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It Is Not Too Late For New Students To Register For The 2011-2012 School Year

If you have neighbors with young children or families who have recently moved into your neighborhood, please ask them if they have registered their children for school. If they have not, please ask them to drop by the main office at Westridge Elementary and register as soon as possible. We are in the process of determining teacher placements for next year and need an accurate count of students who will be in attendance. Thanks for your help! For registration, parents/guardians will need to bring the following items:

- proof of your current address
- the student's birth certificate
- the student's record of immunizations.

— Nancy Hennessey, School Secretary, Westridge Elementary

PLEASE Help Us Keep Our Neighborhood Looking Great!

You can do a lot for little or no money:

- It's Spring – time to take down all Christmas lights and decorations outside!
- Remove all of those old leaves as they keep blowing in to your neighbors' yards
- Clean up your yards, including cleaning out flower beds and rock gardens. Put some fresh edging in.
- Trim shrubs and trees, especially those that infringe on public sidewalks
- Remove junk, old wood piles and old cars on driveways
- Consider a little house paint which really improves curb appeal
- Wash windows and let the sun shine in!
- Help us to all be proud of where we live and maintain property values.

— Kathie Barrett



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Westridge Homeowners Association and Election of Officers will be held on May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Westridge Elementary School Cafeteria.

Doggie Doo, Rocks & Sticks

For the past two years or so, one of our more industrious neighbors has religiously placed rocks, sticks, plastic bags and other debris on each pile of dog poop left in our park by a thoughtless pet owner. Several of us have discussed this curious ritual from time to time: Is it a monument? – Perhaps a “don’t tread on me warning”? – Or an invitation for someone else to pick it up? Well, we just don’t know, but we do know that we would all appreciate it if each pet owner would be more responsible and would clean up after their pet, and that this mysterious individual would stop decorating it. I am certain that the Foothills Parks employee who has to mow over these rocks, sticks and plastic bags would appreciate it as well. That is my thought for the day...

— Editor

How to Handle a Barking Dog Complaint

Recently residents have inquired about how to lodge a complaint about dogs barking in the neighborhood. While the Homeowner's Association does not have the authority to respond to this type of complaint, The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Animal Control Division does. Here is some information taken from their website, with information on how to contact them.

Owner Responsibility: Jefferson County's Animal Control and Licensing regulation prohibits a dog from disturbing the peace of any person by loud, habitual and persistent barking, howling, yelping or whining, whether the dog is on or off the dog owner's premises. Violation of this provision could result in a penalty assessment ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 and/or a court appearance. If you have received a complaint about your dog barking, it is important to correct the problem so that your neighbors do not take legal action, or take their frustration out on your dog.

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Websites**Westridge Homeowners Association:**www.neighborhoodlink.com/Westridge/home

(includes: calendar of events & homeowner covenants)

COHOPE: www.cohopejeffco.com**Advertising**: www.ColoradoLasertype.com

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Westridge Financial Report

Beginning Balance 3/15/11	\$3,672.57
Income	
Membership dues	\$400.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance 3/15/11	\$4,072.57

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Barking Dogs, *continued from front page*

Why Dogs Bark

Loneliness: Many dogs bark because they are lonely and want company. By barking, the dog often gets your attention, and whether you punish him or not, he has attained his goal. Therefore, he may continue to bark just so he can see you. This is a bad situation for you and the dog. **Restrictions on Freedom:** A dog who is chained continuously in a small area will tend to become aggressive. He will soon bark at the slightest sound or movement, such as leaves, moving cars, or the wind. **Protecting their Territory:** This is very natural for any type of dog, but consistent and habitual barking is a sign of an unruly dog. It is important to teach your dog to bark enough to alert you, and then respond to you and sit quietly. This way the dog feels he is protecting his property while the owner is still in control of his behavior. **Boredom:** Some dogs will bark just because they are bored. To occupy your pet while you are away, supply him with chew toys, beef bones, a ball or a stuffed toy.

Mechanical and Surgical Options

Anti-bark collars, either electronic or sonic, are available through local pet stores and pet product distributors. Veterinarians can "debark" a dog surgically by cutting the vocal cords. Talk with your veterinarian about what method may be the most appropriate for your pet. Both methods are more effective when accompanied by consistent training. If you are too busy to spend time with your dog every day, then you are probably too busy to own a dog. Please evaluate your situation and do what is best for your dog.

Books on Obedience

No Bad Dogs, by Barbara Woodhouse
Good Dog/Bad Dog, by Siegel & Margolis
Dog Problems, by Carol Benjamin
Dog Training Made Easy, by Michael Tucker
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Solutions to the Problem

Following are some suggestions that may help you solve a barking dog problem. These suggestions may not work on hyper-

active or vocal dogs. You may need to seek professional training for your pet. There are numerous local obedience classes from which you can choose.

Bring your dog in the house when you leave. Many dogs will bark continually once you are gone. If you do not want your dog to have the run of the house, you may wish to contain the dog in a certain area, such as a basement or laundry room. Put your dog in the garage. Many people choose to do this if they have a large dog. Be certain to provide old blankets, rugs, or carpet for your pet to lay on. A cold and hard cement floor is far from comfortable.

No matter where you decide to keep your pet, be certain clean water and shelter are available at all times. Many dogs will bark and whine if they are thirsty or cold.

When your dog starts to bark, it is your responsibility to find out what is causing the disturbance and resolve the problem. The dog should not be allowed to bark at any activity unless it takes place on the dog owner's property. Do not ignore the barking no matter what time it may be. Remember, the best thing you can do to correct the problem is to work on training. Spend time with your dog and include him in your daily activities. You are his only source for exercise and love.

Important Numbers to Have on Hand

Jeffco Sheriff (non-emergency) 303-271-0211
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*This number is for parking and driving violations that need to be brought to the attention of the sheriff's department. The streets are county property and part of their jurisdiction.
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Jefferson County Website www.co.jefferson.co.us.

Draft Minutes for Mar. 2 COHOPE Meeting

Special Reports – Gordon Neuenfeldt, Jeffco Sheriff Department, said that in January there were cash register break-ins along Bowles and car wash vacuum machine break-ins. The vehicle break-ins spree stopped on January 7. In February, an arrest was made concerning storage unit break-ins. The suspects have been linked to over 100 break-ins in the metro area. They have been breaking into 5 – 10 places a week for over 2 years. They also arrested someone walking around at 1:00 a.m. The suspect has been linked to multiple cars break-ins. There have been 9 assaults in Friendly Hills. There was an issue at Topsy's for Show Cause. The issue was over-serving. Someone had a trailer parked against covenants. The sheriff told them they could leave it where it was after being told it was used in the business. A recreation trailer can't be parked, but a commercial trailer can be.

Paula Noonan from Jeffco Public Schools was tonight's speaker. Paula's email address is penoonan@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Tim Neville from Tax Payers for Responsible School Budget asked to speak for a few minutes. They are a group of

citizens who look at budget from a tax payer's point of view. Their focus is on the fiscal budget of \$1.2B. They are putting information on their facebook page.

Roll call was taken. We had 17 members present and a quorum.

Old Business – Justin wrote and sent the letter on HB10-1278. There was an article in the Chatfield Courier on Chatfield Reservoir. Waterton Canyon is closed for dredging. Take the Hindman Sanchez classes. Check out their website. Sign up for their emails. An offer was made to Tina on the gun safety course at Foothills Park and Recreation District. She declined it.

New Business – John Odom is the newly appointed County Commissioner for District 2. He is concerned with transparency and fiscal issues. Justin met him last weekend and invited him to visit the COHOPE meeting. Kathy Hartman resigned from the Library Board due to a conflict of interest with her new job.

Announcements – The boundaries for Senate and House of Representatives are being redrawn. Jeffco stands to lose a Senator and a Representative. Justin Everett is a candidate for House District 28. He wants to replace Jim Kerr who is term limited.

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- **FRI, JUN 10 (9:30 – 10:15 a.m.)** John Coelho – Hawaiian Way Entertainment
- **THU, JUN 16 (7-8:30 p.m.)** Pairadeux – Rock Duo/Cover Band
- **THU, JUN 23 (7-8:30 p.m.)** Moses Jones Band – R&B/Motown/High Energy

JULY

- **FRI, JUL 1 (5 – 10 p.m.)** Red, White & YOU! Patriotic Celebration Chase N the Dream Band
- **THU, JUL 14 (7-8:30 p.m.)** The Champions – 80's Cover Band
- **SAT, JUL 16 (6 – 9 p.m.)** Denver Municipal Band Wind Festival – "Cannon Concert"
- **THU, JUL 21 (7-8:30 p.m.)** Kort McCumber & The High Road – Americana/Roots Rock/Blues
- **SAT, JUL 23 (6 – 8 p.m.)** Littleton Drum Studio's Local Talent Showcase
- **FRI, JUL 29 (9:30 – 10:15 a.m.)** Istari – World Percussion

AUGUST

- **THU, AUG 4 (7 – 8:30 p.m.)** Foothills Staff – Open Mic Night
- **THU, AUG 11 (7 – 8:30 p.m.)** Boulder Acoustic Society – Americana/Blues/Indie Rock
- **FRI, AUG 12 (9:30 – 10:15 a.m.)** Wayne Francis – Ventriloquist

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