



THE REVIEW

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Daylight Savings Reminder – March 13th

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th. So, before you go to bed on Saturday night, move your clocks 1 hour FORWARD.

CKSII Community Communication

It is very important that we have current contact information for everyone in our community, especially those HOA members with trash service. Please email our Treasurer, Debbie Opperman, at cksiihoatreas@gmail.com with your Name, Address, Phone Number and Email Address, or call her at 303-525-2812 to update.

Debbie will keep all of this information private and it will only be used for CKSII communication. Thanks!



CKSII

BOARD MEETING

Tues., May 10th, 2016, 7 p.m.
Coronado Elementary School

HOA BOARD MEETING

Tues., July 12th, 2016, 7 p.m.
Coronado Park North Kiosk

You're Invited!

There's a really cool way for neighbors in a community to stay connected with one another. It's called Nextdoor.com. It's free and you are invited to join in. To sign up is simple. Go to NEXTDOOR.COM/JOIN and enter your invitation code **ZXJKDJ** and zip code and follow the easy instructions. Takes less than a minute.

"Ah, I get too many emails already!" might be what you're thinking. That's another cool part to how this works. You get one email a day that lists all of the stuff that happened over the last day. You pick and choose the topics that you are interested in. Really easy.

The Jeffco sheriff uses this service to communicate with many communities in the area, including CKSII. So, you get real time notices that can be very, very helpful. It's good info. The HOA sends notices, as well. For example, snow storm? Will my trash pickup be delayed? With one email, the HOA can let you know!

There are all sorts of notices that you might find interesting. Our community garage sale notice gets sent to all of our surrounding communities. People ask their neighbors for recommendations for landscapers to roofers. Notices involving county zoning meetings show up on occasion. It is also a way for neighbors to help neighbors. Just before Christmas, a resident in a nearby community posted a notice that he had lost his job and was asking if anyone had any work that he could do. Long story short, some neighbors took it upon themselves to help this man and his family have a Christmas. Really an amazing thing to happen, all because people were able to communicate with their neighbors.

So, please take just a minute to sign up. You'll be glad you did! Oh, one more thing. Your information is only available to your neighbors here in CKSII.

Some Good News!

From the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

I wanted to pass along some very good news. Over the past few weeks we've seen a marked decrease in the number of vehicle trespasses in the South Precinct! Our hope is that through our combined efforts at addressing this problem, and the citizens heeding our call for diligence in removing valuables from vehicles and locking them has been the reason for this success. Whatever the reason, I felt it was important to let you know some good news about these crimes. Thank you!

— Deputy Gordon Neuenfeldt

President's Corner

Hello everyone, what an exciting beginning to the year with the Broncos winning the Super Bowl!

I am pleased to announce the officers for the 2016 Columbine Knolls South II Board of Directors. Bob Pellegrini will be our Vice President and continue to chair the ACC Committee; Debbie Opperman will continue as our Treasurer; Robert Sudar will continue as our Secretary and I will be your President. New to the Board, please welcome Bob Haberkorn, Larry Opperman and Pam Horiszny who will

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CKSII HOA Treasurer's Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Check book balance: January 1, 2016 69048.73

DEPOSITS	CURRENT	Y T D	BUDGET
Memberships dues/assessments	35235.00	35235.00	80736.00

EXPENDITURES

Trash Service	3422.60	3422.60	45216.00
Management Company	903.70	903.70	10600.00
Legal Fees	185.00	185.00	10000.00
Insurance	-	-	1250.00
Bank Service Charges	-	-	50.00
Income Tax	-	-	100.00
Rentals/ISP (PO Box/storage)	128.00	128.00	700.00
HOA Meeting Costs	-	-	200.00
Supplies, Postage, Printing	-	-	1000.00
Newsletter Editor & Delivery	250.00	250.00	3000.00
Web Master for CKSII website	75.00	75.00	900.00
Social / Welcome Activities	-	-	1500.00
Utilities	22.81	22.81	300.00
CKSII Signs/Landscaping	-	-	1000.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	250.00
Total Expenditures	4987.11	4987.11	76066.00

Check book balance: January 31, 2016 99296.62

SAVINGS ACCOUNT and TIME DEPOSITS

	Interest Income	Ending Balance	Interest YTD
Savings account:	0.12	13,067.28	.12
Time deposit 1:	55.40	43,818.65	55.40
Time deposit 2:	0.00	11,195.12	0.00
Interest YTD:	55.52		
Members thru January:	290		

Columbine Knolls South II

CKSII HOA, P.O. Box 621625, Littleton, CO 80162

Homeowners Association Board Members are:

Jennifer Blake, President cell: 303-842-2306 email: jblake5280@gmail.com	Debbie Opperman, Treasurer cell: 303-525-2812 email: cksiihoatreas@gmail.com
Bob Pellegrini, Vice President/ ACC Chair home: 303-598-4526 email: bob@cksii.org	Pam Horiszny, Director phone: 734-761-5650 email: pam@cksii.org
Robert Sudar, Secretary cell: 303-948-8535 email: secretary@cksii.org	Bob Haberkorn, Director/ACC phone: 303-725-2728 email: director@cksii.org
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News Articles

All articles and "Letters to the Editor" must be approved by the editor for publication. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter. "Letters to the Editor" must be signed, include a phone number and preferably be 300 words or less. The deadline for news articles is the 21st of the month before the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 8th. Please email news articles and "Letters to the Editor" to Barb Steward at cksiieditor@gmail.com.

Advertising

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. To place an ad, call **Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499**. Email: getinfo@coloradolaser.com. To find ad rates and discounts, go to www.ColoradoLaser.com and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

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Just Move In? Welcome!

Are you new to the community? Let us hear from you. CKSII is a large sub-division and the Homeowners' Association wants to keep everyone informed. You can help the HOA help you by letting us know that you have moved in. **Call Debbie at 303-525-2812**. She can get you set up with HOA membership, as well as trash service.

We have a web site, www.cksii.org, which will provide you with a wide variety of helpful information, including the CKSII covenants and the ODP. Welcome to the neighborhood!

HOA 2016 Trash Schedule

Just a reminder that the Waste Management Trash Schedule for HOA members is on the home page of the community web site, www.cksii.org. Our normal trash pickup day is Wednesday and recyclables are picked up every other Wednesday. The schedule also contains the observed holidays for 2016 and those days where our pickup is delayed by one day because of those holidays. Please print out the schedule and place it by your trash containers as a handy reminder. Thanks!

Junk Mail

Just a reminder. **Any junk mail that you receive can be recycled.** All that you need to do is put your junk mail in the same recyclable container as your newspaper. Waste Management will do the rest. Remember, our regular weekly trash pickup day is Wednesday and our **recyclables are picked up every other Wednesday**. Should you need a trash pickup schedule, one can be downloaded from the community web site, www.cksii.org, on the home page.

Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners' Association Membership Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Dues/assessments with trash service are \$21.25 per month and without trash are \$9.25 per month. Please circle one amount for the month that you would like your membership to begin.

	With Trash	Without Trash		With Trash	Without Trash
Beginning					
January	255.00	111.00	July	127.50	55.50
February	233.75	101.75	August	106.25	46.25
March	212.50	92.50	September	85.00	37.00
April	191.25	83.25	October	63.75	27.75
May	170.00	74.00	November	42.50	18.50
June	148.75	64.75	December	21.25	9.25

I have included a check for the amount circled above. I understand that this membership is effective through December 31st and is not refundable. Please send this form with your payment, to:

**Columbine Knolls South II HOA
 P O Box 621625 * Littleton CO 80162**

President's Corner, *continued from front page*

support the ACC Committee. Stephanie Haberkorn will chair the Landscape Committees, Bob Haberkorn will chair the Social Committee and I will chair the Welcome Committee. We have a number of great volunteers for the Landscape Committee and Welcome Committee; however, we are still recruiting volunteers to help on the Social Committee. If you are interested in helping plan the Annual Holiday Hayride please contact myself at jblake5280@gmail.com or 303-842-2306. Thanks to all the Board and Committee members for their willingness to volunteer and their dedication to make this a better place for each of us to live!

This is the time of year that the CKSII Board of Directors interviews and selects the newsletter carrier for our community newsletter, The Review, for the upcoming year. Congratulations to Isaac Nelson for being selected for the position. We are confident that he will do a great job of delivering The Review to your home each month. I am continually impressed with the great kids we have in this community.

If you are interested in staying in touch with neighborhood happenings, I invite you to join our private community site, Columbine Knolls South II Nextdoor. Currently over 120 neighbors are participating on the site and it's a convenient location for the Board to post time sensitive information, the Jeffco Sheriff's Office to communicate crime and safety information and neighbors to stay informed on local events or even post items for sale/free. To join go to nextdoor.com/join and use code ZXJKDJ.

The next CKSII HOA sponsored event will be the Community Garage Sale on June 3-4. This is a great time to clean out your garage and closets and make a little money at the same time!

Hope to see you at the next CKSII HOA meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 p.m. in the library at Coronado Elementary School.

— Jennifer Blake, President CKSII HOA

Columbine Knolls South II Homeowners Association

Board Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2016

Call to Order: President, Jennifer Blake, called to order the February 9, 2016 meeting of the HOA Board of Directors at 7:00 pm. Board members Jennifer Blake, Debbie Opperman, Bob Pellegrini, Larry Opperman, Bob Haberkorn, Pam Horiszny, and Robert Sudar were in attendance along with Roger Borcharding of DARCO Property Management.

Introduction of Newsletter Delivery Candidates: Presentation: Isaac Nelson attended to present as a candidate to deliver the neighborhood newsletter this year. Isaac answered several questions from the board. Isaac was the only candidate to attend the meeting. Vote: The Board voted unanimously to approve Isaac as the newsletter carrier this year.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jennifer Blake and seconded by Bob Haberkorn to accept the January 12, 2016 meeting minutes as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reported a cash balance of \$69,048.73 as of January 1st, 2016. For the month of January there was \$4,987.11 of expenditures. There were annual membership dues collections of \$35,235.00. The end of January balances were \$99,296.62 in checking, \$13,067.16

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in savings, and \$55,013.77 in combined time deposits. The HOA currently has 290 members. Debbie is exploring options for new certificates of deposit when one of the ones held by the HOA closes its term in June. Debbie will report back to the board with options at the next meeting.

ACC Committee: Bob Pelligrini reported 2 requests and 2 approved with 0 in pending status. Applications were as follows: 1 for a patio door and 1 for landscaping.

Welcome Committee: Jennifer Blake and Stephanie Haberkorn went out and delivered welcome boxes to six new residents. They plan to deliver more before the next meeting to our newest neighbors.

Management Report: Two inspections were conducted in January. Nineteen violations were processed by mail and personal contact. Included were 4 hauling trailers, 1 moving trailer, and 14 homes with visible trash containers. Visible trash can violations are a common violation when there is lots of snow on the ground. If you have concerns about a notice you received, feel free to contact DARCO HOA Property Management directly to discuss. 303-925-0150

New Business: NextDoor Community Site – Jennifer reported that over 120 neighbors have joined and it's been a great site to communicate time sensitive info or community reminders. Jennifer will be adding a flier to welcome kits and will mention the site in several newsletters this year. **Collecting of homeowner emails** – Debbie is looking to update homeowner contact information to better be able to send community-wide reminders or time sensitive email blasts about important news such as trash pick-up delays. Debbie is looking into the most private and secure options available.

Future Meeting Dates: May 10, July 12, September 13, November 8 and January 10, 2017 - Annual Meeting

Special Event Dates: June 3-4 Community Garage Sale, June 8 – Large Item Pickup, December 4 – Holiday Hayride

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Take The Perfect Family Portrait



Portraits of your children as they grow up can become a treasured memory, but getting them taken can sometimes be a struggle. If you're determined to take just the right picture, try these for tips for portrait photography without tears:

- Take the picture early. A photo session first thing in the morning is easier on everyone. You can dress your kids appropriately and let them change into "play clothes" afterward instead of forcing them to get cleaned up and changed later in the day, when they're more apt to be tired and cranky.
- Don't overdo things. Keep clothes and accessories simple. Remember that your focus should be on the child's face.
- Plan ahead of time. Get your child a haircut a few days before the portrait session, not that morning. If the cut turns out to be too short or severe, time will relax the look.
- Smile! Try to avoid a forced, insincere smile on your subject's face. Relax and let your child's personality shine through.



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Learn More! – Public Info Meetings

- Saturday March 12, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
- Saturday April 9, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

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Avoid These Mistakes With Retirement Funds

One or two mistakes in handling your retirement money could mean paying a stiff penalty as you grow older. Whatever the state of the stock market, stay clear of some common mistakes:



- Obsessing about market losses. Focus on your long-term needs, not the daily ups and downs of the Dow Jones Average. Catastrophic events and long-term health care needs can cause as much damage to your nest egg as a shaky stock market.
- Forgetting about inflation and taxes. Your retirement savings may be a lot smaller than you think when you start factoring in the rate of inflation and the taxes you'll have to pay when you start drawing out of it.
- Not saving in the last years before retirement. Just because you've got just a handful of years left before you retire doesn't mean you should go ahead and buy that new Lexus. Some people are able to build up substantial savings in their last five years of work because they get serious about saving and investing.
- Not planning for a long life. Despite the dramatic rise in life expectancy in recent decades, many people still underestimate how long they'll live. If you're not thinking about longevity, you could tap out your savings much faster than you should. Look at the figures and add in at least a few extra years as you make your plans.

Help Your Kids Deal With The Real World

Sex. Drugs. Relationships. These can be tough issues to discuss with your children, but these days you can't afford to neglect them. Here are some principles to guide you in keeping the lines of communication open and flourishing:

- Create an open environment. Let your children know that you are available to listen whenever they have questions or just want to talk. Live up to your commitment.
- Give your undivided attention. Drop everything to listen when your child approaches you, no matter what you're doing. One-on-one attention will show that you take children's concerns seriously.
- Be proactive with important or sensitive topics. Don't just wait for kids to come to you. Talk about your own expectations and concerns so children know you're thinking about these topics. Children need to hear from their parents.
- Respect their intelligence. Don't condescend or go into long speeches that begin, "When I was your age ..." Seek to understand their point of view so you can address topics and questions that they need help with.
- Talk often. Don't expect a one-time explanation or lecture to answer all their questions. Ask kids about their daily lives, and make important topics part of an ongoing conversation.
- Be authentic. Answer kids' questions as honestly as you can. Most children can spot doubletalk a mile away, and any attempt to mislead them will shut down communication.

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Career Growth Starts With Creative Change

Doing the same thing day after day is easy. Change calls for a fresh approach, new perspectives—a different way of thinking. And it can be hard. When you need to shake up your world a bit, try these strategies for motivating change in yourself:

- Start small. A minor change can sometimes spur a greater transformation down the line. If nothing else, small changes can help you get into the habit of trying something new. Take a different route to work, talk to a co-worker you don't know well, or start the day with a different task.
- Focus on opportunities, not obstacles. Change is easier when it's connected to something important. Don't obsess over how difficult a new task is—concentrate on what it will help you accomplish. Mastering a new software package may be a chore, for instance, but it will be less painful if you remember how it will help you work more efficiently in the future.
- Track your progress. From time to time, take a look at how far you've come already in your career and your life. You've changed more than you realize, and recognizing your success will spur you on to further progress.

Where Are Teens Online?

Young people today have lots of ways to spend (or waste) time online. They're not on Facebook, though—at least not as a first choice. A survey of U.S. teens by Piper Jaffrey found that Instagram is actually the most popular site among the younger generation, with 33 percent ranking it as their favorite. In second place is Twitter (20 percent), followed by Snapchat at 19 percent. Facebook came in fourth, named by just 15 percent.



Let The Easter Eggs Roll

Ever wonder how the tradition of the White House Easter Egg Roll came to be? It began with Dolley Madison, first lady to President James Madison from 1809 to 1817.

Mrs. Madison was fascinated to learn that Egyptian children rolled colored eggs on the site of the great Pyramids. She thought the children of the Washington area would enjoy the activity as well.

The first Easter Egg Rolls were held on the Capitol grounds. In 1877 members of Congress grew tired of slipping on the remains of boiled eggs, and gave orders to ban the event. So in 1878, President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife, Lucy, officially opened the White House grounds to the tradition.

“In truth a family is what you make it. It is made strong, not by number of heads counted at the dinner table, but by the rituals you help family members create, by the memories you share, by the commitment of time, caring, and love you show to one another, and by the hopes for the future you have as individuals and as a unit.”

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Just a reminder that **before** you make improvements to your property, you need to submit two copies of the ACC Improvement Request Form to the Architectural Control Committee. The form is available on our web site, www.cksii.org, on the ACC page. It's a simple form to complete and helps you and the ACC with the approval process. If you don't have internet access, call any of the three ACC Board contacts on page 2 of this newsletter and they can get you what you need. You can also call **Roger Borcharding** at **DARCO Property Management (303-925-0150)**, with any questions that you might have regarding the approval process.

Community Events - Save That Date!

Following are the dates for the various community events planned by your Homeowners' Association for 2016. We wanted to give you a heads up early so that you can mark your calendars now.

- Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th: Community Garage Sale**
- Saturday, June 8th: Large Item Pickup**
- Sunday, December 4th: Hay Ride and Santa**

Please save these dates and plan on joining in. Most of these events provide a terrific opportunity to meet your neighbors and have some fun!

Scams

There are far too many scams going on these days to describe in this newsletter. Here's a small and recent list: Publishers Clearing House, Fallen Officer Scam, IRS Phone Scams, Roof Damage Inspectors Scam, US Department of Treasury Scam, Jury Duty, Hit Man scam and EZ-Pass Email Phishing scam. If you want more specifics, details on all of these can be found on the Jefferson County Sheriff's office web site at <http://jeffco.us/sheriff/crime-prevention-safety/scams/>

The good news is that the solution for not becoming a victim is very simple. Here it is. **IF YOU DID NOT INITIATE THE CONTACT, DELETE IT, HANG UP OR THROW IT AWAY!** Do NOT click any link, engage in phone conversations with these people or respond in any way.

Social Work Month

The goal of Social Work Month is to educate the public about how social workers bring about positive social change and improve the lives of individuals and families. It's sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers, which works to enhance the professional growth and development of its 132,000 members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

Teen Services

To add your teen's name, please email **Colorado Lasertype** at getinfo@coloradolasertype.com and leave the following information: the **neighborhood you live in**, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: **(B)** Babysitting; **(*)** Red Cross Cert for CPR; **(L)** Lawn care; **(S)** Snow removal; **(P)** Pet & House sitting.

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