



# Lakehurst Honker

Newsletter for the

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*The goal of the Lakehurst West Homeowners Association is to promote responsible living by improving the quality, safety and community involvement within our neighborhood.*

*Letter from the President:*

## Greetings fellow neighbors and welcome 2012!

I hope you enjoyed a safe and happy holiday with your friends and family.

As we look back fondly to last year let us thank all those volunteers who helped make 2011 a success including committee members, the HOA board, and Kim Hinson who through their efforts helped make it a year to remember. As we enter the new year, there are many exciting events being planned. Now is the time to think about how you might make a difference in the neighborhood either by joining a committee, attending the general meetings, or simply joining the HOA to have your voice heard. We welcome your involvement!

Coming up in April will be our 2012 board elections. Please consider getting involved yourself or nominating someone you know who would make an excellent leader? If your Lakehurst

neighborhood is important to you, as it should be, then now is the time to get involved. Don't let someone else speak for you. May you enjoy much happiness this new year as we look forward to another great year!

*Dan Muldoon*

*President, Lakehurst West Homeowners*

## Thank You!

A special mention of thanks to **Charles Carter** who resides on South Tulane Street for his work with the Jefferson County Transportation Department to change the wait times for the traffic light at Marlowe and Simms. Aaargh! Due to his efforts you now only have to wait 30 seconds during non-rush hour traffic for a green light. *Thanks Charles for making a difference!*

## LAKEHURST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

7 p.m., Tuesday,  
January 31, 2012

Peiffer Elementary School

Items for possible discussion:

- April board elections
- Possible changes to number of annual meetings and annual number of newsletters published
- Upcoming summer events - garage sale, parade and picnic, community clean-up, National Night Out
  - Community website
  - Harriman Lake and Park construction

All Lakehurst residents are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting!

## HOA Waste Service

Eagle Waste and Recycling has recently been acquired by **Waste Connections of Colorado**. They are continuing to honor the Lakehurst West HOA discount rate for both **trash AND recycling service**, although there has been a slight price increase for most households of \$2.50/mo. to \$16.50/mo. This is still a savings from their standard rate of \$18.50. If you wish to take advantage of this savings, you may contact them at **303-288-2100** and ask for the Lakehurst West preferred rate.

## Use Caution When Shopping

Following two recent incidents involving attempted kidnapping and/or robbery in local shopping center parking lots, the Jeffco Sheriff is encouraging everyone to constantly be aware of your surroundings, especially the people around you. If you think you are being followed, do not isolate yourself by heading to your car. Stay inside, or go back into the store, find security and ask for an escort to your vehicle. Or, shop with friends!

## Monitor Your AC Year Round

The dangers and misuse of refrigerant gases continue to make national and local news. Refrigerant gases accidentally leaking into the atmosphere are an environmental hazard and this happens at a higher rate during cold months due to contraction. However, there is a more dangerous and deadly cause for refrigerant gas leaks — “huffing” this gas for a cheap high.

Across the country people are essentially playing “Russian Roulette” with their lives by inhaling refrigerant gases they release from air conditioning units. Teenagers and young adults are the most likely to be participating in huffing. They open the gas line on an AC unit, capture the escaping gas in a bag, then immediately inhale it. The gas produces uncontrollable laughing, stumbling, a dazed stupor or sometimes death.

Jefferson County has adopted regulations mandating that “refrigerant circuit access ports located outdoors shall be fitted with locking-type tamper resistance caps” and are actively enforcing the use of these caps. Homeowners are asked to check existing caps and to monitor the level of refrigerant in their AC units. If the unit is not properly cooling, it is either leaking or someone is stealing the refrigerant.

To learn more about refrigerant huffing, visit <http://insideedition.com/news/7134/inside-edition-investigates-air-conditioner-huffing-among-teens.aspx>.

## Harriman Lake and Park Update

The Denver Water Department recently extended the estimated time required to reconstruct the 138-year-old earthen dam and lake to December of 2012.

Because the lake’s water level will be raised by three feet, much of the park’s existing wetland area will be flooded and Denver Water needs additional time to reestablish the habitat by planting new saplings after the construction is completed.

**NOTE: This construction will continue to disrupt and limit feeding grounds for area coyotes, raccoons and foxes. They are moving closer to the homes around the lake. Keep a close eye on your pets and kids.**

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## Lakehurst’s Feline P.R. (PuRr) Agent

Here is a photograph of “Ragga-Muffin” a.k.a. “Romeo” dubbed so by those of us he comes to see. For the last three years, he’s been at the Stern’s back door for breakfast. He travels east from there to Surrey Drive and then by homes to the west end of our lake.

He (obviously) is area-smart, has camouflaged colored fur and no collar or tags, so Wyle Coyote and Mrs. Red Fox haven’t detected him.

Does he have an owner? We don’t know, but possibly, because he’ll come by with all the knots brushed out of his hair.

So, if anyone claims ownership, know that when he’s missing, he’s visiting! And let us know his real name!



## Why Should YOU Become An HOA Member?

The Lakehurst West Homeowners Association (LWFOA) 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. LWFOA wants to work with you to protect your home, your investment and our community.

• Join LWFOA — **\$30 dues per year.** *What do your dues pay for?* This newsletter, room rental for meetings, annual garage sale, annual summer parade and picnic, community improvement, website, 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.

### How can YOU help your neighborhood?

- Attend the meetings. *(The next one is January 31st!)*
- Volunteer to serve on the board or a committee.

*Elections for Board members will be held in April.*

- Take an active role in promoting the HOA’s efforts and activities with your neighbors.
- Participate in the community events such as the neighborhood garage sale, the parade and picnic, our Neighborhood Night Out, the community clean-up activities.
- Most importantly — *Be a part of the solution, and help resolve the problems.*



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