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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Sept 4, 2025, 6 pm, 700 Jefferson Co Pkwy, Suite 100 Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Foothills: Aug 26, 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

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

DRCOG: Aug 20, 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: Aug 6 XCEL, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: July 2025	W. R. Moore,	Treasurer
Beginning Balance June 4, 2025	\$	683.34
Deposits	\$	0.00
Withdrawals	\$	51.68
July Website \$23.08 August Newsletter \$ 3.60 Colorado Report Fee \$25		
Ending Balance August 6, 2025	\$	631.66

**Draft Minutes for July 2 meeting: Attendance:** Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Jennifer Gerdes / Columbine Hills Civic HOA, Michael Pichler / Columbine Knolls HOA, Al Hintz / At Large, Linda Auburn / 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.

We had no speaker.

We do not have a President.

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

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$683.34.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

**Jefferson County Information:** CMT 25-114276 is for Columbine Care Center. July 22 at 5:30 there was a virtual community meeting. They want to rezone to allow indoor self-storage, mini storage, and mini warehouses. It is east of Natural Grocers; north of the gas station and carwash; and south of the Kipling Villas homes that are on W. Walker Place. PA 25-112847 is for 10902 W. Toller Dr. They want to buy Townplace Suites and convert it from R-1 hotel to R-2 apartments.

PA 25-114701 is for 1) 16820 W. Alameda Pkwy. They want to rezone to PD to amend existing ODP. It is for the southwest corner of C-470 and west Alameda Pkwy. 2) 1900 S. Rooney Road. They want to rezone the PD to amend the existing ODP. It is for the southeast corner of C-470 and Alameda Pkwy. to allow up to 390 multifamily units.

PA 25-114930 is for 5067 S. Eldridge St. They are requesting a PA meeting for the Cedarbrook Plat (formerly Red Rocks Point) to create 8 2-family lots.

RZ 25-114601 is for 10700 W. Bowles Ave. They want to rezone existing PD to allow for single family detached and townhomes on a common lot with associated amenity center and park amenities. This is part of Jared's Nursery that includes the bulk materials yard. There are no documents on the website as of July 2.

SD 25-113966 is for 5355 S. Alkire St. They want a minor revision to landscape plan.

Short Term Rental - We have a handout for Short Term Rental Regulations. Diane attended the June 24th Update Meeting. Ray emailed everyone the information. Comments are due to STR@jeffco.us by July 20. The draft is part 1 of 3.

There is still no information on the actual regulation and no details on the administrative part / enforcement that the contractor will handle. It is just for unincorporated Jefferson County. Some who live in the mountains are concerned about the requirement to use a bear-proof trash can. If you have a current STR license, then you get priority to get a new license if you apply before your current license expires. If the property is personal residence, you have to live there 9 months of the year. A STR rental period is less than 30 consecutive days. The number of STR licenses within a specific fire protection district will be limited to of 1% of the residences in a specific fire district. Within 7 days of when a STR license is granted the license holder is required to notify all the adjacent property owners neighbors of designated contact person for that STR property.

How soon will they get after violators? They will start 30 days after this takes effect. They will send emails to known violators. Then possibly another notice after 30 more days. etc. If a STR is revoked, that STR license holder cannot have a STR license for 5 years.

Is there anything about maintenance on the outside of the building? No.

How does short term rentals affect real estate property values? Based on studies, it may go up. Most STR are owned by corporations. It does affect supply and demand.

Diane will watch for the Staff Presentation. They are usually done before general public meetings.

Last month our speaker was supposed to be from Xcel. Xcel has apologized and has offered to reschedule their Wildfire Action Plan. We will ask them to attend our August meeting. (update - someone from Xcel will be the speaker at the 8/6 meeting to talk about their Wildfire Action plans.)

Fireworks - do not call 911. They have a special fireworks phone number. You have to actually see the ordinance leave the ground. You must know the address. Fireworks at Clement Park is on July 3.

They are working on the new library. They are doing most stuff on the outside (like the book mobile) and on the inside. They will probably open in 2 years.

Columbine Library has been reserved for our August and September meetings.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements: None.

We adjourned at 6:57 p.m.—Cheri Paavola, Secretary

## THE BACKYARD

### Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Annual Planning Meeting: June 5, 2025, 6:05-7:10 pm Attendance: Officers: Gii, Kelsey, Galen, David, Jenn Other members: Janet, Michaelle, Kelly, Angela I (new board member: xeric czar)

Treasurer's Report: CD rolled over, Paying members: 176, Expenditures: next month: Dumpster Days

Review Board minutes from May: approved, New Community Participants

**OLD BUSINESS:** Waiting for bill from bent gutter

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Neighbors promoting their business; NNO or FF? Decided that CHCA residents who own businesses may contact CHCA no later than one week before National Night Out (before July 29) to sign up to have a small table/tent to advertise business. NNO is on Aug 5.

- 2. Wish list for 2026: benches park and BB court, lights for CH sign Canyon & Kendall: Will put on agenda for 2026; if any board member finds a well-priced solar light for the sign, buy it and CHCA will reimburse.
- 3. Review all members' current responsibilities: be certain we are all where we belong.
- Kelsie: graphic design creation. When we want to post a new ad, article, send to Kelsie first to create the graphic, then send to Jenn/Gii/Galen. Also take notes at meetings Jenn: post FB and Instagram; keep up-to-date Gii: Website; keep up-to date Galen: Newsletter
- 4. Discuss who is taking the lead for upcoming events through the year: Chili Cookoff: Jenn, Trash pick-up: Jenn, Angela, Garage sale: Jenn, Dumpster Day: David & Galen, Jenn Nat Night Out: David & Galen Fall Fest: Jenn, others, Trunk or Treat: David & Galen, Jenn, Angela Eve w/Santa: David & Galen, Jenn, others
- 5. Children's vests for NNO: safety vests purchased for first 30 kids who come to National Night Out
- 6. New signs-choose sites and take boards: done
- 7. Disclaimer: CHCA neighbor used an advertised service in our newsletter and had an extremely negative experience. Did not disclose which one. Will add a disclaimer that we do not vet, nor vouch for, these services.

**Events:** GS & DD; who can work DD? What to bring? CHCA will sign up for a booth at the 9th Annual Columbine Center Community Festival and customer appreciation event on Sept 20th from 10-4 in the parking lot in front of Riley's Natural Pet Supply. \$25 booth rental fee.

**Pothole mitigation Depew and Platte:** have reached out to Colorado Roads and Bridges, Jeffco, and Denver Water. None will take responsibility. Will continue to reach out (pester).

Newsletter walkers: Roz & Jim M picked up a route. Still need one more, two possible candidates.

#### Columbine Knolls HOA

August 5, 2025: National Night Out September 13, 2025: Clean Up Day

#### Columbine Knolls South II Review

From CKSII HOA at the Halfway Mark: A 2025 Mid-Year Review: As we reach the midpoint of 2025, it's been a vibrant and active year in Columbine Knolls South II. From family-friendly events to neighborhood improvements, here's a look at what we've done so far – and what's coming next.

**Spring Highlights** Easter Egg Hunt: Held in April, this annual event brought joy to families and kids throughout the neighborhood. Volunteer Spotlight: A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped plan events and support clean-up efforts around the community.

**Summer Kick-Off** Chillin' & Grillin' BBQ: June's community BBQ had a great turnout. Neighbors gathered for food, music, and fun – a great way to kick off summer.

Ongoing Improvements: The ACC has been working hard on landscaping, exterior renovations, and fence approvals. Please remember that unapproved work may be flagged during property inspections and may result in stop work orders, fines, or required changes to the design.

Looking Ahead: July – December 2025 Upcoming Events Movie in the Park: Join us Friday, August 22 at Coronado Park for a fun outdoor movie night with food trucks and music. Vote for the movie you'd like to see (The Wild Robot or Inside Out 2) at www.cksii.org. Community Garage Sale: Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12. Large Item Pickup: Tuesday, July 15. Available only to paying HOA members who are also enrolled in Waste Management service. Contact Keystone Property Management through the website for questions or to enroll. E-Waste & Recycling Event: Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Coronado Elementary School. Available only to paying HOA members – photo ID required.

**Board & Community Initiatives** Sidewalk & Drainage Projects: This summer, we'll see sidewalk improvements in the park and drainage work at the northeast corner of Coronado Elementary and the Foothills

Recreation property boundary. Expect temporary closures, daytime noise, and construction equipment. Please stay clear of work zones.

Financials: The HOA remains on solid financial footing, operating slightly ahead of budget year-to-date. We appreciate the continued consistency and enforcement from our property management company, Keystone Pacific, particularly in the areas of dues and fine collections. Any outstanding balances have been or will be referred to the HOA's attorney, Orten Cavanagh Holmes & Hunt, for formal collection. For more details about the HOA budget or to view your account balance, please log in to your Resident Portal at: https://www.kppmdenver.com/

**How You Can Help** Volunteer: Interested in helping out? Use the contact form at www.cksii.org. The Social Committee meets online one hour before each Board meeting.

Share Feedback: Questions or ideas? Send them our way.

Stay Connected: Follow our Facebook group, join the email list, and visit the website for the latest updates.

It's been a great first half of 2025. Thank you to everyone – residents, volunteers, and board members – for your time and support. With your continued involvement, the second half of the year will bring even more opportunities to connect, improve, and take pride in our community Thank you! — CKSII Board of Directors

## **Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter**

From 2025 Dumpster Day Event Recap Early morning arrival Dutch Creek Elementary at 7:00 a.m and already had a handful of eager residents in line. Our Dumpsters had overnight security which provided us with no "illegal dumping" before the event. A huge shout out to 5280 Waste Solutions for delivering five 40-yard dumpsters. A round of applause for Robert, our local metal scrapper, who loaded up his trailer twice. The array of metal collected was impressive, and it's the Association's hopes that those 70 participants feel less burdened with unusable items.

It is always a much anticipated event for the neighborhood, sharing community spirit and seeing happy faces at the exit. Our small volunteer staff of Bill, Ravi, Gary, Ken, Peg, Janet, John and Natasha worked together seamlessly to get cars through the gate in a timely manner. Enjoy the Summer Columbine West!

# **The Leawood Rapporter**

From LCA Minutes June 3 6:35 pm Attending: Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, Paul Klinger, Chip Langowski, Paul O'Connor, Desiree Robinson, Camille Sanky, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno.

**Discussion:** Clean up starts at 7am and will last until both dumpsters are filled. 5280 will provide two dumpsters. Several Leawood residents have tried to join the LCA using the website and have had trouble with the payment portion. A discussion followed as to how we can make this an easier process.

Treasurer Report: Paul stated all bills have been paid. Park board is looking at ways to pay us directly for their share of

the Rapporter through their bank, rather than sending a check.

**Membership:** Chip has been working on entering new memberships into data base. As of June 3rd, 127 residents belong to the LCA. It was pointed out that there are close to 800 homes in Leawood so there should be ways to attract more families to join.

Rhonda reported the garage sale was a success. Twenty-six residents signed up and \$219.00 was made.

Dave Sarno mowed the Bowles/Jay entrance, and it looks so much better! Thank you, Dave.

Front Yard Parties: So far three families have signed up to host. a party this summer. Rhonda volunteered to call several residents that hosted before to see if they can host one again.

Leawood Picnic is August 23rd. Discussion followed on budget and menu.

Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Meeting Summary of June 11, 2025: TIME: 6:00 PM LOCATION: VINTAGE RESERVE CLUBHOUSE Attendees: Carole Gottlieb, Marci Turaga, Logan MacMillan, Jesse Opgneorth, Tom Bryant, Steve Wall

Resident Comments: Complaints about wildflowers being cut; board to address with Cox Landscaping.

**Park Manager Report**: Edger purchase approved (3-1 vote), Dripline inspections ongoing, No available sprinkler layout plans. "Pitch in the Park Pickup": Well-received by residents. Judy securing cheaper weekly dumpster service.

**Treasurer's Report**: All bills on autopay, paperless. Irrigation costs: \$3K YTD. Pavilion rental: \$75 received. Requesting full US Bank download (past 5 years).

Website & Email: Exploring SIPA options for email/voicemail/data. Marci to confirm storage details.

Reviewed website. Updates were made to current board members, park pavilion policies, and contact information Discussed creation of official, separate LMRPD emails. Plan was made to research Gmail and other offerings for discussion in June meeting.

Flower Beds: Judy to lead design with volunteers; volunteer day at Raccoon to be scheduled.

Park manager advised that Cox looked at drip lines in beds but did not give conclusive answer on whether the lines are functioning properly.

Plan to spread mulch on Weaver entrance beds as part of May31st "Pitch In For The Park" activity.

Discussion was had on obtaining irrigation specialist to run sprinkler system and drip lines independent of landscaping maintenance.

Marketing: Facebook & Nextdoor: 25 followers. Temporary sign approved (4-0) for Pavilion rental info.

**10-Year Park Plan:** Discussion was held on Board goal to develop a 10 year plan for the park. 2 Year plan outline to be developed by Logan MacMillan for discussion in June meeting

**Trees/Stream:** Mile High contact still pending. \$1K invoice for barrel removal under review Vote to approve bids to remove Racoon Hollar fallen tree: unanimous approval Jefferson County Extension & CSU: Margaret will call JCE and CSU to begin discussion/work on getting tree audit and recommendations for tree removal/replacement Mile High: Logan MacMillan will develop contact with Darren at Mile High to prepare for work on tree/foliage/growth in Dutch Creek **Concrete**: Permits required; Tom researching. Chase St Bridge mud-jacking noted. Recommending moving porta-potty and requiring insurance certificates for vendors. Jeffco to repair Fair sidewalk; focus on sealing cracks. Wooden Bridge: Dan Foster to provide painting quote.

**Grants:** Steve Wall to lead grant efforts with Carole's assistance.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

### **Woodbourne HOA Newsletter**

From Notes From The June Board Meeting Here we go!! Two weeks into summer and it's been a roaster, with a nice and pleasant end to June. Hopefully family vacations (either past or future) have been ones for the record books. On June 11, we were able to successfully hold our Annual Meeting. We had over 120 proxies and a few in attendance at the clubhouse. We conducted a reading and approval of 2023 meeting and received approvals. There was an in-depth discussion around the pool and the management company transition. Unfortunately, after a detailed contract review of the duties stipulated in the pool management contract, we felt we were not being treated equitably, nor were services being provided.

We have since terminated that contract and are now in much better hands with Aspen Aquatics. Hopefully everyone has seen the emails about this latest transition, what it means in terms of duties and definitions with the "pool monitors", and that this change in no way exposes Woodbourne or the monitors to any inherent liability, Visitors will see new NO LIFE-GUARD ON DUTY signs, but the pool monitors have been explicitly instructed that if there is a water rescue required that they should do everything to assist all others in the resolution of that incident. They are not instructed to stand down in any way and would work with parents and residents towards resolution.

Our annual garage sale was a success with nice weather and representative participation. The large trash pickup provided residents with an opportunity to dispose of items unsold and not included in the weekly trash service.

As mid-summer emerges, just a gentle reminder of a few covenant controls

1. No items marked "FREE" may remain anywhere on your property for more than 48 hours. This pertains to the easement property outside of the fences along W Meadows and S Simms St. and never within common areas

- 2. Easement property between the fence line and the sidewalk on W Meadows Dr is the homeowner's responsibility. This includes weed/shrub abatement and overhang of trees/bushes. We are allowing residents through the end of September 2025 to address trees and bushes that extend past the fence line onto easement property.
- 3. All exterior renovations, including landscaping, home painting, roof replacement and removal or replacement of trees/shrubs, must be authorized by our ACC. Forms are available on the ACCU portal, or any board member can assist with a link or copies of the forms for submission
- 4. No commercial or business labeled vehicles can be parked in our neighborhood unless lettering/signage is covered while on the driveway. We ask that no recreational vehicle or trailer be kept in the driveway for more than 72 hours. And although we do not hold control for recreational vehicles parked in our streets, please be thoughtful for how long (and where) vehicles are parked, as we have received complaints about them creating blind spots for cars and pedestrians.

We continue to work on pool furniture replacement and clubhouse restroom renovations for after the pool closes. We may require a long-term storage pod to be kept in the pool parking lot especially when new pool furniture has been purchased to help protect our new investment.

We continue to wish the Wave swim team success and look forward to their State competitions in July, and we appreciate your support and diligence in ensuring our neighborhood remains a primary target of new homeowners and young families. — Your Woodbourne HOA

**Jeffco Information: Jeffco Residents Urged to Apply for Volunteer Boards and Commissions** — The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners recently announced a call for volunteers to serve on numerous boards and commissions. Applications will be accepted through July 29 for appointments made in late September.

Service through Jefferson County's volunteer boards and commissions is an effective way for citizens to provide valuable input and make a positive impact in our community on issues ranging from pending land use cases to the allocation of open space grant funds. There are vacncies for Airport Advisory Board, Audit Committee, Board of Adjustment, Board of Health, Board of Review, Budget Advisory Committee, Community Corrections Board, Community Services Advisory Board, County Cultural Council, CSU Extension Advisory Committee. Engineering Advisory Board, Equine & Agriculture Heritage Commission, Historical Commission, IDEA Advisory Commission, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Jefferson County Finance Corporation, Jefferson County Wildfire Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Liquor Licensing Authority, Open Space Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Scientific & Cultural Facilities District Board, Sustainability Commission and Tri-County Workforce Development Board.

Read this article for more information and vacancies. https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2090

**Tackling the Child Care Crisis in Jefferson County—**In episode seven of the Engage Jeffco Podcast, we sit down with Rachel Meixner with Jefferson County Head Start, Jess Fuller with the Greater Arvada Chamber of Commerce, and Jennifer Anton from Triad Bright Futures to talk about the child care crisis in Jefferson County — and how local leaders are stepping up with real solutions. Follow the Engage Jeffco Podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

How Jefferson County Plans for Emergencies Before They Happen—In episode six of the Engage Jeffco Podcast, we talk with emergency preparedness experts about how Jefferson County is gearing up for wildfires, floods, and other hazards — and what residents can do now to get ready. Follow the Engage Jeffco Podcast on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

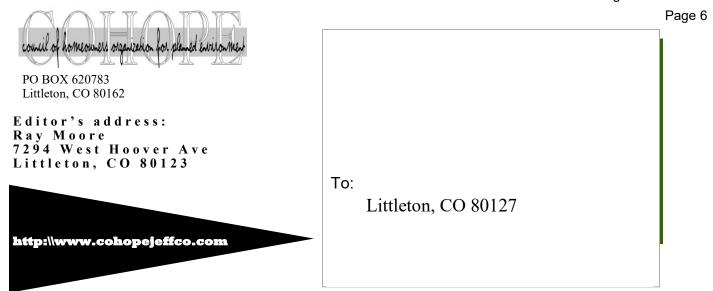
Jefferson County to Invest in New Wildland Fire Management Program—The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Reggie Marinelli are excited to announce the launch of a new Wildland Fire Management Program that will help to address and mitigate extreme wildfire danger in Jeffco.

In 2024, Jefferson County voters approved the passage of Ballot Measure 1A, allowing Jefferson County to retain revenue collected to help fund public safety as well as transportation and infrastructure needs. With the approval of this program, the county will invest nearly \$7 million in wildfire mitigation and response. https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2403

Jefferson County Rolls Out New Records Request Platform—On July 7, Jefferson County launched a new platform—NextRequest—for submitting open records requests. This centralized online portal allows users to submit and track requests, access records and receive updates, all while reducing reliance on paper and email. The platform also automates workflows, routes requests efficiently and ensures compliance through comprehensive communication tracking. Learn more and find the NextRequest portal link on the Jefferson County Public Records Request page. https://www.jeffco.us/1708/Public-Records-Request

**Explore Colorado for Free Using Culture Pass!**—Jefferson County Public Library purchases memberships at local art, culture, history and outdoor destinations so that library cardholders can explore Colorado for FREE. Culture Pass benefits vary by destination. Each library cardholder may book two Culture Passes per month and one pass per institution per month. Book your culture pass today! https://jeffcolibrary.libcal.com/passes

**Prepare for the Upcoming Election in November**— Have you moved or changed your name since you last voted? Now is the perfect time to update your voter record. Not sure if your information is current? You can check your registration anytime. Visit Go Vote Colorado to view or update your voter record and make sure you're ready for November's Coordinated Election! <a href="https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter/pages/pub/home.xhtml">https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter/pages/pub/home.xhtml</a>



The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). The speakers will be Zoe DeVito and Steven Roalstad from XCEL.

**Jefferson County Public Library's Digital Collection is Moving to Libby**—Based on community feedback, Jefferson County Public Library is moving all Boundless e-book and audiobook materials to Libby, by OverDrive, by the end of summer. Enjoy a growing selection of audiobooks, in addition to current e-books, magazines and comics. New to Libby? We're here to make your switch easier. https://jeffcolibrary.org/news/libby-audiobooks-now-available/

**Ink Your Story — Suicide Awareness Semicolon Tattoo Event Sept. 6**—Join Jefferson Center at Hope;ink on Sept. 6 where for \$50 you can get a semicolon tattoo and help support suicide prevention work. Thank you to the tattoo studios and artists who have joined us again this year! Registration opens on Aug. 4. Visit the Jefferson Center website for sponsorship and registration information. <a href="https://www.jcmh.org/hopeink-semicolon-tattoo-event/">https://www.jcmh.org/hopeink-semicolon-tattoo-event/</a>

Putt Fore CASA is Back On Aug. 27 – Every Swing Makes a Difference—CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties is hosting its second annual Putt Fore CASA mini golf tournament on Aug. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m.! If you can hold a putter, you can play! CASA supports children navigating the court system, so every swing makes a difference. Your ticket includes dinner, drinks, door prizes and more. Get your tickets today, as early bird pricing lasts until July 25. https://www.casajeffcogilpin.com/putt-fore-casa/

Free Directory Listing for Jeffco Businesses and Nonprofits—Any Jeffco-based business or nonprofit is eligible to receive a basic listing in the West Metro Chamber of Commerce's online business directory completely for free. This listing is not a membership in the West Metro Chamber but rather a way for us to recognize and represent all businesses throughout Jefferson County. Learn more and sign up. <a href="https://www.westmetrochamber.org/communitylisting.html">https://www.westmetrochamber.org/communitylisting.html</a>
Jeffco Jams – Come for the Music, Stay for the Community—Colorado Gives Foundation is throwing a concert, and all of Jefferson County is on the guest list. Bring your coworkers, family, friends, neighbors and folding chairs or a blanket to enjoy music from some of Colorado's best bands.

Join us for an evening of free live music, fun energy and a whole lot of local love on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. Reserve your free tickets for Jeffco Jams. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jeffco-jams-presented-by-colorado-gives-foundation-tickets-1388565279129?aff=LookingatLakewood

**No More Replacement Fees for Kids' Books!** - Accidents happen, and life with kids is unpredictable. That shouldn't get in the way of your child's connection to reading. Starting this summer, Jefferson County Public Library no longer charges replacement fees for children's books. Visit our website for more information. <a href="https://jeffcolibrary.org/news/jcpl-elimates-fines-for-childrens-books/">https://jeffcolibrary.org/news/jcpl-elimates-fines-for-childrens-books/</a>

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