

## WESTRIDGE NEWS & VIEWS

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### **How to Avoid Coyote Conflicts**

Coyotes are active in Jefferson County and throughout the Denver metro area. The following is adapted from Colorado Division of Wildlife literature.

#### **Coyotes in the Front Range?**

Coyotes are extremely adaptable and can thrive in urban areas. From downtown Denver to the smallest suburb, coyotes are not new to residential communities. They can and will be found in any neighborhood that provides their basic needs: food, water, shelter and space.

#### Why are they here?

Residential areas provide habitat for coyotes. Plentiful food sources exist, such as mice, rabbits and voles. These small animals feed on birdseed, berries and garbage, which are commonly found and easily accessible. Shelter and water can be found in landscaped parks and yards. Space is plentiful throughout parks, trails and natural areas. As coyotes have adapted to the presence of humans, they have lost their natural fear of us.

#### How can you protect your pet?

Coyotes may view domestic pets as a food source and large dogs as a threat or possible mate. Coyotes have taken pets from backyards, open spaces and even right off the leash. Keep your pet current on vaccinations. Reduce the risk to your pet by following these guidelines:

**Cat Owners:** The only way to guarantee your cat's safety is to keep it indoors. Outdoor cats also face potential death from cars, diseases, foxes, parasites, raccoons, dogs and birds of prey such as owls.

**Dog Owners:** Always supervise your pet outside, especially at dawn and dusk.

Keep your dog on a short leash while recreating – avoid retractable leashes. Do not allow your dog off leash. Do not allow your dog to play or interact with a coyote. If possible, pick up your dog when coyotes are visible. Avoid known or potential den sites and thick vegetation. Like domestic dogs, coyotes will defend their territory and their young. If you must leave your dog outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

#### When are coyotes a risk to you?

Although naturally curious, coyotes are usually timid animals and normally run away if confronted. Coyote attacks on humans are rare. In many cases, these attacks occur as a result of people feeding coyotes. Coyotes have adequate food supplies and are capable of surviving in the city without our help. A coyote that associates humans with food may become demanding and aggressive.

A coyote that bites a person must be destroyed. By feeding coyotes, you put yourself, the neighborhood and coyotes at

risk. It is unlawful to feed or intentionally attract coyotes in Jefferson County. Report people feeding coyotes to the **Colorado Divison of Wildlife** at **303-291-7227**.

#### Discourage a covote's approach

- Be as big and loud as possible
- Wave your arms, clap and throw objects at the coyote
- Shout in a loud and authoritative voice
- Do not run or turn your back on the coyote
- Face the coyote and back away slowly
- · Teach your children

Never approach wild animals or dogs you don't know! If a coyote approaches you, wave your arms, stomp your feet and tell it loudly to go away!

#### If you have an incident with a coyote

If a coyote attacks your pet, or if you have an unexpected encounter with a coyote in which the animal appears aggressive, please report the incident to **Animal Control** at **303-271-5070** or **303-277-0211** 

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

# Westridge Annual Garage Sale Saturday, June 13th • 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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# Jefferson County Public Schools Facilities Usage Committee

**Doyle James,** an active member of the Westridge community has been appointed to serve on the Jefferson County Public Schools Facilities Usage Committee.

Members of this committee will help the district determine the most efficient and effective use of schools and facilities. The Committee will meet approximately nine times between March and December, with the first meeting to be held on March 16th.

Doyle has agreed to keep us up to date as this important study progresses. If you have questions, Doyle can be reached at **303-973-9458**.

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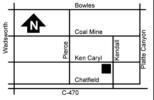
April 25: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (1/2-price white tickets) \$1 admission to benefit St. Philip Lutheran Church's Interfaith Hospitality

Network and Habitat for Humanity Matching funds available from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans



St. Philip Early Learning Center 7531 S. Kendall Blvd. Littleton, CO 80128 303-972-9774

For information, call Tina at 303-980-5502 or visit www.stphilip-co.org



### WESTRIDGE ANNUAL **GARAGE SALE**

#### SATURDAY, June 13TH, 8AM-3PM

Reasons to participate:

- You can park your car in the garage again
- You can open your closet doors and not worry about an avalanche of stuff getting you
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I will provide an ad in the Columbine Courier, Internet ads and Directional Signs into our Neighborhood from Bowles, Kipling and Simms



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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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-Rainer Maria Rilke

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This is your notice for the Westridge Home Owners Association dues for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2008. Your dues of just \$25 annually helps support community activities, the newsletter and efforts to keep Westridge a first class neighborhood! Please send your dues in today. Thank you.

Name	 	 	
Address	 	 	

Make check payable to: WHOA and mail to: WHOA, P.O. Box 621172, Littleton CO 80162-1172

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

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

Classified ads are \$2.80/line. Call Colorado Lasertype at 303-979-7499 to place an ad. The dead-line for placing a classified or display ad is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue (i.e., 15th of Sept. for Oct. issue), except the January issue, which has a deadline of December 6th.

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#### Teen Services Updates in May

We update the teen services list each year. If you would like to remain on the list, you must call Colorado Lasertype at 303-979-7499 by April 15th or your name will be deleted. Please leave the following information: your name (including spelling); age; what category you want: (B) Babysitting, (\*) Red Cross certified for CPR; (L) Lawn Care; (S) Snow Removal; (P) Pet/House Sitting; and neighborhood you live in (this is very important - we do 22 newsletters). If you have renewed your information as of January 1st of this year, you do not need to call in an update. Thank you.

"Whenever you see a fork in the road, take it."

—Yogi Berra

#### Westridge Financial Report

Last Reported Balance 2/15/09 ......\$1,881.82
Income
Members Contributions ......\$1,640.00

Expenses
Attorney Fees ......\$30.00
Ending Balance 2/15/09 ......\$3,491.82

#### **Coyote Conflicts,** continued from front page

after normal business hours.

#### If a coyote attacks a human

In the case of a coyote attack on a human, call 911. The Sheriff's Office will respond and will also notify the Division of Wildlife so that DOW can track or destroy the animal.

— Sheriff Ted Mink



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#### National Autism Awareness Month

The Autism Society of America and local chapters educate the public about autism and related issues within the autism community. Among the activities: Bounce for Autism. "Bouncers will participate in the 'Bounce House' and have tons of fun throughout Pump It Up's Party Zone while raising funds and awareness for autism." See **autism-society.org** for details.



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