

# COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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## **Upcoming Meetings:**

Open Space: Sept 10, 7 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100  
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am  
Foothills: September 22, 6 pm, The Peak.  
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway  
DRCOG: Sept. 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: **Sept 2 Jeffco BOCC,**  
**Oct 7 Jeffco Library , Nov 4, Dec Christmas Party**

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## **No Minutes for August 5 2015 Meeting—COHOPE Picnic—Speakers below**



Mike Bielkiewicz , Foothills

Sheriff Jeff Shrader



Ken Witt, School Board President



Amanda Stevens, School Board Candidate



Tim James , Foothills

# THE BACKYARD

## *Columbine Hills News*

**From President's Corner August 2015—** I don't know about you, but I've been enjoying the heat of summer, my tomatoes are really liking it too. It's August and I hate to mention the "S" word because I'm a teacher and have mixed feelings about getting back into the classroom. So, get out there and enjoy these few weeks of freedom in our great state. I know I've not been fishing nearly enough – my right arm twitches at the thought.

I had a great time at the community yard sale last month getting to meet a lot of you folks. I was impressed with Rick's gardening ability; Julianne was so friendly; Jason was just fun to meet. All of you talk so much about valuing community, which warms my heart. My desire for us – I live here – is to value community. Iris and Jennifer talked about moving back to Columbine Hills from other neighbor hoods. Great stories to hear – thank you for sharing. We all need to chip in and be a good neighbor to those around us.

Let me explain one way to make being a good neighbor work. We know if we have a neighbor that is not keeping up their yard the way think it should be – we have the right to call the Zoning inspectors to have them come in and deal with issues at our neighbor's expense. Folks, wouldn't it be FAR better to go over and meet that neighbor, see if they have some issues going on we know nothing about – then offer to help them with their needs. Anyone can complain, a good neighbor does something. No one wants to be the subject of a county investigation.

Lastly, I really do wish more of you could join us in CHICA. We endeavor to keep things friendly and neat. Your donation to CHICA helps to print the newsletter and helps us to fund events for you. Please, come to our board meetings (they are open to all residents) and share your ideas and concerns.

Be the kind of neighbor you wish you had. *Randy Montgomery - [rmontgomery@frcs.org](mailto:rmontgomery@frcs.org) CHICA President*

**2015 July Board Meeting** Meeting attended by Board Members: Randy Montgomery, Michaelle Otto, Pat and Ralph Miller, Jennifer Gerdes and Kelly Goodbar. Community Members: Reed Gerdes

Treasurers report: 2 new members signed up – Report presented by Pat Miller seconded by Michaelle.

Old Business: - July 25th 8am weeding of island on Kendall Blvd needed to happen to prepare for the stone sign placement.

- Brett our boyscout representative is still working with us on our stone sign placement. He is shooting for August. He is in need of some volunteers for help getting it set.

New Business: - Hay ride is being suggested for September 13th or possibly the 12th from 5-7pm

- Other events – Quad kickball – each quad will come up with a team – planning for Sept 19 or 20 or October 7 or 8th – Chili cook off – January like we did this year – Planning that now for this coming January

- Signage for neighborhood and activities was discussed. Jennifer is getting a quote from JandM Signs.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm.

## Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

**From President's Corner** The CKSII Board of Director's did not have a meeting this last month but all members were busy carrying out their various responsibilities including covenant enforcement, welcome committee and approval of requests for improvements.

Hope you all had a great 4th of July weekend. Great to see all the American Flags on everyone's houses.

Also, be sure that you read the covenants regarding RV storage requirements. Speaking from personal experience here. Please contact Roger Borcharding with DARCO Property Management prior to bringing your RV out of storage and let him know how long you are planning on having it at your house. This will assist him on when and when to not issue notices and avoid frustrations of all parties.

I would like to remind everyone that there is a way for us to be informed by telephone of an eminent danger in our community. The Jefferson County Emergency Communications Authority Board has an alert system to notify you of impending danger by phone. You can verify that your land line is registered with the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Authority Board by checking Jefferson County's website. You may also register your cell phone numbers at this same website.

At the Jefferson County Sheriff's website there is additional information about Smart911 which is another service available to Jefferson County residents. This is a free service where users create a safety profile by entering vital data they want made available about themselves, family, residence and even pets. Data given can include photos, and information regarding medical conditions, allergies, disabilities and/or special needs, home addresses of cell phone callers and floor plans to name a few. Smart911 delivers this information automatically to dispatchers, who then enable responders to be more successful with access to critical health and logistical information before arriving at the scene of an emergency. You can read more about this service at the Jefferson County website. — *Jon Brouillet, President CKSII HOA*

## Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

**From A Moment With The Board** The July 14th CWCA meeting was at the picnic tables by the Dutch Creek playground, our normal meeting area at the pavilion was already occupied by another group. The Board conducted business as usual and welcomed a few visitors to the meeting. Presently we have 380 paid members, that is 99% of our 2015 goal, plus extra donations from generous households. Plans are underway for National Night Out, Tuesday, August 4th. Thank you Dee Nise Stow for stepping up and volunteering to become the NNO Chairperson. Newsletters are available for pick up at 7860 W. Portland Ave. The Fall Festival is being planned for the beginning of October, offering a chili cook-off (with prizes), potential neighborhood car show, entertainment plus more items being planned. More details are in the August newsletter. Come join the neighborhood. Sheriff Gordon Neuenfeldt stopped by the meeting and spoke to us about Smart 911 & Code Red. You can find further information on the website, Jeffco.us or the Jeffco Sheriff website. 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 August 11th, 6:30 p.m. at the Pool Pavilion, second Tuesday of the Month.

## The Leawood Reporter

**From Leawood Civic Association Minutes: July 7, 2015** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Rhonda Eveleth, Heather Hanley, Richard White and Mike Shaw.

Richard will send payment for the Leawood Elementary School rentals. Richard will also provide the Leawood Park Board with invoices for the Reporter and Dumpster.

The board discussed the annual Picnic, scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd. Heather will create a to-do list for the board members.

Heather provided Rhonda with three welcome baskets needed for new Leawood homeowners. Mike shared a Leawood magnet, made on Café Press. Mike will create another option and order several for the welcome baskets.

Lori will post upcoming LCA meetings, Front Yard Parties and events to the Leawood Facebook page. A request will be made, asking for volunteers to purchase or bake goodies for the picnics' bake sale.

Rhonda briefly discussed Front Yard Parties (FYP). As of this meeting, September 25th is the only date left available for hosting. Rhonda will post this available FYP date on the Leawood Facebook page. Mike purchased new decals for the FYP signs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. These July minutes were finalized and approved, via email, on July 15, 2015.

**From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes July 8, 2015** The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. at the home of Lind Smith since the pavilion at Leawood Park was not available. Vice President/Secretary Linda Smith called the meeting to order since Kyle was waiting at the pavilion for any other guests. Members present were: Donna Snyder, Mibby Luedecke, Linda Smith, and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager. Kyle Sargent joined the meeting a few minutes later.

Public Comment - No comments.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donna submitted the Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid. Property tax revenue, ownership tax revenue and lottery revenue funds were reported. Invoices for the month include: United Site Services, Waste Management, Denver Water, Excel, L&M for grass cutting and sprinkler repairs, a check for Pop's Concrete for top soil for the new potty area, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Mibby seconded and the motion passed.

**Parks Manager Report** – Pop's Concrete placed the concrete for the new potty foundation. Extra top soil was brought in for backfill around the slab. The new structure should be up in a few days. It was decided to have the original steel panels in lieu of less costly ones as suggested by Corona's Welding for endurance reasons. It was moved and approved to cut a check to Corona's Welding for the structure. Dave will make sure everything is good before issuing the check.

Dave reported two more trees were down in Raccoon Park directly behind a resident's property. Urban Drainage was called to remove them. The trees are totally covering the walking path so Dave sawed them and cleared the path. We can expect to pay for extra grass mowing in Raccoon Park due to all the rain. Lots of tree branches are to be trimmed because they are hanging over walkways in Raccoon. This is also due to so much rain and causing the trees to grow extra leaves. We have a couple of Green Ash that needs spraying. The leaves are curled up with mite plague. Dave has contacted contractors for bids.

We need to look at the bridge over the creek in Raccoon due to so much water going over it from the rains.

Dave is looking at bids for painting the Leawood Pavilion and the entry sign. He plans to have it done before the LCA picnic in August.

Dave had to go to Leawood Park and cut the water off during the Friday, July 3 fireworks show. The park was full of people. Unfortunately someone tried to stop the water before Dave could arrive and one of the boxes was damaged. Dave has repaired it. Dave also reported Leawood Park was trashed at this event. L&M was called in on Saturday morning to clean up the mess.

**NOTE:** We love people using the parks, but it is really unkind to leave our beautiful park in such a horrible state. We are a small park district, and it is your money we are using to clean the messes left by inconsiderate people not cleaning up

after themselves.

Correspondence – Photos received of Girl Scout project at Weaver Park. Plants have been installed for the monarch butterflies to feed on.

Old Business – Projects – No update this meeting.

Open Board positions – Kyle will bring information to the August meeting on Board position descriptions.

Storage Area – Discussion on need for storage space for files and ATV was revisited. Several sites were revisited.

Future Meetings – Meeting Dates: 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless noted), 6:30 p.m.

January to May – Leawood Elementary School, June, July and August – Park pavilions or Board member's homes (school is closed) September 9, October 14, November 11, to December 9– Leawood Elementary School

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 8:07 PM. — *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

## WoodBourne

**From Notes From the Board President** The July Board meeting was postponed for a month due to scheduling conflicts. We will cover all of the proposed items from that meeting at the August Board meeting.

Now that the covered patio is complete, we need to decide how we will share this shelter. Currently, it cannot be reserved and it's available on a "first come, first served" basis. The shelter is large enough that it is our hope that people will share the space and the grills. If you want to use the grills, the lifeguards will bring you a small metal trash can and scoop for you to put your coals in when you are done grilling. Please do not leave the coals in the grills or put them in the trash cans. Our cleaning staff will clean the grills as part of their regular cleaning. The grills will be removed when the pool closes for the season. The Board is still working on the plaques to recognize all the donors.

I am still hearing from the lifeguards that some residents are trying to exceed our guest policy at the pool. Please don't put the lifeguards in this difficult position. Homeowners are allowed a maximum of six guests per household. If you have an issue with our guest policy, please contact myself or any Board member.

Back to school is just around the corner, so please watch your speed in the neighborhood. We have already had reports of cars zooming through the neighborhood. Remember to watch out for our children and pets.

Are you on the HOA email list? If not, please visit the HOA website ([www.MSIHOA.com](http://www.MSIHOA.com)) and get signed up. It is a great way to receive reminders of our events. Did you know we are also on Facebook?

Our next Board meeting will be held on August 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Please contact Kim Herman with Management Specialists at 720-974-4234 with any questions. — *Jay Hansen, President*

**Foothills Park & Recreation District, Contact: Kate Dragoo, Communications & Marketing Supervisor (303) 409-2525; [kate@fhprd.org](mailto:kate@fhprd.org)**

### **Foothills September Events**

**Ridge All Day Care Program, Open House**, Wednesday, September 16, 6 – 7 p.m. Please join us in the "LITTLE BEAR MOUNTAIN ROOM" at RIDGE RECREATION CENTER.

Families are invited to bring their children with them to see the program, meet the staff & learn how children fill their days with safe, fun & enriching activities! NEW FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

**Lilley Gulch All Day Care Program, Open House**, Thursday, September 17, 6 – 7 p.m. Please join us in the "LILLEY PAD ROOM" at LILLEY GULCH RECREATION CENTER.

Families are invited to bring their children with them to see the program, meet the staff & learn how children fill their days with safe, fun & enriching activities! NEW FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

### **September 18-20: Summerset Festival at Clement Park**

Friday, September 18, 2015 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Picnic at the Park, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm , That Eighties Band, Dusk to 9:00 pm , Hot Air Balloon Glow, 9:30 pm on Fireworks

Saturday, September 19, 2015, 7:00 am to 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm ,Wild West Auto Fest Car Show, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm , Arts & Crafts Show, Business & Non-Profit Exhibits, Kids Korral , Entertainment – Family Fun Stage, Entertainment – Main Stage, Food & Beverage Booths, Chris Daniels & The Kings

Sunday, September 20, 2015, 7:00 am to 10:00 am, Fishing Derby, 8:00 am to 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am to 10:00 am, Woof Walk, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Arts & Crafts Show, Business & Non-Profit Exhibits, Kids Korral, Entertainment – Family Fun Stage, Entertainment – Main Stage, Food & Beverage Booths , 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Fun Day for Dogs

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| <b>COHOPE Treasury Activity: August 2015</b>   | <b>Beginning Balance August 15 2015</b> | <b>\$ 1840.13</b> |
| <b>Deposits</b>  |   | <b>\$ 0.00</b>    |
| <b>Withdrawals</b>   |   | <b>\$ 112.44</b>  |
| August newsletter \$5.39, Picnic supplies \$17.05, State Fee \$10, Lilley Gulch Rental (Oct, Nov) \$80 |   |                   |
| <b>Ending Balance September 2, 2015</b>  |   | <b>\$ 1727.69</b> |
| <b>W R Moore, Treasurer</b>  |   |                   |



**Behind the badge—Our Vision ~ Mission ~ Values by Sheriff Jeff Shrader** For the last several weeks a leadership committee, comprised of a cross section of Sheriff's Office supervisors, has been working on the task of rewriting our mission, values and vision to more clearly define who we are and what we do for our community. The finished product is a blueprint by which all members of the Sheriff's Office should live their professional lives. We share the new mission, values and vision with you, our community, so that you are familiar with our commonly held values that guide our actions each and every day.

Our mission is simply stated. It is meaningful. It is profound. Protect ~ Serve ~ Enforce. There is no higher calling than to protect the rights and constitutional freedoms of those served. An exacting and thorough adherence to the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions is critical to this primary purpose. Protecting constitutional guarantees is more important than the outcome of any single incident. Every employee, regardless of role or assignment is critical to this mission element and each must live up to the oath that has been taken.

There is no greater honor than to serve our citizens. Service in a manner that demonstrates vision and initiative, where each employee seeks to achieve the highest level of quality in all aspects of their work, is the organization's goal. The example that each individual sets influences excellence in personal behavior and job performance, and it inspires others. Our positive engagement with our citizenry improves the quality of life in our communities. By virtue of our professional roles, great authority has been granted to us. It is a sacred trust between us and those we serve. The manner in which we enforce laws and rules must demonstrate dignity, fairness and compassion, and it must be rooted in reasoned judgment. The rule of law is a foundational component and must be understood. Preserve the peace, to solve problems at their root and to enforce laws and rules with a measure of restraint and justice should always be the goal.

The strategic plan for accomplishing the mission of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office must begin with the core values which must be preserved by every member of the organization. Each must perform their job in a manner that supports our statutorily based mission. Those values are:

**Integrity -** We are honest, forthright and courageous in all we do. We are accountable to the public and ourselves.

**Excellence -** Our tradition holds that we serve our communities with high standards through teamwork, innovation and leadership. Exceptional service is our hallmark.

**Respect -** We honor our oath of office and the people we serve. We wear our badge with dignity and restraint. We enforce the law with equality, compassion and respect for individual rights.

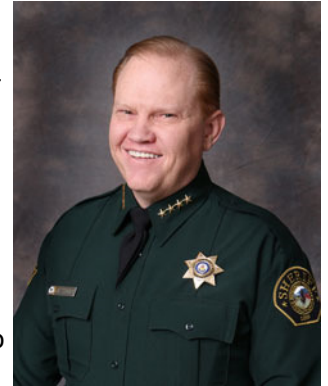
Our values must be fully understood, practiced, shared and vigorously defended. In doing so, we will preserve the integrity and tradition of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the confidence that the public has in it.

Finally, we are not only public servants. We are citizens of this community who are dedicated to an ideal - a vision.

Whether one wears a badge or supports those who do, our vision is supported by our mission and our core values.

**OUR VISION IS FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY TO BE A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY**

The JCSO—Sworn to protect, honored to serve





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Our September speaker will be Commissioner Rosier of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners. The meeting will be at the Sheriff's South station at 11139 Bradford Road on September 2 at 7:00 pm.

The October 7th meeting speaker will be Rebecca Winning, Communications Director, Jefferson County Public Library. The meeting will be held at Lilley Gulch (6147 S. Holland Way) at 7 pm.

The November 4th meeting will also be at Lilley Gulch. The speaker is not yet confirmed.

**New Resource to Help Communities Plan for Successful Aging**—DRCOG recently launched the Boomer Bond Online Resource Directory, which features hundreds of best practices from around the region and the country related to key aspects of livable communities for older adults – housing, mobility and access, support services, and community living. We encourage you to check out this resource aimed to help create vibrant lifelong communities.

The Boomer Bond Resource Directory can guide you in creating age-friendly communities with guidelines and best practices from Colorado and beyond. If you work for a local government, are an elected official, or a citizen trying to learn more about what might make your community a better place to thrive for people of all ages, this resource directory can assist you. [www.drcog.org](http://www.drcog.org)

**From RTD newsletter—Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Line adds new pedestrian bridge—600,000 pound pedestrian bridge installed across I-225** Construction is ongoing throughout the 10.5-mile Aurora Line/I-225 Rail Line which is scheduled to open in 2016. Earlier this month, crews installed a 600,000-pound pedestrian bridge (see rendering at right) which will connect the Florida Station on the east side of I-225 to the Aurora Medical Center on the west.

The bridge is 192-feet long and 14-feet wide. The bridge was manufactured by Big R Bridge in Greeley and required a 500-ton crane to set the structure in place. Another 300-ton crane installed the arches.

On the Aurora Line/I-225 Rail project there are seven light rail bridges, three box culverts that light rail trains will drive over, and two pedestrian bridges.

**RTD Board of Directors approve Southeast Rail Extension Contract**—The RTD Board of Directors has awarded a \$140 million two-phased contract to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc. (BBII) to design and build the Southeast Rail Extension. Design begins this fall with construction starting next spring. The construction phase is dependent on receipt of a Full Funding Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration. BBII plans to complete the project by early 2019.

The BBII team includes Parsons Brinckerhoff (design); Capitol Management (DBE/SBE/WIN); Transit Safety & Security Solutions (system safety); Systems Consulting, LLC, (quality assurance); and Communication Infrastructure Group (public information).