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Living with Wildlife

As Jefferson County residents, we have the best of both worlds here in our backyard: the confluence of a world-class city and the storied Rocky Mountains. One of the best things about Jefferson County is this blend of suburban amenities and scenic open spaces.

Living in this area includes regular encounters with wildlife, most of which are pleasant and uneventful, but problems do occur. Sheriff's deputies regularly respond to calls regarding wildlife. While they happen most frequently in mountain communities, such as Evergreen and Conifer, they can occur anywhere in the county's 773 square miles. Below are some tips about living with wildlife and keeping yourself, your family, and Jeffco's wild animals safe.

Bears

In 2006, a Conifer resident returned home with groceries, set them on the table and left the room, leaving the door open briefly. She returned to the kitchen to find a bear eating her store-bought strawberries. Bears and other animals have also been known to enter homes to eat from the dog's bowl. Keep your doors shut, and be mindful that pet doors work for many animals — not just Max. In late summer, bears will start a feeding frenzy to bulk up for their winter sleep: at that point everything is fair game, including bird feeders, trash, and any food left in an open garage.

To help prevent unwanted encounters with bears near your home, keep garbage out of reach of bears' paws and noses. Use bear-proof trash containers and empty them regularly. Do not feed your pets outside or store pet food outside. Never feed any wild animal; feeding smaller mammals may attract bears.

Bears are at home in Jeffco's mountains, but they occasionally travel closer to the cities. In July 2007, a bear made itself at home in a tree at a Westminster golf course. Bears have also been spotted in Ken Caryl in recent years.

Mountain Lions

Mountain lions are very much at home in the foothills in Jefferson County. Living in mountain lion habitat means that it's

especially important to supervise your children while they're playing outside. Also, prevent your pets from roaming free, and bring them inside at night. Familiarize yourself with what to do if you encounter a lion face-to-face. If you spot a mountain lion while hiking or biking in Jefferson County Open Space parks, report the sighting to Open Space. If you come across a dead deer while hiking, get away — it could be a mountain lion's cache.

Rattlesnakes

There is always a chance for rattlesnake encounters in the flatlands and foothills. Be alert and listen for the telltale buzzing sound of the rattle, especially if you wander off a trail. If you encounter a rattlesnake in your yard, leave it alone.

Our animal control Web page has a list of resources to help with snakes and other visitors: <http://animal-control.jeffco.us>.

On the Road

If you hit an animal with your vehicle, please call the Sheriff's Office at 303-277-0211. If the animal remains in the road and poses a danger to other motorists, call 911. While there are many people in the community who are capable of properly putting down an injured and suffering animal, state law requires that deputies undertake this task. They will quickly and humanely handle the situation, and render the roadway safe again.

For More from the Wildlife Experts

Division of Wildlife: <http://wildlife.state.co.us>

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—Sheriff Ted Mink



Westridge Financial Report

Last Reported Balance 10/20/06 (see Dec. News) \$2,403.43
Income

Members Fees\$2,810.00
Sheriff's Dept. Refund\$20.00

Expenses

Attorney Fees & Court Costs\$258.99
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Next Westridge HOA Meeting
Important Update Regarding
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The deadline for articles and advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. **All articles must be approved by the board for publication, or as space permits.** Appearance of an advertisement in this publication does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by the publisher or the association of the goods or services offered therein. The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the individual authors and not of the Board of Directors of your association or the publisher. Neither the Board, publisher nor the authors intend to provide any professional service or opinion through this publication.

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Jefferson County Website www.co.jefferson.co.us.

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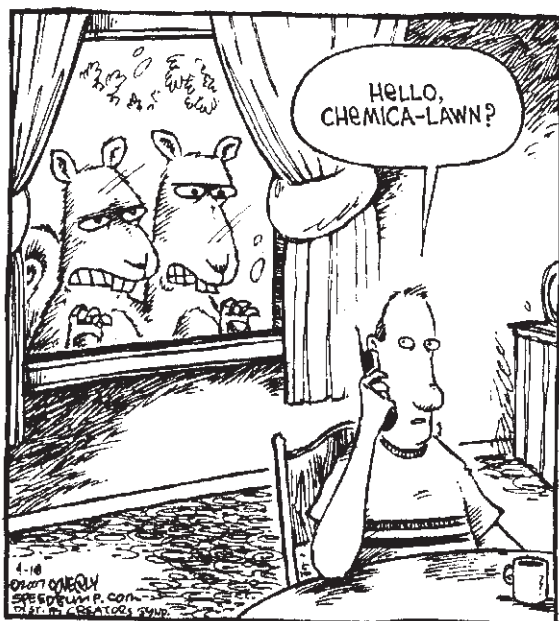
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Sheriff Alert: Sex Offender List

On July 17, residents in the Apple Meadows neighborhood received small white flyers advising that a sex offender has moved into the area. The flyers advertise a website where residents may "find out who they are and what their address is." This website charges \$4.95 a month. Some of the information on the website is inaccurate. The Sheriff's Office has no information indicating that there are newly relocated sex offenders in the Apple Meadows area.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office posts information on registered sex offenders on its website www.jeffcosheriff.com. The information is linked directly from the homepage and is accessible at no cost. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office maintains the sex offender database for the county, making the Sheriff's Office website the most accurate and up-to-date source of information on sex offenders. Other area police departments also maintain databases of sex offenders, with information available to the public.

We do not recommend that residents access privately run websites to obtain information on sex offenders, nor do we recommend paying a third party for the information.

Ouch — That's Cold!

Do you wince when your teeth touch something cold, like ice water or ice cream? You may have sensitive teeth, a common condition that can be caused by tooth decay, a cracked tooth, worn tooth enamel, or exposed tooth roots. According to the American Dental Association, the enamel on your teeth protects against sensitivity to cold or heat. But if you brush your teeth incorrectly or too hard, you may damage that enamel. Receding gums, a common condition as we age, can expose the root areas and lead to sensitivity. And if you don't brush and floss often enough, your gums may become infected and separate from the teeth, a condition called periodontal disease, which also causes sensitivity. It's important to see your dentist regularly to catch tooth decay and gum disease early. For mild cases of sensitive teeth, desensitizing toothpastes — available over the counter at pharmacies and grocery stores — can be helpful. More severe cases may require special treatments from your dentist.

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2nd	2007	11	86	236,718	6.18-6.26	↑
2nd	2006	2	124	275,750	6.51-6.68	↑
1st	2007	7	131	245,714	6.22-6.16	↓
1st	2006	4	76	229,975	6.15-6.32	↑

*Sales Data: Metrolist, Data may not reflect all sales in area

**Interest Rate Data: Freddie Mac National Averages

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Tips to teach your children to wash their hands:

- After blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Before eating and cooking
- After using the bathroom
- After being outside (playing, gardening, walking the dog, etc.)
- After handling animals
- When your hands are dirty
- Even more often when someone else is sick

What is the correct way to wash your hands?

- First wet your hands with warm water and apply liquid or clean bar soap.
- Next rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Make sure they get the in between places like between the fingers and under the nails (where uninvited germs like to hang out).
- Continue for 10-15 seconds. Make up a short tune to sing with your child so they can gauge the time. "This is the way we wash our hands." It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs
- Rinse well and dry your hands

Other steps you can take to keep your child healthy:

- Make sure they are up-to-date on all immunizations.
- Check with your pediatrician for the recommended immunization schedule.
- Get your child a flu shot. Children who are six months to eight years old who are receiving their first-ever flu shot, two doses of the vaccine are given a month apart. Only one dose will be required every season thereafter. You should start looking into getting flu shots in October to be sure you are adequately protected when flu season starts.

These health tips are brought to you by Centennial Medical Plaza. Reach us at 303-699-3060 or visit our website at www.centennialmedicalplaza.com.

Batteries on Planes

According to some reports, there have been as many as nine fires on airplanes in the past two years caused by batteries. As a result of two recent incidents, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued the following safety tips to airline passengers who carry cell phones, laptops, cameras, and other portable electronic devices:

- Keep spare batteries in their original retail packaging or place each battery in its own protective case, plastic bag, or package.
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of August 16, the date of Elvis's death. The 30th Anniversary Concert on the 16th features a videotaped Elvis Presley performing with the accompaniment of live singers and musicians. Graceland, Elvis's 14-acre estate, welcomes more than 600,000 visitors every year.

Strange Laws

If you're traveling around the country this summer, note these regional laws to avoid violations:

- In Oklahoma, it's illegal to wear your boots to bed
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