, will continue as such if elected. The current Secretary, Cheri Paavola, still has a year on her term. The membership should consider if they wish to run for the open offices.

The duties of the President are to "preside at all meetings of the Council, act as the managing Officer of the Council and perform all things incidental to the Office of President." The duties of the Vice President are to "assist the President in performing his/her duties and preside over meetings in the absence of the President" and "perform such other duties that are incidental to the office of Vice President."

COHOPE Treasury Activity: January 2022

Beginning Balance January 4, 2022

Deposits

Withdrawals

February 2023 newsletter \$3.60, Website \$14, Bank Fee \$8.95 P.O. Box \$176

Ending Balance February 1, 2023

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 983.24

\$ 0.00

\$ 202.55

\$ 780.69

Draft Minutes for Jan. 4 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Galen & Dave Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Brian & Jan Kellogg / Columbine West Civic Assoc., 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** were present.

There was no speaker for tonight.

Reports from Officers We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 12 members present and had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$983.24

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Site Development: 22-132623 is for 8015 W. Bowles Ave. It is for an office / retail building on lot 5 in Bowles Crossing Shopping Center. It is for Vectra Bank, 1 story, 3737 sq. ft. building just north of W. Bowles Ave.

Pre-Application 22-132257 is for 11852 Shaffer Dr. Bldg. A. The plat is to revise existing PUD. They want to build gar-

age condos throughout the property. It is by the gold course group in Ken Caryl Office Park area.

22-132377 is for 4719 S. Simms St. in Morrison. It is a minor adjustment to move the property line.

22-132572 is for 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd. It is special use. Denver Botanical Garden is proposing a 4.5-acre Agri-voltaics Array at Chatfield Farms. It includes 1.2 MW- ds solar (Solar PV ground tracker). Already have an agreement with landowner, US Army Corps of Engineers for McKistry to develop, design, install, and operate the solar project. It is south of the Denver Botanical Garden.

Telecommunications Permits 22-131755 is for 6500 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is to modify the existing 91' monopole.

22-131822 is for 15677 Weaver Gulch Dr. It is to modify the existing wireless facility.

22-132379 is for 3051 S. Rooney Rd. It is to remove and replace the transmission equipment on a low power tower / monopole.

22-132719 is for 11455 W. Bellevue Ave. It is to remove and replace equipment for Verizon in a low power tower / monopole.

There have been no changes to the Planning and Zoning Short Term Rental. Diane sent email to Planning and Zoning asking for an update on when to expect a draft.

Columbine Library has been reserved for Feb. and Mar. meetings. No speaker has been set up yet. Galen will contact about Recycling with Waste Connections or Ridwell (new company).

Why are our meetings so poorly attended? It is affecting our ability to get speakers.

Here is information on Snow Removal. They have 2,975 paved roads and 647 gravel roads. Their priority is main roads, major neighborhoods and schools, residential neighborhoods, and then cul-de-sacs. In the plains if there is less than 2 - 6 inches and a melt in the forecast, they do not plow residential neighborhoods or cul-de-sacs. There is a link in the Engage Newsletter on page 5.

EPA Air Quality Grants is only for underserved areas.

Grocery stores have started charging for plastic bags. Walmart does not have any plastic bags.

Old Business We were thanked for the for Jeffco School speaker.

The new license fee is on vehicle renewal registration for \$29. It is for a permit to enter State Parks. You can opt out.

New Business The new Sheriff, Regina Marinelli takes over the job on Jan. 10th. The Sheriff's office is still trying to recruit workers.

Announcements The Point in Time Homeless Count is coming up in Jefferson County in late Jan.. They need volunteers. It was mentioned in the Engage Jeffco Newsletter. Volunteers would have to complete training online by mid Jan.. Jeffco received \$1.3 million as a result of the American Reduction Act. The Engage Jeffco Newsletter has a link to a breakdown of how they County plans to spend that money.

We adjourned at 6:30 p.m.—Cheri Paavola, Secretary

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Board Meeting December 1, 2022 Officers present: Galen Wiese, David Wiese, Jenn Gerdes Board Members present: Michaelle O, Kelly G, Jodi P Sept Board Meeting minutes approved, seconded.

Treasurer's report: David W., approved and seconded

OLD BUSINESS: Block walkers: Going strong. Lost one walker (we didn't LOSE her; we know where she is) and gained two more. All received homemade apple butter this month for their ongoing support of CHCA.

Exploring credit unions for CHCA banking: Tabled for now.

Membership: Three new members for a total of 252 paid members of CHCA in 2022. Typically we have around 300 members. Annual drive for donations will begin in January, 2023.

Welcome baskets for new residents: Will be delivered in Jan/Feb.

NEW BUSINESS: Eve with Santa on Dec 10: Planning completed.

Chili cookoff planning: Site is at Sarah and Randy Miller's home, 7560 S Sheridan Ct, on Saturday, January 14th from 1-4 PM. All chili contestants must bring own equipment such as crock pot, ladles, etc. Winners 1st, 2nd and 3rd receive \$40, \$35, \$30 gift certificates. We will have canopies, power, fire pits, coffee and water, fixins such as tortilla chips and crackers, chopped onions, grated cheese. Consider bringing your favorite mug or cup to use (there will be water for rinsing), but we will provide bowls, spoons, cups, etc. If you choose to bring an adult beverage, drink with responsibility. Join us whether or not you are making chili. There will be plenty for all.

Holiday Decorations: \$20 King Sooper gift cards will be handed out to four households with the best 2022 holiday decorations. Look for photos in Feb newsletter.

Yearly Planning: Officers will meet on Jan. 8 for yearly planning.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6 PM at St Philip Lutheran Church. Board meetings occur on the last Thursday of the month; in winter, at St. Philip's; in warm weather under the pavilion at Kendall and Elmhurst Ave. All Columbine Hills residents are invited to attend.

COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE

From COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting December 13, 2022
President Twisselman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom. Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Grant Garfield, Doug O'Hara, and Bill Weeks. Two additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance. President Twisselman presented the agenda. The November 8, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Membership: Lynn Weitzel, chair, was absent so Treasurer Baden-Gillette proffered her report indicating the final membership count for 2022 was 329 members. President Twisselman added that she and Ms. Weitzel were working on the 2003 membership letter that would go out to all homeowners at the beginning of January, Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods was absent and no report was presented. However, President Twisselman commented on how nice the holiday decorations look.

Covenants and Architectural Control: Director Garfield reported there were two PIPSAs approved: one for a fence and the other for a patio cover for a pergola.

Special Events/Programs: None planned at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Baden-Gillette reported that there was about \$9,800 left in the checking account. She also told the board that the Zoom account would be renewed for next year. (Financial reports can be viewed at www.ckha.org.)

Other Reports: Real Estate News & Website: Steve Hantelman shared that the housing market is slowing down; the oldest house listed was put on the market in July, and those that are currently under contract (4 houses) range from \$849,000 to \$700,000.

Newsletter, The Voice: Director Pudewell was absent and no report was submitted.

NEW BUSINESS The PIPSA approval for Vice President Garfield's garage was called to be voted on. Secretary Weeks shared the contents of a phone call with ACC member Lee Woodbury in which he said he vehemently disagrees with the approval of this PIPSA and suggests a moratorium on garages until the community has a chance to weigh in on these projects. Treasurer Baden-Gillette added that any covenant review should include more than just garages. The PIPSA was approved by the Board with two dissenting votes.

President Twisselman updated the Board on the Front Range Christian School Project. The school wants to develop the land by the football field. A concern was brought up about installing lights at the football field.

President Twisselman said that the focus of next year's Board should be on covenant revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Corner — The Annual CKSII HOA Board and Members meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at Coronado Elementary. We had 62 households represented by proxy, with 8 member households and 5 Board members present, for a total of 75 members represented, which met our required quorum for the annual meeting. Below are the highlights:

The meeting minutes were approved from last year's Annual meeting (November 9, 2021 minutes).

The 2023 budget was approved.

The 2023 budget includes HOA dues to remain the same at \$111, and optional trash to increase to \$195 in 2023, up from \$170 in 2022. The increase is due to fuel surcharges and an expected 4% increase from WM for trash collection, which is the maximum increase WM can contractually charge.

Bob Haberkorn and Tom Schicktanz were re-elected to the Board for two-year terms, and Mike Tignanelli was elected to the Board for a two-year term.

I want to thank Elizabeth Nelson-Hulse for her service and dedication to our Board and community. Elizabeth brought passion, commitment, and fresh perspectives to everything she did, and I will always admire and respect that about Elizabeth.

We also held our Regular Bi-Monthly Board meeting immediately following the Annual meeting. Below are the highlights: Board Officer Elections - The board selected the following Officers to serve until the next annual meeting and election is held in 2023: Tom Schicktanz – President Andi Erpelding-Elkins – Vice President Chris Reynolds - Secretary Bob Haberkorn - Treasurer

Collections Policy, Covenant Enforcement Policy, and Sign and Flag Rules. Our HOA attorney Candyce Cavanagh of the law firm Orten, Cavanagh, Holmes & Hunt, LLC (OCHH) gave a brief overview of the recent Colorado state laws and policies that are required for HOAs, resulting from the passage of House Bill 21-1310 effective September 7, 2022, and House Bills 22-1137 and 22-1139 effective August 10, 2022. Each of these bills impacted Columbine Knolls South II and required new or revised policies to be adopted by the board of directors to comply with state law. Earlier in the year, the CKSII board authorized OCHH to amend the Collections and Covenant Enforcement policies and to draft new Sign & Flag rules for the association to comply with the changes in State law. All three policies were passed unanimously by the Board with input from our members. Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year! — *Tom Schicktanz – President, CKSII HOA*

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From The President's Desk The Hello Columbine West! By the time you read this it will be 2023. I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and success in all your endeavors for this coming year. I wish you health and happiness for you and your loved ones. As your CWCA President I feel it is part of my duty to not only be a voice for our community but to be our collective cheerleader too. We live in a wonderful, vibrant community of folks who are proud to be here. Our community is both large and diverse with 1500 homes and people of all ages. Walk down our streets and you will likely meet a 40 year resident living next to a young family who just moved in. As a 28 year resident I have seen hundreds of people move into and out of our neighborhood, people who have come from all over the country to enjoy our relaxed Front Range lifestyle. I am especially excited to see the recent influx of young families. This is a great time for our community. On a personal note, I will be celebrating my eighth year serving our community as a CWCA officer, one year as secretary and seven as your President. During that time I welcomed two daughter-in-laws, two grandchildren and one on the way later this month into our family. As your president it was always my desire to provide neighborly dialog within our community. There is so much negativity on the national level today it is easy to forget where we live is ground zero for our interpersonal relationships. That is why during my tenure CWCA introduced new activities to help bring us together; activities like the "Meet your neighbor" Mixer, Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat and others. I sincerely hope you join us at these events, they are meant for you. While it has been a pleasure serving as your president the time has come for me to step down. I have accomplished all I set out to do, therefore I will not be running for reelection May 2023. We have a strong organization and I am confident a Board Member will step up and assume the position to continue our mission. To our neighborhood I would like to say "Thank You" for allowing me to be your president for all these years. Special thanks to all the dedicated people I served with on our Boards and committees over the years; I could not have served without your steadfast support.— *Gary McCombs*

The Leawood Rapporper

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes December 14, 2022 The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/Vice President (by phone due to illness) and Donna Snyder/Treasurer. Other District: Debby Baker/ Secretary and Dave Padilla/Park Manager. Visitors: Maggie Tocco.

Treasurer's Report – Donna presented the Treasurer's Report. The revenue from the tax levy will be less than what was received in 2021. The liability insurance premium has increased. The bank account for the District's property and ownership tax account is now open at ColoTrust and the County has been instructed to deposit funds to the new account. Bills to be paid this month include Waste Management, Xcel Energy, Denver Water, Doggie Walk Bags, Weston, LCA (for website and Rapporper), Leawood resident Noffsinger (reimbursement for new straps for the pickleball court), Rich Alarcon, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Judy moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, and bills paid. Kyle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks Manager Report – Snow was removed in all parks and doggie bags checked and replenished as needed. The ATV will be taken in for service. a. Leawood Park: The needed work to repair the damage caused by Honey Bucket's driver when cleaning the porta potty will not be completed until spring.

Old Business a. Adopt Budget and Set Mill Levy: Donna presented the final 2023 budget for approval. The Board discussed the reduced revenues, increase in insurance premiums, the likely higher costs for water and other cost increase challenges for 2023. The Board agreed to maintain the current Mill Levy at the current level of 3.73 mills with a goal to not increase it for as many years into the future as possible. Kyle moved to certify the Mill Levy unchanged at 3.73 mills and to approve the new budget for 2023. Judy seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously. Debby will place a public notice. b. Recruitment for the Board: An announcement will again be placed in the Rapporper and on Nextdoor. c. Assessment of Liabilities: Postponed until the January meeting. d. Field Usage Leases: Postponed until the January meeting.

New Business a. New Board Member Appointment: Leawood Resident Maggie Tocco has stepped forward to be considered for one of the vacant Board positions. Kyle moved to appoint Maggie to fill one of the vacant positions. Donna seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Welcome, Maggie! b. Designated Election Official for May 2, 2023 Election: Kyle moved to elect Debby Baker as the Designated Election Official. Donna seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There are four Board members up for re-election in May 2023. Debby will prepare the Call for Self-Nominations for public notice. It will appear in the Littleton Independent and Leawood Rapporper in the next few weeks. If you have questions, please call Debby.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. —*Debby Baker, Secretary*

Westbury

From the Mind of the Past President: Honor; Gratitude; Dependence on Ourselves & Our Neighbors —I am honored to have served as president for the last two years and delighted to pass the torch to our new president, Brendon Cody, and his great new board. Brendon is an outstanding communicator who willingly steps up to keep our neighborhood great! He and his lovely wife, Donna, have hosted the last two WHOA Christmas celebrations at their home, and Brendon is responsible for the food trucks that graced our neighborhood this summer. We are in excellent hands!

I am also thankful for our past board members, Lianna, Madonna, John M., Tim, Sharon and Lauren; to Madonna for the fine job she has done editing our newsletter these past two years; and to all of you who have made our activities possible by volunteering to help, choosing to pay your voluntary dues of \$25.00 per year, and, in some cases, choosing to make special donations over and above your annual dues.

As the world becomes a more challenging place, we need to depend more on ourselves, our family members, friends, and neighbors, to meet the challenges of inflation, increased crime, decreased law enforcement, supply chain issues, and the need to insure election integrity. We must continue to stand together, as Westbury Homeowners, to help one another as good friends and neighbors. God bless and keep us all! :-) Thank you!—*John Gaudio, Past President and current Board Member at Large*

Woodbourne

From Notes From The Board —HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope everyone had a happy and safe holidays. Don't forget to change your dues payments over to our new management company, ACCU. If you haven't received an email or a letter in the mail with instructions; or are having difficulties, please call them at 303-733-1121. For more information, see the separate article in this newsletter. Also, please remember to have your outdoor holiday decorations taken down in the next few weeks.

The December Board meeting was held after the deadline for this month's newsletter so we will update you on those happenings next month. That said, these are the known activities that the Board has prioritized for 2023.

Complete the resurfacing of the pools.

Add a new access method that allows our older residents full access to the lap pool.

Interview, review, and sign a new Pool Management and Lifeguard contract.

Research and establish a path to upgrade the clubhouse bathrooms.

Simplify and streamline our Architectural Control Committee forms and processes.

Ensure the Woodbourne HOA website is relevant and up to date (considering new HOA Management Company and new Pool Management company).

Initiate ways that Woodbourne can partner with our residents for HOA maintenance/upgrade work orders. We prefer to give our neighbors and small businesses these contracts and pay it forward.

Develop a plan to replace trees that were deemed toxic during our large maintenance work project in late 2021.

Proactively communicate with all residents, when costs increase for existing or new contracts affecting our budget and HOA dues calculations. — *Woodbourne HOA Board*

Joe Kerby Joins Jefferson County as County Manager —On Jan. 10, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners announced it has hired Joe Kerby as county manager. He will report directly to the Board of County Commissioners, taking over the role on March 20, 2023.

"With his experience in local government, we are confident that he will lead Jefferson County from Day One and that makes him the ideal choice to guide Jefferson County into the future," said Board Chair and Commissioner Andy Kerr. Kerby joins Jefferson County after serving as the county administrator in Benton County, Oregon. An experienced local government manager, he has spent more than 35 years working in various roles in city and county governments. For the past two decades, Kerby has served as a city manager, county manager, or deputy county manager in jurisdictions large and small across three different states.

Commissioners Approve Jefferson County's First Climate Action Plan—The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners approved the county's Climate Action Plan (CAP) on Dec. 20. Jefferson County's Climate Action Plan will address greenhouse gas emissions and help the Jefferson County community adapt to the effects of climate change. View the Climate Action Plan. <https://www.jeffco.us/4410/Climate-Action-Plan>

Cold Weather Resources for the Jeffco Community —Winter is here, and that means we can experience very cold temperatures. Please see information for cold weather resources, including shelters, warming centers, and other community resources. This information is important to share with those who may not have a warm place to stay when the temperature drops. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2001>

Property Tax Notices to be Mailed by End of January —The If you don't receive a notice by early February, please contact our office or view and/or pay your taxes here. Find payment information the Payment Options page. Payment dates: first installment due Feb. 28, second installment due June 15, OR full payment due May 1.

If you sold your property in 2022, the new property owner is responsible for the taxes. Ownership records are transferred by the Assessor's office, and they are currently working documents that were recorded in September 2022.

<https://treasurerpropertysearch.jeffco.us/propertyrecordssearch/dashboard>

Bring Reusable Bags to Avoid Colorado's New Plastic Bag Fee—As of Jan. 1, Colorado business are charging \$0.10 per plastic bag, and in 2024 they will be eliminated altogether due to a law passed in 2021. Coloradans use an estimated 4.6 million single use plastic bags every day, equaling about 306 bags per person per year in the state. Learn more about how you can save money and reduce waste by using reusable bags. <https://www.jeffco.us/4407/Tips>

You're Invited to Attend Events to Learn About the Coroner's Office—Community members are invited to attend the events listed below to learn more about the Jefferson County Coroner's Office.

Coroner Office and Donor Alliance Events: April 11, Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., 100 Jefferson County Parkway (in



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The February meeting will be Wednesday February 1, 2023 at the Columbine Library (7706 W. Bowles Ave) from 6 to 8 pm. The speaker will be from Platte Valley Water and Sanitation District.

atrium).

Informational Career Sessions: Feb. 7, Sept. 19, 10-11 a.m., 800 Jefferson County Parkway.

<https://www.jeffco.us/665/Coroner>

Congratulations to all of Jeffco's Newly Elected and Reelected Officials—Newly elected and reelected Jefferson County officials were sworn in at the county's swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 10, 2023. The ceremony was hosted by Commissioner Andy Kerr, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. The Honorable 1st Judicial District Chief Judge Jeff Pilkington was in attendance to swear in the officials, which include the following:

Assessor Scot Kersgaard (reelected)	Clerk & Recorder Amanda Gonzalez
Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper (reelected)	Coroner Annette Cannon (reelected)
Sheriff Regina "Reggie" Marinelli, Undersheriff Scott Eddy	Surveyor Robert Hennessy (reelected)
Treasurer Jerry DiTullio (reelected)	

January Weed of the Month from Jeffco Invasive Species Management—Common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) is a List C biennial that reproduces by seed. Each plant can produce more than 200,000 seeds that can last in the soil for 70-100 years. Common mullein is an early invader in disturbed sites and can move into natural areas and form large monocultures.

Jeffco Invasive Species Management encourages landowners to control Common mullein. Learn more by visiting the Weed of the Month page. <https://www.jeffco.us/2703/Weed-of-the-Month>

Statewide Property Tax Assessment Rate Changes—As a result of the passage of SB21-293, and due to the failure of Proposition 120, changes to the property tax assessment rates will take effect for tax year 2022 (payable 2023). The passage of SB22-238 changed the assessment rates for tax years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Most residential property tax bills will be less in Jeffco (roughly \$50-100 less). Learn more on the Jeffco Treasurer's website.

<https://www.jeffco.us/treasurer>

Treasurer Negotiates Lower Fee for Property Tax Payments—The Jefferson County Treasurer's Office uses a third-party vendor to collect property taxes online. This vendor charges a vendor, or "convenience", fee for their services. The fee goes directly to the vendor, not to Jefferson County. For 2023, Treasurer Jerry DiTullio was able to negotiate a lower fee for credit card payments, reducing the fee from 2.5% to 2.35%. Learn more on the Treasurer's website.

<https://www.jeffco.us/treasurer>

From Engage Jeffco January 2023 Issue

Colorado HB 22-1151 State's Turf Replacement Program was signed into law last year. It is about the creation of a State program with matching grants for turf replacement in common areas that HOAs, non-profits, etc could apply for to replace some of their existing common area maintained grass with more water efficient plantings(not all rock!) . The entire document of the final signed into law bill is on the State Legislature's website. According to the law, this State program is supposed to be in place by July 2023. I haven't seen the details of the application process yet, but this may be something our HOA could use to help replace existing grass with more water efficient landscaping/plants. *From Diane Suchomel*