



Lakehurst Honker

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Newsletter for the Lakehurst West Homeowners Association
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Letter From The President

Greeting fellow homeowners!

As the saying goes, "Spring is in the air!" With great anticipation we await the spring and summer months with all the activities that go along with them, including: gardening, sprucing up the yard, vacations, barbeques or just lounging around on the patio or deck. A couple of our neighborhood's favorite summer activities are also in the works; our annual **community garage sale** and **summer picnic**. Mark your calendars now for these important dates you won't want to miss! See the box with "important events" on the back of this page for the dates.

This is also that time of year when we consider doing a little "spring cleaning". This not only applies to our homes, but

also to the neighborhood. That's why your HOA will be busy in the following months identifying issues and suggesting ways we can spruce up the neighborhood. To do this fairly, we need your input. See the attached flyer which requests your comments concerning the neighborhood, our existing covenants, (yes, we do have covenants) and the Jefferson County zoning regulations. Or if you prefer, we would enjoy hearing from you at our upcoming **General Meeting** to be held at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th at Peiffer Elementary School**. This is the start of what will continue to be an on-going discussion regarding the issues that affect all of us.

Enjoy the Springtime!

Dan Muldoon, LWHOA President

Thank You!

The community and the board members of the Lakehurst West Homeowners Association will like to say a special **THANK YOU** to **Dan Renaud** for his past four years of service on the board. We will all miss his experience and his good sense of humor.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency911
Jeffco Sheriff's Office (*non-emergency*)..... 303-271-0211
To report animal cruelty/neglect 303-271-5070

HOA OFFICERS for 2010

Dan Muldoon, President

Suzen Rodgers, Vice President

Betty Steinke, Treasurer

Dan Renaud, Secretary (*through April 20th*)

Burke & Betty Steinke,

CoHOPE Representatives

Sally Stern, Roving Reporter

Marti Norberg, Newsletter Editor

Art Show at Peiffer

Peiffer Elementary school is hosting "Arts For All, An Imagination Celebration" and silent auction from **6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010**. This event will benefit the Peiffer Art, PE and Music Departments.

There will be an exciting assortment of student and adult artwork, jewelry, woodworking, photography, etc. that will be available for bid. The **free** admission will include artistic demonstrations, musical performances and edible art served in a gallery opening environment! Please join us for this wonderful event. Dress will be semi-formal.

To make an artistic or monetary donation, to volunteer to help with the event, or to place your business ad in the **Arts For All Program**, please contact Julie Scott-Blair by phone at **303-932-9283** or by email at subt@comcast.net, at your earliest convenience.



LWHOA Contact Information

Phone: 720-94LWHOA (720-945-9462)

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 271032, Littleton, CO 80127

Facebook: Lakehurst West Homeowners Association

Freecycling

Are you getting into spring cleaning mode, but hate to send stuff to a landfill, knowing that one person's trash is another's treasure? Freecycling might be your answer! Freecycle is a grassroots, non-profit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns.

It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. It's free to join; you simply become a member of a yahoo email group and you can either post things for giveaway, or receive notices of other things being given away. Craig's list also has a "free" section, but this is nice because it's more focused on the Littleton area. Check it out! <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecyclelittleton/>

Lakehurst Pre-Schoolers and Their Parents!

Lakehurst West is a fun and exciting place to live for all types of people, including families with children of all ages. There is an informal neighborhood group of families with preschool age children who are actively organizing playground gatherings and other get-togethers.

This group is also brainstorming about other possible, such as a mini 4th of July Parade where kids can decorate their bikes, and a weekly or bi-weekly Spanish language class for preschoolers.

And, for all the experienced/certified/qualified babysitters in the neighborhood, this is a great group to share your information with.

If anyone is interested in being part of this informal network, please contact Lisa Hofmeister at 303-932-0774 or by email at lrardin@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS:

General HOA Meeting

Tuesday, April 20th, 7 p.m.,
at Peiffer Elementary School

Community Picnic

Sunday, June 27th, Details to be announced

General HOA Meeting

Tuesday, July 20th, 7 p.m.,
at Peiffer Elementary School

Community Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th,
Details to be announced

Okay, just who is this HOA? Why should I care? Why should I join? Why should I volunteer?

The Lakehurst West Homeowners Association (LWHA) is a volunteer association. The group consists entirely of residential property owners, just like you, working together to make the Lakehurst and Lakehurst West communities a great place to live. LWHA wants to work with you to protect your home, your investment and our community.

You can help by:

- Joining LWHA — **\$30 dues per year.**
What do your dues pay for? Newsletter, room rental for meetings, annual garage sale, annual summer picnic, website, COHOPE membership by LWHA, and Jefferson County liaisons. Dues may be paid at any meeting or by mailing them to P. O. Box 271032, Littleton, CO 80127. Dues cover June to May each year.
- Attending the meetings regularly. General meetings are held quarterly. Special meetings are held as the need arises.
- Volunteering to serve on the board, and/or a committee. **Right now we need someone to serve as the Board Secretary. And we need people to volunteer to help with the neighborhood cleanup efforts.**
- Taking an active role in promoting the HOA's efforts and activities with your neighbors. **Come to the picnic. Participate in the garage sale.**
- Most importantly — **Be a part of the solution, and help resolve the problems.**

Volunteers Needed!

The LWHA Board is seeking someone to volunteer to assume the duties of Board Secretary. If you are interested, please call 720-94LWHA (720-945-9462) and leave your name and contact information. Plan to attend the next general meeting on April 20th and present your qualifications.

The HOA is also in need of volunteers to help with the neighborhood cleanup. This work will be done not only in open space and common areas, but will be available to assist our neighbors who need help in maintaining their homes and yards. This would consist of lawn mowing, weeding, minor fix-up chores, and general clean-up. If you are interested, please attend the meeting on April 20th for further details.

It's Bike Riding Season!

Here are some reminders about bicycles and bike safety. All bicycles must have a red reflector on the rear. Bicycles operated on a public roadway at night or in poor weather conditions must be equipped with an operational headlamp on the front and reflectors visible on the left and right sides. Bicyclists are not required to have a driver's license.

Bicycles may be operated as vehicles or as pedestrians. Bicycles operated on sidewalks must abide by the same rules as pedestrians, including crossing roadways only at intersections or designated crosswalks. Bicycles operated on roadways must abide by all traffic laws. To ensure their safety, road bikes must obey the following rules:

- Ride on the right - never ride against traffic.
- Ride on a paved shoulder when one is available.
- Obey traffic laws, signs and signals.

This includes stopping at stop lights and stop signs.

- Use a headlight, taillight and reflectors at night.
- Ride single file.
- Protect yourself against injury and accidents by riding defensively, and always wear a helmet.

We Live in Coyote Country

- **Protect your pets!** Coyotes will attack cats and dogs. Do not allow your pets to roam, especially at night.
- **Do not allow dogs to run with coyotes.** Although it may appear they are "playing", coyotes can turn on dogs.
- **Don't leave pet food outside.** This invites wildlife into your yard.
- **Keep your garbage in a storage shed or a sealed container.** Clean garbage cans regularly to reduce odors.
- If a coyote approaches you or your pet, **throw rocks or sticks to frighten it away. Shout in a loud, authoritative voice and make yourself look big!**

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To all Lakehurst West Homeowners and Residents:

COVENANTS & ZONING REGULATIONS UPDATE

A special Lakehurst West Homeowners Association meeting was held on February 16th to discuss our present neighborhood covenants, the Jefferson County Zoning Regulations and the benefits of both for the greater good of the neighborhood. Thanks to all homeowners who participated. As a result of this meeting, it was determined a **Covenant Study Committee** be formed to determine how our existing covenants might be amended to be more relevant and protective of the neighborhood.

There is no question we have a great neighborhood with many amenities; including open space, parks, and mountain views -- to name a few. However, over the years our neighborhood has been impacted by falling property values, parking issues, and a general decline in the care and appearance of our homes. Now is the time to work together to help improve, maintain, and increase the values of our properties, while working to make Lakehurst an enjoyable place to live now and for future generations. **To accomplish this goal, the Lakehurst West Home Owners Association requests everyone's input in making this vision a reality.**

Therefore we are asking you to take a few minutes and let us know what your concerns are for the neighborhood. Please write your comments on the back of this letter in the space provided and either mail it to the address listed, or bring with you to the next general meeting to be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 20th at Peiffer Elementary school.

While they will continue to study how best to amend our current covenants, the LWFOA Covenant Study Committee is also planning to address the more obvious existing zoning violations in the neighborhood. A letter from the HOA will be sent out encouraging homeowners who are found to be in violation of the Jefferson County zoning ordinance to address the infraction on a voluntary basis for the good of the neighborhood.

Lakehurst West HOA is here to help. We plan to assist those who are unable to resolve zoning infractions on their own; including the elderly, disabled, health challenged or those unable to perform the maintenance themselves for other reasons. This will be explained in more detail at the April general meeting and volunteers for this program will be needed.

Let's re-establish the pride in our neighborhood and work together to make it the best it can be! We look forward to making a difference this year, and hope you will join us -- along with your fellow neighbors -- to make it happen.

The Lakehurst West Homeowners Association Board.

1. List the top three concerns on your block. _____

2. What more would you like to see our HOA do for your neighborhood? _____

3. Would you support amending the existing covenants to be more relevant? Why or why not? _____

4. Additional comments: _____

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