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Our Children are Back in School

The school year began at Westridge Elementary School on August 23, 2010, and our children are now crossing our streets on their way to school at about the same time many of us are on our way to work. Please remember that our speed limit is 25 mph and to watch for the children as you make your way.

New Student Registration

If you have neighbors who have recently moved into your neighborhood and have elementary-aged children, please ask them if they have registered their children for school. If they have not, please ask them to drop by Westridge and register as soon as possible. It is a real benefit to all children when students are registered in time for us to plan for them. When we get a number of later registrants, it often requires that we hire an additional teacher and split up the classes with which we began school. Thanks for your help!

— Westridge Elementary School

Covenant Enforcement

Recently, the association, when taking enforcement action, has been told by the homeowners who were in violation that while they were aware of the covenants, they felt/understood that the covenants were not being enforced.

In an effort to dispel this misunderstanding, your association will be publishing covenant violation actions in our monthly newsletter, including historic, year to date and monthly reports.

It is our sincere hope that this information will increase voluntary compliance and will result in the enhancement of our quality of life and the retention of property values in our community. If you need a copy of the Covenants, please contact the HOA.

	HOA notices	Attorney notices	Court Filings
Five years	498	65	15
Year to date	112	22	15
July 2010	13	0	3

JULY VIOLATIONS BY TYPE:

- Boats in side yard (2)
- Trailers on driveway/side yard (7)
- Camper in driveway/side yard (5)
- Inoperative vehicles in driveway (2)
- Trash/junk in driveway/side yard (4)

Edited COHOPE Minutes July 7, 2010

Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jeffco Sheriff, presented the crime statistics. June had events typical of this month. There were incidents of trespass, graffiti, and theft. So far this year there have been 51 incidents of trespass. A person was caught breaking into a car at Woodbourne.

Kathy Hartman, Jeffco Commissioner, updated us on recent events. There will be a new Sheriff's substation on Bradford. It is slightly south of the current location. The county is buying the building. The building is currently empty. It will replace buildings that we are currently leasing. They expect to move in about a year from now. They have to build a parking structure first.

Jeanie Rossillon will replace **Tim Carl** as the Director of Development and Transportation.

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries have been banned in the unincorporated portions of Jefferson County.

PRESENTATION

The Jefferson County District Attorney, **Scott Storey**, coordinated the presentation. The topics were Seniors issues and the Seniors' Resource Center, Elder Abuse Unit, Triad, and the Safety Fair.

Heather Logan spoke about the Seniors' Resource Center. Their goal is for seniors to live in their home as long as possible. The Center is in Wheat Ridge. They provide in-home care services, giving care givers a break for a day; adult day and respite services, providing physical well-being and social opportunities; transportation services to the doctor, hair dresser, Resource Center, etc.; volunteer services for people of all ages; job training services in interviewing, Excel, etc.; and coordinate care where care managers help fill out Medicare forms, elder abuse, etc.

They are looking to expand both south and west. They would like to have an adult day center near Southwest Plaza.

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Dues Paid: July 2010 Won't You Join Us?

- Florez, Gilda A.
- Ham, Robert E. & Patricia G.
- Mannes, Steven & Nelma R.
- Minckley, Steven D. & Carla B.
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Who pays for your services? It is paid for predominantly by grants. *At what age do you classify someone as a senior?* For most of our programs, it is 60+. However for job training services, it is 55+. *If you have a neighbor that you are concerned about, can we call?* Yes, you can request a wellness check.

Sean Clifford runs the Elder Abuse Unit with the District Attorney's office. Jefferson County had about 12 people involved in 1990. They project 27 people involved by 2020. They have 30 active cases at this time. They would like us to get the word out about this unit.

One in 5 incidents of financial exploitation is upon an elder. As the Chief Prosecutor, he works with senior advocates. The Unit is patterned after the San Diego Unit. Some other exploitations are power of attorney abuse, contractor fraud, and sexual abuse. They are working on an At Risk Statutes for adults 60+ similar to statutes for child abuse. When a case is prosecuted, the penalties are increased when it is upon an at risk adult.

Where can we get more information? They are working on it with Public Information. Call the police and ask for adult protective services. *Do you need the victim's cooperation?* They are modeling this like Child Abuse and Domestic Abuse started 20 years ago. *How do you deal with the quality of the victims?* There is a stereotype that elders are forgetful or senile. They are breaking through the stereotypes. *Will you increase resources as the population gets older?* We will increase resources as needed. They will have Victim Advocates that specialize in elders starting in February.

Cary Johnson is the Director of Power Against Fraud and Crime Prevention Programs. Their goal is that seniors do not become victims in the first place. The Fraud Hotline is **303-271-6980**. It is staffed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. except for holidays. So you will reach an actual person. They've been at this for one and a half years. There was a really nice hand out.

The 7 predominant areas of fraud are Identity Theft, Telemarketing Fraud, Mail and Internet Fraud, Contractor Fraud, Mortgage and Quit Claim Deed scams, Financial Planning and Investment Fraud, and Caregiver Fraud.

The Triad is made up of law enforcement, senior resources, and seniors. They meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:30 at the District Attorney's Office. Several areas send representatives. They share information. One of the projects is providing seniors with 911-only cell phones. They have given out 375 phones so far. At their next meeting on July 27th, the subject is carbon monoxide.

The Safety Fair will be held on Aug. 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. They will have free, on-site small electronics recycling (there may be a small fee for some items), document shredding, and medication disposal. They will have water and boating safety demonstrations, a computer lab, etc. You can sign up for the No Call list and No Junk Mail list. There will be presentations every 30 minutes.

Senior Law Day is August 14th in Boulder.

Where is most internet fraud coming from? It is coming from other countries. *Who would you contact when you get those Luncheon mails for financial seminars where they promise 13% return?* It is against the law to guaranty a return. Call the Sheriff's department or Cary Johnson.

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The 5 keys to phishing are the call is uninitiated (they call you), they don't want you to tell anyone, there is an urgency, it is too good to be true, and they want you to wire them the money.

How can we get more information? It is not online at this time. Call the hotline at **303-271-6980**. They have a DVD coming out soon. Cary will be putting some of them in the Library.

Scott Storey spoke last. He handed out a letter on medical marijuana that he sent to the First Judicial District of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. Amendment 20 was supposed to support the personal care giver. There are 2 models: Care Giver and Dispensary. The Care Giver model is for 2 oz. of marijuana or 6 plants. There are about 600 card holders. The Dispensary model is what we have now. There is a new law that allows counties and municipalities to opt out.

What is the difference between overdosing on prescription drugs versus marijuana? It is the same; they are both bad. *Why doesn't the federal government step in on the marijuana issue?* Scott does not know. It is a state issue. *If there is no dispensary, can they still grow it?* They can if they are a card holder. *How do you test whether someone is under the influence of marijuana?* There is a urine test, but it is very expensive. There is no standard on what is too much. *What will happen to the Wadsworth dispensary?* They have a lawsuit started.

What is new with Fun City? A judge gave them their liquor license back. Now the owners are trying to get around doing the paperwork.

What is your opinion on the Arizona Immigration Law? It is constitutional. It is a good law, but it is getting a lot of bad press.

An elder someone knows is getting phone calls where a relative owes them money and they want this person to pay their debt. The calls are very early in the morning. Qwest can filter the calls. Capture the message and call their county district attorney. *Have you considered putting this information on the community cable station?* They are doing that.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Justin Everett, President, asked Jeffco Planning and Zoning to do a presentation on July 7th on the Master Plan. They declined because they are only in the preliminary stages at this point. They would like to know what we are for and against, such as we are

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against large churches in the middle of neighborhoods, RV parking; we are for beautiful environments and things that will improve property values. They have 2 open houses; July 15th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ken Caryl Ranch House and July 28th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbine Library.

Our Candidate Picnic will be August 4th at Clement Park at shelter 6. The presentation on September 1st will be by Hindman

and Sanchez. They also have free one and a half to two hour seminars. The October presentation will be on ballot initiatives. November is our Annual Meeting. December is the Christmas / Holiday Party.

OLD BUSINESS

The Medical Marijuana bill passed.

HB 10-1278, to create a State Ombudsman Office where citizens can appeal HOA decisions, passed. The State legislature took the “ombudsman” function out of the bill before it was passed. Now that office will collect complaints about HOAs but won’t have any legal authority to get involved in resolving those complaints. The office will also distribute information to homeowners informing them of their rights and options to resolve disputes with their HOAs. Under the new law all HOAs will be required to register with the State. The data about complaints that the office collects may lead some State legislators to propose additional bills to address certain types of problems people complain about.

NEW BUSINESS

Graffiti is an on-going issue.

Foothills Parks and Recreation District poisoned about 540 prairie dog burrows within about 15 acres of Clement Park. They did not follow their written policy. They told Diane Suchomel that they are willing to listen to alternative methods of prairie dog management/control. Diane is doing research for the July 13th meeting.

Please convince your homeowners to close their garage doors.

Littleton Water and Sewer bills were mailed recently. There are issues. The explanations are the opposite on what is on their web site. They raised their rates last October 2009. They may again this year.



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