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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Sept. 3, 6 pm, 700 Jefferson Co Pkwy, Suite 100

Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Foothills: August 25, 6 pm, The Peak and Zoom.

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

DRCOG: Aug 19, 6:30 pm, 1001 17th Street 1st Floor, Aspen / Birch Conference Room

Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: 2026: Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

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COHOPE Treasury Activity: July 2026

Beginning Balance July 1, 2026

Deposits

Withdrawals

July Website \$23.08, August Newsletter \$ 3.60, 2026 Colorado Report Fee \$25

Ending Balance August 5, 2026

W. R. Moore, Treasurer

\$ 693.18

\$ 0.00

\$ 51.68

\$ 641.50

Draft Minutes for July 1 meeting: Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Al Hintz / At Large, Michael Pichler / At Large, Galen & David Wiese / Columbine Hills Civic Assn.

The meeting started at 5:56 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 had a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was not present. We have \$693.18.

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

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

Jefferson County and Planning & Zoning Information: 26-117755 MS is for 8044 S. Quay Court. It is for 2 beehives. It is in Columbine Knolls South ADM 1.

26-114605 PA is for 8135 Shaffer. It is a preapplication for a Site Development Plan. They want to redevelop the property for a retirement community with 59 units. On the south side of the development, it has easement to Deer Creek Nature Park.

26-117636 RDP is for 5873 W. Alder Ave. Registered distressed property.

26-116517 SD is for 5355 S. Alkire St. It is north of Bowles. They want a minor variation for the Headwaters independent living site to reduce the setback of garages from 80 feet to 50 feet. They want to buffer the noise from C-470.

26-117035 SD and 26-117038 SD are for 5649 S. Alkire St. It is for a multi-family project. There were no details on the P&Z website yet.

26-115263 SE is for 8501 W. Bowles Ave. It is for a circus on 7/16/26. It will be on the north side of Southwest Plaza.

The BCC agenda on 6/30/26 had 3 items of interest.

Resolution 26-168 is for the rezoning of Jared's nursery. It was continued from 6/23/26. The rezoning was approved. It will have a maximum of 152 units - all will be rentals. There will be single family dwellings on the outer edge of the property and multi-family dwellings in the interior of the property.

Resolution 26-177 is for the immediate ban of use and sale of fireworks whenever there is Stage 1 or Stage 2 fire ban in place. We are still in Stage 1 fire ban.

Resolution 26-176 is for a curfew for minors (those under 18 years old). It adds a \$10 surcharge. There is still a \$300 fine. It removes a provision that requires a note from an employer that they are traveling to or from work. The curfew hours are after 11 pm on Sunday through Thursday; after 12 pm on Friday and Saturday; and before 5 a.m. any day. The list of exceptions is in the resolution.

Jeffco Public Schools has hired an East Coast attorney to argue their case re: government's claim they were violating Title IX. Also according to article in Denver Post 6/27/26. The District received another letter from US gov't about this. "District says it faces a loss of \$90 million in federal funding ..." District sent letters to the Gov., Attorney General Weiser and State education Commissioner Cordova asking them to participate in their legal defense if this ends up in court.

Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed in Ken Caryl valley. Diane spoke with the Jeffco person doing preventive EAB treatment of trees along S Kipling Pkwy near her home this week. He told her about EAB in Ken Caryl Valley. The county is treating approx. 700 ash trees (350 treated/year, so on a 2 year treatment cycle/tree.). Diane asked FHPRD if they treat their ash trees. They do treatment every 3 yrs. So if you have ash trees, please keep an eye on them for EAB infestation.

In the BCC meeting on 6/23/26, they approved the FEMA HHPD (High Hazard Potential Dam) grant agreement with Bergen Ditch and Reservoir company for the Polly A. Dean dam at Hine Lake. The price has gone up from the original grant application submitted in 2022. Total cost is now possibly \$1,018,350. Cost split between HHPD grant of \$677,320 and \$341,530 from Bergen (that has a loan arrangement with Colorado Water Conservation Board). The grant / loan funds will be reimbursed only after the work is done. So they borrow the money now in order to do the work.

The Colorow school is being looked at by a potential buyer. FHPRD board members and staff members have toured the site.

JCSO notified the public that a sexually violent predator (SVP) moved into the area - location is listed as the intersection of S Wadsworth Blvd/ W Coal Mine Ave. The State's sex offender registry has additional information about him - aliases, photo, convictions, etc. He has a conviction regarding minors.

Columbine Library has been reserved for the August meeting.

Old Business / New Business / Announcements None

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

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From CHCA Board Meeting June 4, 2026, Held In Park Start: 6:05 pm End 6:45 pm.

Officers: Jenn, Kelsey, Steve **Members-at-large:** Janet, Michaelle, Kelly **Community Members:** Karen O

Treasurer's Report: Approve April: Kelly Second: Steve; approved. Approve May: Michaelle Second: Kelsey; approved.

Review Board minutes: Approve May: Jenn Second: Kelly; approved

NEW BUSINESS: Garage Sale: Have signs out by 6/10

Dumpster Day: Have signs out by 6/24

Who can work? Galen, David, Jenn, Kelly, Steve, Karen

Red White and You - still planned for July 3rd

Foot hills board meeting election was held for new positions - all positions were retained by their current board members

Events: National Night Out on August 4th.

Newsletter walkers: We need one route filled on W Ken Caryl Place.

The Leawood Rapporper

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation And Park District Minutes – June 11, 2026 6:04 p.m.

Attendees: Marci Turaga, Ken Leaf, Vicki Grove, Zach Sack, Carole Gottlieb, Jesse Opgenorth, Public: Tom Bryant, Craig Pedersen, Mike Dubee, Cheryl and Reggie, Fae Gardner

Administrative Items: Public Comments Resident asked to have financials printed in the newsletter. Board to add financial report to Rapporper each month. Resident inquired about what tree work is being done in the parks. Zach Sack to share more detailed information through email. Feedback was provided on frequency of mowing in natural areas of Weaver. Resident noted the grass regularly grows very long in the spring. Board advised that landscapers recommend letting grass go to seed before cutting and that longer grass is healthier for the park, particularly in drought years.

Complaint shared about new large doggie bags. Board to inquire if bags can be returned to previous bags.

Complaint shared about E-bikes and scooters in Weaver Park and in streets of the neighborhood. Board adheres to Jefferson County rules. Board to consider education measures and signage to ensure residents are aware. Appropriate park

etiquette includes wheels OF ANY KIND yielding to pedestrians.

Dogs should be on the leash in all of LMRPD parks.

Question asked about Vintage Overlook having locked gate access to park. Board informed that Vintage Overlook is a gated neighborhood that is part of the district.

Resident raised concerns about the prevalence of weeds in Raccoon.

Resident volunteer contacted three contractors about grinding concrete, with only one currently responded. Volunteer to get more bids to share.

Concern raised about people bringing tents and nets in Leawood Park due to potential damage to the sprinkler system.

Board to discuss with DBS about potential damage to sprinkler lines.

Resident shared that water in Leawood Park is still running down the street. Sprinkler system along Leawood still needs to be worked on. DBS is currently doing significant work on the system in Leawood. Board to follow up.

Resident shared that Raccoon Hollar has resident homes that encroach on park property with fences, another resident informed that a survey was done several years ago. Tract 6 shows property lines and limits.

Resident recommended that trees near main sidewalk in Leawood not be replaced due to shade and snow causing ice.

Resident noted a tree along the south fence in Weaver, near the basketball courts, is growing into the power lines. Xcel Energy should be contacted. Vicki Grove to follow up.

Treasurer's Report (financials and budget attached in email) \$307k in the bank. Treasurer noted that DBS is a great contractor to work with. Water bill for May down 66% over last year. DBS applied or will apply for third day of watering for July from Denver Water due to reduction in water use observed thus far.

Park Maintenance and Operations: Park Manager Report Working on finding someone to do lead testing on the Eaton Bridge.

Estimate for bench for Raccoon Hollar : \$675. Recreation Plus, who park has worked with before, informed that installation can range from \$300-\$600. Motion made to approve \$2300 for two new benches- one to replace Weaver and a new one in Raccoon unanimously approved.

Master valve installed in Leawood, work in the area continues. Manager coordinating with landscapers.

Maple tree to be delivered tomorrow and installed along walkway in Weaver. Manager to coordinate and oversee.

Park ballard is missing in Weaver Park.

Driplines in Weaver main entrance beds need to be adjusted. Possible to be included in community clean up day.

Worked 51 hours in the parks, much was cleaning up after snowstorm on May 4th and 5th - clearing branches, removing stump, cleaning up willow branches in Weaver, Leawood pavilion power washed, cleanup after school kids and activities.

Worked with Resource Central to get irrigation system report

Capital Projects and Long-Term Planning Surveillance Camera Cameras were stolen in Leawood Parks. Moving to a higher grade surveillance system.

Poison Hemlock Removal and Landscaping Discussion Hemlock and Noxious Thistle are prevalent in Raccoon and Weaver. The board has received complaints about proliferation of hemlock in Weaver along stream.

Treatment options: cannot spray within 15 feet of the creek. Mowing down hemlock spreads the toxin. To remove by hand the crew will hand pull and bag hemlock. Cost will be about \$4500- \$6000. Motion made to approve \$6k for DBS to remove Hemlock/noxious weeds by hand pulling and bagging method. Motion approved.

Community Clean Up Event to take place Saturday at 8:30am. Work will focus on adding mulch to younger trees along Weaver drive, new planting in garden beds, and removing a dead bush near Weaver playground. Marci to purchase extra mulch from HD for trees near

Honey Bucket. Vicki to direct Saturday morning.

Leawood 5k In progress. Board to continue with tasks given in previous meeting

Tree Grant Tree Grant was approved! Vicki to work on paperwork to move forward. Board is expected to pay for all of the trees from Trees Across Colorado. List of trees will be provided in the fall to place an order. Trees will be delivered to Lakewood (needing to be picked up) in April. 20 tree minimum. Community can contribute by making a donation to the Sponsor A Tree campaign. Contact park at leawoodparks@gmail.com for more information.

Cox Landscaping Update One more payment is due to Cox. Treasurer requesting invoice for repairs on sprinkler system that were originally done by Cox, failed and had to be redone by DBS. Amount will be paid before deadline.

Meeting was adjourned by President Sack at 7:40pm.— *Minutes submitted by: Marci Turaga, Secretary*

Woodbourne HOA Newsletter

From Ah July, The Fun Month... Warmer weather, it starts with a major holiday and works towards a slow progression towards having to think about school and Fall projects. To that end, we have been busy. New pool furniture has arrived and as budget allows, there will be decorative accents and greenery added for a more inviting environment. We will also be placing a 'pod in the SE corner of the Clubhouse parking lot, to ensure we have full protection of our new assets. This will store the pool furniture, tools and other things usually left on the deck, during the off season. We are going to work

with the swim team to see if they have any artists, who would be willing to paint the pod with an appropriately themed design. We also have riches in the Clubhouse renovation area. We have at least 3 fully qualified general construction contractors who will have provided us with quotes, by the time this newsletter is published. This will allow, really for the first time, to get quotes for the same scope of work, with the same materials being sourced. We will then hope to sign a contract for work to begin as soon as the pool closes in August. This will close a long-standing project and provide decades of enjoyment.

Unfortunately, we do not have a formally planned July 4th activity, sponsored by the HOA. The bike parade usually kicks off at 10AM in the Clubhouse parking lot, however it would be self-led as there is no coordination this year with West Metro Fire or Jefferson County Sheriff, to provide lead vehicles. We hope to gain at least two (2) additional board members, to assist with taking on community and social outreach activities, as we have had in the past.

We continue to experience extreme drought conditions but do ask that since grass surfaces will be stressed, and weeds will be more prevalent, there is a concerted effort to not allow them to overtake yards. Likewise, we are seeing an uptick in weeds utilizing whatever runoff there is, to grow in the curbs and sidewalks. Please keep an eye on those areas as well. We will continue to monitor tree management along W Meadows where there are either trees between the fenceline and resident property at the sidewalk, or overgrowth hanging lower than ten (10 feet) above the sidewalk. The grace period will extend through September, and then courtesy notices will be sent to residents formally notifying them to issues. This will be an ongoing maintenance activity, as our community continues to age and trees become more mature and spread. We thank you for the diligent efforts in ensuring common walkways are safe and usable for Woodbourne and our neighbors.

Work is continuing on tennis court resurfacing and landscape renovation on the South facing areas of the Clubhouse/Pool common space. The plan is to remove the juniper bushes this fall and then be prepared to mirror the look on the North exposure of the Clubhouse along that expanse. We are also going to repair and epoxy loose capstones and patch cracks to ensure future stability of the wall that wraps the pool.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please reach out to any existing member, or support@ACCUinc.com and we would be ecstatic to explain the expectations, work effort and benefits given back to the community, once you join. — *Your Woodbourne HOA*

Applications Open for Select Jefferson County Boards and Commissions — Want to make a positive impact in our community? Volunteer applications are now open to serve on select Jefferson County boards and commissions. Board members study issues in-depth, oversee and make recommendations regarding specific county functions and assist in governing Jefferson County. Board members are citizen volunteers, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners building materials. Applications are due on or before July 28.

<https://www.jeffco.us/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/2613>

JCSO Awarded Nearly \$9.7M Federal Grant to Reduce Wildfire Risk — The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a \$9,668,390 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service — one of the largest wildfire mitigation grants awarded in Colorado during this funding cycle. The five-year grant will strengthen wildfire mitigation, preparedness and community resilience efforts throughout Jefferson County. Read more. <https://www.jeffcosheriffco.gov/news/jefferson-county-sheriffs-office-awarded-nearly-97-million-federal-grant-to-reduce-wildfire-risk>

Delinquent Property Tax Reminder: Final Notices Have Been Sent Out — The Delinquent property tax notices have been mailed to property owners with unpaid 2025 taxes. These are the final notices from the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office this year. Please visit the Property Tax Records and Payment Portal to confirm your taxes are current. Unpaid taxes will be advertised in a local newspaper and then sold in the Tax Lien Sale that takes place in November.

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

Podcast: Beyond the Box: What Happens After You Drop Off Your Ballot? — Step inside the election process like never before. In this episode of the Engage Jeffco Podcast, we take you on a behind the scenes tour of how votes are received, verified and counted.

Discover how everyday residents help keep Jefferson County's elections running smoothly. Meet the people who safeguard the system, get an inside look at the checks and balances that protect every ballot and hear how transparency guides each step of the process. Listen now.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL07IjQx03HysddxjNzrl9ab9ZiR1q_67y

Sustainability Tip of the Month: Install a Heat Pump for Cooler — Heat pumps provide cool air in summer and clean heat in the winter, all from one efficient system designed for year-round comfort. Jefferson County Sustainability partner Power Ahead Colorado connects Jeffco-area home and building owners to trusted heat pump resources, vetted contractors and free energy advisors to make upgrading feel more doable. <https://poweraheadcolorado.org/>

Jeffco Zoning and Building Codes Updated to Address Wildfire Safety — Jefferson County has updated its zoning and building codes for wildfire safety, and the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) has been expanded. New zoning and building permits in the WUI may have new requirements, like trimming trees (defensible space) and using non-flammable materials (structure hardening). Learn more. <https://www.jeffco.us/2672/Defensible-Space-Wildfire-Mitigation>

Every Child Deserves a Shot at Success: Apply to Head Start — Jefferson County Head Start provides no-cost ear-

ly learning for children from 6 weeks to 5 years old in a safe, caring and supportive environment. Our program includes trauma-informed education, healthy meals and resources that help the whole family succeed. Check out schools in Arvada, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge to see if Head Start is right for your family. <https://www.jeffco.us/1870/Apply>

Kick Off National Preparedness Month by Donating Blood — September is National Preparedness Month, and the Jefferson County Coroner's Office is starting it off with a blood drive. Please join us to donate at Coroner's Office (800 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden) on Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schedule an appointment now.

https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/searchDrives?findDrive=1&searchType=1&searchIn=100561251&siteType=N&phleboFam=S&dateFrom=2026-09-01&dateTo=2026-09-01&utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=blink&utm_campaign=100361176&utm_content=digital-drive-specific

Grant to Fund Housing Solutions for Jefferson County Residents — Jefferson County has been awarded a

\$100,000 grant from Colorado Gives Foundation to expand housing and shelter opportunities for Jeffco residents experiencing homelessness. The funding will support the development of low-barrier, non-congregate shelter program that provides individuals with safe shelter and other connections to housing navigation, case management and wraparound services that help people move toward long-term housing stability. <https://www.jeffco.us/m/newsflash/home/detail/2624>

Optimize Your Water Use with a Free Sprinkler Evaluation — A Slow the Flow sprinkler evaluation could save up to 5,000 gallons of water per year by providing maintenance recommendations and a customized watering schedule to help you water your lawn more efficiently. Learn how to use your outdoor water wisely with a free sprinkler evaluation from Resource Central's Slow the Flow program — brought to you at no cost thanks to Jefferson County Sustainability.

<https://resourcecentral.org/sprinklers/>

Adult Mountain Pine Beetles Completing Development, Emerging Soon — Adult mountain pine beetles (MPB) are completing their development beneath the bark of infested pine trees and will begin to emerge and fly in search of new host trees. Pine trees infested last year are beginning to fade and will gradually change to red but no longer pose a risk of spreading MPB. The best time to treat infested trees is between October to early June. Learn more about MPB, how to identify infestations and available control options.

<https://www.jeffco.us/795/Invasive-Species-Management>

Stay Resilient Against Extreme Heat, Prepare for Rising Temperatures — Extreme heat doesn't only affect your health, it also increases demands for electricity and water and can potentially stress local infrastructure, services and natural environments. Here's a few ways to prepare for the rising temperatures:

Weatherize your home or business by covering windows, weather-stripping doors and adding insulation.

Prep your cooling devices by cleaning your air conditioning unit and replacing your furnace filter.

Review your local outdoor water use rules to conserve water.

Learn more or reach out to Jefferson County Sustainability by email. <https://planningforhazards.colorado.gov/extreme-heat>

Work Where Others Vacation: Jeffco Public Schools Needs Bus Drivers — Jeffco Public Schools' West Transportation department is looking for school bus drivers and bus assistants. If you enjoy working with kids, being part of your community and spending time on the road in Colorado's beautiful mountain areas, this could be a great opportunity for you. Part-time and full-time shifts are available. <https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/careers>

New Grant to Expand and Preserve Access to Parks, Community Spaces — People across Jefferson County use parks, transportation hubs, farmers markets, recreation centers and other amenities to stay healthy and connected. Jeffco-serving nonprofits can apply for funding to expand access to these spaces and develop and preserve outdoor green spaces like parks and open areas. Applications open Aug. 3. <https://coloradogivesfoundation.org/convenient-neighborhoods/>

Every Swing Counts: Putt Fore CASA Miniature Golf Event is Sept. 3 — CASA Jeffco/Gilpin is hosting its annual Putt Fore CASA mini golf event on Sept. 3 from 5 to 8:30 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 mini-golf, dinner, drinks, door prizes and more. Learn more and get tickets. <https://www.casajeffcogilpin.com/putt-fore-casa/>



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The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026 from 6 to 8 pm at the Columbine Library (7706 West Bowles Ave). No speaker is scheduled at this time.