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**Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Nov. 6, 2025, 6 pm, 700 Jefferson Co Pkwy, Suite 100

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Foothills: Oct. 28, 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

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

One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

DRCOG: Oct. 15, 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: Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3**

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**COHOPE Treasury Activity: September 2025**

**Beginning Balance September 3, 2025**

**Deposits**

**Withdrawals**

September Website \$23.08 October Newsletter \$ 3.60

**Ending Balance October 1, 2025**

**W. R. Moore, Treasurer**

\$ **604.98**

\$ **0.00**

\$ **26.68**

\$ **578.30**

**Draft Minutes for September 3 meeting: Attendance:** Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Jennifer Gerdes / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., 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.

We had no speaker.

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 6 members present and did not have a quorum.

**Ray Moore, Treasurer**, said that we have \$604.98. Ray thinks we should close the mailbox in Dec. We can vote on it at the next meeting with a quorum.

**Cheri Paavola, Secretary**, was present. The minutes for August were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

**Diane Suchomel, Vice President**, was present.

**Jefferson County information:** CH 25-115487 is for Chatfield CDP Amendment just northwest of S. Wadsworth and Trailmark Pkwy. This is in the Trailmark subdivision. They want to increase the number of residences allowed from existing 806 to 875. The PC Hearing is 9/24 and the BCC Hearing is on 10/14.

PA 25-120029 is for 5649 S. Alkire St. They want to rezone to add apartments as allowable use. They plan for a 4-story apt. building with approx. 184 units (1 and 2 bedroom), outdoor pool, parking all around the C-shaped building.

PA 25-120048 is for W. Portland Ave. They want to increase capacity of the existing assisted living business from 8 to 14 residents.

SD 25-119696 is for 9150 W. Cross Dr. It is the former Draft Sports bar. This is another site development plan for 285-unit apt. complex.

SD 25-119841 is for 13420 W. Coal Mine Ave. Walmart wants to enlarge their refrigeration enclosure.

No update on when the new Short Term Rentals will go to PC or BBC.

Here is some information about the church's plans for 6004 S. Kipling Pkwy. It is the former Elvis Cinemas. It was a short meeting. At this time, it is for Sunday worship, staff and offices, counseling, prayer meetings, other ministry meetings, and youth meetings. There will not be a food pantry.

The board member for Ward 2 was chosen by the Board on 8/19 after they interviewed 5 candidates. The new board member is Jeff Brainard.

FHPRD is applying for a grant to finish the trail on the north side of the sledding hill park.. It is currently an unofficial dirt path. Their application will be to complete a trail section between the Kipling trail and Sanctuary Park.

The extension of the Dutch Creek trail between S. Ward St. and C-470. The trail may be open for use soon. There is a temporary chain link fence blocking the western end of the trail at C-470.

Most of us got a postcard from Xcel advertising the new Wildfire Mitigation Program.

There was an accident on Coal Mine. Someone ran into the back of a semi-truck.

9700 Old Coal Mine --former church location .. contractors are removing soil and have started to remove part of the building.. This is for high density homes with patios on the roof. They are 3 - 4 stories tall.

Columbine Library has been reserved for Oct. and Nov.

**Old Business** None.

**New Business** There was a drug bust in CHCA. There were about 12 kids involved. The teenagers were not even being discreet.

The trash pick-up will be in October. ( *update: adopt-a-highway trash pick up is scheduled for Oct 11*)

**Announcements** None.

We adjourned at 6:27 p.m. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

## THE BACKYARD

### *Columbine Hills News*

**From CHCA Annual Planning Meeting: August 7, 2025, 6:05-7:08 pm** Attendance: Officers: Galen, David, Jennifer, Steve, Kelsey Members at Large: Kelly, Angela, Janet Community Members: Gwen, Christine

Treasurer's Report: 4 new members. 205 current members.

Board Minutes for July: Approve: Jennifer Second: David

New Business: Kelsey & Angela are teaming up to create a teaser for the September newsletter for "Kids Corner." First order of business, hosting a coloring competition for a Halloween / Fall theme. Winner gets DQ gift card.

Xcel Outages: Community members at large have been reaching out to Galen regarding the frequent power outages.

Galen attended a COHOPE meeting and spoke with Xcel workers. They informed us the new AI technology automatically shuts off the power when something touches the line. Xcel is working to narrow down their ability to know precisely where the line was impinged. By going to Xcel's website, you can find all sorts of information about outages and wildfire mitigation and communication. (Note: as I was typing this on Aug 13, the power went out in CH for two hours. They had no answers about why Columbine Hills, specifically, appears to have very frequent outages.)

Community members have also wondered about the lines not being buried. We were informed that Xcel only has the budget to bury about 50 miles of line for the whole state of Colorado.

**National Night Out:** Well-attended; we were able to interact with various law officers and play with/learn about the drones they use. Gave away 27 hi-vis safety vests to children. Photos are coming from drone images.

9th Annual Columbine Center Community Fest: Sept. 20th, 10am-4pm. \$25 has been submitted for CHCA to participate.

The focus is on inviting neighbors to volunteer for the Fall Festival (9/27), Trunk or Treat (10/25), & Evening with Santa (12/13). Raffle from CHCA for prize? Gwen, community member, to provide. Thanks, Gwen!

Next Upcoming Event: Fall Festival Sept. 27th. Face painter: Alpa G. is confirmed.

Tabling the entrance signs of Columbine on Pierce until January 2026. Create another fundraiser to build new entrance?

Invite neighbors to submit ideas for wooden signs?

Newsletter bio: Gii featured in September. Janet featured in October.

Meeting Notes: Most of the meeting we discussed the drug problem going on in the neighborhood. Much was resolved later this evening.

What to do in the future: Jeffco County officers informed CHCA they only have eight Drug Task Force members to address drug problems in all of Jeffco County. Jeffco officers suggest that we call the Jeffco non-emergent line (303-277-0211) and not select options. Simply say into the phone "Call taker" which will direct us to dispatch. We then inform them in detail what is going on and they will send a police officer right away. If you witness a crime in action, the only way to stop it is to stop them during the act.

## Columbine Knolls South II Review

**From Your HOA Gives Back to Members:** Your CKSII HOA is excited to announce three sustainability events happening in October. All three events are hosted by your HOA, at little to no cost to our members. See below for details.

**EWASTE AND SHREDDING:** Saturday, October 4, 9am – 12pm Coronado Elementary The HOA will host an electronics recycling and shredding event in the parking lot at Coronado Elementary. This event is for active CKSII HOA members only! Please visit the <https://cksii.org/sustainability/> for a list of acceptable eWaste items.

Please note, the e-Waste vendor, PedalPoint, charges a separate fee for certain items: LCD Monitors - \$5 each, Flat Screen TV's (All Sizes) - \$20 each, CRT TV or CRT Monitors (All Sizes) -\$40 each, Floor Model Printers - \$30 each

Projection/DLP/Console TV - \$75 each Payments can be made in cash, by check or by credit card. No debit cards please.

Document shredding is limited to four file-size boxes or kitchen size bags of paper. Please visit <https://cksii.org/sustainability/> for more details about preparing document shredding.

**PAINT RECYCLING:** Saturday, October 11 Your HOA has coordinated with GreenSheen (<https://greensheepaint.com/>) to provide a 100% free Paint Recycling service to collect your old paint, stain, and varnish. This is a door-to-door pick-up service! To participate simply call 720-854-8722 or complete an online form at [www.greensheepaint.com/paint-pickup](http://www.greensheepaint.com/paint-pickup) to coordinate with dispatchers. Pick up is planned for October 11, but may vary depending on volume. Call today and tell them you're with the CKSII HOA! Please visit the <https://cksii.org/sustainability/> for a list of acceptable paint items (and what will NOT be accepted).

If you know someone who would like to join the HOA to take advantage of these and many other benefits, they can contact Jessica Azzarano at 720-372-1151 or [jazzarano@keystonepacific.com](mailto:jazzarano@keystonepacific.com) to become a member before these October events. See our website for more information: <https://cksii.org/community/membershipinformation>.

## The Leawood Reporter

**From LCA Minutes August 5 6:30 pm Attending:** Dave & Laurie Sarno, Nancy Bock, Chip Langowski, Paul K., Paul O. Desiree Robinson

Treasurer report: all incoming bills have been paid. The park board generously paid the Reporter postage for the next year.

Desiree noted that Stripe, the on line payment, can be a problem for people trying to join the LCA. Chip & Paul will try & figure out where the disconnect is.

Laurie discussed places to hold the platinum member party in October. Leawood annual picnic was also discussed & board member assignments noted for various jobs throughout the picnic. Front Yard parties: Next one is August 22nd. Meeting ended at 7:20pm

**Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – Wednesday, August 13, 2025, Vintage Reserve Clubhouse, Littleton, CO • 6:00 p.m. Attendees:** Marci Turaga (Secretary), Judy Anderson (Volunteer), Ken Leaf (Park Manager), Steve Wahl (Volunteer), Tom Bryant (Volunteer), Jesse Opgenorth (Board Member), Logan McMillan (Vice President), Gail Welde (Resident), Zack Sack (Resident)

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice President Logan McMillan.

**Resident Comments** G. Welde: Concern about bike/dirt bike use creating paths behind W. Hoover Dr. J. Anderson: Update on Xeriscape and Weaver raised beds; plans to fill bare spots in Sept. J. Opgenorth: Concern about sprinkler zones/timing at Weaver Playground; graffiti remains on Eaton Bridge. T. Bryant: Covered signposts to prevent rot; inspected Chase Bridge (good condition); noted bare areas after July 19 volunteer day. Z. Sack: Concern about poison hemlock at Raccoon Holler; suggested copper sulfate; expressed interest in board position.

**Park Manager Report** July hours: 45.75, including hedge trimming, graffiti removal (Eaton Bridge pressure washing ineffective), and Dutch Creek/beaver meeting with Mile High Flood Control. Swing set timbers: Quote for \$4,000 approved unanimously. Herbicide spraying: Cox Landscaping recommended 1 more spray (Weaver, Kendall, Leawood). Board requested details, broadleaf-only herbicide for Kendall/Weaver, and careful application. Ken to follow up.

Electrical panel: Missing panel on Leawood Pavilion; Ken to follow up with Carole/Excel.

**Treasurer's Report** Carole absent; reported virtually. Balance: \$475,000. Payments: Zelle/ACH now active.

Sprinklers Costs higher this year (\$19.5k vs. \$12k in 2024). Suggestion: hire irrigation expert. Fewer leak texts this year (may indicate better Cox maintenance). Jesse requested Cox map sprinkler system and provide before/after photos.

Tom recommended pressure regulators. Judy reminded board of past due \$29k bill to Weston.

Website Marci & Jesse to organize board resources/docs for website. Motion to adopt Gmail accounts (e.g., [name.leawoodparks@gmail.com](mailto:name.leawoodparks@gmail.com)). Marci/Jesse voted yes, Logan voted no (not a priority).

**Beds & Signs** Judy's pickleball/tennis court sign designs approved unanimously. Discussion: "No Motorized Vehicles" sign (no decision).

Marci suggested pump track at Kendall for bikes/scooters. Discussion on responsibility for T Tract sidewalk/W. Hoover Pl. (undetermined).

**Trees / Streams** Walkthrough with CSU (7/31, 8/8). Recommendation: tree cleanup + new plantings. Action item: schedule Raccoon Holler walkthrough (late Aug/early Sept).

**Concrete** Board approved Poly Lift quote for Leawood sidewalk repairs (\$1,219.20 + \$625 grinding). Approved 60 ft. of grinding in Raccoon Holler & Weaver (\$1,500). Developer agreed to replace Weaver Park concrete near new construction. Ken to ask about cash settlement to bundle with other projects.

**Cameras / Surveillance** Jesse presented deterrent and surveillance options (signage, PTZ cameras at Leawood/Weaver). Ken to provide current graffiti/cleanup expense info.

**Meeting Time** Marci proposed moving meetings to 2nd Thursday at 6 p.m. Action item: check with Leawood Elementary and local authorities.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23pm. *Marci Turaga, Secretary*

## Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

**From Notes From The August Board Meeting** School is back! Hopefully the new normal that is August/September has settled into your household. Soon enough, the heat will subside a bit, leaves will continue to change and there will be a hint of Fall.

The August board meeting was uneventful. We had some standing issues to discuss but are now heads down on reviewing expenses and budgeting for 2026 and beyond. There will be a large focus on accommodating the items that remain to be addressed. The top two priorities are the remainder of the clubhouse renovation and the resurfacing of the tennis courts. We have yet to settle on a style of poolside furniture and future style decisions. We know our current furniture is extremely old and we seem to lose more pieces each season. We may also look at a long-term storage unit placed in the clubhouse parking lot, to ensure the furniture is protected from the elements for the 8 months it is not used. We are also replacing the gate between the pool and the playground. The gate lost its weld earlier this summer and now needs a full replacement. We hope to have it installed by the end of September. We are also evaluating the structure and integrity of the rest of the perimeter pool fencing. That is also on our reserve list for assessments.

A project to refresh the monuments at the Fremont entrance, as well as a matching landscape design at the clubhouse, will kick off in Spring of '26. We will also assess funds to see if we can remove the rest of the juniper bushes around the south side of the pool and tennis courts. Our primary goal is to ensure a cohesive and purposeful design for all spaces, with a focus on water resistant foliage and grasses. Where possible, we will align a color pallet with some perennials as well as annual plant options to fill in smaller spaces. In the following years, we will assess what can be done with our Frost entrance landscaping. That space is further constrained, as there is no watering source, and any new plants would need to be hand watered by individuals in our community.

Please look for updates in future months around our budgeting process. Preliminarily, we have a strong consensus that we will be able to continue operating at our \$85 a month dues schedule. This will be more closely evaluated after we receive a few more quotes for standard services and what our cost recovery options are for other unplanned 2025 projects and expenses. If any increase is required, we will try to keep it in small sub-\$5.00 dollar increments.

We will start to send courtesy letters to homeowners who still have tree, shrub or other growth protruding out of the W Meadows fence line. These will serve as a reminder that we are now tracking progress of the cleanup and remediation. The intent was to give residents ample time to assess, address and complete the work required by the end of 2025.

These courtesy letters will have a calendar for remediation and what next steps are available to each resident. If this affects your residence, we appreciate your immediate and directed effort in resolving this long standing issue. — *Your Woodbourne HOA*

**Jeffco Information: Join the Jeffco Commissioners for a Virtual Town Hall on Oct. 2** — Join the Board of County Commissioners and key Jefferson County staff for a virtual town hall on Oct. 2 from 6 to 7 p.m. Topics include impacts of federal executive orders on the county budget, programs and services, along with homelessness, sheltering and extreme weather response. Register today via Zoom.

Jefferson County utilizes virtual town halls as a tool to provide updates and to interact with community members regarding important county business. Town halls allow the commissioners to connect with thousands of Jefferson County residents. Visit our Town Halls page for more information.

<https://events.zoom.us/jv/AqxfVw6z4ILk5EgUQByoRnuTN7rbXEQuaDmAsTYLes5y0mrpbtCd~AhkhP3EGfx6U61GMkV KjnKlulKxRxZnHhkDkpktoV1MutYpS6JLxNZ13A>

**RMMA Navigates What It Means to Be a 'Good Neighbor'** —In this month's episode of the Engage Jeffco Podcast, we chat with Erick Dahl, Airport Director for Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, about his first year in the role and how RMMA is working to be a good neighbor, economic driver and regional partner. Erick shares how RMMA is focused on community engagement, enhancing transparency and laying the foundation for long-term success for one of Colorado's busiest airports. Listen to the episode.

<https://creators.spotify.com/pod/profile/jefferson-county/episodes/Episode-9-RMMA-Navigates-What-It-Means-to-Be-a-Good-Neighbor-e38c1sn>

**Ballots to Be Mailed Oct. 10 for Coordinated Election** —The countdown to the coordinated election is on, and it's time to make your voting plan. Ballots will begin arriving in Jeffco mailboxes starting Oct. 10, so now's the time to double-check your voter registration and ensure your address is up to date. Important reminder: Ballots are not forwardable. If you've moved recently, update your registration now to avoid missing your chance to vote!

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter/pages/pub/olvr/findVoterReg.xhtml>

**New Escrow Payment Option for Jeffco Property Owners** —Between January and July 2025, the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office accrued roughly \$16.35 million in interest on county investments (unaudited). With voters approving 1A, Jefferson County can use all interest earned for county services and projects as determined by the Board of County Commissioners. Learn more and view financial reports. <https://www.jeffco.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2428>

**Jeffco Clerk and Recorder 'I Voted' Sticker Design Contest is Back**—Join Ready to make your mark on democracy, literally? The Clerk and Recorder's "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest is back, and we're calling on artists of all ages to help shape the look of civic pride. The winning design will be seen by up to 450,000 voters across Jeffco! Submit your artwork by Nov. 30, and let your creativity become part of the election experience. Learn more and get the official rules.

<https://www.jeffco.us/4667/I-Voted-Sticker-Design-Contest>

**Don't Miss Out on A Whale of a Used Book Sale — Oct. 16-19** —Join the Jefferson County Library Foundation from Oct. 16-19 at the Jeffco Fairgrounds (15200 W. 6th Ave. in Golden) for A Whale of a Used Book Sale. This fundraiser supports many important Jefferson County Public Library initiatives, and attendees can snag some of the more than 90,000 books, media, puzzles, gifts baskets and more. Learn about this and other events in 2025.

<https://jeffclf.org/events-2025/>

**What is Household Hazardous Waste, and How Can You Recycle It?** — Household hazardous waste (HHW) is leftover household products that can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic. Recycling HHW is critical for personal, public and environmental safety, and Rooney Road Recycling Center is your one-stop shop for recycling household hazardous waste. Learn more. <https://www.rooneyroadrecycling.org/>

**Join the West Metro Chamber at The Perfect Pitch on Oct. 29** — The Perfect Pitch is a dynamic event designed to showcase innovative ideas and empower changemakers. Jeffco-based nonprofits will come together to pitch their mission-driven projects to a panel of Impact Investors, potential mentors and supporters (you!). This Shark Tank-inspired experience offers a platform for passionate nonprofit organizations to secure the resources and guidance they need to turn their visions into reality and create a lasting impact in our Jeffco community. Learn more and get tickets.

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

*From Engage Jeffco September Issue*

**Foothills Park and Rec—BOO-rific Bash & Splash—10-24-2025** New this year - Purchase your BOO-rific tickets in advance to skip the pay-at-the-door line and go directly in to the event!

Tickets are \$5 per child and entry is free for adults accompanying their children. Only register each child who will be attending.

[https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat\\_program\\_class\\_detail.cfm?s=&t=&season\\_id=14132&program\\_id=2376370&family\\_mbr\\_str=](https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_class_detail.cfm?s=&t=&season_id=14132&program_id=2376370&family_mbr_str=)

This fun and affordable indoor trick-or-treating event allows children to dress in full costume, trick-or-treat among community business tables and enjoy fun activities.

Swimming in the Ridge Pools is included in the festivities, swimsuit required to go swimming.

Children 5 and under MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult (age 18 or older) and be within arm's reach at all times.

NO REFUNDS! Prepay tickets are non-refundable. If you aren't sure if you can make it to the event, please pay at the door.

A big thank you to our event sponsors! Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado Credit Union, Swedish Medical Center, South Jeffco Business Alliance

**West Metro Family Fire Muster**— West Metro Fire Rescue's 30th Annual Family Fire Muster is on Saturday, October 4th, 2025

Cost: The event is FREE

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: West Metro Fire Rescue Training Center & Fire Station #10 located at 3535 S. Kipling Street in Lakewood.

Interested in Volunteering for the event? [CLICK HERE](#)

West Metro Fire Rescue's annual Family Fire Muster is a community-favorite event aimed at educating people of all ages about the the importance of fire safety, injury prevention, and what to do in case of emergencies with FUN and interactive experiences. We have bouncy houses, slides, obstacle courses, photo spots, and so much more!

West Metro Fire Rescue and our our amazing sponsors, hope you will join us as we put on amazing live demonstrations and teach you how to: call 911, the importance of protecting your brain and how to wear helmets correctly, make a family escape plan, practice crawling low under smoke, try CPR, heal teddy bears at the teddy bear clinic, and so much more.

Come be a firefighter with us for a day and leave better prepared to prevent injuries, plan for emergencies, and remain safe in your home, at school, in the car, while walking/biking in your community, etc.

We are so excited to have some fun with you all!

Event parking will be at D'Evelyn High School with a school bus shuttle to get you to the event! This is a FREE family event and is fun for all ages.

We just ask that you keep your pets at home, no animals (except service animals) are permitted on site.



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**The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 1, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.**