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<p>Calendar for upcoming meetings: 2026: July 1, Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2</p>	<p>In This Issue: Information and Minutes 1-2, 4-5, Backyard 2-4</p>
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<p>COHOPE Treasury Activity: June 2026</p> <p>Beginning Balance June 3, 2026</p> <p>Deposits</p> <p>Withdrawals</p> <p>May Website \$23.08 June Newsletter \$ 3.60</p> <p>Ending Balance July 1, 2026</p>	<p>W. R. Moore, Treasurer</p> <p>\$ 719.86</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>\$ 26.68</p> <p>\$ 693.18</p>
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Draft Minutes for June 3 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray Moore / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Michael Pichler / At Large, Jennifer Gerdes / Columbine Hills Civic Assn, Tom Majcen / Columbine Knolls South Estates.

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 7 members present and had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, said that we have \$719.86. Jefferson Public Schools' Board of Education named Rob Stein, who formerly led the Roaring Fork School District, as the district's sole finalist for interim superintendent.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County and Planning & Zoning Information: 26-113033 CMT is for 6724 W. Canyon Ave. It is for a dance studio. The virtual meeting is on 6/17 at 6 p.m.

26-113180 MAA is for 10125 W. San Juan Way. They want to split into 2 lots so each existing building is on its own lot.

26-113539 PA is for 13420 W. Coal Mine Ave. It is for WalMart's drone delivery project. It will have 18 stations for drones to delivery groceries/packages within approximately 6 mile radius of that store.

26-113827 RDP (Registered Distressed Property) is for 5996 S. Jellison St., unit C.

26-113831 RDP is for 7897 S. Dover St.

26-113926 RDP is for 6160 W. Chestnut Ave. It has unlivable conditions at property with no water/sewer since February. There is trash, uninhabited, animal control has an active case.

26-112521 SA is for 11200 W. Belleview Ave. It is for a site approval. The application is for Denver Water's solar project and water storage tank.

There have been 9 applications for Firework Stands.

Jared's Nursery hearings for rezoning for maximum of 152 rental units. 6/10 Planning Commission hearing at 6:15 p.m. 6/23 BCC hearing at 9 a.m. The staff is recommending approval. There is an issue with the street.

Diane attended the FHPRD open house for the new trail section along the north side of Sledding Hill Park. The major

concern by one neighbor adjacent to the proposed is noise.

Jeffco website now has an interactive map showing licensed Short Term Rental locations and more information can be found in a permit search of the Licenced Short Term rental category. There is lots of useful information there. It shows which are owner primary residence, which are investment property, applications in process, places that applied and were not allowed due to being too close to licensed STR, etc.

There is a School Board meeting on 6/11. There was a presentation by the Partnership with fiscal responsibility committee.. They recommended to go for a \$60 million mill levy override and a separate \$75M for staff salaries and more tech training. The school board will make a decision on ballot issues at their August meeting.

There are new Culture Pass options available at the Library. Options include a 1 day vehicle pass to Bear Creek Lake Park this year.

Foothills Park and Rec Board members decided to keep their same individual position assignments this year.. Red, White, and You will be at Clement Park on 7/3.

The State's new WUI /Wildland Urban Interface laws take effect on 7/1. Jeffco has already adopted all of their changes to become in compliance with the new State law. Some other jurisdictions are still working on their compliance regulations for WUI.

Columbine Library has been reserved for July and August.

Old Business None.

New Business / Announcements Someone recently closed their business after 50 years. They offered their surplus supplies to Warren Tech and there was no interest. They also offered them to Foothills Parks and Recreation District and they took some and were very happy.

Foothills Park and Recreation District and Columbine Hills Civic Assn. just planted a bunch of trees. They are drought resistant. They put in a water source for them.

Someone asked Denver Water to put in a Flume to measure water usage. It was free and informative.

Someone saw Police stop a couple of E-Bike riders at Kipling and Remington.

We adjourned at 6:37 p.m. —*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Board Meeting May 7 2026 Start: 6:04 pm End 6:30 pm.

Officers: Galen Wiese, Jennifer Gerdes, David Wiese, Steve DeMarco **Members-at-large:** Janet Hopkins

Community Members: Scott Hardin

Treasurer's Report: Presented by David.

There was no quorum: will move to next meeting.

Review Board minutes: No quorum. Will move to next meeting.

New Community Participants: Scott Hardin wanted to discuss the lines on Kendall that were missed, he has spoken to Jeffco Roads and Bridges and they are completing lines that are missing. Also Galen has spoken to Jeffco Roads and Bridges about the stop signs on Kendall and both Canyon Ave and Elmhurst Ave as people are not stopping. They are evaluating the need for further signage.

Old Business: Tree planting and trash pick-up - Tree planting and trash pick up were a huge hit! We had lots of attendees and lots of help! We believe everyone had a spectacular time and loved the community attendance and interaction. Hoping for more of this!

New Business: Garden signs: Homemade - Galen reaching out to Angela for status and how they are coming.

Littleton Dance Center: There is a proposal to put a dance center where the gas station use to be north of Summer Blooms on Canyon Ave east of Pierce. Watch for more info.

Facebook and Website: Kelsey and Gii are working on them.

Events: Garden on May 16, June 20, Garage sale: June 12 & 13, Dumpster Day: June 27, 8-11

Newsletter Walkers: We have filled every route (again!) YAY

The Leawood Reporter

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

Attending: Paul O'Connor, Paul Klinger, Camille Sankey, Dave Sarno, Laurie Sarno, Rhonda Eveleth, Emma Smedberg Ruiz; Guest; Caroline Fender (Scholarship Winner)

Treasurer Report: provided - good standing- some dues are still coming in.

Upcoming Dates: Garage Sale 5/15 & 5/16, Rhonda & Camille have it handled; Clean up 6/13; Front yard parties:

Sarno's 6/12; Camille 7/10; Picnic 8/22

Reporter: Emma handling it well

Meeting Ended: 7:15

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – May 14, 2026 6:05 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga, Ken Leaf, Vicki Grove, Zach Sack, Carole Gottlieb, Jesse Opgenorth, Public: Tom Bryant, Judy Anderson, Craig Pedersen

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS Public Comments Local homeowner expressed interest in supporting the board's work and efforts, and shared appreciation for the work board members put into serving on the board. The board much appreciated the positive feedback.

Resident suggested an additional bench be installed in Racoon Hollar, possibly through a district campaign to raise funds. Park manager to explore cost of new metal bench. Resident also shared that a homeowner in Racoon Hollar requests no mowing by landscapers be done on his property. Zack to communicate with Designs By Sundown.

TREASURER'S REPORT Financials were shared with board. Total cash balance remains steady at approx \$350k. Colorado Trust Fund work has been completed and funds will be coming, including for previous period. Treasurer to continue keeping close track of irrigation expenses (along with other operating expenses) to give a clear picture of where largest expenses are. Last few years water expenses totaled \$25k, \$38k, and \$47k. Treasurer withholding on final payment to Cox due to errors with irrigation repairs completed that failed within a few months. No communication has been received from Cox regarding this issue.

PARK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS Park Manager Report Work includes graffiti removal, new tennis court net in Weaver, Arbor Day preparation (thanks to Ken!), clearing debris from creek, pressure washing Weaver pavilion concrete. Suggested rock edging to prevent mud and ruts from Honey Bucket truck in Weaver Park. Reported that Hooper gave info to Q3 (contractor) to coordinate replacing tree. Company to replace Maple tree that was damaged.

Watering new trees has been performed by hand. Discussion held about watering trailer being stored. Further research into winter watering options required.

Solar lights have been stolen from garden bed at Weaver main entrance. Ken and Jesse to work on installing cameras. Resident suggested Lorex cameras for reducing vandalism.

Discussion was held about cleaning up areas between Weaver sidewalk and street, noting that grass and weeds have become long and overgrown. Designs By Sundown recommends holding off on mowing due to draught conditions. Mowing will be performed next week. Edging to be performed by either DBS or park manager.

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LONG-TERM PLANNING Update on Tree Trimming As of today, \$51k of the \$137k contract for tree work has been paid/work completed. Marci brought up multiple cottonwood trees that require trimming or removal in Weaver Park. Zach and park manager to walk through Weaver to identify trees needing work, will review the contract with mapped out trees and communicate with DBS.

Irrigation Many issues with current sprinkler system in all five parks. Cost to replace entire system in 5 parks will likely be close to 500k. Suggested work include installing Master Valve in Leawood Park which can be turned off remotely (in case of leak). Master Valve requires flow meter, which will automatically stop water when a leak is detected. Cost approx \$18-23k Racoon has no Stop and Waste. This is required by Denver Water.

Discussion held on options, including to begin replacing sprinkler system park by park. Board decided to move forward with installing master valve and flow meter in Leawood then assess next steps. Motion made to approve having DBS doing work in Leawood Park and install Stop and Waste in Racoon for approx \$30k. Unanimous approval.

Payment System Through Tyler Technologies, SIPA offers two applicable options for payment systems: Engagement Builder, a robust and dynamic system that can be scaled up, and PromptPay, a simple payment link system. Engagement Builder provided more long term potential at a higher cost, that is covered by SIPA. Approval for PromptPay is extremely likely, while approval for EB is less certain. Marci to follow up with Beth about linking third party applications to the website for reservations and payment.

Beaver Relocation Service Motion made to move forward with Nick Hagan, from Songdog Outdoor Services, for beaver relocation in the summer. Nick has expertise in both finding suitable relocation sites as well as in the trapping and relocation process. Unanimously approved.

Insurance Claim Update Carole provided board with a summary of potential claims to insurance and met with contact from the insurance company to discuss path forward. Next steps are to receive for feedback from Insurance Company liaison.

Leawood 5k Board discussed putting on a LMRPD 5k in the fall to raise money for various projects. Zack to work on t-shirt design, Carole to inquire about event insurance, Jesse to gather information about potential sponsors, Marci to prepare potential routes.

NEW BUSINESS Discussion on how to address established tree on park property that may be damaging homeowner's retaining wall. Board determined that more information is needed. Meeting to be held with DBS, VR HOA, Ken, Zach and Jesse to determine best path forward. Marci to draft semi-annual letter for communication with VR residents.

Tom to get quote on concrete repair and for preserving replaced wood timbers on Eaton bridge.

June 13th Community Cleanup Day scheduled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Letter From The Board It was sketchy this year – with summer in February and all the seasons in May, but here we are – Summer! We had a terrific opening weekend at the pool and the Wave Swim team is in full swing. Depending upon when you are reading- the garage sale (June 5-6) is either very soon, or has passed. We are looking forward to the yearly Large Trash day on Saturday June 13.

We will send email notices with specific notes on acceptable items to be collected and ensure all items are curbside before 7AM on June 13th. We are also coordinating with a local electronic recycling vendor and researching a neighborhood shredding event. More details to follow.

Now, getting back to business. The HOA will begin sending notices to residents who have fences along West Meadows Drive. Those fences span the spectrum from 'decent' to "immediately needing re-staining". There are posts and slats that have no stain applied and then there are fence lines that require a new coat of stain. If you require the stain color, please reach out to ACCU or a Board member. After October 12, 2026, we will begin sending notices to those addresses that still require remediation.

We also ask that all residents be aware of trees that overhang common sidewalks, or fence lines. ACCU will begin sending notices to those residents along Simms St and W Meadows, that have either trees external to the fence line (between the fence and the sidewalk) or need to remediate the overhang. A 10-foot allowance of the lowest part of any limb, from the ground to the lowest limb, must be retained. To remain consistent, we will apply the same October 12, 2026, deadline, before notices will be sent.

If any resident is renting the Clubhouse this summer, please be aware that the rental only applies to the Clubhouse space. There has been some confusion about whether the rental allows for access/use of the swimming pool deck – It does not. If you require access to the swim deck or desire for the members of your party to utilize the pool, you will need to work with our pool management company to determine if additional fees and swim monitors will be required to ensure safety for all swimmers. Again, ACCU and/or a Board member can assist you with those aspects of the reservation. We also require at least two (2) weeks notice, if a Clubhouse rental requires pool access.

With the abnormal weather, watering restrictions and other stressors to our yards, we will be more lenient than usual with regards to yard maintenance.

That said, weeds, overgrowths and/or extreme dead patches will be noticed and documented. If no remediation (hand watering, weeding or change in appearance) is not seen before the Labor Day weekend, ACCU will start sending notices for remediation. The same will be in effect for homes requiring painting or siding repairs. We will be as collaborative as possible, but we do need to ensure our aging neighborhood is being kept in repair and the status retention of Woodbourne as a desired community to raise a family.

We truly appreciate all the work residents have made to ensure our greatest asset is presented proudly and our home values are retained. If you have any questions about painting, driveway replacements, landscape upgrades or window replacements, please reach out to ACCU and/or a Board member for help.

We are a Covenant Controlled neighborhood and therefore must abide by our governing documents, architecture control policies and most of all, always operate as a good neighbor. We hope you enjoy Summer. Be sure to review the Woodbourne Social calendar and monitor email notices for upcoming events (pool party, 4th of July and pool closing).

— *Your Woodbourne HOA*

Jefferson County Wildfire Resiliency Code Effective July 1 — The Jefferson County Wildfire Resiliency Code (WRC) was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 10 and will be effective on July 1. The WRC includes structure hardening and defensible space requirements for new construction, additions, re-siding and re-roofing for properties within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Visit the WRC webpage for more info.

WRC regulations only apply to unincorporated Jeffco properties within the WUI.

The new codes only apply to certain zoning and building permits, including permits to construct a new building, building addition, new decks, re-siding, re-roofing or applying for a short-term rental license.

When obtaining these permits or licenses, property owners must create defensible space and use certain fire resistive building materials. <https://www.jeffco.us/2672/Defensible-Space-Wildfire-Mitigation>

<https://gisportal.jeffco.us/portal/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=7b28ceea2e8548ef8423edbceea0f8f1>

Sustainability Tip of the Month: Bike to Work—It's time to dust off those bikes and start riding to work again! This June, our Jeffco Sustainability Program's Tip of the Month is to bike to work. Biking to work helps you save on gas expenses, reduces your carbon footprint and decreases stress by getting you outside and moving. On June 24, kickstart your season of biking to work at Jefferson County's Bike to Work Day. <https://www.drcog.org/bike-to-work-day>

Colorado Highway 74 Undergoing Resurfacing Project Through the Fall —The Colorado Department of Transportation with prime contractor, Brannan Sand and Gravel, have begun a resurfacing project on Colorado Highway 74 (Bear Creek Road) between Evergreen Lake and Lair O' the Bear Park in. The project will consist of roadway surface treatment work, which will entail an asphalt mill and overlay. The project — which will be ongoing through this fall — is expected to offer a smoother driving experience, enhance pedestrian accessibility through Evergreen and improve safety infrastructure along the corridor. Learn more. <https://www.codot.gov/projects/co74evergreenresurfacing>

Podcast: A Home for Healing: Bluestem's Full-Family Approach to Treatment — Savio, a Colorado non-profit mental health organization, operates with the goal of partnering "with families where life happens," and they are putting that mission to the test this summer.

In July, Savio forges a new approach to substance misuse treatment with its Bluestem Program, which includes a six-unit complex in Lakewood where families can stay together as they "receive holistic, full-family care in a home that's all theirs."

Last month, the Engage Jeffco Podcast had the chance to get a first look at this one-of-a-kind program. Listen now.

https://creators.spotify.com/pod/profile/jefferson-county/episodes/A-Home-for-Healing-Inside-Bluestems-Full-Family-Approach-to-Substance-Misuse-Treatment-e3kdi6m?%24web_only=true&branch_match_id=1596982357136955499&branch_referrer=H4sIAAAAAAAAAA8soKSkottLXLy7IL8IMq0wuSk0syS8q1i1PTdJLLCjQy8nMy9ZP1S8zLygqyygw8zJOsq8rSk1LLSrKzEuPTyrKLy9OLbJ1ywSK5VcAAE%2BRjv1NAAAA

Jeffco Residents, Get a Free "Slow the Flow" Sprinkler Evaluation — Just like a car, your sprinklers need an occasional check-up. Thanks to Jeffco's Sustainability Program, Jeffco residents are eligible for a free Slow the Flow sprinkler evaluation and water optimization services from local nonprofit Resource Central. An evaluation could help you save thousands of gallons of water this summer, and it's easy to sign up and schedule. Simply register online or call 303-999-3824. <https://resourcecentral.org/sprinklers/>

Track Voter Turnout in Jefferson County by Precinct — New this year, you can view voter turnout on an interactive map of Jefferson County and see which precincts have the highest participation rates. Follow along throughout the election and see how turnout is shaping up across the county. <https://www.jeffco.us/578/Voter-Turnout-Election-Results>

Summer Reading: DinoSOAR Into Stories from June 1 to July 31—Throw your T. rex arms in the air! Jefferson County Public Library's Summer Reading is here! Get ready to DinoSOAR Into Stories as you embark on a literary journey of Jurassic proportions. Read for eight hours before July 31 to collect badges and win prizes. Plus, when we reach 26,000 registrations, we'll earn an \$800 donation for Jeffco Eats! Register today to help support our community and make summer boredom a thing of the past. <https://jeffcolibrary.org/summer-reading/>

Read the Jefferson County Public Library's 2025 Annual Report — Jefferson County Public Library's (JCPL) 2025 Annual Report is now available! This report summarizes the progress and achievements JCPL has made in the past year as an essential place in our community for connection, learning, discovery and creation.

https://jeffcolibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2026/05/16158_AD_AnnualReport_2025_WEB_FINAL.pdf

Where's My Book? Learn More About JCPL New Title Delays — Jefferson County Public Library patrons may have noticed a delay in receiving new titles. This is because JCPL's primary vendor for print materials, Baker & Taylor, went out of business earlier this year. Since then, our collections team has been working diligently to place orders with different vendors to get new books on the shelves and mitigate the delays where possible. Learn more by visiting our Print Materials Frequently Asked Questions. <https://jeffcolibrary.org/news/wondering-where-your-book-is/>

Join the Big Belmar Bash July 3 to Mark America 250-Colorado 150 — Join the City of Lakewood and Belmar Downtown Lakewood to mark the 250th anniversary of the United States and the 150th anniversary of Colorado with a community gathering and a spectacular drone light show on Friday, July 3, from 5 to 10 p.m. Get ready for an evening filled with excitement and fun for all ages, including a live band, kids activities, a diverse range of local vendors and a wide variety of food and drinks. Learn more about the Big Belmar Bash. <https://www.lakewoodco.gov/Local-Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Arts-and-Culture/Arts-and-Culture-Events/Big-Belmar-Bash>

Join Outdoor Fitness Classes Saturdays in Lakewood Through Aug. 1 — Join free, outdoor fitness classes on Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. through Aug. 1 in a rotation of Lakewood parks. Select yoga, hula, Tai Chi and family fitness options — or attend them all! Visit Lakewood's website to find the schedule, locations and registration link. <https://www.lakewoodco.gov/Local-Government/Departments/Community-Resources/Recreation/Recreation-Events/Summer-Fitness-in-the-Park>

Jeffco Public Schools Picks Stein as Sole Interim Superintendent Finalist —The Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education selected Dr. Rob Stein as sole finalist for interim superintendent, effective July 6. A veteran educator and former superintendent, Stein will provide experienced leadership while the board conducts a national search for Jeffco's next superintendent. Read more. <https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/news/news-details/~board/jeffco-public-schools-news/post/jeffco-public-schools-board-of-education-selects-dr-rob-stein-as-the-sole-finalist-for-the-interim-superintendent>

heck Out Free Summer Concerts in Clement Park Starting June 4—Come hang out and listen to some great free concerts at Clement Park with Foothills Park & Recreation District, Thursday nights at 7 p.m. from June 4 through Aug. 13 (No concert July 2). Find the band lineup and event details on the Concerts in Clement Park webpage.

<https://www.foothills.org/foothills-entertainment-series/>

July 16 – Little Moses Jones – R&B, hip hop

July 30 – Ninety2k – '90s and '00s rock

August 13 – Dr. Lunch – funk jazz

July 23 – Hand Turkey – soul, pop

August 6 – Cass Clayton Band – rock, soul, funk



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.

Happy July 4th!