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COHOPE NOTES

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

April 7, 2010 Meeting Reports

Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jeffco Sheriff, presented the crime statistics. Commercial burglaries have occurred along the Bowles corridor. There have been several golf course break-ins throughout the metro area. They have cut lines and stolen from maintenance sheds. Spring Break was last month. There was an increase in vehicle crimes. Most vehicles were unlocked.

The Presentation was given by **Jason Pearson**, Metro Area Graffiti Task Force, and **Patrice Thomas**, **Tom Dittmore**, **Mike Venturini**, and **John Winn**, Foothills Parks and Recreation District candidates.

Jason Pearson is the Director of the Metro Area Graffiti Task Force. This is an all volunteer group. Their goal is the intervention and prevention of graffiti. They started with 4 people. Now they have 150 people. They have expanded to 5 states and are talking to Cozumel, Mexico. **Greg LaCerte** was one of the original members. Membership costs \$35/year. Anyone can join. They also accept tax deductible donations. Their website is www.magtfdenver.org. Their phone number is 303-335-0946.

Graffiti is made up of tagging (you can't read it), throw ups (take more time to complete), pieces (usually in alleys), and productions (take up a whole wall). They identify the perpetrators by surveillance, web searches, and have just started using art geographic profiling. They are trying to solve the problem of communication with other agencies.

They use GRIP to get through all the data. GRIP is an acronym for Graffiti Reduction and Interception Program. It is a design database from an Australian company. It is GPS enabled, online 24/7, federally compliant and secure, international, and easy to use and navigate. They provide free access to citizens. The Sheriff's Department has to pay for it, but they get access to more information. It is cost effective. The website is www.grip-systems.org. You can upload pictures, descriptions, and addresses.

- Is doing graffiti a felony? It is if the damage is more than \$1,000. Also it is a federal offense when done on the outside of a train.

- What should I do if I see someone doing it? Be discreet! Call 911. Get a good description of the person so you can be a good witness.

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Another Completes Judy Susman's 30 Book Reading Challenge!

Judy Susman says congratulations to **Ariel Rael**. Ariel completed the required 30 books and received a free gift card for her effort. Judy believes that reading is vital, so she encourages kids to get involved in this program. To date, 118 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.



Taylor Minckley Receives Westridge Elementary PTA Scholarship

Congratulations to **Taylor Minckley**, a long time Westridge resident and a senior at Dakota Ridge High School, who was awarded the Westridge Elementary School PTA Scholarship for the upcoming 2010-2011 academic year. Each year, the PTA awards a \$500 scholarship to a Westridge graduate on the basis of academics, activities, and community service to both the school and the community at large. Taylor has been an Outdoor Lab leader for Westridge, and has volunteered for the school's "Connect the Dots" day, as well as other community events such as Dakota Ridge's annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. At Dakota, he has participated in a host of activities including Theatre, Concert Choir, NHS, and sports such as Wrestling, Soccer, Swimming and Diving. He will graduate from Dakota Ridge High School this month with a 4.0+ G.P.A. He will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder in the fall, and plans to double major in Biology/Biochemistry and the Dramatic Arts. Congratulations Taylor!

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• What are the consequences for a young person? It depends on the area. In Denver, the person is put in jail. In other areas the offense is based on factors such as decisions by the municipal court, whether or not restitution is made, etc.

The candidates for Foothills Parks and Recreation District (FPRD) wards that were able to attend were Tom Dittmore, Patrice Thomas, Mike Venturini, and John Winn. Judy Johnson was not able to attend, but emailed information to Justin. The election is on May 4. They each gave a brief summary.

Patrice Thomas is running for Ward 4. She has lived at Columbine West for 21 years. She thinks that FPRD is a community asset. It ties us together. They have good programs. She walks several trails. She has no agenda except to serve.

Tom Dittmore is running for Ward 4. He has lived here for 29 years. FPRD is a community. The wards will provide better representation for the community. He wants to represent Ward 4 and the whole district.

Mike Venturini is running for Ward 3. He has lived in the FRPD area for 13 years. He has 2 children. FPRD provides us a community. It is made up of world class facilities, parks, etc. at a great cost.

John Winn is running for Ward 3. He has lived in Morrison since 1978. He went to High School in Morrison. He was on the Belleview Acres HOA back in 1999 and supported creating the FPRD. He wants to focus on revenue, budget, and maintenance issues.

Judy Johnson is running for Ward 3. She is a Colorado native and has spent most of her life in the FPRD area. She thinks that FPRD has several fantastic facilities, parks, and golf courses. They have done an excellent job of balancing the budget, maintaining the assets, and keeping spending in compliance with revenue. She would like to see more youth and adult hockey programs. She thinks that the golf courses will need updating in the near future. She wants FPRD to work with HOAs and neighborhoods to increase awareness of issues. She wants to achieve this by working marketing and her own contact list. The most important issue is getting through the current recession. She has worked on many boards and non-profit organizations. She will work diligently to serve the Foothills community in a fiscally conservative way.

Ballots should be mailed around April 14. If you do not get one, call FPRD to request a ballot.

If 5 of the 6 ward members vote for something and you are against it, are you likely to stand on your own or go along with the group? John and Mike would stand on his own. Tom would stand on his own but also wants to be supportive of the group. Patrice wants to be informed.

Do you support a new mil levy? Mike would explore every other avenue first and consider a mil levy as a last ditch effort. He is not a fan of mil levies and thinks that they should have an end date. Tom said "the same". He wants to figure out ways to retire debt and increase revenue. He is not in favor of cutting any more services and thinks that increasing services should increase revenue. It seemed like no one supported the last mil levy attempt. Patrice said "the same". She thinks that the voters have spoken. She wants to look at assets and resources. She wants to increase communication. She wants to understand needed capital repairs and maintenance. John said that the mil levy made sense at the time based on Janet's explanation. It depends on the situation.

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Someone stated that he had attended meetings and the previous board seemed to find something for everyone. The staff seemed to dream up new programs that the boards generally rubber stamped. Rates went up even though his social security did not. What are the areas where you want to focus and where you want to see improvements. Patrice wants to look into subsidizes. They can't make major changes on what is charged participants immediately, but it can change. Mike wants to break the budget out by division or program. He wants to run FPRD like a business. He thinks that each area needs to make money or break even. Tom agreed. He wants to look are each area. A program should be available until it is no longer wanted. John is a business person. He wants to analyze everything. If a program is not making money, why is it in place?

Four of the current board members want to put the mil levy back on the ballot. The 6th Ave area is large and wants to secede. Why is FPRD spending money to fight this? John said that laws need to be followed and so far they are not doing this. Mike said that it seems to be a small but vocal group which may not represent the whole area. There has not yet been a vote by the residents. He wants to look at the economics. They have not specified how FPRD will be compensated for the facilities and parks that would leave the district. Tom agreed. Patrice said that it is not a unanimous voice. It is coming mostly from Mesa View Estates. And it is not seceding, but exclusion. The board has been trying to negotiate. The lawsuit was brought by Mesa View Estates.

FPRD did not buy the parks; they were donated by the developer. There is still an imbalance on money spent versus less benefit.

Some complained about the distance to the facilities. The average participant is 12 to 14 miles from a facility. Tom said that after there is an exclusion, there will be a waterfall. John said that everything is relative with mileage.

Do you golf? Patrice said no, she swims and hikes. Tom said yes, but not well. Mike said yes. John said yes.

Do you have any last words? John said that he volunteers to help. He wants to give back. All the Ward 3 candidates (John, Mike and Judy) are good. Mike said he enjoys the facilities. He wants to be involved and a steward of the monies. He will take a business approach and agreed that all were good candidates. Tom agreed that all were good candidates. He enjoyed the opportunity to run and wants to represent the people in the community. He wants to do what needs to be done. Patrice agreed. FPRD is important to the community's life styles. She will be a listener first. She wants FPRD to be the best.

Mr. Biggs' liquor license was revoked at the hearing. 2 new people are applying for a new license so there will be a new hearing. One of the people is associated with Mr. Cormier. The other is from Oregon. They will own the property 50/50.

The Board of Adjustments upheld the zoning violation on the medical marijuana business near Coal Mine and Wadsworth. It looks like they will appeal. They are not closing yet.

There was a hearing on the assisted living residence at Bright and Bowles. They are proposing a 1 story nursing home and specialize in head and spinal injuries.

Kathy Hartman hopes that laws are passed in the marijuana issue. The state can't force businesses to close until there is a lawsuit.

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Bill George & Flywheel - Eclectic Classic Rock
- ★ THURSDAY, JUNE 24 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
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JULY

- ★ THURSDAY, JULY 1 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Dakota Blonde
- ★ SATURDAY, JULY 17 (6:00-9:00 p.m.)
Denver Municipal Band Wind Festival "Cannon Concert"
- ★ FRIDAY, JULY 23 (9:30-10:15 a.m.)
Mr. Shine - Concerts for Kids & Families
- ★ THURSDAY, JULY 29 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Parideux - Rock Duo / Cover Band

AUGUST

- ★ THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Foothills Staff - Open Mic Night
- ★ THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 (7:00-8:30pm)
Papa Juke - Juke Music / Blues
- ★ FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 (9:00 a.m. Start)
Foothills Talent Showcase - Performed by
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RTD is starting an Adopt-A-Stop program. It is a 1 year commitment to pick up litter and to recycle or disposed of it. RTD will provide a sign to show proper recognition.

A flyer on Rooney Road Recycling was handed out.

HB 10-1278 is to create a State Omnibudsman Office where citizens can appeal HOA decisions. It passed the House and is going to the Senate. Tom Martino has been on a tirade about HOAs.

NEW BUSINESS

Summerset will be September 18th and 19th. If we want to participate, we need to pay \$50 by August.

Do we want to invite candidates to our Picnic? Yes.

The elections were held for President and Secretary. Justin and Cheri were reelected unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Adopt A Highway event will be Saturday, April 24th. We will meet at the West Bowles Community Church at 8:30 a.m.

Kathy Hartman discussed the County Community Survey of Residents in unincorporated Jefferson County. 95% of the respondents liked the quality of life. This is up from 90% in 2004. Open Space was the item that was liked best. Safety also rated high. There was an open-ended question asking about our concerns. Some of them were budget, maintaining services, and growth. When asked if they would support a mil levy increase, the answer was no. Overall we have improved in most areas since the last survey in 2004. When asked to compare our community with others with 300K+ residents, they said we were better except with public transportation. One question asked if cuts have to be made, what 2 items should be kept. The answer was law and road services (snow and maintenance). What 2 items should be cut? The answer was roads, buildings and libraries. Kathy can give a presentation on this if we want.

The following roads are being worked on this summer: Chatfield, Quincy, Wadsworth and Bowles, and Kipling between Simms and Coal Mine. Please be safe.

At the next meeting, the presentation will be by **Jim Kerr and Mike Kopp**.

The next COHOPE Meeting will be:

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Station - 8100 South Shaffer Pkwy - #100

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Please join us. COHOPE meetings are most worthwhile and informative.

Foothills Park & Recreation District's Pools Open May 29

Come splish, splash and celebrate summer at Foothills Park & Recreation District's pool opening days. Pools opening on Saturday, May 29 are Weaver Hollow Pool (12750 W. Stanford Ave.), Deer Creek Pool (8637 S. Garrison St.), and summer hours begin for the Ridge Recreation Center Pools (6613 S. Ward St.). Opening the following week on Saturday, June 5 will be 6th Avenue West Pool (400 Holman Way), Columbine West Pool (7046 S. Webster St.) and summer hours begin for Lilley Gulch Recreation Center's Pool (6147 S. Holland Way).

Foothills offers a wide range of open swim hours as well as classes for all ages and abilities. A great way to save money during the summer months is to purchase a Summer Fun Pass - pass sales begin May 1 at all Foothills facilities. For more information on classes and passes, visit **www.ifoohills.org** or call **303-409-2100**.

Getting to Know Your Neighborhood Babysitters!

Hi! My name is **Palmer Peterson**. I am almost 14 years old. I go to Summit Ridge Middle School. I have lived in Westridge for my whole life.

You would want to hire me as a babysitter because: I love kids and am already thinking about becoming a teacher. I have been through a Red Cross babysitting class. I'm very responsible and have already been babysitting my little sister for many years. I'm very reliable.

My favorite age in children is: any age, but I love babies and I really like 1-4 year olds. I like this age because: I love watching kids learn – when they're starting to understand things and talk. I love making babies smile. They are so cute!

Am I interested in pet sitting? Yes. Any animal? Yes, but I'm allergic to guinea pigs. I would enjoy this because: I love animals and have two cats and three fish that I help take care of at home.

I have been involved or am involved in the following clubs: WEB (a program through Summit that teaches 8th graders to help 7th graders acclimate to middle school, Honor Choir, Women's Choir, girl's gymnastics team for Foothills.

In my spare time, I like to: hang out with friends, gymnastics, listen to music.

This is a really interesting fact about me: Several years ago I donated 11 inches of my hair to Locks of Love. I'm growing it out to donate again. I've made honor roll every trimester of middle school so far... one more trimester to go!

Hi! My name is **Justine C.** I am 15 years old. I have lived in Westridge for 12 years. My favorite age in children is: two year olds. Am I interested in pet sitting? Yes. Any animal? Yes. I have been involved or am involved in the following clubs: Church Youth Group and Student Government. In my spare time, I like to: play volleyball, tennis and basketball. This is a really interesting fact about me: I like the color bright blue.

Hi! My name is **Tessa Fecht**. I am 15 years old. I go to Dakota Ridge High School. I have lived in Westridge for 15 years.

You would want to hire me as a babysitter because: I am responsible, friendly, and have fun with kids. I have gone through the Red Cross babysitting class and have been trained in CPR. I have been babysitting for almost 4 years.

My favorite age in children is: all ages. I like this age because: I like all children.

Am I interested in pet sitting? Yes. Any animal? Yes. I would enjoy this because: I love animals and enjoy taking care of them.

I have been involved or am involved in the following clubs: I am an active member of The Rock's Senior High youth group, I play multiple sports, and I volunteer my time at The Rock caring for children.

In my spare time, I like to: play volleyball, ride motorcycles, and hang out with my friends.

This is a really interesting fact about me: I have been on two mission trips (Mississippi, where we built a house for a Katrina victim and California, where we worked with kids and the homeless).

Hi! My name is **Aaron C.** I am 12 years old. I have lived in Westridge for 12 years.

My favorite age in children is: any age.

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I have been involved or am involved in the following clubs: Boy Scouts. In my spare time, I like to: play cello, soccer, and basketball.

Hi! My name is **Corinne Dubovsky**. I am 15 years old. I go to D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School. I have lived in Westridge for 10 years.

You would want to hire me as a babysitter because: I've been taking care of and working with children almost my entire life, starting at age 5. I've been a certified baby sitter since I was 11 years old and I've taken many first aid classes. I love taking care of children and being able to spend time with them.

My favorite age in children is: any age, but I prefer between ages 1 and 5. I like this age because: I've always been able to work a little better with children this age, though I'm not entirely sure why – I just enjoy working with them a little more.

Am I interested in pet sitting? Yes. Any animal? Yes. I would enjoy this because: I'm a huge fan of animals and have taken care of many in the past, including my many animals at home.

I have been involved or am involved in the following clubs: Stage Crew, Westernaires, Honors Society. In my spare time, I like to: ride horses, ice skate, draw and read.

Hi! My name is **Camille C.** I am 16 years old. I have lived in Westridge for 12 years.

My favorite age in children is: any age.

Am I interested in pet sitting? Yes. Any animal? Yes.

I have been involved or am involved in the following clubs: Church Youth Group. In my spare time, I like to: play violin, basketball and volleyball.

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Teen Services

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Westridge Financial Report

Ending balance 12/15/09	\$2,550.47
Income	
Member fees	\$360.00
Expenses	
Colorado Lasertype annual fee	\$600.00
Colorado State annual report	\$50.00
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Ending Balance 4/15/10	\$2,134.88

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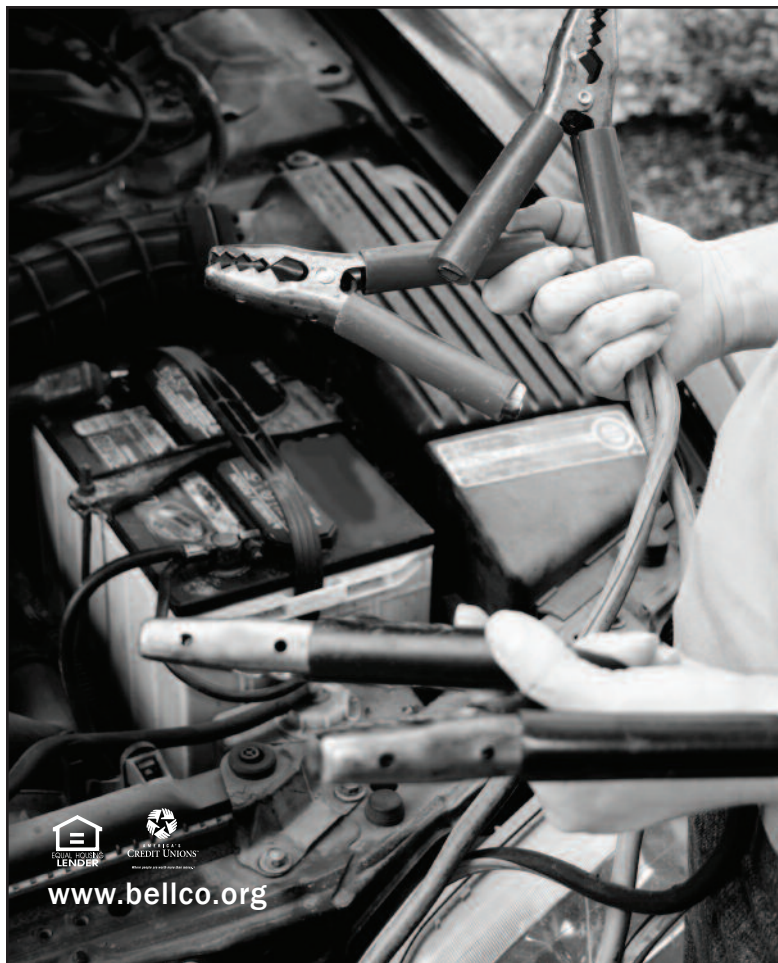
- **Know why you're quitting.** Some people write their own personal mission statements, citing health benefits, their family, and other compelling reasons to quit. Whether this is your style or not, be clear in your mind about why ending your cigarette habit is important to you.

- **Get support.** Many people can't quit smoking alone. Whether you join a support group or just seek counseling from your family and physician, enlist people to help you keep your commitment strong.

- **Exercise.** You'll relieve stress and help your body recover from years of tobacco use. Start out slowly, and check with your doctor.

- **Drink lots of water.** Water can help flush nicotine and other chemicals from your system and can satisfy your craving for something to put in your mouth.

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