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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: 2026: Apr 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 5-6, Backyard 2-5</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: February 2026</p> <p>Beginning Balance February 4, 2026</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>February Website \$23.08 March Newsletter \$ 3.60</p> <p>Ending Balance March 4, 2026</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 511.58</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>\$ 26.68</p> <p>\$ 484.90</p>
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Draft Minutes for February 4 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Galen & David Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates.

The meeting started at 5:58 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.

FPRD has been helping Columbine Hill Civic Assn. a lot with the new trees in their park. Donations were made for their trees. They will be planting them April 25. The trees are drought and heat tolerant. At the FPRD Board meeting, they will begin the process to update their Master Plan. There will be extensive community outreach. FPRD will have a Job Fair on Feb. 22 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at The Peak.

We had no speaker.

We do not have a President.

Roll Call was taken. We had 7 members present and have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$511.58. The P. O. Box has been closed.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The November, December, and January minutes have been approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County Information: CMT 25-130245 is for 6859 S Iris St. The Virtual meeting was on 1/12/26 at 5:30. Ray attended. Ray gave a summary. The last newsletter had the summary. It is not open space, it is someone's private property. It is to the west of Old Coal Mine.

CMT 26-102180 is for 6731 Portland Pl. They want a special use for a group home of 9 or more aged persons. This is Columbine Knolls Filing 8. It is east of Pierce St. and south of Portland Ave. The Virtual meeting is on 2/19 at 5:30 p.m.

PA 26-102663 is for 10446 W. Fremont Pl. for a short term rental application

SD 26-101670 is for 5894 S. Zang St. It is the Trailhead Community / Stepping Stone apt. bldg. They want to modify the parking lot, remove the island, and add spaces to accommodate more handicap access vehicles.

The new Short Term Rental regulations took effect on Feb. 2. Anyone applying for a STR permit who lives within an HOA is required to notify their HOA of their intention to do that in advance of applying for a STR permit. As part of the STR application they have to submit an affidavit attesting that they did notify their HOA. If your HOA gets notification, you have very little time to respond. The STR application process is now an administrative process (no public hearing

will be required.)

Jefferson County Parks and Open Space has a new Director, Aaron Roth. Tom Hoby has retired. Aaron has extensive experience. His recent experience was as Deputy Regional Director with the National Park Service for an 8-state area. The Wildland Urban Interface meeting is Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Metro Fire Training Center at 3535 S. Kipling. They are asking that people attend who live near open space in the WUI and have concerns about fire danger from open space. They are trying to prioritize areas that need attention. There is more information on their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/WestMetroFireRescue>. You can send email to rscholting@westmetrofire.org.

Initiative #95 will be on the ballot in November. It would add to section 17 of the State Constitution a requirement that "Law Enforcement" notify the Federal Dept. of Homeland Security about felons and violent offenders unlawfully present in the United States within 72 hours after charging them with a crime. The exact wording is at

<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/main.html>.

Most of us just got our Property Tax bill. It has increased about 20%.

The County is updating the building code. This work is being done in conjunction with the process to adopt the new WUI map and wildfire resiliency plan. It should be out in June.

The BCC has a virtual town Hall on Feb. 19 at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. It is a zoom meeting. You have to register.

Columbine Library has been reserved for our March and April meetings.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements None.

We adjourned at 6:32 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

Message from Foothills Park & Recreation District

Foothills Park & Recreation District has recently observed an increase in unauthorized motorized vehicle use within parks and on trails, including e-motorbikes. Please remember that motorized vehicles and e-motorbikes are not permitted in any parks or trails unless specifically authorized.

These restrictions help ensure the safety of all park users and prevent damage to park infrastructure and natural resources. We appreciate the community's cooperation in following park rules.

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From Annual CHCA Member Only Board Meeting 2026 Start: 9:00 am; End 12:20 pm

Attendees: Galen, David, Jennifer, Steve, Michelle, Kelly, Angela, Gii, Kelsey

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed the spending for 2025. CHCA remains solvent and invests wisely. Move to approve:

Galen; Second: Jenn. Approved

Tree project: Angela estimates we will purchase about 12 trees with the funds. Already has the types of trees chosen for the park. Planting date TBD based on irrigation installation (sometime in spring). Dependent on weather conditions and when the ground is thawed.

Angela is going to type up an article for the March newsletter inviting community members to join the gardening project.

Kelsey will create a "Garden section" logo for the article that will be used throughout the year for readers to easily spot the garden news. Discussed new signs in the garden; who wants to address this?

Gii and Angela are going to spearhead new Facebook and Instagram. We are going to make FB public so CHCA residents can post. We will delete the old one.

For regular monthly meetings we are going to designate 10-15 minutes for questions from community members when the meeting commences so they can get their issues and concerns met. If community members still have concerns after the meeting, we can schedule a time to meet later.

David will develop a pie chart to address where monies come from and where they are spent/allotted. We will tie this with a discussion about potential future projects so CHCA residents have a clear understanding of where their annual donation goes.

We are going to form a newsletter committee: Angela, Gii, Kelsey, and Galen. We will meet monthly to discuss layout and articles. At some point this group will meet with Kristy and Jill from Newsletter Connections to gain understanding of the process.

We want to add a group photo of the CHCA members for the newsletter. We are your neighbors!

We need to invest in a new banner that says something to the effect of "Columbine Hills Community Fundraiser" or "Columbine Hills Annual Donation Drive." The current URL includes HOA, and CHCA is not an HOA. We discussed ways to change the URL.

We want to include articles in the newsletter about issues and events that are relevant specifically to CHCA. For this we need to find folks in the neighborhood who could send us information from the schools, neighborhood groups, and businesses here.

This year, the board will tackle several overdue tasks: 1. Rewrite the bylaws for each officer and add new ones for the

Social Media/Website officers and the Newsletter Delivery Overseer.

2. Develop Standard Operating Procedures for both officers and events. Many, many of our events involve processes that are unspoken and undocumented; we need to know what each officer does and what each event entails so that any other member can take over a position/event with all the necessary tools and information.

3. Develop a Mission, Vision, and Values statement (thanks, Randy E!). Until this point in time we have struggled with lack of board membership and investment; we are now, finally, in a position to understand this community's values and will work to articulate this.

4. We will find an individual who can review the treasury annually, thus assuring that the monies are accurate.

We discussed ways to invite drivers to SLOW DOWN. These include asking Jeffco Roads and Bridges (again) to add the solar lights to stop signs on Kendall at Elmhurst Ave and Canyon, adding speed bumps on Kendall, adding the road grinding on strips on Kendall, adding Stop Sign Ahead signs, and adding soft, perhaps humorous, signage.

We discussed 'ugly houses' and there is not much that the CHCA board can do. Housing standards are established by Jefferson County; if your neighbor does not meet those standards, Jeffco will get involved. We have found that many folks who do not maintain a decent front yard do not care and do not want help. Neighbors who do want help with their property can always reach out to ColumbineHills80128@gmail.com to request assistance. We do not currently have a team of volunteers to help, but if you reach out, we will build one. The newsletter had a Neighbors Helping Neighbors article for years; only one homeowner ever reached out.

We discussed making CHCA volunteer tees with a columbine on the front and CHCA Volunteer on the back. We will get these priced.

Little Library for Park project: Angela is overseeing this. If we can place it within the xeric garden's perimeter we will not need Jeffco approval (but we will get it nonetheless).

Kelsey will reach out to community artisans for potential carvings for the xeric garden. We may reach out to other artisans in 2027 to redesign the CHCA signs.

EVENT DATES: Community Trash Pick-up Day: April 25th 10:30 am –12:00pm. We are still deciding if this is going to coincide with the tree planting day. TBD (Angela, Jenn, Galen, David)

Garage Sale: June 12th-13th. 7:30 am – 3:00pm. (Jenn)

Dumpster Day: June 27th , 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Volunteers need to be there at 7:30 am. (Galen, David)

National Night Out: August 4th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Discuss safety gifts for kids later. (Galen, David)

Fall Festival: September 26th , 12:30 – 4:30 pm. We will scout businesses in the community who would like to set up a tent/table to advertise and meet CHCA neighbors. Suggested fee: \$25. Jenn to spearhead this. (?)

Trunk or Treat: October TBD. (Will schedule so that we are not holding the event when other T or T events are happening) (Angela, Galen, David)

Evening with Santa: December TBD (Galen, David)

The CHCA board is going to add another closed board meeting mid-year. Three hours is not enough time to address annual and ongoing issues of our community.

Columbine Knolls South II Review

From Hello CKSII Community! Do you love our events that we hold such as, the Eggfest Egg Hunt, Grillin' & Chillin' in the Park, Movie in the Park and the Holiday Hayride? Do you have other ideas of events you would like to see held? We NEED your help! In order to hold community events, it takes the community and unfortunately the volunteering in this community falls on the same group of people event after event and we need more help. Currently 2026 events are in jeopardy of not happening if

we can't get more help from our amazing community. The time commitment involved in volunteering for the Social Committee and helping with these events is very minimal. If we continue with the events that we currently have, it is even less time involved as the awesome committee we do have, has made it really a plug and play situation. We now just need more help plugging into the volunteering aspect.

Please consider joining us on Thursday, February 19th, 2026 to learn about this committee and to see how you can help out for its continued success. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and build the community you live in. Please

The Leawood Rapporater

From LCA Minutes January 13, 2026 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Attending: Nancy Bock, Rhonda Eveleth, Chip Langowski, Paul O'Connor, Jesse Opgenorth, Camile Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, and Emma Smedberg.

November meeting minutes were approved.

Santa party was a success. It was stressful this year since both Santa and Mrs. Santa came down with a virus the morning of their visit. Fortunately, Mrs. Santa's daughter, Jenny and Tom B. came to the rescue!

Treasurer report: Paul K. was unable to attend because of a work meeting. He let the board know he has set up the Venmo account. Chip reported that the link to Venmo is working on the website for people wanting to pay membership

dues using that method.

Membership: The membership drive will start in February with mailers going out.

Rhonda introduced Emma who is our new Reporter editor and everyone welcomed her to the board.

Community Outreach, including Front Yard parties, will be discussed next month. Also, at the February meeting the board will decide the date of the garage sale and Leawood cleanup.

Board thanked Paul O'Connor and his son for the nice holiday lights at the Jay Court entrance. Lauri reported that approximately 365 houses had some sort of holiday display in their front yards. Way to go Leawood!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – Thursday, January 8, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga (secretary), Ken Leaf (park manager), Vicki Graves (board member), Zach Sack (President), Carole Gottlieb (Treasurer), Jesse Opgenorth (board member).

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President, Zach Sack.

Administrative Items Treasurer's Report Carole Gottlieb reported that insurance premiums have been paid. W-9 forms are due in preparation for tax season, and 1099s are expected to be issued. Payments to Randy will continue through March during/until the transition to the new Design By Sundown. Carole informed that the District needs to file a physical copy of the budget with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), which she will do.

Park Maintenance and Operations Park Manager Report (Ken Leaf) Ken reported 36.5 hours worked, slightly less due to illness and holidays.

Ongoing activities included fall cleanup, beaver monitoring, and playground inspections. During inspections, hardware was identified that needs replacement. Playground maintenance items noted include a loose bolt on monkey bars and missing caps on the "general store" structure.

Board approved effort to apply protective paint. Ken will research appropriate sourcing and color-matching options for painting trees along waterways in Kendall and Weaver parks to prevent beaver damage. Beaver activity continues to be monitored in Weaver and Kendall, where a lodge has been identified.

Met with Colorado Wildlife and Mile High Flood District regarding installation of a pond leveler. Next steps include obtaining water level measurements and developing a long-term plan.

A shared Google Sheet will be implemented to track park manager day-to-day tasks and long-term projects.

Ken to communicate with Designs by Sundown, which has begun tree trimming operations.

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning Signs: Sign drafts were shared with board members. Board members to review and make edits and adjustments to be submitted to Judy.

Goal to have final draft of signs, pending phone number, by February meeting.

Grants: Vicki reported on several grant opportunities: Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO): District was discouraged from applying, as the program prioritizes larger-scale projects. Suggestion made to consider Kendall Park dirt trails as possible option for GOCO support.

Colorado Tree Coalition: Possible grant money for purchasing trees for Weaver Park. Application requires a one-page letter of intent including budget details, potential funding from the Colorado Forest Service, emphasis on diversity and resiliency, and possible volunteer involvement. Vicki will proceed with applying for this grant.

Phone Systems Jesse Opgenorth reported on phone system options. The SDA referred him to High Country Workplace Technology, with an estimated cost of \$20–22 per month. The system would provide a single phone number for residents to leave messages, which would then be forwarded to 2–3 board members and the Park Manager.

An alternative option discussed was Google Voice through Google Workspace, estimated at \$7 per user per month plus an additional \$10 per month for Google Voice. Benefits of Google Workspace were discussed, including point-to-point voice functionality.

Jesse and Carole to continue researching these options with goal to make a prompt decision, so information can be included in new signs.

Research to include bundling Google Workspace for email, storage, and phone communication.

New Business Event Planning for 2026: Marci suggested the board anticipate 2-3 events/ community activities during the year.

Suggested events: Arbor Day event; Early June Leawood Baseball cleanup and game; Kendall thistle cleanup in June; Fall Raccoon cleanup event

Meeting adjourned by President Sack at 7:30 p.m.— *Minutes submitted by: Marci Turaga, Secretary*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Notes From The January Board Meeting Happy February! As we look to an even busier spring for resident homeowner projects, the board discussed the fact that Woodbourne is becoming an aging community with some houses built in the very early 1990's. As such, with colored brick prominent in most home facias, the requests to paint brick are becoming increasingly prevalent. A reminder that Woodbourne does have a brick painting policy that must be followed strictly by a professional home painter. Simply putting primer and paint on brick will seal it and start it to deteriorate from the inside, as atmospheric moisture accumulates from behind. There is a correct and certified process that must be followed for any home.

On the topic of painting, Woodbourne has reached its saturation point of white base and black accent palletted homes. The ACC group has been raising concerns, based on the quantity and colors used in many of the submissions these last two years. If you are considering this palette, we ask that you have a strong second choice available and understand that we are all looking out for the best interests of the entire neighborhood and the relative aesthetic the builder introduced when building Woodbourne.

Another short mention. Woodbourne now has an approved exterior color lighting submission form that must be fully filled out and approved, prior to any install. Our goal, as always, is to ensure any permanent exterior addition to a home, is completed to code, by a professional company and carries a warranty. This helps to protect both current and possible future homeowners from 'DIY' style additions that do not stand the test of time and therefore cause harm to the look or design of the home. The form is on the ACC portal.

We continue to flex the clubhouse restrooms out, as we have really struggled to obtain similar quotes from any of the bids received. While we will push forward, we do want to ensure we are working with a strong contractor/company as there is little construction experience within the board members, who are expected to manage the project. Pool furniture replacement falls into the same bucket, as the investment is large and we want to be sure we are cognizant of structure, comfort, mobility and longevity. As the Woodbourne pool has no innate look, we are going to align the furniture replacement with other noticeable accents to help make the time spent at the pool more pleasing. If anyone has any experience or recommendations with exterior patio or pool furniture, please reach out and offer whatever you can share. We would all appreciate the help.

The board is currently looking for provider to perform bi-monthly cleaning of the clubhouse. We have had a few providers submit bids, but each missed the mark and were quite expensive for our little space. If you have experience with a cleaning company, you recommend, please mention this to them and ask if they are bonded/insured. This is a requirement for working in a public space. A board member can meet with them to determine expected work scope, frequency and explain the summer pool season nuance.

It is not by accident that this letter tends to ask for resident help. We are finding that managing Woodbourne, is a tall task with only four members. As this is a 100% volunteer position, family, work and "life" all consume time. The board does its best to divide roles and projects equally, however there is more than we can handle efficiently. As we approach the April '26 Annual Meeting at Chatfield High School, please consider joining the Board, as we would greatly appreciate the help. Terms are for three (3) years, and the expectation is that duties and personal time requirements will extend outside of simply attending the monthly board meeting for ninety minutes. If you have any questions, please reach out to support@accuinc.com and you will be connected to a board member to answer any questions. There is also a short application to be filled out, so as we are sure we do not have any members with a singular issue that needs to be addressed or a personal neighborhood grievance they want to rectify. — *Your Woodbourne HOA*

Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport Advances Unleaded Fuel Transition — Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (RMMA) has reached a major milestone in its Unleaded Fuel Transition Plan, announcing the availability of UL94 unleaded aviation gasoline, an FAA-approved fuel that contains no lead and is compatible with approximately two-thirds of piston-engine aircraft operating at the airport.

The transition represents a significant step forward in reducing lead emissions while maintaining aviation safety and operational reliability. <https://www.jeffco.us/5127/RMMA-Unleaded-Fuel-Transition>

Jefferson County Property Tax Notices Have Been Mailed — Tax notices for Jefferson County residents have been mailed out, and due dates for 2025 payable 2026 taxes are: First installment: Monday, March 2, 2026, Second installment: Monday, June 15, 2026 OR full payment: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Statements can be obtained on our Property Tax Records Site.

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

Visit the Treasurer's Payment Options page to explore the available methods for paying your property taxes.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2418/Payment-Options>

Colorado Launches New, Easier Way to Manage DMV Services Online — If you own a vehicle or have a Colorado driver license or ID, there's a new and easier way to manage your DMV services online. The state has launched a secure customer portal where you can take care of vehicle and driver services in one place and receive official DMV notices electronically, so you don't miss important deadlines. Getting started is easy; create your account today at mydmv.colorado.gov. <https://mydmv.colorado.gov/>

Jeffco Celebrates America 250–Colorado 150 With Video Symposium — Do you have a historic Jeffco story to tell? The Jefferson County Historical Commission is searching for entries for their annual video symposium. This year's theme is "Jeffco Celebrates America 250–Colorado 150." View the submission packet for more information and how to submit your entry. <https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/View/32741/2026-JCHC-Video-Symposium-Submission-Packet-PDF?bidId=>

Work On Your Spanish at a JCPL Conversation Table Event — Practice your Spanish with other friendly language learners! Intercambio events offer relaxed environments to chat and improve your skills through facilitated conversation. All ability levels are welcome. <https://jeffcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?q=Intercambio>
Columbine Library events are scheduled for March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6 and 13



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.

Join the Shred-A-Thon at Jefferson County Fairgrounds on April 18 — De-clutter and de-stress at the Jefferson County Library Foundation shred-a-thon fundraiser at Jeffco Fairgrounds, from 9 a.m. to noon on April 18. All shredding is done on-site for your peace of mind and sensitive document security. Suggested donations are \$30 per carload, and funds raised help support and strengthen kids and family literacy programs at Jefferson County Public Library.

<https://jeffclf.org/>

Jefferson County Completes Audit of P-Cards, Reimbursements — Jefferson County conducted a countywide review of procurement card (P-Card) transactions and elected official reimbursements.

The final audit report was presented to and approved by the Audit Committee on Wednesday, Jan. 21. No findings were identified related to elected official reimbursements. This outcome reflects strong controls, appropriate use of Jefferson County resources and consistent adherence to established policies by elected and appointed officials.

<https://www.jeffco.us/5174/Internal-Audit-Division>

Save Water and Money by Planting a Garden In A Box This Season — Tackle that problem area in your yard once and for all by planting a beautiful, waterwise Garden In A Box this season. Professionally designed for Colorado yards, these kits can help save more than 1,000 gallons of water every year compared to a traditional grass lawn. Starting at just \$132, these kits are beautiful and affordable. Order your waterwise Garden In A Box today, and claim a \$25 discount for Jefferson County residents. <https://resourcecentral.org/Gardens/>

Jeffco Public Schools Delivers 2026 State of the District — At the 2026 State of the District, Superintendent Tracy Dorland shared a transparent look at where Jeffco Public Schools stands today. The address highlighted strong student outcomes, ongoing challenges and the shared responsibility required to sustain excellence for the future.

<https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/news/news-details/~board/jeffco-public-schools-news/post/jeffco-public-schools-state-of-the-district>

From Engage Jeffco February Issue