



# WESTRIDGE NEWS & VIEWS

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## COHOPE NOTES

as requested by Bette Peterson, COHOPE Liaison for Westridge HOA / COHOPE

### February 3, 2010 Meeting Reports

#### SPECIAL REPORTS

**Gordon Neuenfeldt**, Jeffco Sheriff, presented the crime statistics. Crime last month was sporadic. Unlocked vehicle entries around Wadsworth and Chatfield. Commercial burglaries have continued. Southwest Plaza has had more vending/coin machine burglaries. Storage unit thefts have also continued.

There were a number of stolen cars found around Pierce and Hampden. The Directed Operations unit and the Metro Auto Theft Unit arrested some people and there has been a big drop in auto crime.

Columbine West, Leawood, Woodbourne, and Lakehurst West had some thefts.

**Walt Frankland**, Foothills Parks and Recreation District, wants everyone to be aware that there is an election coming up on May 5. If you are interested in running for a board position, go to the website. Walt has term limited out. Last year they came within budget by delaying routine maintenance. They received money from an Open Space Grant to fix the 6 playgrounds.

#### PRESENTATION

The Presentation was given by **Kathy Hartman**, **Kevin McCaskey**, and **Faye Griffin**, Jeffco County Commissioners.

They shared some fun facts about Jefferson County. There are 542,000 people. There is 773 sq. miles. There are 2,875 DFTE employees.

The City of Arvada, City and County of Boulder, and Jefferson County are involved in the Jefferson Parkway. This will complete the northwest corner of C-470. They are working on getting the right of ways now. They are preparing to send out bids for a private partner to fund and build the remaining segment. A lot of the land is federally owned or already zoned so they hope the process will go realively smoothly.

The west corridor of FastTracks is 12.1 miles long from Denver Union Station to Jefferson County Government Center and is proceeding well.

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## Two More Students Complete Judy Susman's 30 Book Reading Challenge!

**Judy Susman** says congratulations to **Sydni Leafblad** and **Gabby Duran**. Sydni and Gabby completed the required 30 books and received free gift cards for their effort. Judy believes that reading is vital, so she encourages kids to get involved in this program. To date, 117 kids have completed the challenge. If you need a reading card, they are available directly from Judy Susman by calling 303-932-3322 or emailing her at **Judy@JudySusman.com**.

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- Body Fat Skin Fold Screening
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- Spinal Screening
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Please bring your used eyeglasses to share the gift of sight. Health Fair participants can pre-register at **www.9HealthFair.org**. For more information, call 303-698-3799 or 1-800-332-3078 or visit **www.9HealthFair.org**.

**Is it time to get rid of that clutter? Are you ready to start parking your car in your garage?**

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— Eric Hoffer

**COHOPE Meeting Reports**, *continued from front page*

The Jeffco Renewable Energy Initiative attracts alternative energy companies by making roofs and windows available for demonstrations. They have 40 separate sites, 50 buildings, and 1.4 million sq. ft of property available for energy companies to put up their wares to show off. They have a hybrid snowplow. It is a hybrid truck outfitted with a snowplow. It should pay for itself after 90,000 miles. It mostly plows road near Golden and Wheat Ridge.

The south shop for Roads and Bridges covers our area, south of Quincy and west of Sheridan. There are 1,382 miles of paved roadways. During snowstorms, they have 2 crews working 12-hours shifts with 22 trucks. Current projects are Chatfield. The Phase 1 of Wadsworth/Chatfield intersection is complete. The section between Piece and Garrison will be done this summer. There is also the Coal Mine Ave. rehab due to expansive soil damage.

The 2010 Census will be a form with 10 questions. It should take 10 minutes to complete. Please do it. In 2000 it was estimated that only 73% of the residents completed the form. This affects the budget for the county and how much federal and state monies we get over the next 10 years. The post office delivered it in mid-Feb. National 2010 Census Day is April 1. Non-responsive residences will be visited in the May/July time frame. The compiled numbers go to the Census Bureau and President in December. 3,000 residents will also be randomly selected to get a Citizen Survey. That was mailed January 20. The Final Report will be done in March.

Human Services is very active. There has been a 47% usage increase at the Workforce Center, 25% increase in the Child Care Assistance Program, 28% increase in food stamps and Medicaid, 30% increase in adoptions, and 48% increase in Child Abuse and Neglect referrals. They collected \$31.2M for child support in 2008. They have about 500 participants ages 3-5 in the Early Childhood Education program. They work with businesses to employ citizens. There are faith-based collaborations for visiting seniors, mentoring youth, tutoring, school supplies, and home care for people for whom Jefferson County is the legal guardian. The divisions and services are Community Health Services, Environment Services, Health Promotion and Lifestyle Management, and Administrative Services.

Economic Development is concerned with helping businesses thrive. Business property taxes are more than 3 times that of residential property taxes. The county participated in the new C-470 and Alameda interchange and helped get some of that land rezoned for development. They also streamlined the Planning and Zoning process and permitting to help businesses. The Business Resource Center helps launch small businesses. The Council and Chambers of Commerce support Jefferson County economic development.

The Table Mountain Animal Center is 33 years old. It is being replaced by a 30,000 sq. ft. facility. It should be open Aug. 1. The dog, Cedar, is running for mayor as a fund raiser for the Animal Center. Each vote is \$1.

Jefferson County has been transparent since Oct. 2008. The websites are [www.transparentjeffco.us](http://www.transparentjeffco.us) and [www.jeffco.us](http://www.jeffco.us). The checkbook is online. The Board of Commissioner's Hearings are available as web casts online.

There are 51,981 acres of Open Space, 13,995 of which are in South Jefferson County.

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*If you would like to form a committee, please contact a board member for more information. Thank you for your help!!*

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**Current members may use the above form  
to renew your membership for 2009.**

**COHOPE Meeting Reports**, *continued from page 2*

Concerning the budget, they have \$995M in assets, \$187M in outstanding debt, \$161.5M debt for Open Space, \$150M in lease purchases, \$57M in Fund Reserve, and have an AA rating with Standard and Poor's. The budget for 2010 is \$366.5M if interdepartmental charges are removed. 25% of that is for law enforcement, 10 % for Open Space, 22% for Health and Human Services, and 11% for Administration. The budget is online at the website if more information is needed.

RV Parking on any county road is illegal except for a short time for loading and unloading. They will not take a complaint unless it is signed. HOAs must take care of covenant restrictions. Parking cannot be more than 3 days.

How is the C470 extension being funded? Is the funding from a foreign entity? Maybe, we don't know. It depends on who responds. Will commercial development be prohibited? No. A lot of the land is government owned and will not have development. Other areas are already zoned for development. It will initially be a toll road. How long it will be a toll road will depend on how the bidding process goes.

Will the county try to recover the legal bills from former Commissioner Congrove? It is a state requirement that the county covered the legal expenses. They don't know yet if they will be recovered. How much were they? They were at least \$500,000.

**Where does the money come from for business incentives to relocate?** The business receives a reduced property tax (50%) for 5 years. Who decides? The Board of Commissioners decides.

**What is the status on medical marijuana?** They have filed zoning violations. Eventually it will go to court. Nothing happens until a Judge decides. This should take about 90 days. Kathy Hartman hopes that the state defines the law better. They are not in properly zoned districts; there are no zoned areas defined. One of the issues is where did the marijuana seeds come from and what is the supply chain.

**Is Jefferson County still behind in processing food stamps?** Not anymore. We are now in the top 3 with streamlined processes.

**Will the county receive any money from the increase auto registration?** Yes. About half of it goes to Roads and Bridges.

Hampden and Quincy from Kipling to Federal will be redone this summer. Highway 93 north of Golden will get shoulders. They will be starting on the intersection of Bowles and Wadsworth this summer.

Legislation of foreclosed homes will require banks or non-local owners to maintain property to the community standard, lock the property, provide contact information, and insure the property.

**Why is there a fee when you pay homeowner's tax with a credit card?** A state law states that the county cannot pay a processing fee.

**How long is the Jefferson Parkway?** It is 10 miles. Will there be impacts to the local area, such as speed limit reductions, additional stop signs and lights, and no improvements on parallel roads? Yes, but they would be needed any way. If a foreign company is involved, will they bring in foreign employees? Probably not. What is involved in the bid process? They seek interest. There are about 22 companies involved so far. They had interviews with each about 9 months ago. They are looking for the best bid with the best design.

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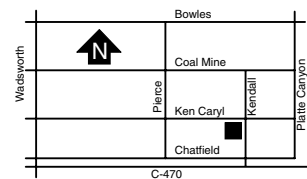
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### **COHOPE Meeting Reports, continued from page 3**

Has the issue come up again for putting a toll road into C-470 from Kipling to I-25? This is a state issue.

**What do cyclists contribute for the use of our roads?** There is not a license. So nothing directly, but they probably live here. So indirectly they pay for the roads. It is a state law that allows bicycles on the roads.

People using Chatfield Reservoir have been parking on Deer Creek Canyon Road to avoid paying the park fee. The Sheriff's department is looking into this.

**How is E-470 doing financially?** It is doing fantastic with very good income.

**How can the Sheriff's department get the ability to tow vehicles?** You can work with the legislature or the Sheriff's Department or the Sheriff's Department may request that the Commissioners sponsor a bill.

**What can a community do that is too old to have an ODP?** The HOA and home owners can get together and create an ODP. The Commissioners would look at it and may approve it. They may help the area walk through the process. For more information, contact John Wolforth. It may be possible to rezone a subdivision or just a portion of it. What about sight line issues? The county will follow up.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was an article in WestWord about medical marijuana. It lists a place of business at Wadsworth and Coal Mine. There is a hearing about it with the Board of Adjustments on Mar. 17.

There are signs everywhere for lost pets, garage sales, and "We'll buy your house". What can be done? The legal fees are too much to process these signs. You can remove them at will if they are in the right of way.

### **Make a Plan in Case of Emergency**

In the last few years in Jefferson County, we've seen emergencies ranging from wildfires to paralyzing blizzards to a school shooting. Events like these can plunge families into chaos, panic and confusion.

Having an emergency plan ahead of time can help you communicate with, reconnect with, and protect your family. Every situation is different, but if you prepare for a wide range of possibilities, you'll be better equipped to deal with a crisis.

### **FAMILY**

Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated. Pick two meeting places: one a safe distance from your home (in case of a house fire), and another outside your neighborhood (in case you can't return to your neighborhood). Make sure everyone knows the actual phone numbers they need, in case they don't have access to the data stored in their mobile phones.

Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." (After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance than to place calls within the disaster zone.) Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

Teach very young children to memorize their parents' first and last names. If they are separated from their family, it will be

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**Make a Plan**, continued from page 4

difficult for emergency responders to identify “Mommy” and “Daddy.”

**NEIGHBORS**

Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster. Know your neighbors’ skills (medical, technical). Consider how you could help neighbors with special needs, such as elderly or disabled persons. Make plans for child care in case parents can’t get home. If you live alone, coordinate with neighbors and create a plan to check on one another’s welfare.

**SCHOOLS**

Familiarize yourself with the school district’s standard response protocol. Jeffco Public Schools have extensive security plans in place and regularly conduct drills and exercises, both with and without the students. Make sure your children know what to do in a lockdown, lockout or evacuation.

**SUPPLIES**

Emergencies like earthquakes and blizzards can result in you being stuck at your house with no way to access necessities. In some cases you may lose power for an extended period. We recommend that you:

- Stock supplies to last up to a week for each person in the household.
- Be prepared to relocate to a shelter during a prolonged power outage.
- Have extra cash on hand in case electronic transactions cannot be processed.
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**PETS**

Be sure to include pets in your emergency plan. License your dog through Jefferson County Animal Control, make sure your dog or cat has your contact information on its collar, and consider microchipping your dog or cat at your veterinarian’s office. All of these methods will help to ensure your pet’s safe return if you become separated. If you must evacuate, do all that you can to take your pets with you. In a disaster, household pets can stay either in human shelters or in temporary animal shelters.

**LEARN MORE**

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### Teen Services Updates in June

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## How To Respond When The Fever Strikes

"Fever in the morning... fever all through the night..." The hit Peggy Lee song turns love into a fever with a catchy tune. But if you or a loved one is suffering from an actual fever, how much should you worry?

Chances are you'll be fine. A fever is defined as a body temperature above the so-called "normal" 98.6 degrees. But your temperature can fluctuate by a degree through the typical day. Physicians don't consider a fever medically significant until it reaches 100.4 degrees. A fever of 104 or higher calls for immediate treatment or medical attention. Fever is most often caused by an infection. Diseases like the flu, the common cold, strep throat, gastroenteritis, and others can produce a fever, as can such medical conditions as lupus, arthritis, and some cancers. In addition, antibiotics and other drugs (including narcotics and antihistamines) can cause fevers due to adverse reactions or withdrawal.

Most fevers can be treated with acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or aspirin (though children and teens shouldn't take aspirin due to the risk of Reye syndrome). Fluids are important to prevent dehydration, because a fever can increase perspiration and lead to excessive loss of fluid.

Fevers are more dangerous in children. Children below the age of three months should be seen by a physician if they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Anyone with a history of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, or other serious medical conditions should promptly seek care from a medical provider should a fever strike.

Beyond that, be on the lookout for symptoms such as headache, neck stiffness, shortness of breath, convulsions, or seizures, which can indicate more serious problems.

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### **National Park Week, April 17-25**

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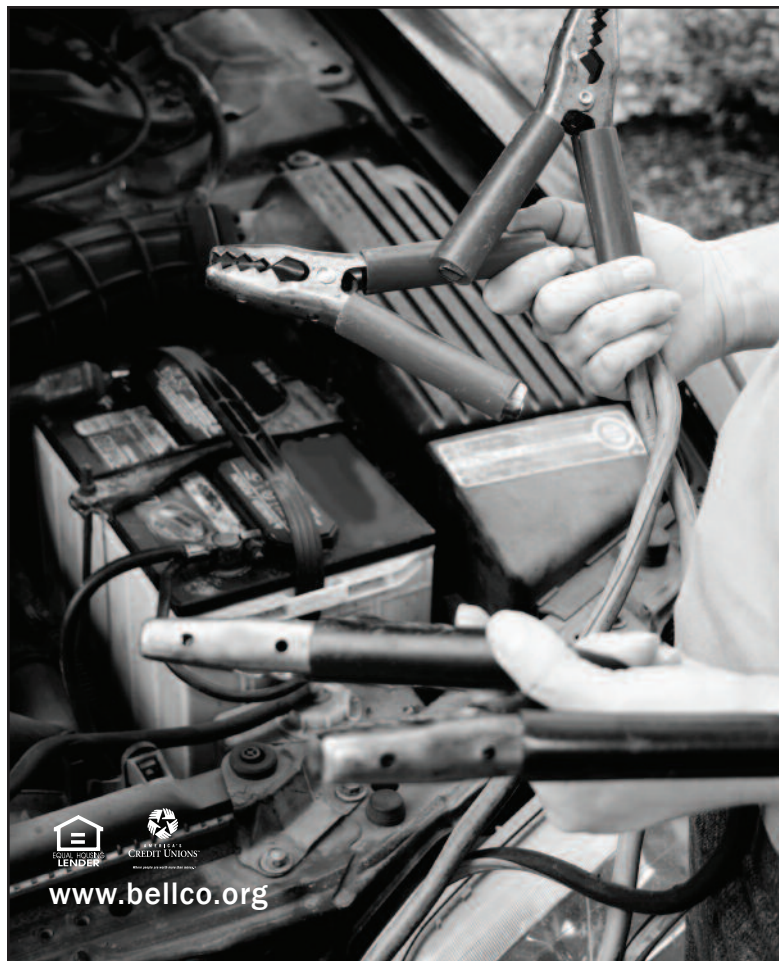
### **Working From Home: What Are They Selling?**

Home is where the heart is — and more often these days, it's where the business is, too. Home-based entrepreneurs aren't fooling around: According to studies cited by The Wall Street Journal, about 6.6 million home ventures generate 50 percent or more of their owner's household income, and about 35 percent generate over \$125,000 in yearly revenue.

What kind of businesses are people running out of their homes? Fifty-two percent are service-related; 16 percent involve construction, and 14 percent are retail. Insurance and other finance-related businesses account for about 5 percent, and 13 percent fall into the category of "other."

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