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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: May 4, 2023 6 pm, Virtual / In person Meeting  
 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
 Foothills: April 25, 2023 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.  
 Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room  
 One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
 DRCOG: April 19, 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: Apr 5, Carrie Hankins, Jeffco Public Health May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6**

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**Elections Notice:** *We were unable to elect officers in March due to lack of a quorum. We will hold the elections in April.* 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: March 2023**

**Beginning Balance February 1, 2023**

**Deposits**

Dues: Rotherham, Suchomel, Moore, Ham, Auburn, MacMillan \$20  
 Columbine Hills CA, Columbine Knolls HOA \$40

**Withdrawals**

April 2023 newsletter \$3.60, Website \$14, Bank Fee \$8.95

**Ending Balance April 5, 2023**

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

\$ 754.14

\$ 200.00

\$ 26.55

\$ 927.59

**Draft Minutes for March 1 Meeting** Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Galen Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Knolls, Larry & Florene Rotherham / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Justin Roquemore, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District, Bridget Butterfield / Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District.

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.

Our speakers for tonight were **Justin Roquemore** from **Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District** and **Bridget Butterfield** from **Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District**.

They update their 10 year Master Plan every year. They handle 5 counties with 6900 residents and businesses. They have a newsletter at [www.swmetrowater.org](http://www.swmetrowater.org).

They notify cell customers about any construction. Their main phone number is 303-979-2333. Their website is

[www.plattecanyon.org](http://www.plattecanyon.org).

Will they give a second opinion on scopes of sewers? Yes.

If fact if you have an issue, call Platte Canyon first! You may still have to call a plumber, but they can tell you what is going on.

Sewer lines are the home owner's responsibility from the home to the District's sanitary sewer main. When they do an inspection, they only look at connection to the main.

They have a list of registered contractors on their website under the Construction Corner.

Customer calls that they are responsible for are water main break in the street, service line break, high and low water pressure, water or sewer odor, discolored water, broken curb stop valve, defective meter, water shut off, sewer back-up, damaged manhole, or missing valve box / manhole lid. Sometimes they may not fix it but they will triage it.

If you have bill or payment questions, call Denver Water or City of Littleton. Also call them if you need to make a change or start a new service.

They do maintenance from March to October. They flush lines and check chlorine levels.

If you see a sinkhole, call them or Jefferson County Roads and Bridges.

If you have a non-emergency issue, you can submit a Customer Service Request on their website.

On culverts issues, contact Jefferson County Road and Bridges.

Southwest Metropolitan Water and Sanitation District's emergency contractor is C & L.

Do you do anything about Xeriscaping rebates? No, but Denver Water may. Turf Replacement? No, but contact Denver Water. They are both state initiatives.

They will send someone out if there is high usage (suspected break in water line or irrigation line). You can apply for a leak adjustment to charges but only 1 time.

Garden in a Box goes on sale today on their website.

#### **Reports from Officers**

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 7 members present and did not have a quorum (needed 8).

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, said that we have \$754.14. He presented the annual budget.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present. There were no changes noted for the February minutes.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present. She will retire from being Vice President. She will continue attending all of the Foothills Board meetings.

**Rezoning:** 23-102956 RZ is for 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. It is on the St. Philip church property. They want to rezone to PD to allow a 65 ft. mono-pines, a cell tower disguised as a pine tree. Plus 12 new antennas, 16 new remote radio units surrounded by a 6 ft. high fence. It would be adjacent to their parking lot off of Kendal Blvd.

**Community Meeting:** 23-104042 CMT is for 5067 S. Eldridge. It is 1.336 acres. They propose to allow townhouses virtual meeting on 3/29 at 6:00 p.m. There are no documents on the website yet.

**Site Approval:** 23-1022779 SA is for 6054 S. Kipling Pkwy. It is the expansion of Montessori Peaks Academy into the former church location. It is across W. Capri Ave from the existing school building.. There was a hybrid hearing on Mar. 8 at 6:15 p.m.

**Site Development:** 23-103916 SD is for 7736 W. Long Dr. It is 1.56 acres. It is for 319 units with 2 parking garages. It is by the former 3 Tomatoes. It is in Bowles Crossing. The plan was by Broadstone Bowles Crossing LLC.

Foothills Parks and Recreation District has an mail election in May for Wards 1, 2, and 5. Only one Ward has more than 1 candidate. It is Ward 5. The incumbent is Phillip Trimble. The sole candidate in each of the other wards will get that ward's board position.

FHPRD learned that they did not receive the \$250,000 grant from Colorado Parks & Wildlife for the Dutch Creek trail extension. They will put up temporary fencing around the amphitheater in Clement Park to allow the grass to regrow.

We can only apply for the Columbine Library meeting room a maximum of 60 days in advance via their website. It is usually available except around elections. Additional paperwork is required to use their built in-projection system.

Our next meeting is April 5 at Columbine Library. We will be electing officers because we do not have a quorum at this meeting.

**Old Business / New Business** None.

**Announcements** The health department will have a presentation on fentanyl at Columbine Library on March 5 at 1:00 p.m.

There is a Rabies Map on the Jefferson County Sheriff's website under RabiesMap.

We adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

## **THE BACKYARD**

### **COLUMBINE KNOLLS VOICE**

From **COLUMBINE KNOLLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting** February 14, 2023

President Twisselman called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was conducted via zoom. Board members attending: Anita Twisselman, Jean Baden-Gillette, Grant Garfield, Levi Wood, Steve Hantelman, Melissa Irwin, and Bill Weeks. Four additional members of the Columbine Knolls HOA were also in attendance. President Twisselman presented the agenda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Membership: Lynn Weitzel, chair, reported as of today, CKHA had 175 members; last year there 163 members at the end of February. Membership count is ahead of last year. Five new homeowners joined CKHA. Dues income to date is \$8,635 and donations stand at \$1,307.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Director Woods told the Board that the Christmas lights were down and preparation for spring is underway.

Covenants and Architectural Control: Vice President Garfield reported just one garage PIPSA. Vice President Garfield is working with Director Hantelman to add the PIPSA form to the CKHA website so it can be submitted online.

Special Events/Programs: President Twisselman shared the following approved dates:

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8th, The day before Easter, Community Garage Sale – June 9th, 10th & 11th, July 4th Parade – Marker Park – July 4th, HOA Pool Party – July 26th, Last Wednesday of July, National Night Out – August 1st, First Tuesday in August, HOA Clean Up Day – September 16th, Fall Fest – October 8th or 15th – dates TBD.

JCSO Youth Academy is open for applications! This is a free Citizens Academy for youngsters between the ages of 14 and 18 from June 12th - 16th,

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Baden-Gillette presented the proposed 2023 budget to the Board; after a minor amendment, the Board approved it. (Financial reports can be viewed at [www.ckha.org](http://www.ckha.org).)

Other Reports: Real Estate News & Website: Director Hantelman informed the Board that houses are being sold for approximately 2% less than the asking price. Currently, four houses are listed for sale and two are under contract.

Newsletter, The Voice: President Twisselman and Director Irwin are collaborating on the publication of the Voice.

**NEW BUSINESS** After a presentation by Director Hantelman, the Board voted to terminate the contract with Ring Central as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

*From President's Corner* — One significant project the board undertook last year was replacing the CKSII monument signs at the W Chatfield Avenue and S Yukon Way entrance. This year's big project (so far) is replacing the legacy website architecture and user interface. Spearheaded by board members Mike Tignanelli and Chris Reynolds, and working with a web designer, the new website will have a fresh new look while leveraging much of the content from the current website. You can view the current website at [www.cksii.org](http://www.cksii.org). While this site has served us well, we are looking to make updates that provide easier navigation, include more helpful information for our homeowners, and ultimately drive community inclusion and involvement.

Here are a few of the improvements we have started: Clean organization – use of fonts, colors, and design to create a professional feel, while still easy to read and navigate.

Calendar page – all community events in an easy-to-read calendar with key details about the event and who to contact for more information.

ACC page – All details about the Architecture Control Committee on one page.

Opportunities for future enhancements include: Vendor Directory (seeking a community volunteer to start a list of vendors used and vetted by homeowners in our community)

Blog pages from various community members We will show a first iteration of the new site during the March 14th Board of Directors meeting and hope to go-live with the site shortly after that. Join us if you want to learn more!

I would like to focus this posting on the need for volunteers to help with our social events and functions. We have a long-standing and dedicated group of committee chairs who have led their respective events for many years. Similarly, they are supported by a core group of volunteers who have been there year after year. Like any volunteer organization, we need to cultivate and attract new volunteers, not only help do the lifting, but to bring fresh ideas, alternative perspectives, and new energy to our events. Most events require just a few hours of your time, and it's a great way to make new friends, meet your neighbors, and give back to our community. Below are some highlights of the upcoming events, all of which could use a helping hand. I encourage you to contact Andi Elkins at [VP.cksii@gmail.com](mailto:VP.cksii@gmail.com). She can provide you with more information and connect you with the event chair.

**NEW EVENT:** Eggfest 2023 Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 1st, 10am. Chair, Andi Elkins. Egg hunt, pictures with Bunny and Mrs. Cabbage Patch, Balloon artist and prizes. Volunteers are needed to help with egg stuffing on Wednesday, March 29th 6pm at Andi's house. Please reach out to Andi if you can help so she knows how much food and drink to provide. Andi will also need volunteers to place eggs out the morning of the event on April 1st.

Rolling Into Summer – Sunday, June 4th. Chair, Amy Kowalski. Bike Parade, bouncy houses, food trucks.

E-Recycle & Shredding Event – July. Date TBD. Co-Chairs, Chris Reynolds and Andi Elkins. Electronic waste recycling and secure paper document shredding.

Movie & Music in the Park - Friday, August 18th. Chair, Jennifer Blake. Live music, family movie on the big screen and food trucks.

Parade of Lights - Sunday, December 17th. Chair, Brenda Abbott. Community members decorate their cars and parade throughout the community. Fire truck and Mr. & Mrs. Claus lead the parade. While this is an impressive list of events for a community and association of our relatively small size, it is unclear whether these events can be sustained over time without the support of new volunteers. It took me 28 years before I got involved in the HOA, so it's never too late. I know you will find it a rewarding experience. Again, please contact Andi Elkins at VP.cksii@gmail.com to learn more.— *Tom Schicktanz – President, CKSII HOA*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment with the Board** Our February meeting was on Valentine's Day this year. Only (4) in attendance, so the meeting was fast and furious. We looked over the proposed menu for the Neighborhood Mixer and make a couple adjustments. We will gather at Breckenridge Brewery Taphouse on March 2, 6pm to enjoy heavy appetizers and drinks available for purchase. Be on the look out for membership postcard arriving late February, detailing The Annual Membership Drive, beginning on March 1st. You can also visit the website [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info). Easter Egg Hunt is canceled for 2023. We will be back in 2024. The Community Garage Sale is May 4-6, John Basila will be sponsoring again this year, more info to be posted in the newsletter and on Nextdoor.com. Our Annual Elections are in May, the Office of President will be open for new candidate. There is also room for a couple more new volunteers for Board Positions, if interested drop in a meeting or feel free to contact [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com). Plans are just getting underway for the 4th of July Parade, looking to include some new features this year. We are hopeful that the pool will open this Summer and we look forward to having a neighborhood pool party to celebrate. The Covenant Control Group continues to monitor the neighborhood for potential violations. Please remember to store trashcans out of site as well as RV's, boats and trailers behind the fence. Continue to watch for more news on upcoming Events on the website. Stop by the new website [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info), which will have all the information you need. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting, the next one is March 14th, 7:00 at Dutch Creek Elementary. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

## The Leawood Reporter

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes February 8, 2023** The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present: Judy Anderson/ Vice President. Other District: Dave Padilla/ Park Manager. Leawood Residents: Russ Baughn and Myra Pasco. Visitor: Dutch Creek Resident Craig Peterson. This meeting is not an official meeting due to the lack of the required quorum (minimum of three Board Members attending). No business or decisions were completed. However, the Treasurer's monthly report can be published in the Leawood Reporter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.—*Debby Baker, Secretary*

**From LCA Minutes Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 6:30pm.** Attending: Kyle Evans, Travis Hall, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, Kate Shafer, Mike Major, Betsy Major, Debbie Zummo, Rhonda Eveleth, Nancy Bock, Camille Sankey, Paul O'Connor.

**Discussion:** Treasurer report given- 2023 Budget estimates & expenses - we need to stay on track. Starting membership drive in February rather than March the LCA needs more members to facilitate all the events which we are planning. Mailers will be going out before end of February with the QR code. Dues will increase \$5 per level (to offset rising prices of postage etc) Bronze \$25, Silver \$50, Gold \$75 & Platinum \$100+. New membership forms have been created & website updated. Banners need to be found & sorted. Qdoba is being considered as a fundraising possibility.

Easter egg candy filling is scheduled for March 29th. Easter egg hunt set for April 1st.

The calendar for the 2023 year has been designed to facilitate easy use.

Car & Craft show date set for Jul 16th.

Meeting end: 7:25pm.

## Westbury

**From From the Mind of the President**—I appreciate all who joined our February WHOA meeting. I want to welcome Adam and Nicole Edelman. Nicole agreed to help us as Editor. Adam agreed to help us redo our website. We are very thankful to them both.

Together we came up with several great ideas to encourage community in our neighborhood.

One of our favorite is to start a children's corner in our monthly newsletter. We wish to encourage children to participate and contribute because kids say the darndest things sometimes. Please submit pictures or drawings and writings about their interests, dreams or goings on to [nedelman89@gmail.com](mailto:nedelman89@gmail.com) and [madisonkjohnson98@gmail.com](mailto:madisonkjohnson98@gmail.com).

Food trucks are planned to start in May. I expect to have the schedule pretty soon. It will be published in the following newsletter and on the new website.

They are not charging us a minimum which is a very common practice. So please mark your calendar

Tuesdays to support these friendly folk feeding us. We want them to be successful and keep coming back for us.

All are invited to our monthly meeting; the next general membership meeting is Monday, March 6, 2023. Potluck starts at 6:30pm, and the meeting will commence around 7:00pm. We have plenty of room. More brains equals more ideas. — *Brendon Cody, President*

## Woodbourne

**From Notes from the Board** —Spring is just around the corner and if you're like us, you're enjoying the longer days. The Budget Ratification meeting in February was well attended and there were 62 residents present who opposed the 2023 budget. This was less than the 204 needed to veto the budget and so the budget was ratified. Monthly dues will increase to \$85 per month beginning on March 1, 2023. Thank you to all the homeowners who were present and expressed their concerns with the budget, community issues, and communication. We, as a Board, will work with the new management team to address all of the concerns expressed, and work towards better communication and transparency. Please give us some time as we work through this transition. If any issues arise, please contact any of the Board members or the community manager, Melissa Stern, at ACCU.

The Board approved expanding the Wave swim team to include grandchildren of Woodbourne residents. The Wave will start marketing throughout the neighborhood in efforts to have increased participation within the community. On another pool issue, the Board continues to look for a new pool management company. Six requests for proposals were sent out and two have responded back so far. The Board should have a new pool management company in place before the start of the pool season.

If you haven't already done so, please take down any holiday ornaments or displays. The snow that fell right after Christmas, and seemed to stick around forever, has now finally melted away and should make removing and storing of your decorations an easier task. The Annual Homeowners' Meeting will be held in April. There are two Board position vacancies that are anticipated and will need to be filled at that meeting. If you have interest in running for those positions, please contact any current Board member with any questions. The Woodbourne website is not connected with our current community management company, ACCU. The Board is currently in the process of evaluating and updating the website. Please use the ACCU Portal at [portal.accuinc.com](http://portal.accuinc.com) for documents, clubhouse reservations, ACC requests, and the like, for the time being. See the article in this newsletter about the updated clubhouse reservation procedure. The Board will continue to assess the proposal to allow homeowners to paint the brick on their homes and work to provide a plan for a proper application process.-- *Woodbourne HOA Board*

		Jan1 Dec 31		Actual	Budgeted
	Budget Yr	2023		2022	2022
<b>Income</b>					
Bank Account, yr start		985.64		1242.01	1242.01
Est Dues income		460.00		420.00	460.00
Est other income		0.00		0.00	0.00
Total for year		1445.64		1662.01	1702.01
<b>Expenses</b>					
Newsletter/postage					
est. \$6 / month		66.00		68.97	55.00
PO box		176.00		176.00	114.00
Picnic / Xmas Expenses		0.00		0.00	0.00
Lilley Gulch / other rental		200.00		150.00	240.00
Website		168.00		168.00	150.00
Bank Fee		103.40		103.40	103.40
Other*		10.00		10.00	20.00
Total for year		723.40		676.37	682.40
<b>Est + / - for year</b>		<b>-263.40</b>		<b>-256.37</b>	<b>-222.40</b>
<b>Est funds, Jan. 2024</b>		<b>722.24</b>		<b>985.64</b>	<b>1019.61</b>
* Colorado report fee	other				

**Cohope Budget for 2023:** We spent more in 2022 than budgeted, mainly on an increase in the PO Box cost, stamp cost and the website. We underspent on meeting rooms due to the use of the free library site. For 2023 costs hopefully will be more stable, but an increase in member numbers will be necessary for the long term. Otherwise we may have to increase dues in the future to offset the losses.

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**The April meeting will be Wednesday April 5, 2023 at the Columbine Library (7706 W. Bowles Ave) from 6 to 8 pm. The speaker will be Carrie Hankins from Jeffco Public Health, who will talk about fentanyl.**

COHOPE's Spring-time adopt-a-highway trash pick up for our adopted section of W Bowles Ave will be on Saturday, April 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot of West Bowles Community Church. All participants are required to sign the County's legal waiver/release, consequently only adults may participate. If there is rain/snow on April 15, then our pickup will be on Saturday, April /22.

**Jefferson County Seeks Community Input on Plan Updates** —Jefferson County is moving forward with a major initiative to update several county plans that will affect wildfire, evacuations, development, and transportation. Public input will be vital in updating these plans.

On March 7, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners voted to approve a contract with consultant Logan Simpson, kicking off the planning process. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2029>

Jefferson County residents can share their opinions and participate in the public workshops, surveys, and open houses over the next two years. Later this spring, the Planning & Zoning Website will be updated with information about how to participate. Visit the Planning and Zoning website. <https://www.jeffco.us/planning-zoning>

**Volunteer with Jefferson County Open Space** —Jeffco Open Space is still accepting applications for numerous volunteer positions for the 2023 season and beyond. JCOS has been the natural choice for volunteering since 1972. Ever since a grassroots campaign resulted in the creation of our agency, volunteers have been pitching in for their parks — from helping to preserve natural resources and educating visitors to blazing new trails. Give back to the parks and trails you love! Get more information and apply. <https://www.jeffco.us/1567/Volunteer>

**Illicit Discharge Information for Jefferson County Residents** —Storm sewer systems are designed to carry runoff from rain and snowmelt and discharge it directly to the drainage way. Materials that are dumped or inadvertently washed into our storm sewer system can pollute our creeks and rivers. An illicit discharge occurs when an activity results in an unauthorized substance entering our storm sewer system. Learn about Jefferson County's procedures to address illicit discharges into the storm sewer system. <https://www.jeffco.us/2728/Illicit-Discharge>

**March Weed of the Month from Jeffco Invasive Species Management**—Dame's Rocket is an escaped ornamental that can be found in rangelands, pastures, gardens, forests, ditches, and rights of way. It can be found in many wildflower seed mixes. It is a prolific seeder and escapes ornamentation quickly. It may be mistaken for some species of phlox. Phlox have five petals, compared to the four that Dame's Rocket sports. Learn more on the Weed of the Month page. <https://www.jeffco.us/2703/Weed-of-the-Month>

**Calling All 14-18 Year Old Jeffco Residents** —Jeffco Open Space is now hiring for the Trail Stewardship Team crew members. JCOS is looking for individuals who are available to work from June 20 to Aug. 3, Tuesday through Thursday, with no more than two absences. Earn money, learn new skills, and make friends this summer! Get more info and to apply. <https://www.jeffco.us/3327/Trail-Stewardship-Team>

**Learn About Job Opportunities at Foothills Park and Recreation**—Foothills Park and Recreation District has many job openings. You can either view current job openings and apply today or attend a job fair on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO 80127.

<https://www.ifoohills.org/employment/>  
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