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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: July 11, 2024, 6 pm, Ponderosa Room
 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am
 Foothills: June 25, 2024 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.
 Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
 DRCOG: June 19, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street 1st Floor, Aspen /Birch Conference Room
 Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: June 5, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: May 2024

Beginning Balance May 3, 2024

Deposits

Sielaff \$20

Withdrawals

May Website \$20 Bank Fee \$6.95 June 2024 Newsletter \$ 3.60

Ending Balance June 5, 2024

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 709.51

\$ 20.00

\$ 30.55

\$ 698.96

Draft Minutes for May 1 Meeting—Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Judy Alliprandine / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Craig Pedersen / Dutch Creek Village HOA, Al Hintz / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large.

The meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

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

FHPRD is checking on a drainage problem in the new playground at Westbury Park and will find a solution to it.

We had no speaker for tonight.

Reports from Officers We do not have a President.

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

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$711.51.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

County information: Miscellaneous Permit: 24-110669 is for 4630 S. Wright Way. It is for a chicken coop. It is zoned as R-1B and is 22 sq. ft.

Registered Distressed Property: 24-110287 is for 9364 W. Capri Ave.

Site Development: 24-108421 is for 13420 W Coal Mine Ave. It is a minor architectural change for WalMart's exterior sign, painting and signage directing people to the auto repair area.

Special Event: 24-110188 is for 8501 W. Bowles Ave. It is for Do Portugal Circus in the main mall. They are estimating 225 spectators and 20 participants. It starts on May 20th at 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Telecommunication Permits: 24-109895 is for 11455 W. Bellevue Ave. Verizon will remove some equipment and replace it.

Our next meeting is June 5. It will be at the Library.

It has been proposed that we do not have a meeting on July 3 as it is too close to July 4th.

Short Term Rental regulation update—No draft yet. If something is released before our next meeting, we will email it to everyone and may have a special in-person meeting.

HB 24-1454—Grace Period Noncompliance Digital Accessibility - This is a proposed 1 year delay to the new require-

ments about the format of digital information a government entity puts on their website Current deadline for compliance of law passed last year is 7/1/2024.

Altitude Law is talking about occupancy limits in residences.

Diane tried to get a speaker on recycling. However there is good information on these company's websites: Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes, and Rooney Road.

ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units) - The complaint is that the cost is too high for low income households. There have been many articles on this subject. The state wants zoning and higher density along transit corridors.

Foothills Park and Recreation District—They are working on the draft for an item for the November Mail Ballot. The current mill levy approval will expire next year; they want to extend it.

New Library—*(They started with 63 location suggestions. Then they got that down to 15 locations. Now they have 5 - 6 locations. Schools are not on the location list. **Correction:** This information is for the new library in the mountains, not for the South Jeffco location.)* They are meeting with the Board of County Commissioners in September.

County Commissioners will decide in June if they will ask for a Mil Levy issue on the Nov. Ballot.

Diane thanked Ray for helping with the Adopt-A-Highway project.

The entire drainage at Westbury Park has been spray painted. *(update: Jeffco Rd & Bridge painted over almost all of it)*

Post Office stamp prices are going up in July.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements: None.

We adjourned at 6:21 pm.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Board Meeting Minutes March 28, 2024 : Start 06:05 p.m. Present: Officers: Dave, Galen, Jenn, Jodi. Board members: Kelly, Nick. Community members: none

Treasurer's report presented by David: 48 renewals in February. Currently 106 paid members for the year.

OLD BUSINESS: Membership status - David / Jenn

Chili Cookoff – moderate turnout; great chili

NEW BUSINESS: One new member who paid dues on or before March 31st receives \$100 GC. Will select winner on Friday, April 12th. Galen to send email to officers on Wednesday the 10th. Jenn will determine the best time of the day to do this

Trash pick-up: Saturday May 11th, 9:30 - 12:00 only a few volunteers thus far. Bob from Robert's Deli will have sandwiches BBQ for the walkers.

On Aug 6th: **National Night Out.** Celebrate at the park. \$20 gift card. Put this item on the May agenda.

Dumpster day—June 1st paid a \$200 deposit for 5 20-yard rollaways with Bargain Bins. Need some young folks to help load. Michelle was going to check with Columbine football coach; Jenn will follow up.

Community Garage Sale: June 7-8

Many new members have paid \$75, with some \$100 or \$200.

Gabby and Jenn will do article/ad for National Night Out, Xeric Garden, Dumpster Day and Garage Sale

Invite Gabby to create a list of volunteering options to post on Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor

Meeting end at: 6:53 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From President's Letter — Hello CKSII HOA community, my name is Chris Reynolds and I am a Director for the HOA Board. I have been a member of the HOA for more than eight years and enjoy giving my time to the community in this way. This month, I am writing about recycling, which according to my family, I'm quite fanatical about. It's probably because I am constantly policing what gets put into the big green Waste Management (WM) containers because I know putting in the wrong thing can result in the whole contribution getting thrown in the trash. So here are a few tips I'd like to share with you! It's important that only the right items make it into the WM recycle bin – and they need to be clean – to ensure efficient recycling. There are three basic rules to recycling with WM:

RULE 1: Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard. These have the greatest impact on recycling.

RULE 2: Keep food and liquid out of your recycling. Recyclables don't need to be spotless but should be clean enough to avoid contaminating other materials.

RULE 3: No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables. Plastic bags can shut down an entire recycling plant, so don't toss loose plastic bags into your curbside recycling bin and never bag your recyclables. Empty loose recyclable items directly into the bin. You can take plastic bags to Walmart or King Soopers for recycling.

Sometimes my family wants to recycle things that just don't go into the WM container:

Pizza boxes – yes, they are cardboard but if they have food stains on them, not to mention stuck-on toppings, they aren't recyclable.

Disposable cups from fast food restaurants – my kids are always putting their Starbucks and other cups in the recycling bin. The truth is most paper to-go cups cannot be recycled or composted because they contain a plastic or wax coating to prevent leaks.

Loose lumber – one time my husband put loose lumber in the bin. Just... no.

Waste Management's website (<https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right>) has a lot of helpful information about what they recycle but it really boils down to the three rules listed above.

There are some larger recycling centers not too far away that will take other items if you are really into recycling:

Quail Street Recycling Center (1068 Quail St. in Lakewood) takes scrap metal among other things.

Rooney Road Recycling Center (151 South Rooney Road in Golden) recycles (or disposes of) household hazardous waste for a low fee (they are subsidized by our jurisdiction).

The City of Littleton offers great resources for recycling on their website (<https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/City-Services/GreenEnvironmentalPrograms/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle>) including donating vehicles, year-round prescription drug take back services, and free wood mulch.

WM is pretty clear that if we put the wrong things (or dirty things) in the big green container, they won't sort it and it's likely the whole offering will end up the trash. But with a little effort, we can help ensure WM recycles the materials we give them and ultimately create a healthier planet for ourselves and future generations.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment with the Board The April monthly meeting was attended by a handful of residents. After some very thoughtful discussion it was decided to not move forward with rescheduling the Meet your Neighbor Mixer, the event will return in March 2025. The Calendar of Events has many options for neighbors to participate in and volunteer hands are limited. The Community Garage Sale is May 5th-6th, 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, Treasurer & Secretary are 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. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. Please drop a note to CWCAtalk@gmail.com if you need to speak with a committee member. The community is held to a standard by being 'Covenant Protected'. Stop by the new website 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 May 9th, 7:00pm at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

Dutch Creek Village News

From From the President Do you have a blue house? I think they look great when freshly painted but the blue siding can really show the impact of time. I have not done a scientific study, but it appears to me that blue houses are the worst at hiding the damage from the Colorado sun. If you have a blue house, please go outside and take a look at the siding and give it an honest opinion about how it looks to others. If it doesn't look great, perhaps a good power wash is enough to bring back the beauty, but perhaps your home needs a fresh coat of paint.

Your HOA board does not enjoy having to tell a homeowner to have work done on their house. Believe me, we really do not like doing this. So please take care of your home and lot appearance before someone complains to the HOA about the appearance of your home or lot. I really hope that over the next few months I see every blue house looking wonderful without the HOA having to get involved. Thank you in advance!

If you have received this May newsletter and you have not yet paid your 2024 dues for the Master HOA, then you are likely already accruing late fees and interest on the annual dues amount. So please pay your dues promptly. And reach out to the HOA at info@dutchcreekhoa.com by email if you want to discuss the situation. We do not enjoy enforcing the rules for late payment of dues, but we attempt to follow the rules exactly to make sure all homeowners are treated equally. — *Craig Pedersen, Dutch Creek HOA President*

The Leawood Reporter

From LCA Meeting Minutes TUESDAY, April 2nd Place: Leawood Elementary Time: 6:30pm

Attending: Camile Sankey, Mike Major, Kyle Evans, Nancy Bock, Rhonda Evelth, Mike Whalen, and Laurie Sarno. Introduce New attendees

Minutes from March approved via email PROOF

Board Member Reports: Treasurer, Mike M Treasurer Report- Debits/Credits, 2024 Budget. Discuss outstanding bills/invoices with Park Board

Membership/Webmaster: Website, Kyle. Mike Shaw working to get the website back and running!

Online Payment still needs to be corrected

Membership updates – online / via mail (Betsy)

Website/Next Door updates

Easter Egg Hunt Review: good reviews on the candy and stickers this year. Setup can start a half-hour later.

Leawood playground Dates will begin this summer starting in May (5-19-2024)

Car and Craft Show, Confirming craft show portion

Publications/Public Relations – Reporter

Community Outreach/Organizing (FYP), (Rhonda, Kate)

Sending cards to new Neighbors?

Sandwich boards

Events: Garage Sale, Leawood playground days, June Clean Up

Communication: (Email/ Reporter/ Website/ Facebook)

Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Yearly calendar was reviewed, confirmed. Continuing Cars and craft show. The online payment issue is currently ongoing, however a fix should be implemented by next meeting, and an email blast will be sent out once the correction is made. May garage sale was discussed and per previous years flags and maps will be distributed to homeowners participating in the garage sale. Discussed current board participation, new applicants to the board are welcomed.

Woodbourne

From Notes from the March Board Meeting—Happy Spring to all! Within a few weeks, the countdown to summer will begin and children will have visions of no homework in their heads. The pool has been fully serviced and we believe it is finally in full repair for many years to come. Over the last decade, we have replaced the pool surface, pump, pump motor, water heater and chemical regulation controls, and while extremely expensive and arduous, the 30-year pool maintenance items should finally be complete.

We've collected enough Simms St. fence repair quotes to approve a contractor and get those repairs completed in the coming weeks. As expected, it took an unusual amount of time to find fencing contractors who were willing to entertain repair services, as so many fence replacements were needed throughout the front range from the wind in early April. The large spruce tree next to the East pool fence has also been fully removed after its demise in the windstorm. We are consulting with Bailey Tree to entertain a replacement, but will likely need to wait at least a year to allow for the remaining roots to die off and allow the soil to accept another mature tree.

As usual, the work and coordination of the Woodbourne Easter Egg Hunt committee resulted in a hugely fun and successful hunt for all who participated. We look forward to other events this summer season – pool kickoff party, 4th of July parade, and the Wave-sponsored end of summer event. We are continuing to evaluate how we align possible sponsors to events to help keep Woodbourne-specific costs to a minimum.

The Clubhouse renovation phase 1 construction has either just been completed or will be completed as you are reading this note. The next step is to purchase furniture and other items to fill the space. Simon and his committee have gone above and beyond catering to schedule changes, vendor replacements and everything else that goes into a project, as all-consuming as this one has become. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Unfortunately, the HOA Annual meeting did not take place on April 16th. We were only able to attract 71 representatives from the neighborhood either by signed proxies or physical attendance, well below the 102 residents required for a quorum. The discussions we did still entertain covered many aspects of resident life: the fiber optic companies installing product, Chatfield students (and unfortunately some residents) speeding throughout our Woodbourne streets, and the possibility of resurfacing the tennis court. The Board is not required to conduct another in-person annual meeting, and since a re-print notice would be required and would cost over \$750, this is being viewed as unnecessary. There is also no assurance that we would attract the quorum of 102 attendees to conduct the meeting again, and as noted, we did already discuss many of the items that would be repeated in another formal setting. Sheryl Archuleta and Darrel Loyd have both extended their board terms, and we will be publishing new board titles in the next notes article and update them in future newsletters. We appreciate all residents continuing to submit ACC project forms and ensure they follow our covenants and regulations. We are expanding the ACC review committee and are still looking for volunteers. Please reach out to any member via email if you are interested in preserving our neighborhood. —Your *Woodbourne HOA Board*

Get to Know Jeffco - Wildfire Preparedness —Colorado no longer has a fire season, but rather a “fire year” according to many experts. While Jefferson County is known for its natural beauty, the county is in danger of experiencing damaging wildfires. Did you know that some of Colorado’s most important firefighting tools are housed at Jefferson County’s own Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport? Check out this video to learn about wildfire preparedness efforts in Jeffco.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjax9yE-vn8>

While Jefferson County is known as a great place to live, work, and play, many people don't realize the breadth of services the county provides for nearly 600,000 residents — and countless visitors. Visit the Get to Know Jeffco webpage to learn more. <https://www.jeffco.us/2869/Get-to-Know-Jeffco>

The Quarterly Law Enforcement Authority Report is Now Available —The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office invites you to read its quarterly Law Enforcement Authority (LEA) Report. The LEA Report informs and updates the public on what is happening, what has happened, or what is affecting the JCSO during each quarter of the year. It was presented by Undersheriff Scott Eddy to the Board of County Commissioners during the April 23 hearing. This is the report for the first quarter of 2024. <https://www.jeffco.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/974>

National Trails Day: Usable Trail Project at Mount Falcon Park —Colorado Join Jeffco Open Space on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mount Falcon Park West Trailhead and help create a usable trail for visitors experi-

encing disabilities. Work will include a quarter mile of the Meadow Trail, giving visitors a nice loop from the main parking lot to the Walker Mansion Ruins. Volunteers will be removing obstacles from the trail and improve the cross slope of the trail. Learn more and register. <https://offero.jeffco.us/PublicActivityVolunteerRegistration/38d8585b-457a-457c-b7e3-caaef4e24dc7>

Fresh Start: Relief for Outstanding Warrants—The First Judicial District will hold its next Fresh Start event on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jefferson County Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. People with active warrants in Jefferson or Gilpin counties in qualifying categories will have an opportunity to resolve their case without being arrested. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1632>

National Sports Center for the Disabled Moves to Jeffco Fairgrounds—National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) is a world leader in creating and providing adaptive outdoor recreation experiences. On May 1, NSCD opened its new Adaptive Program Center at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The group, based in Winter Park, provides therapeutic recreation, competition, and adaptive sports for children and adults with disabilities. Read the full article from 9News. <https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/jefferson-county-fairgrounds-adaptive-learning-center/73-3faefc8a-abf5-4071-9d65-d103e9d60201>

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to Host Shred-A-Thon on June 1—Drop off documents on Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, 200 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. There is no charge for the event. <https://www.jeffco.us/1072/Shred-a-thon>

Vehicles will be limited to three clean trash bags/bankers' boxes of documents. Please remove binders or other non-paper contaminants, paperclips, and staples. Items with personal or private information are ideal for drop-off.

2024 Native Plant Master Courses - Now Available—Join CSU Extension for its field course season in the Native Plant Master program. Whether you're looking for an introductory one or two day course, or aiming for your Native Plant Master certificate through the three day courses, there is a program for everyone. Visit the Native Plant Master webpage to learn about the programs that are offered. <https://conativeplantmaster.colostate.edu/>

Irrigation 101: Discover the Art of Water-Wise Landscaping—From learning turf irrigation techniques to creating eco-friendly drip systems, learn how to nurture your outdoor spaces while conserving water. Join CSU Extension to explore sustainable practices for lush gardens and vibrant perennial beds. Registration is \$25. Reserve your spot and take the first step toward a greener, more efficient approach to landscaping. Questions? Email Rachel Durkan or call 303-271-6618. <https://secure.rec1.com/CO/jefferson-county-open-space/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTMwNDEwNjQ=>

Floodplain Information for Jefferson County Residents—Many people think they are not in danger of flooding if they don't live near a stream or creek. Unfortunately, this is not true. Flooding is the nation's No. 1 natural disaster. Colorado's flood season runs May through October and includes both snowmelt and thunderstorm flooding. Snowmelt floods result from the melting of the winter snowpack in the high mountain areas which becomes spring runoff.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2695/Floodplain-Management>

Enjoy Local Food and Beverages at Taste of the West on June 6—Supporting local never tasted so good! Taste of the West will be held June 6 from 5-8 p.m. at the Foothills Fieldhouse. General admission tickets and discounted group 10-packs are available and make a great employee or client appreciation experience. VIP tickets are available while supplies last and include early entry, exclusive snacks and drinks, chair massages, and more.

<https://www.westmetrochamber.org/tasteofthewest.html>

Concerts in Clement Park Thursday Nights Starting June 6—Come hang out in the park with Foothills Park & Recreation District for our free Concerts in Clement Park, Thursday nights at 7 p.m., June 6 through Aug. 8 (no concert July 4). Find the band lineup and event details on the Concerts in Clement Park webpage.

<https://www.ifoohills.org/events/foohills-entertainment-series/>

2024 Concerts All concerts start at 7 p.m. and are held on select Thursdays

June 6 – Jubilingo – rock, blues, soul, folk

June 13 – Little Moses Jones – 1990s and 2000s R&B, hip hop

June 20 – Vamonos Pest – classic alternative rock

June 27 – 101st Army Country Band & Woodwind Quintet – country

July 11 – The Grass Project – bluegrass, progressive instrumental

July 18 – Roka Hueka – Latin ska, rock, cumbia, reggae

July 25 – Groove 'N Motion – variety band, R&B, funk

August 1 – SoundTrack Chamber Orchestra – orchestral movie soundtrack

August 8 – Julia Kirkwood – alternative pop, rock

Volunteer with CASA and Make a Difference in the Lives of Children—Volunteering with children in the court system is a profoundly impactful and rewarding experience. As a dedicated volunteer, you play a crucial role in providing support and advocacy for children who find themselves entangled in the legal process. Find out how to get involved with CASA of Jefferson & Gilpin Counties. <https://www.casajeffcogilpin.com/>

Enjoy Arts and Culture Through Inspire Arts Lakewood—Celebrate the vast variety of art offered throughout the city during Inspire Arts Lakewood. The event encompasses free and low-cost arts and culture experiences hosted from May 25 to June 30 at more than 20 galleries, cultural centers, shops, and other art venues in Lakewood. Come enjoy the Colorado summer at the creative organizations and events in Lakewood.



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The next meeting will be June 5, 2024 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker information is available at this time.

*<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Arts-and-Culture/Arts-and-Culture-Events/INSPIRE-Arts-Lakewood>
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