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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: July 10 7pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: July 22 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: July 16, 6:30pm, 1290 Broadway, first floor conference rm.
Planning Commission: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wed. 6:15 pm, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway

Calendar for upcoming meetings: **July 2 No Meeting**
August 6- picnic Sept 3 Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3

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Draft Minutes for June 4 Meeting Attendance: Diane Suchomel / At Large, Ray & Shujin Moore & / Kipling Hills, Cheri Paavola / At Large, Bob & Pat Ham / At Large, Maureen Sielaff / At Large, Mary Parker / At Large, Dee Buckley / Canterbury, Ralph Miller / Columbine Hills Civic Assn., Larry Major / Columbine Knolls South Estates, Cindy Coats / Columbine West Civic Assn., Barb Ferris / KCMS, Jemal Touba / Trappers View, Justin Everett / Colorado State Representative, Andy Kerr / Colorado State Senate, Blaine McFeeley, Logan MacMillan.

The meeting was convened at 7:05 p.m.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, welcomed everyone.

Special Reports—Captain Al Simmons from Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was not present. There are no updates. If you need something, contact him. His phone number is 720-497-7260.

Someone blew something up recently in a neighborhood park. If you see a suspicious bottle, contact the police and don't pick it up.

No one from Foothills Parks and Recreation District was present.

No one from Jefferson County Public Schools was present.

Tonight's speakers were **Andy Kerr, Colorado State Senator**, and **Justin Everett, Colorado State Representative**.

Andy Kerr gave us a synopsis of what happened this year with a hand out. He represents District 22. He has served in the House for 6 ½ years and in the Senate for 1 ½ years. He also teaches Social Studies at the Virtual Academy for Jefferson County for grades 7th - 12th.

He was the chair of the Senate Education Committee. SB-001, College Affordability Act, passed with bipartisan support. SB-015, Hospitality Grant Program, passed with bipartisan support. HB-1298, School Finance, passed with bipartisan support. The Long Bill (budget) and Student Success Act passed. In all he had 18 bills that passed with partisan support. What is your stand on food with marijuana? Is there any way to regulate it so kids can't eat it? Yes, we passed some things this year dealing with packaging. Some entities try to package their food to look like desirable food such as Oreos. This would be prevented now. Why can't you make people lock up their things such as marijuana, alcohol, etc. There was a bill that dealt with that situation and endangered children, but it did not pass.

Do you think your constituents want more information on fracking? Yes, but I don't like it when outside interests on both sides are running advertisements trying to sway the votes.

Justin Everett, Colorado State Representative, spoke next. This session was much different from 2013. There was slightly more policy stuff, a lot of fix-it bits. He worked on the Joint Budget Committee.

HB-1152, Passive Surveillance Records, regarding how long they can keep camera tapes and what they can do with them. HB-1253, Recommended Civil Commitment Review Task Force, and HB-1386, Statutory Language Revisions, were both very long bills. HB-1386 never got out of Senate Committee.

Contrary to news reports, everyone gets to know everyone. Friendships are made, even across the aisle. Partisan politics is not what you think it is. There is a lot of collaboration.

Do you think your constituents want more information on fracking? We have been doing this in Colorado for 60 years. It

is done under the water table. It generates jobs. There is a lot of misinformation out there. There is a rumor that we may be called back into session early to discuss this issue for 3-6 days. Won't local control overrule federal control? True. There are no regulations that prevent an owner with mineral rights from getting to those minerals. Is the water reusable? They generally reuse the water to do more fracking.

Reports from Officers Roll Call was taken. We had 12 members present and we have a quorum.

Ray Moore, Treasurer, was present. We have \$1,933.67.

It was moved that we participate in Summerfest. It passed.

Cheri Paavola, Secretary, was present. The Minutes for May were approved.

Diane Suchomel, Vice President, was present.

The Freedom Service Dogs application from the property on West Coal Mine was dropped. They chose a different location in another county.

The application for 10251 W. Bowles Ave for rezoning for mixed use as approved.

Jeffco 5 has until June 30 to collect signatures to get the 5 commissioner proposal on the ballot.

There are new amendments to various regulations to Section 2 for Land Development.

The second draft of the Accessory Dwelling Units is not yet completed.

Old Business No one wanted to take the position of President for COHOPE.

A lot of people are on the Membership List, but they never attend. Some are just interested in receiving the newsletter. We should ask them if they would attend if we did anything differently. How long do you leave them on the list if they do not pay their dues? Ray gives them a couple of months before he removes them.

New Business Are we having a meeting on July 2nd? After discussion, it was voted that we cancel this meeting. Our next meeting will be the Aug. 6th Picnic.

We adjourned at 8:08 p.m.—*Cheri Paavola, Secretary*

Member Survey—Please take a minute to answer these questions and reply to Diane Suchomel, Cheri Paavola, or Ray Moore (diane@cohopejeffco.com , cheri@cohopejeffco.com, or wrmooorej@msn.com)

Are the speakers and topics at Cohope meetings interesting to you?

If not, what type of speakers/topics would you like to see?

What would increase participation in meetings?

Are there speakers/topics you would not like to see at Cohope?

Are there any other suggestions you have that might increase participation?

Jefferson County clarifies the use and possession of fireworks Jefferson County, CO. – With the Fourth of July rapidly approaching, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office would like to clarify Colorado law as it applies to the use and possession of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County.

A good rule of thumb: any device that explodes or leaves the ground is most likely illegal in Colorado. Illegal fireworks include but are not limited to firecrackers, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, M-80's and Roman candles. It is illegal to sell, use or possess non-permissible fireworks in unincorporated Jefferson County. Additionally, all fireworks are prohibited in Jefferson County Open Space Parks, Denver Mountain Parks and Forest Service lands.

Colorado law defines permissible fireworks as any device that does not explode or leave the ground. Examples of permissible fireworks are cylindrical or cone fountains, sparklers, toy smoke devices, snakes and glow worms. Keep in mind; while permissible fireworks may seem harmless, they continue to account for many fireworks-related injuries each year.

To report illegal fireworks, residents may call the Jefferson County fireworks hotline at 303-271-8200.

Jefferson County deputies will strictly enforce illegal fireworks violations in the unincorporated areas of the county this coming holiday. Any person who violates the laws pertaining to the sale, possession and use of fireworks commits a class three misdemeanor and may face a fine of up to \$750. For more information on fireworks safety, please visit our fireworks website. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

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Kickoff meetings for Conifer and Evergreen Land Use Plans Citizens are Invited to Attend Plan Update Meetings in June. Residents of Jefferson County's Conifer and Evergreen communities will have the opportunity to shape the future of their neighborhoods as the county's Planning & Zoning Division starts to update the Conifer/285 Corridor Area Community Plan and the Evergreen Area Community Plan.

Join Planning & Zoning staff at two meetings in June to hear about the update process and to let staff know what is unique about the area. Staff will present what the community plan is, why it is being updated and how to get involved. After the presentation, attendees will be asked for their opinion about what makes each area unique. One meeting will be held in the Conifer area and the other will be in the Evergreen area. Each meeting will focus on the geographic region it is within.

The Conifer meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, June 18 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Pines Catholic

Church, 9444 Eagle Cliff Road, Conifer.

The Evergreen meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, June 24, 6 to 8 p.m., Evergreen Fire Rescue Administration Building, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen

If you have questions about the Conifer meeting, please contact Heather Gutherless at 303-271-8716. If you have questions about the Evergreen meeting, please contact Russ Clark, 303-271-8754 or rclark@jeffco.us.

Family Fire Muster Join **West Metro Firefighters** in a celebration of the greatest job on earth! Meet West Metro's Firefighters and see where they work doing the job they love. Kids of all ages will enjoy fun activities like the Junior Firefighter Challenge, Teddy Bear Clinic, Bike Rodeo and inflatable slides.

Adults and kids get to tour Fire Station #10 and West Metro's Training Center to see how firefighters prepare for emergencies and what it's like to live the dream of being a firefighter! Families will learn what to do to prepare for their own emergencies - have a Family Escape Plan, how to Call 9-1-1 and how to create their own safety profile online at Smart911.com. Firefighters will demonstrate their response to a residential fire and show how important it is to practice your own family fire drill at your home. You'll also get to see members of our technical rescue team in action.

Radio Disney will be there with music, dancing and loads of fun! Saturday, September 27, 2014 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. West Metro Fire Rescue's Training Center 3535 South Kipling Street Lakewood, CO 80235

COHOPE Treasury Activity: May 2014	Beginning Balance May 7, 2014	\$ 2005.64
Deposits		\$ 40.00
Columbine Hills \$40		
Withdrawals		\$ 111.97
May newsletter resend \$3.43 June newsletter \$7.35		
Cohope website (May15 to Aug 15) \$26.19 Summerset Festival \$75		
Ending Balance June 4, 2014		\$ 1933.67
W R Moore, Treasurer		

Foothills Park & Recreation District Kate Dragoo Communications & Marketing Specialist (303) 409-2525; kate@fhprd.org

Red, White & You – July 3 Mark your calendars for Foothills Park & Recreation District's annual patriotic celebration on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at Clement Park (West Bowles Avenue at South Pierce Street). Red, White & You is a free admission event and starts at 5 p.m. with food vendors, community booths, games and fun for the family. Musical entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. Headliner Black Water (a rockin' tribute to the music of the Doobie Brothers) will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. followed by a fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. For information visit www.ifoohills.org/rwy.

Independence Day Special, July 4 \$3 swim admission at all Foothills Park & Recreation District's pools during open swim hours on Friday, July 4, 2014. \$3 admission available during open swim hours only at Ridge Recreation Center Pools, 6th Avenue Pool, Columbine West Pool, Deer Creek Pool and Weaver Hollow Pool (Lilley Gulch Pool closed on 7/4/14). For information visit www.ifoohills.org/events.

Foothills summer registration, begins July 7 Foothills Park & Recreation District's fall classes will be available for online registration beginning Monday, July 7 at www.ifoohills.org.

\$3 Pool Parties at Foothills Pools Cool off at Foothills Park & Recreation District's July pool parties. Admission only \$3 for each pool party during pool party hours. Organized games, activities, food and prizes will be happening at the following locations and times:

Saturday, July 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Deer Creek Pool (8637 S. Garrison St.)

Saturday, July 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Weaver Hollow Pool (12750 W. Stanford Ave.)

Saturday, July 26, 12-4 p.m. at Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St.)

For information visit www.ifoohills.org/events.

Foothills Community Entertainment, July concerts Foothills Park & Recreation District celebrates 24 years of FREE concerts at Clement Park (corner of Bowles & Pierce). The 2014 Foothills Community Entertainment will showcase a wide variety of free, family-friendly concerts. NEW for 2014, a variety food trucks will be on site with dinner and dessert options for purchase. For information visit www.ifoohills.org/concerts.

July Concerts: Thursday, July 3, 5-10 p.m. – Red, White & You, patriotic celebration event

Thursday, July 17, 7-8:30 p.m. – Mom's Kitchen (A Tribute to Widespread Panic)

Friday, July 18, 7-8:30 p.m. – Shakespeare in the Park, A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday, July 24, 7-8:30 p.m. – Littleton Conservatory of Rock

Friday, July 25, 7-8:30 p.m. – Shakespeare in the Park, A Midsummer Night's Dream

Saturday, July 26, 6-9 p.m. – Denver Municipal Band Wind Festival "Cannon Concert"

Thursday, July 31, 7-8:30 p.m. – Soul Sacrifice (A Santana Tribute)

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Hills News

From 2014 May Board Meeting There were five board members and two homeowners in attendance.

New Business: The list of locations to recycle items is available at Robert's Deli and will also be available during Dumpster Day.

Michaelle Otto reported some issues that have cropped up with the park.

A resident has donated several signs to the Columbine Hills Civic Association. These signs are generic can be used for various activities since writing on them can be directed to the current activity.

An estimate of \$420 was obtained for the sandblasting on the second entrance sign to be installed.

Any donations toward the sign would be appreciated. Just fill out the Donation form in the newsletter and check the box that says "Donation for improvement and beautification project."

The current issue of the county restructuring their current requirements of their Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) policy was discussed. The May COHOPE meeting will have a representative from the Jeffco County Planning and Zoning department to explain the proposed new requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner Summer is just around the corner and our community kicked it off with our CKSII HOA sponsored Annual Community Garage Sale and large item pickup. Thanks, Steve Kalney, for posting the Craigslist Ad and Jennifer Blake for the assisting me in hanging the banners. I hope all of you made lots of money and got rid of some of the things that you did not need! Also, summer means the kids are out of school and more kids will be riding bikes and playing outside. Please be especially careful as you drive through the neighborhood.

In May, Jennifer Blake and I had the privilege of meeting some of our new neighbors, Cole & Shawna Mahana, Ken & Peggy Ross and Glen and Susan Cary. We were able to present them with welcome baskets full of beverages, home-made breads, spices, local event calendars, local vendor coupons, HOA membership information and relative Covenant information, etc. It was great to meet you all and hope you find living in CKSII an enjoyable experience. A special thank you goes out to Susan Brouillet (food items) and Dana Mohr (Foothills Recreation info.) who helped get the baskets together! I know that Jennifer and I are looking forward to continuing this effort in the months to come.

We had an excellent meeting in May which was attended by both board members and members of the CKSII community. I wanted to extend a big thank you to Greg and Barb Steward for all their assistance regarding interpretation of the various HOA Covenants, providing Web Site updates and Newsletter editing. A lot of time and effort goes into these efforts and should not be taken for granted. It is great to have community members take the time to come to our meetings to let us know what is on their minds. Thanks to all those who attended. Please check the May minutes to see what was discussed. — *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2014 President Jon Brouillet called to order the 5/13/2014 meeting at 7:00 pm. Board members Jon Brouillet, Jennifer Blake, John Schutt, Steve Kalney, Bob Pellegrini, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Jon Brouillet reported the HOA currently has 296 members.

ACC Committee: Bob Pellegrini reported 7 requests all approved with 16 in pending status. New applications were for 7 Roofs, 1 screen, 5 paint jobs, 1 window, 1 deck repair, and 1 front door.

Management Report: 3 inspections were completed. 15 notices or personal contacts were generated in April. Violations noted were: 6 for screening, 2 trash cans, 1 fence needing repair, 1 dead tree, 1 for landscape rock left in street for extended duration, 1 for yard sign, 1 for commercial vehicle, 1 for operating a business repairing vehicles, and 1 for unapproved structure.

Landscape Committee: Bob Pellegrini reported: The irrigation system should be up and running now. There might be some planting that needs to happen depending on what rebounds from winter in the future.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake reported: She and Jon visited 3 properties. They met one together and then split up to meet the other 2 new neighbors on additional visits. The visits were very well received. New homeowners were interested in joining or are already members of the HOA. This process will be recurring before future board meetings.

New Business: Community garage sale is on the 6th and 7th of June. The Board will put up signage and post to craigslist.

Large item pick up is Wednesday June 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

A Moment With The Board At the May 13th CWCA meeting the Board conducted business as usual. Annual election results... President: John Basila, Vice President: VACANT, Treasurer: Cindy Coats, Secretary: Gary McCombs, Board Positions: Betty Herrick, Ken Sweet, Kathi Waite. Recycle/ Dumpster Day will be June 14th, check out article this month for more details. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is June 10th, 6:30 p.m. at the Pool Pavillion, second Tuesday of the Month.

The Leawood Reporter

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes May 6, 2014 The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Rhonda Eveleth, Mike Shaw, Paul O'Connor, Nancy Bock, Heather Hanley, Richard White, Ike Nelsen, and Chuck Sova.

Chuck Sova expressed concern regarding parked vehicles and code requirements. The board discussed his options. Nancy will begin receiving voicemails from 720.295.LCA1, effective immediately. The general email for LCA information is feedback@leawoodneighbors.com. If you need to reach a specific board member, the email address will be that persons' first and last name@leawoodneighbors.com.

The board briefly discussed the current Leawood Logo and decided that it should not be changed. Heather offered some neighborhood t-shirt ideas. The board will consider more Café Press (on-line store) ideas at the June meeting. LCA Memberships were discussed. Paul reported that there are currently 119 members; roughly 14% of the neighborhood. Richard reviewed the treasurer's report. Most bills are current, although he will need to reimburse Debby for the Easter Egg Hunt. The scholarship money will be rolled into next year- there were no applicants this year.

Debby will take over the mailbox duties; bills will be given to Richard and other mail will be sorted and/or filed.

The board briefly discussed upcoming events. Mike will finalize plans regarding dumpsters for the Leawood Clean-up. Nancy will reserve the school parking lot. Mike will purchase signs for Front Yard Parties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes May 14, 2014 The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. at Leawood Elementary School by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Linda Smith, Mibby Luedecke, Charlie Campbell, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Public Comment – No one attended the meeting with public comments. A resident called Donna to express concern about the trees in Raccoon Park being removed. Donna invited her to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report. Tax revenue and ownership tax revenue income were reported. Invoices for the month include: doggie bags vendor, L & M for contract grass cutting, invoice for pine trees that were bought and planted in Leawood Park, Waste Management, United Site Services, Denver Water, Excel, Horizon, Columbine Tree Service, Recreation System for reinstalling net at tennis courts, Dave's invoice, and reimbursement to petty cash. Charlie moved the report be accepted and bills paid. Linda seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report – Dave had a call from a resident who was not happy with the results of the solvent our contractor provided to remove oil/grease stains from his deck. Our contractor accidentally splattered a small amount of oil/grease from the chain saw while removing a branch from the park that was over his yard. Dave is to get the bid from the resident for the repairs the resident is seeking and work with contractor and resident.

Wire from around cottonwoods was removed in Raccoon Park per the CSU Forester's report of April 3, 2014. Dave met with Urban Drainage in regard to the tree removal in the center of the creek that was restricting water flow. It has been removed. Charlie and Dave met to mark trees for removal in the diversion ditch area. The first phase of the safety tree trimming is almost complete and trash has been hauled away. Tree removal decision was held later in the meeting. Removal was delayed until this meeting for neighbor input. No one attended.

Recreation System replaced the net on one of the tennis courts. Dave received an email about graffiti at Weaver Park on the volleyball bridge. The southwest wing wall needs to be painted to get most of graffiti covered. Doggie bags were checked and restocked. The water in all parks has been turned on and systems checked. Extensive work was done on irrigation systems including replacement of clock batteries and heads. Dave received a call that a truck was parked in the pavilion area at Weaver Park. Note: No vehicles are allowed on park property for bringing in party supplies to the pavilions. Only maintenance trucks are allowed.

L&M has been mowing and trimming in all parks. Upcoming projects per Dave - trenching for new trees in Raccoon Park, aeration of all parks and broadleaf spraying of native grass.

Old Business – Projects – Raccoon Park – There was a lengthy discussion on which of the 10 trees should be removed at the ditch diversion end of the park. Per the multi-year plan, some will come down now and the rest next year. The plan is to remove the first of the identified trees, trench for irrigation for new trees, and plant new trees as soon as pos-

sible. Charlie moved that trees 1, 3, 7, 11 and 12 be removed. Mibby seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. These are 5 of the 10 trees recommended for removal by the CSU Forester. At our next meeting, we will discuss the types of trees that will be planted based on the board's experience, from the Forester's list of recommended replacement species, and resident input. Everyone was to research the tree suggestions and be prepared to make a decision. Recommendations include Hackberry, Bur Oak, Thornless Honey Locust, Winter Hawthorn, and Northern Catalpa.

Projects: Signs, other items – No updates.

New Business – Park Lease: Fitness class renewal – We received a request from Powered By You to continue to have Boot camp classes in Leawood Park on Saturdays. We agreed on the same fee as last year.

Publication – Discussion on preparing and distributing a publication for all District residents took place. Linda presented costs from Colorado Lasertype. This item was tabled until we bring to a future meeting exactly what the publication will encompass. Thoughts were for park history, park locations, rules, and projects completed. Kyle will look at how to fully utilize and manage the website that may cover these issues.

Future Meetings - Walk through all parks – Wednesday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:00 starting at Leawood Park. Regular Board meeting will be after the walk though, maybe ending at Weaver Park pavilion. We will be updating our project list for new items and reviewing items that remained from our previous list. Priorities will be established.

Meeting Dates: Day/Time: 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless noted), 6:30 p.m.

Location: January to May – Leawood Elementary School June, July and August – Park pavilions or Board member's homes due to school being closed . September to December – Leawood Elementary School

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

WoodBourne

From Notes From the Board The May Board meeting was held on May 21, 2014. Several HOA sponsored events are coming up. The Annual Garage Sale is June 6 & 7; the Large Item Trash Pickup is June 14; and the Movie Night and First Annual BBQ Pitmaster's Cook-off is set for August 2. You won't want to miss any of these events. Look for articles about the June events in this newsletter.

The Garden Committee has been very active this Spring. Unfortunately, the Eagle Scouts were unable to take our project so the Garden Committee has stepped up and constructed the matching planted flower boxes at our front entrance. The project is not quite complete yet. In the next month or so, they will be adding ornamental grasses and connecting all the areas together with cobble stones, mulch, and sod. Anyone interested in joining the fun and dynamic Garden Committee, can contact Kim Herman.

BBQ Pitmasters are still needed for August 2nd cook-off. Please contact Jay Hansen for information or if you have questions. This is your chance to impress your neighbors and get bragging rights.

The speeding issue that was noted last month has continued and now there are burn-out skid marks at some of the intersections. Please be respectful of our neighborhood and slow down.

On a personal note, I recently used two of the contractors that advertise in our newsletter. One replaced my windows (due to hail damage) and another built a covered patio. Although you may still want to do your own research, I loved the work that they did for me. Don't forget about all the teens that are also available for babysitting, pet sitting, and yard work that are listed each month in our newsletter. — *Jay Hansen, President*

Williamsburg II News

From President's Message Welcome June and the beginning of summer. Good luck to all participating in the Community Garage Sale June 6th and 7th. Hope you receive a windfall of profits. Thanks to Beth Schneider of Keller Williams Realty for sponsoring this event once again.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL HOWEOWNERS: Helen Keller once said "A bend in the road is not the end of the road...Unless you fail to make the turn." As the Board completed its appointment of officers recently, that process sparked a repeated conversation among Board members the last couple of years. The focus of that conversation being, what is the future of the Williamsburg II HOA Board? Specifically, what lies ahead if no new community members step up and volunteer to take on roles that have been held by current members for years? In its history, three of the six current Board members have volunteered their time in various capacities anywhere from ten to twenty plus years. Two others have seven to ten years of service on the board. While that longevity is to be admired and appreciated, it also leads to stagnation and burnout. A successful Board needs to be infused with new ideas and/or at least energy and that just isn't happening, despite repeated requests to the community to become more involved. We hear many positive comments from homeowners attending Board sponsored events like Easter Egg Hunt, Bike Parade and Holiday Hayride, indicating

that our efforts are appreciated and yes, they'd love to help or become more involved. Board members love to hear those remarks, but that's as far as it goes and interest stops there. For all those homeowners who support our efforts, there are a large majority who are indifferent and/or see no need for a HOA Board. This is evident in the fact that for years, the Board receives member's dues from less than half of the 317 homes in the subdivision.

The lack of participation by the community has concerned Board members for some time and the future of an active Board is now in question. Our next Board meeting, Tuesday June 10th, will focus on a discussion of dissolving (versus all or a majority of members abruptly resigning)) the current Board and letting it lie dormant until other homeowners are prepared to take over leadership and resume activity. If approved, steps will be taken to utilize the services of a local law firm specializing in HOA's to ensure the process is done properly, including preservation of existing financials. Due to uncertainty, all remaining activities for 2014 (Yard of the Month, Bike Parade, Movie Night and Holiday Hayride and lighting contest) will be cancelled. Newsletter information will be minimal and will cease in the next month or two. Despite the perception that the Board was inept or ineffective at enforcing covenants, it did attempt to resolve many issues with its limited authority. Future complaints or concerns will need to be directed to Jeffco Zoning & Planning, Jeffco Sheriff or settled amongst homeowners themselves.

As noted above, this doesn't have to be the end of the road, but could be if new "blood" doesn't step forward to guide Williamsburg II around the bend. There will be concern that this is a recipe for disaster and our community will fall into disarray. Many folks have moved into or remained in this community because there was an active HOA, though voluntary in nature, trying as best they could to promote the neighborhood in a most positive light. But the same people cannot continue to do this year in and year out. Your input is always welcome and the Board has always maintained an open invitation for anyone who wishes to attend monthly meetings. Please feel free to attend the next (and possibly last) Board meeting Tuesday, June 10th.

Victim Rights: To be informed, present and heard. —By Sheriff Ted Mink

Ensuring Your Rights The Victim Services Unit was established to assist victims of crime with information, support and education regarding the criminal justice system. For many, the frightening experience of being victimized is followed by involvement with the legal system which can be confusing and stressful. The professionals assigned to the Victim Services Unit make every effort to assist crime victims in recovering from the physical, emotional and financial impacts of a crime. The Victim Services Unit is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week response team. The Victim Services Unit reviews reports taken by Jeffco deputies. Advocates then provide follow-up contact with victims of assaults, domestic violence, sex crimes, burglaries, robberies, runaways and other crimes. The advocates mail out letters, make phone calls and meet directly with victims of crimes.

Available Services The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit can assist victims, witnesses, their families and friends, following a crime or incident by providing:

Crisis intervention with victims and families; Protection and education of victim's rights; Referrals to supportive agencies, both public and private; Transition to the court system; Assistance with the application process for victim compensation benefits; Liaison with the Victim Compensation Board; Information concerning the status of an investigation; Accompaniment with victims to court appearances; Community awareness programs about victim services to groups, schools and businesses; Restitution and victim impact statement assistance; Employer intervention; Interpretation and special needs services.

Crimes Covered The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit can assist victims, witnesses, their families and friends, following these types of crimes covered by the Colorado Victim Rights Act:

Assault; Careless driving causing death; Child abuse; Crimes against at-risk adults or juveniles; Domestic violence; Ethnic intimidation; Failure to stop at the scene of an accident causing death; First degree burglary; Human trafficking; Incest; Indecent exposure; Intimidation of a witness, victim, judge or juror; Invasion of privacy for sexual gratification; Kidnapping; Manslaughter; Menacing; Murder; Protection order violation (child sex assault, sex assault, and domestic violence orders only); Retaliation of a witness, victim, judge or juror; Robbery; Sexual assault (adult or child); Sexual exploitation of a child; Stalking; Tampering, retaliation or intimidation of a witness or victim; Trafficking in adults and children; Vehicular assault; Vehicular homicide; An attempt at any of these listed crimes.

Your Rights as a Victim Victims have the right to be informed, present and heard during the criminal justice process. In 1992, Colorado voters passed a constitutional amendment guaranteeing certain rights to victims of certain compensable crimes. This includes the right to be heard, informed, and present at all critical stages of the criminal justice process. The enabling legislation, called the Colorado Victim Rights Act, became effective in 1993.

Numerous criminal justice agencies are responsible for ensuring victims' rights, including the First Judicial District Attorney's Office and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Victim Service Advocates contact victims directly about their cases and provide information, support and referrals.

According to the Victim Rights Act, victims have the right to be: Treated with fairness, respect and dignity; Informed of and present for all "critical stages" of the criminal justice process; Free from intimidation, harassment, or abuse; and to



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The July meeting was cancelled due to proximity to July 4th holiday. The August meeting will be the annual pot luck picnic at Clement Park on Wednesday, August 6 from 6:30 on. It will be at Shelter 6 again. Cohope will furnish drinks and fried chicken. Please bring a dish to share. Candidates will be invited. The picnic is open to anyone to attend, not just Cohope delegates.

have the right to be informed about what steps can be taken if there is any intimidation or harassment by a person accused or convicted of the crime or anyone acting on the person's behalf; Present and heard regarding bond reduction, continuances, acceptance of plea negotiations, case disposition or sentencing; Able to consult with the district attorney before any disposition of the case, or before the case goes to trial and to be informed of the final disposition of the case; Informed about the status of the case and any scheduling changes or cancellations, if known in advance; Able to prepare a victim impact statement, and to be present and heard at sentencing; Able to have restitution ordered, and to be informed of the right to pursue a civil judgment against the person convicted of the crime; Able to receive a prompt return of the property when it is no longer needed as evidence; Informed of the availability of financial assistance and community services; To be given appropriate employer intercession services regarding court appearances and meetings with criminal justice officials; Assured that in any criminal proceeding the court, prosecutor and other law enforcement officials will take appropriate action to achieve a swift and fair resolution of the proceedings; Able to have a safe, secure waiting area during court proceedings, whenever practicable; Informed, upon request, when a person accused or convicted of the crime is released from custody, is paroled, escapes or absconds from probation or parole; Informed, upon written request, of and heard at any reconsideration of sentence, parole hearing or commutation of sentence; Informed, upon written request, when a person convicted of a crime against the victim is placed in or transferred to a less secure correctional facility or program or is permanently or conditionally transferred or released from any state hospital; Informed of any rights the victim has pursuant to the Constitution of the United States or the state of Colorado; Informed of the process for enforcing compliance with the Victim Rights Act.

Become a Volunteer Victim Advocate In the aftermath of a crime or traumatic event, victims often find comfort in the supportive presence of victim advocates. Armed with knowledge about the Colorado judicial system and compassion for those in emotional turmoil, victim advocates can provide support through every step of the criminal justice process. To learn more download the brochure. To apply for a volunteer position, visit our search jobs and apply online page and click on the volunteer job. If you have questions, please contact the training and recruiting section at 303-271-5332.

Other Resources Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA), State of Colorado Division of Criminal Justice Office for Victim Programs

Cute, Cuddly, and Untouchable Jefferson County Animal Control Officers are seeing a lot more baby wildlife peering out of their homes as the weather is warming! Animal Control Officers are urging citizens to call the professionals rather than handle the baby animals themselves. While it is tempting to approach young wildlife it is important to know they may not be abandoned. This 'alone time', if you will, allows the animals to learn to avoid predators and live in the wild. It is also important for us to advise our young ones to not disturb the animals which could cause injury to the animals. Household pets can also pose a threat to young wildlife.