



What is Behind Your Fence?

If you don't back to a neighbor's yard, the property behind your fence may seem like a "vacant lot," but that is probably not the case. An area of tall grass behind your fence belongs to someone – you can find out on the web by going to the county GIS maps – either ASPIN for Jefferson County, or ArapaMap for Arapahoe County. The property might be owned by a school district, a drainage district, the county or state, a park and recreation district, or many other entities. If you are concerned about "weeds" or mowing, you should call that entity to discuss the plan and management of that property. Some may have truly dropped out of their attention, but in most cases these areas are managed as natural open space. The intent is often to have a healthy stand of native grasses and forbes (broadleaved plants) that have low water demand, provide habitat for wildlife, look pleasant (not manicured) and resist weed invasions.

In no circumstance should you hop the fence to trim or mow, spray chemical, dump yard waste or lawn clippings, or dispose of pet waste. South Suburban Parks and Recreation is one such agency and we manage hundreds of acres behind homes. In our experience it is easy to see many examples where homeowners have tried to manage these areas and have created worse issues: by mowing with
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Happy New Year from your HOA!

Please don't forget to turn in your voluntary HOA dues—they help pay for all the fun activities that we do in our neighborhood throughout the year. Many people make an extra donation and we very much appreciate that!

Dog Owners

Did you know it's a good idea to ALWAYS pick up dog waste? As a homeowner, it's never fun to walk into your front yard and to find numerous dog surprises that don't belong to your pet, or you don't even own a dog. Our own neighborhood has a lot of dog waste left on the sidewalks, the side yards, open space and other areas. Here are some little known facts about just leaving a "harmless" little pile. It isn't so harmless.

Fact: Our natural ecosystem can only handle 2 dogs per square mile. In urban areas, there are 125 dogs per square mile. 72.8 million dogs currently live in the United States. When asked, 40 percent of Americans admit they don't pick up after their dogs "go." Did you know that one gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal bacteria. That's a lot of germs!

What's In Your Wallet?

We have seen an increase in the use of counterfeit bills over recent months. In November and December we've had 30 reports of fraud involving counterfeit money, compared to 4 cases reported for the same time frame in 2015.

Not only are local businesses impacted by fraudulent money, but you can be as well if you've been given a counterfeit bill and do not realize it. This can happen when you sell items to strangers through sites like Craigslist, or even at garage sales. These photos can help you identify a counterfeit bill when you receive one, or before you use one inadvertently.

Fake money can come in any denomination, but is easily identified when you hold it up to light and do not see a watermark and a security strip. When looking at the front of the bill while holding it up to the light, the watermark will be visible on the right side of the bill. The security thread is a vertical strip that includes the denomination of the bill; however, this will not be present on \$1.00 and \$2.00 bills. Neither the watermark nor the security strip can be seen clearly without light filtering through the bill. If you have a bill that does not have these features, please report it to local law enforcement.

Unfortunately we will not be able to replace the fraudulent bill with real currency, but you may be able to help us identify the source of the fake money.



—Dionne Waugh

Digital Communications Manager Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Williamsburg II 2016 HOA Payment Coupon

Membership: \$35.00. All residents of Williamsburg II are encouraged to join! Please return this form and a check made payable to Williamsburg II HOA and mail to **Jeff Talmadge, 10406 W. Glasgow Ave., Littleton, CO 80127-3648**. Your dues pay for the maintenance of the front entrance, electricity for the lights, Board of Directors insurance and social events that promote community involvement. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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Address _____ Phone _____

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residential mowers, native grasses are scalped and invasive weeds soon take hold. The homeowner then tries to manage the weeds and ends up killing most everything to bare soil. Then it becomes a dumping ground and an eyesore for the entire community. There are also hundreds of homes where homeowners have added a tree, bird feeder, or planting bed just behind their fence. These ‘encroachments’ on public property can end up costing a homeowner in cleanup or restoration costs, liability, or even fines for code violations. If you have questions or concerns about how the space behind you is being managed, always ask first – you may bring to mind something in need of attention, or you may save yourself time and effort!

—Skot Latona, Manager of South Platte Park
**“Helping our community find meaning
 and value in natural open space”**
 South Suburban Parks and Recreation sspr.org/nature

9th Annual Share Your Love Community Food Drive

It is hard to believe there are people who don’t have enough to eat in our own neighborhoods! Local area food banks have exhausted the donations from the holidays but continue to see increased requests from families for basic food. Please help us restock the shelves at the 8th Annual Share Your Love, Share Your Food Drive. The community food drive will be held Saturday, February 11, 9am – 12pm at Columbine High School located at S. Pierce St and Fair Ave and again on Sunday at St Frances Cabrini Church on South Pierce St.

Whole Foods Market has donated 3500 bags for food collections. Local elementary schools as Girl and Boy Scout troops and Columbine area basketball teams will be collecting donations. What a testament to our community! The food will be distributed to St Frances Cabrini Cupboard and six smaller food pantries in our area. These food banks distribute to all who need assistance, regardless of denomination.

The pantries are in current need of peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned chili/ravio-li/beef stew, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, pasta of all sorts, refried beans, rice, canned chicken and tuna, personal care items of all kinds and diapers. Grocery gift cards (\$10) are also needed for families to purchase perishable items such as milk, eggs, bread and meat. Don’t have time? Please consider donating a Costco or Sam’s gift card. These are used to buy bulk items for the pantries and don’t require storage!

Please bring your bag(s) of food by on Saturday, February 11th to “Share the Love” in the upper parking lot of Columbine High School or St Frances Cabrini Church on Sunday the 12th. Look for the big Share Your Love Truck!



Teen Services

To add your teen’s name, please email [Colorado Lasertype](mailto:ColoradoLasertype@coloradolasertype.com) at [getinfo@coloradolasertype.com](mailto:ColoradoLasertype@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)** Baby-sitting; **(*)** Red Cross Cert for CPR; **(L)** Lawn care; **(S)** Snow removal; **(P)** Pet & House sitting.

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 12th of the month before the next month’s issue. Please email news articles to the editor at wendimilinkov@yahoo.com. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.**

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@coloradolasertype.com

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Meeting of Minds

The famous movie actor/director Charlie Chaplin once met the world-renowned physicist Albert Einstein at a public event. According to the Storypick website, Einstein told the comedian: “What I most admire about your art is your universality. You don’t say a word, yet the world understands you.”

To which Chaplin replied, “True. But your glory is even greater. The whole world admires you, even though they don’t understand a word of what you say.”

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License Your Dog! It's Easy And It's The Law!

A license not only helps get your lost pet home, it also supports Foothills Animal Shelter so they can continue giving life-saving care to thousands of homeless animals yearly. This program is brought to you in partnership with your local animal control and management agencies.

- A license is required for all dogs over the age of 4 months in unincorporated Jefferson County and in the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Golden, Lakewood, Westminster and Wheat Ridge.
- You may also voluntarily register cats and other pets.
- Licenses must be renewed each year.
- There are the benefits:
 - Discounted special deals to those who license their pets. If you license your pet (new or renewal), you will also receive a discounted microchip fee of \$20!
 - Your pet licensing fee helps support Foothills Animal Shelter, where thousands of homeless pets are cared for each year.
 - You can be contacted immediately if your missing pet is found. In many cases, our animal control partners bring your pet directly home.
 - As a responsible pet owner, you avoid receiving a fine for having an unlicensed dog.

To License your dog go to www.foothillsanimalshelter.org/ license or contact Jefferson County Animal Control at 303-271-5070 for more information.

—Jennifer Dow, Animal Control Officer Jefferson County

Crime Reporting

We recently asked Jefferson County residents what you would like to see from the Sheriff's Office on Nextdoor.com. We received a lot of great feedback, including requests for more frequent information about the types of crimes occurring in local neighborhoods. For those of you who are interested, the Sheriff's Office shares crime data online through www.crimereports.com.

The data on Crime Reports comes from a national coalition of police departments and sheriff's offices that choose to pro-actively share crime statistics with their communities. The information is updated approximately every 24 hours on the website. Not only can users see the type of crime and location, but you can also register to receive crime alerts for your area.

—Deputy Janie Gonda, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

National Invasive Species Awareness Week, February 19-26

Raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional, international, and national levels. Participating organizations include the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Nature Conservancy.



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET UPDATE
*Compliments of: Debby Ludvik & Tonya Fallows
on behalf of Barbara Thomann*

of Active Listings = 0

of Under Contract Listings = 0

of Sold Listings in Past 6 Months = 4

10257 W Roxbury Ave. #503	List: \$419,000	Sold: \$426,000
10093 W Geddes Cir.	List: \$379,900	Sold: \$395,000
10166 W Geddes Cir	List: \$335,000	Sold: \$335,000
7226 S Kline Way	List: 260,000	Sold: \$265,000

Average Days on Market: 2

Average Sold Price: \$355,250

For a more in-depth market analysis on your home, or to answer any questions regarding your Real Estate needs call us at 303-877-0169.

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6:45 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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 at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center
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