

COHOPE

council of homeowners organization for planned environment

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Upcoming Meetings:

Open Space: Sept 1, 7:00 pm, 700 Jeffco Parkway, Suite 100
Board of County Commissioners Every Tuesday at 8:00 am
Foothills: Sept 27, 6 pm, The Peak.
Board of Adjustment: 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 9 am, Hearing Room One, 100 Jefferson County Parkway
DRCOG: Sep. 21, 6:30 pm, 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 7 Dan McMinimee, Jeffco Schools Oct 5 Nov 2**

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No meeting because of the COHOPE Candidate picnic at Clement Park. We had great weather and a great turnout. Many thanks to Sheriff Jeff Shrader and his use of the Heimlich maneuver. Here are the speakers we had. Apologies to and Justin Everett—my camera battery died so I could not get pictures.



Mary Parker, District 22 candidate, Frank Teunissen, Jeffco BOCC District 2, Frank Francone (anti 69) Ron Mitchell, Pro School Board Bond Issue



Casey Tighe, Jeffco BOCC District 2



Peg Farrar, Foothills Board



Ron Mitchell, Pro School Board Bond Issue



Laura Boggs Anti School Board Bond Issue



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Pro Amendment 69



Frank Francone Anti
Amendment 69



Mary Parker, Inde-
pendent District 22



Sheriff Jeff Shrader



Tina Froncone, RTD

Apologies to Casper" Stockham, Distirct 1 US Congress, Libby Szabo Jeffco BOCC, and Justin Everett, District 22—my camera batteries died after Tina.



COHOPE Treasury Activity: August 3, 2016

W R Moore, Treasurer

Beginning Balance June 1, 2016

\$ 1890.52

Deposits

\$ 0.00

Withdrawals

\$ 129.79

Sept Newsletter \$5.64

State Filing Fee \$10

Lilley Gulch rental for Nov meeting \$40

Chicken / Ice for picnic \$56.15

Ending Balance September 7, 2016

\$ 1760.73

THE BACKYARD

Columbine Knolls Voice

From June 14, 2016 Board Meeting Meeting called to order at: 7:07 pm

In attendance: Board Members: Matt Hale, Lee Woodbury, Steve Hantelman, Nathalie McClish, Skip Wilcox, Judy Aliprandine, Brian Slekes Guests: 12 homeowners

Public Comments: Lee explained in more detail what we discussed at the May meeting regarding legal action that can be taken by a homeowner and that the board was encouraging neighbors to talk with each other and work out their differences without getting the board involved.

Someone wanted to see the meeting's agenda before each monthly meeting and Matt said he will post the agenda on the website from now on.

There was a lot of discussion about the card people were receiving in the mail referencing the HOA and people present voiced a strong opinion that whoever is doing this should stop! They wanted to know what the board could do to make this person stop especially when it is anonymous. There was a contact email on the card and people sent emails to the contact but received no reply. The general opinion is this is being done by one disgruntled homeowner.

A number of people present got up and applauded what this volunteer HOA board is doing and wanted to know how they might help and if the board needed more money.

Some people said they never saw the covenants when they bought their homes. The fact is all Title companies must provide a copy of the covenants when you close on your home.

How did the HOA get established? Skip explained about the process and how a community gets built out by the builder and then a voluntary HOA gets formed.

RV issue was brought up again for discussion. All property owners had a vote in deciding for or against RVs in Columbine Knolls and a majority voted to not allow RVs and trailers in the neighborhood. This issue has been decided by a majority of the community and does not warrant any further discussion.

Lee discussed some history about the consolidation of the 9 filings. The board and the RV committee agreed that the 9 covenant documents needed to be consolidated into a single document.

What is the process for getting RVs and trailers removed and why is it taking so long? Matt explained the process to have RVs and trailers removed from the neighborhood. There is a three step process which does give the homeowner time to move their trailer or RV off their property. Why can't we move trailers out faster

than it is currently being done? Matt explained that we are all volunteers with families and other jobs and that we are moving as fast as we can.

Is there something in the covenants about landscaping problems and how do we get neighbors to clean up their landscape? Maybe some neighbors just need some help with cleaning up their landscape. Call your neighbor and see if they need help.

We should spend more money on good will projects for the community rather than going to court on covenant violations. What can we do about trash cans sitting outside the home and being so visible from the street?

Committee Reports: Membership: Skip talked about the idea of talking to new people having just moved into the area and handing them a copy of the Voice newsletter to help them get acquainted with the area and the HOA.

Nathalie told us there are 341 HOA members with 5 new members just joining up.

Safety, Beautification and Maintenance: Matt discussed what has been happening at the entrances since Birgit was not present.

Covenants and Architectural Control Committee: We have processed some PIPSA forms. We are working through 40 violations. RVs are the majority of the covenant violations.

Special Events/Programs: Clean up day was a success with 15 people bringing their trash and 5 people signing up with the HOA while 2 members opted to pay higher fee since they were moving. The "Lies Waste System" company provided two trash trucks and three men. One person wanted to tip the workers and one person brought a case of beer for the workers. Signs will be put up at the entrances for the upcoming 4th of July parade.

COHOPE: No new information. Judy explained what COHOPE is.

Treasurer's Report: Lee motioned to pay legal fee from lawyer which changed to \$1100 from \$2500

Old Business: Judy – annual COHOPE registration needs to be taken care of.

Brian motioned to go to executive session to discuss information from our attorney /Judy seconds, all in favor at 8:30 p.m. Brian motioned to end executive session /Lee seconds, all in favor at 8:53 p.m.

Adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Columbine Knolls South II REVIEW

From President's Corner We had an excellent meeting in July; attended by both board members and several members of the CKSII community. It is great to have community members take the time to come to our meetings. Thanks to all who attended. Please check the July minutes to see what was discussed.

If you're an RV owner or future RV owner, we'd encourage you to read through the RV storage requirements on the web-

site, cksii.org. If you plan to have your RV out of storage to load or unload we suggest you contact Roger Borcharding with DARCO Property Management to give him a heads up on when your RV will be at your house. This will assist him on when and when not to issue notices which avoids frustration of all parties.

Thank you to all those who have joined Nextdoor.com. We are close to 200 neighbors using this private community site to stay connected. The CKSII Nextdoor site has been helpful for the HOA to communicate time sensitive information such as trash weather delays, answer community questions or remind everyone of community events. It's also been helpful for neighbors to share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations and items for sale/free. Anyone living in the neighborhood is invited to join, simply visit nextdoor.com/join and use code BUNGRB.

Also as the summer heats up, there is a way to be informed by telephone of an eminent danger in our community. The Jeffco Emergency Communications Authority Board has an alert system to notify you of impending danger by phone. You can verify your land line is registered 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. —*Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA*

From Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2016

President, Jennifer Blake called to order the meeting at 7:00 pm. Board members Jennifer Blake, Debbie Opperman, Bob Pellegrini, Larry Opperman, Pam Horiszny, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported the HOA currently has 323 members. Debbie also reported that she had to contact Waste Management and cancel trash service for several homeowners who have still not paid their annual dues and trash service fees.

Management Report: 3 inspections were conducted in June. 52 violations were processed by mail and by personal contact. Included were 2 driveways needing replacement/repair, 9 campers, 5 boats, 7 trailers, 6 dead trees, 3 lawns with dry grass, 7 yards with weeds, 11 visible trash containers, and 2 trash in yard.

ACC Report: Bob Pelligrini reported 15 requests since the last meeting and 13 approved with 1 in pending status and 1 declined request. Approved applications were as follows: 5 for paint, 1 for a roof, 2 for landscaping, 3 for fences, 1 for a deck, and 1 for new windows.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake reported that on June 14, she and Stephanie Haberkorn delivered 9 welcome boxes. Five houses as of now have either sold or are under contract since our last delivery. Next delivery will be in November.

Landscape Committee: Bob Pellegrini reported that they have done some clean up at some of the entry gardens and repaired one sprinkler.

Garage Sale Update: Jennifer reported that more than 20 homes participated and it was very successful.

Social Committee: Jennifer Blake reported that the Social Committee is always looking for new members and volunteers to help organize the Holiday Hayride.

Old Business: Jennifer reported that the NextDoor site is up to 186 neighbors from 154 at previous meeting. There is a place on the site where neighbors can promote fundraisers and other such community opportunities. * Bob Pelligrini investigated reinstalling the neighborhood sign on the corner of Carr and Fairview and the homeowner was not interested in allowing that.

New Business: * One homeowner attended the meeting to let the Board know that he was doing work repainting house's street numbers on the curb and wanted to let the community know about it and broach the idea of the HOA funding the entire neighborhood having its curb numbers repainted. The Board would take this into consideration but would not be able to act until it could be added to a future budget. Any homeowners interested in this service right now can contact Rob Oest 720-934-3531 to inquire about curb painting. * Another homeowner in attendance had recently moved to the neighborhood and inquired about how to get trash and recycle bins from Waste Management. * Jennifer reported that with help from Jefferson County and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, there are efforts in place to capture and relocate the beavers building dams in the drainage creek north of Moraine Dr. The dams the beavers were building were creating an environment that could soon cause damage to homeowner property. * Jennifer also reported that some homeowners have contacted her regarding neighbors using recreational fire pits and the smoke blowing into nearby homes. The Board encourages all members of the community to practice friendly and respectful neighborly behavior as well as follow any fire restrictions that may be in effect from Jefferson County.

Future Meeting Dates: September 13, November 1 (changed due to election day) and January 10, 2017 - Annual Meeting

Special Event Dates: December 4th – Holiday Hayride

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

From A Moment With The Board The July 12th CWCA meeting of volunteers was at the Pool Pavillion, where there was approximately 11 residents in attendance. We enjoyed a warm evening with no storm clouds and very few mosquitoes. Thank you all for taking the time to attend and share your thoughts. Currently membership is at 344 which is 88% of the budgeted goal. Memberships can be sent in anytime during the year and is good from Jan 1- Dec 30th. The Social Committee has diligently been making Welcome Bags and delivering them each month to new homeowners and identifiable renters. If you know of a newly rented property, drop a note to CWCATalk@gmail.com so we can leave a Welcome Bag for them. Remember that the JCSO Deputies asked neighbors to report any suspicious activity to the Tip Line phone #303-271-5612, please be able to provide a description of the activity, along with license plate number, which is crucial. It was noted that a mobile speed trailer was placed on the hill of Allison heading down to Ontario for about 2 weeks the beginning of July. Please accept our apologies for any confusion you may have had in conjunction with Dumpster Day. The fact of not having a Chairperson on the event made it very difficult to predict if it would actually come together. The monthly agenda covered all upcoming events including Free swim nights, Yard of the Month & National Night Out. A newly formatted organizational structure has been implemented by the Officers/ Board members to help streamline volunteer duties within the association. If you have questions, feel free to call the voice mail line or email CWCATalk@gmail.com. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voice mail, drop an email, just contact us. We look forward to hearing from the community.

The Leawood Rapporater

From Leawood Civic Association Minutes July 12, 2016 Board Members Present: Paul O'Connor, Richard White, Rhonda Eveleth and Chip Langowski. Volunteers Present: Joanne Jacobson

Chip will get with Mike to set up time for training on the website.

LCA has received 170 paid memberships (20%) so far this year compared to 179 (21%) in 2015.

The expenses for the June 4th Neighborhood Cleanup were discussed. The cost of the dumpsters from 5280 Waste Solutions increased from \$375 each last year to \$425 each with an additional \$50 fee for picking up the dumpsters on Saturday. Richard will shop around for a better rate next year.

Richard planted flowers in the Jay Court neighborhood entrance, has weeded and mowed. Some of the plants have died but it definitely looks better. Thank you Richard!

Because of the conflict with the Western Welcome Week, the date of the annual Leawood picnic was moved to August 27th. The food served will be: Sausage, (twice what we had last year), BBQ pork, fried chicken, potato salad and chips. Beer and soda and snow cones will also be provided.

Renee will be in charge of the bake sale. All proceeds will go to the LCA Scholarship Fund.

Picnic assignments are: Paul will pick up the BBQ meat and provide the PA system; Rhonda will bring a baby pool for water balloons; Debby will bring a baby pool for soda and ice; Richard will go to Costco for supplies (including water balloons) and arrange for the Bouncy Castle; Debby and Rhonda will coordinate the decorations; Debby has arranged for Fire Engine #13 to lead the parade again this year and will also organize the parade.

Include in the Rapporater a request for volunteers for the picnic. We need a lot more volunteers this year! We need help setting up beginning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. and also to clean up after the picnic.

There should be a flyer that goes out in August that advertises the BBQ. (Please include a big spot for contributions for the bake sale and for volunteers to help.)

Other Topics: Joanne will call all the local trash companies to get prices for comparison. We are looking for the best prices from companies that also include the option to recycle. The prices will be provided to Leawood residents for information only. The companies include Republic, Waste Management, Waste Connection, Pro Disposal and Lies. The hope is to begin to reduce the number of trash trucks going up and down the streets each day.

From Leawood Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Minutes July 13, 2016 The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at the home of Jennifer Dawe, 5575 W. Leawood Dr. by President Kyle Sargent. Members present were: Directors Jennifer Dawe, Donna Snyder/Treasurer, Linda Smith/VP/Secretary, Debby Baker/Special Projects (via Skype), and Dave Padilla, Parks Manager.

Public Comment/Correspondence - Debby report the LCA picnic has moved to August 27 due to conflict with Western Welcome Week on the 20th. Dave and Kyle received information on the dedicated bench and plaque. We are waiting on pricing on a picnic table to add to the information for the family.

Treasurer's Report – Donna submitted the Treasurer's report. Lottery funds, property tax and ownership tax income was received. Invoices for the month include: FICA quarterly payroll report, Denver Water, doggie bag vendor, United Site Services, Waste Management, Excel, DBC for irrigation supplies, Weston Landscaping lawn service maintenance for July and two large sprinkler repairs, Rich's invoice for trash pickup from parks on Fridays, Dave's invoice and reimbursement to petty cash. Linda moved the Treasurer's report be received and bills paid. Jennifer seconded and the motion passed.

Parks Manager Report - Dave reported a repair to the main water line at Tract T and a rotor was repaired. Trash from branches were taken to our dumpster and doggie walk bags replenished. We are now having Rich remove trash

from the parks on Fridays to help keep the accumulation of excess trash on the weekend in check. Weston mowed and trimmed as needed by their contract.

Dave will get a price for spraying the alfalfa that keeps coming back in most of the parks.

Old Business – 2016 Projects - We did a walk-thru of Raccoon Holler Park. Dead tree items and trimming overhanging branches were noted and added to project list.

The meeting was adjourned 7:56 PM.

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 (school is closed)

September to December – Leawood Elementary School

Posting location: District Board's agendas are posted by the Clerk to the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners board at the county.— *Linda T. Smith, Vice President and Secretary*

Woodbourne

From Notes From the Board We had a fantastic Fourth of July event. Although a fire truck could not come, the parade was still a great hit. The turnout for the bike parade and the pool events was great. I would like to thank everyone who participated. This participation is what makes our events enjoyable to schedule, and I think it allows people in our community to meet each other.

I cannot believe that it is already August and that the kids will be going back to school. With the kids going back to school the pool hours will be reduced to coincide with available lifeguard coverage. Our scheduled Board meeting date would have coincided with back to school events, so please note that we have pushed our Board meeting up to August 10.

That's right, the next Board meeting will be held on August 10, 2016 at the clubhouse.

Finally, I am sure you have all noticed that Renter's Retreat sign has been taken down from the pool covered patio. The Board is comprised of volunteers who serve the community and, as such, we also seek to be sensitive to community concerns. We would like to thank all of you who came directly to the Board with your concerns. This community feedback helps us understand how the community feels about actions we are taking on your behalf. As always, feel free to contact Steve Mitchell with Management Specialists at 720-974-4252 with any concerns. You can also email me at james_m@woodbournehoa.org. —*James Meyer, President*

School's In by Sheriff Jeff Shrader— This month, many parents have seen their children return to school. The end of the summer holiday can be a blessing for many, but we also receive questions from concerned parents and school officials pertaining to children's safety and security. This month's article addresses those concerns and offers children's crime prevention tips.

The Basics Be sure your children know their full name, address, and phone number.

Make sure they know how to call 9-1-1 and how to use cellphones and pay phones.

Teach your children how to say "NO!"

Get together with your neighbors and develop "safe zones" where your children can go in an emergency.

Know your surroundings and the hazards that may present dangers to your children, such as overgrown or wooded areas, construction zones, poorly lit areas, etc.

At School Develop a safe route to school that your children will use every day, and teach your children to walk with purpose and confidence and to be aware of their surroundings.

Get together with your neighbors and organize "walking buddy" groups for the kids in your neighborhood. Children who walk in groups are less likely to become victims of crime.

Authorized adults should monitor playground areas, and kids should not play alone.

If you're away at work when your children come home from school, make sure they check in with a trusted neighbor. Teach your kids to notify you if their schedules change or if they have to stay late for a school function.

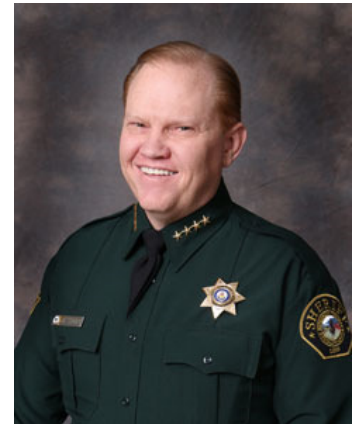
Bullying can be an enormous emotional and physical problem for kids in school. Teach your children to communicate with you about any people or places that scare them or make them uneasy. The sooner the problem is identified, the better. Contact your school officials about any reports of bullying.

Teach your kids to settle arguments with words, not weapons. If your children see kids at school who have guns, knives, or any weapons, make sure they tell school officials immediately.

Home Alone Make sure your children always have a safe way to get into their home. Have them carry keys in a concealed place, or give a set of keys to a trusted neighbor.

Teach your kids how to properly use your door and window locks. If you have an alarm system, make sure your children can operate it.

Communicate with your neighbors to develop after-school "buddy" groups and safe places for kids who would otherwise have to return to empty homes.



From Jeffco BCC Actions Peaks to Plain Trail Improvements At the July 12 public hearing, the commissioners authorized Open Space to submit two grant applications to leverage funds for a portion of the Peaks to Plains Trail at the Mouth of Clear Creek Canyon and other related trail improvements to the area. The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Connect Initiative and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications total approximately \$2,850,650 of the estimated \$8.4 million project.

The Peaks to Plain Trail is one of the 16 priority trail projects in the state of Colorado, through Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful Initiative.

The grant applications will further the Peak to Plains Trail through the construction of a 1.75 mile segment at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon. The project scope also includes two bridges, one a suspension bridge, and two trailheads of 30-50 cars each. Jeffco Open Space's contributions to the project area include \$2 million in planned improvements to the Welch Ditch Trail, and approximately \$175,000 for improvements to the Chimney Gulch Trail.

During the next three years, planned improvements at the mouth of Clear Creek Canyon total approximately \$10.4 million.

Board Appointments At the July 12 hearing, Scott Koop was appointed as the city of Lakewood representative to the Corrections Board. At the July 19 hearing, Mary Kay, representative of the city of Golden, Janelle Shaver, representative of the city of Wheat Ridge, Robert DeLong, representative of the city of Westminster, Dave Thomas, representative of unincorporated Jefferson County and Dan Ramsey, at-large citizen representative were also appointed to the Corrections Board.

The Corrections Board establishes policies and procedures for screening placements with facilities, coordinates goals for local community corrections, monitors offender progress and program compliance, and oversees contractual responsibilities for community corrections programs in Jefferson County.

Tax Refund Incentive Approved At the July 19 hearing, the BCC approved a personal property tax refund incentive for Zimmer Biomet Spine Inc. The incentive granted was 100 percent for the first ten years of operation, provided the company commences operation on or before June 30, 2017. It is also contingent on requirements such as the company relocating its business facility to Jeffco, it must hire the number of additional employees at the designated salary ranges and invest the amounts for personal property, capital, equipment, and real property all as set forth in its incentive questionnaire.

The tax incentive percentage is based on that portion of personal property taxes retained by the county and does not include any taxes due to the school district, any special district or other entity.

From Jeffco website DA Welcomes New Community Partner The First Judicial District Attorney's Office welcomes a new community partner in the fight to keep kids safe from online sexual predators. Arvada resident John Bucci raised \$2,300 at a charity golf tournament which he donated to the District Attorney's Child Sex Offender Internet Investigations (CHEEZO) unit.

Mr. Bucci is a retired Jefferson County school teacher and each year he organizes a fundraising golf tournament in support of a different non-profit group. This year the 39th Annual Bucci Invitational Golf Tournament and was held at West Woods Golf Course on August 6. Mr. Bucci chose the DA's CHEEZO program as recipient of the proceeds.

The DA's CHEEZO unit has two components – education programs and undercover investigations. The unit is run by senior investigator Mike Harris who says that the most important work they do is education – teaching kids and parents how to stay safe online. The mascot for the DA's internet and cell phone safety programs is called CHEEZO. This five foot, yellow, cool cat accompanies Harris and his team into schools and helps teach internet and cell phone safety to parents and kids. Each year they talk to 150 school groups about the dangers of online sexual predators. The other function of the CHEEZO unit is undercover investigations. In the past ten years, Harris and his team have arrested 723 online predators.

"This is a generous donation to our CHEEZO unit," said District Attorney Pete Weir, "Robust crime prevention programs are vital to keeping our children safe and community partners like Mr. Bucci help us in our commitment to public safety." In 2006, the District Attorney's Office established a 501(c)(3) non-profit community partnership to facilitate raising money for this and other prevention programs. Private donations to the District Attorney's Community Partnership allows the CHEEZO programs to stay in the community teaching kids and parents about internet and cell phone safety.

For more information about the CHEEZO program, contact Investigator Mike Harris at 303-271-6766.

Pam Russell DA Public Information 303-271-6905 prussel@jeffco.us

Jefferson County Commissioners Go Live August 23 Jefferson County is excited to announce we will begin live-streaming Board of County Commissioners hearings on the Jefferson County website beginning August 23, 2016. At the BCC hearings, which typically take place Tuesday mornings, commissioners address public policies and issues in Jefferson County and make decisions that affect the community. Now, in addition to attending in person, citizens can watch the hearings live online in order to be informed and engaged about what is happening in the county.

The live hearings are a move toward further public engagement, allowing citizens easy access to important county information from the comfort and convenience of their own computer. Most importantly, live stream hearings enable citizens to be involved in the county although they may not be able to be physically present at a hearing.

In addition to viewing meetings live, citizens can still access archived video recordings, agendas and minutes of finished



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The September 7th meeting will be 7 pm at the Sheriff's South Service Center (11139 Bradford Rd). The scheduled speaker is Dan McMinimee, Superintendent of Jeffco Public Schools.

meetings and hearings on the Jefferson County website. The commissioners' first live-stream hearing is Tuesday, August 23 at 8 am. Citizens can check the hearing calendar for hearing dates and times and access the live-stream, as well as view finished meetings and their agendas on the view page.

Make an Appointment and Get Your New Passport at Jeffco Did you know the Jefferson County Clerk to the Board's Office, accepts applications for new passports? In fact, the Jefferson County Clerk to the Board even received kudos in the Colorado Passport Agency's June newsletter for the use of correct forms and for preventing delays with the application process.

Passport services are located on the second floor in the Administration and Courts Facility, 100 Jefferson County Parkway. Appointment hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Appointments are required. Please call 303-271-8191 to set up an appointment and for application requirements. Sorry, walk-in customers are not accepted. To successfully complete your passport application, bring the following items: Unsigned, but completed passport application, Proof of citizenship including county or municipality certified birth certificate, naturalization certificate or previous passport (if renewing). Photocopies, certified abstracts of birth and hospital birth certificates are not accepted, Picture identification, One color passport photo, two inches by two inches, Social security number (not card)

A passport for persons aged 16 or older costs \$110 and \$80 for children under the age of 16 payable to the US Department of State and a \$25 application fee payable to Jefferson County. Only two checks or money orders are accepted forms of payment. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by both parents when applying for the passport and individuals between the ages of 16 and 18 must be accompanied by at least one parent.

Routine processing takes approximately six weeks. For passport processing within three weeks, expedited service is an additional \$60 fee. In case of an emergency requiring travel in three weeks or less, call 1-877-487-2778 and make an appointment at the Aurora office.

To learn more about passport requirements, fees and travel information, visit the U.S. Passports and International Travel website.

From Jeffco Schools website Lead Testing in Schools In recent months there have been incidents where lead has been found in drinking water in a variety of cities and public buildings. Though there is no state or federal regulation or mandate that requires schools to test for lead (unless the school district provides the water), our Environmental Services Department staff felt it would be a good, proactive measure to test our drinking water sources because a healthy, safe environment for our students and staff in our schools is a priority.

As a result, the Environmental Services Department has been testing all drinking water sources in schools and facilities for lead levels over the summer. You can read more information about testing and lead exposure, as well as view results for individual schools as they are completed. You may also view the presentation and update on testing efforts given at the July 28 Board of Education Study Session. http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/business/lead_tests/index.html