

## **Slow Down for Safety**

Woodbourne is a great family neighborhood and part of what is so great is the amount of young children living in our community. It is also a great neighborhood for walking and bike riding. Now that school is back in session, it's a good time to think about your driving. There are a lot of cars that speed through the neighborhood and often run stop signs. Please be considerate and slow down. If you have young drivers, talk to them about the dangers of speeding. Together we can stop a tragedy from happening.

# Labor Day – Trash Pick-up Delay

Because Labor Day falls on a Monday, our regular trash pick-up day will be delayed by one day this month. So Waste Connections will be picking up the trash on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Don't put out your trash too early, especially in the heat.

## **Pool News**

The pool will be now closing on September 20, 2020. We hope that all residents enjoyed the extended pool season. Don't forget to keep your pool fob for next year. If you have lost your fob please contact our management company for a replacement. There is a \$25 replacement fee. See you next summer.

# Next Board Meeting Third Wednesday

October 21st, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

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## **Notes From the Board**

And just like that, summer is over and we enter into the fall phase of COVID-19. I hope you and your family were able to make the most of this very unique summer. We know that many families are now facing new challenges with at-home learning, hybrid learning, and the many new and different ways the education system is trying to safely teach our children.

The Woodbourne HOA Board met in August and chose to extend the pool season through the 20th of September. An email with updated pool hours has been sent out and that information can also be found on the Woodbourne HOA website (www.woodbournehoa.org). Please note that some pool hours will be unguarded, due to our guards returning to school. Signing up for pool times is still required.

The Board is also working on bringing food trucks into the neighborhood on a weekly basis. Other neighborhoods have successfully introduced this amenity into their communities and we look forward to providing similar, safe opportunities within Woodbourne. While most of our usual community events were cancelled or delayed this summer due to COVID-19, we hope to create some new



opportunities before the end of the year.

The Architectural Control Committee will soon be releasing updated guidelines that will be easily accessible on the Woodbourne website. We encourage everyone to give the guidelines a quick review once they are posted. Please remember to submit the appropriate forms for any home improvement projects before you begin your project to give the ACC time to review and approve you request.

We continue to encourage homeowners to visit the Woodbourne website for updates and sign up for email notifications and announcements if you are not currently receiving them. You can also follow Woodbourne on Facebook (private groups, "Woodbourne HOA") and Nextdoor (groups, "Woodbourne HOA") for announcements.

There is no scheduled Board meeting in September. Our next regular business meeting will be held on October 21, 2020. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Kim Herman (303-265-7923) or Geol Scheirman (303-265-7837) with CLA with any questions.

-Justin Sasso, President

# **Baby Safety Month**

Parents and caregivers have many responsibilities, but keeping their baby safe and healthy is a No. 1 priority. Whether you are expecting your first baby, adding to your growing family, or are a grandparent, this is an ideal time to put into action some simple steps to keep baby safe.

## **Covenant Enforcement Activity**

We have seen near record heat this summer with many 90 and even 100-degree days. Drought conditions are becoming the new normal in Colorado but that doesn't necessarily mean we have to throw up our hands in defeat and surrender the lawn to the harsh conditions. There are lawn care techniques that work well for lawn care during drought conditions.

Learning how to water a lawn properly will go a long way towards supporting it during times of drought or water restrictions. Watering between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. is ideal. Watering at those early hours reduces evaporation while ensuring your grass has the water it needs to survive. Even watering-loving grasses like Kentucky bluegrass are capable of surviving, and even thriving, with much less water than they are accustomed to normally.

Beyond "training" a lawn to survive with less water, you can help it by reducing stressful conditions. Drought conditions are extremely stressful to a lawn so avoiding further stress is key. Often it is not an extended drought but regular summer heat that can stress a lawn out to the point of decline. Managing for stress will prepare the lawn for drier conditions and better allow it to pull through tough times.

Mowing the lawn too short or too often during times of drought can have devastating consequences. Keeping the height of the cut as high as possible (at least three to four inches) and encouraging deep rooting are important aspects of dealing with the summer heat. Keeping the lawn high will retain important photosynthetic leaf material and aid in water retention.

It is also important to avoid further stressful activities, like aerating and de-thatching, to prevent further decline and prohibit other destructive elements such as insects or disease. At the worst, damaged grass can become worn, injured, and unable to recover once the rain and cooler temperatures return.

For the most part, residents are taking the time and care needed to help their lawns through this tough summer season. However, there are some who need to address problems with dead grass, weeds, and overall poor maintenance of their landscaping. As a covenant controlled community, your HOA does have standards in place and the expectation that a property owner will do what is necessary to keep their lawn and landscaping healthy and attractive. Remember that when lawns, weeds, and poor maintenance are observed, notices are issued and fines can be imposed.

So look around your property and make sure you are proactively and properly maintaining the landscaping. We all want to maintain our property values and keep the community looking well kept, attractive, and a wonderful place to live. If you have questions about covenant enforcement, please contact Susie Ellis at ccompliance@ comcast.net or 303-422-4473.



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## **Clubhouse Reservations**

Are you planning a party or considering reserving the clubhouse? Woodbourne's website has a new Reservation System and Calendar. You may use it to view available dates and even place a reservation request any time, day or night. The request process is very simple, so please log on to Woodbourne's website at www.woodbournehoa.com to take a look. On the home page, scroll down to Homeowner Information and find the Clubhouse Reservations tab. Click on the tab and you will find the Clubhouse Reservation form, the pool rules, and the Clubhouse Reservation Calendar. To request a reservation, fill out the on-line form, sign in the signature block, and submit. You can also download the Clubhouse Reservation form and mail it in, if you prefer. Please give them a call at 303-439-6058 for additional assistance or to speak directly to your Reservation Specialist. Of course, if you ever need help you can also contact any Board member.

## **Special Events**

Special events are a vital part of bringing the Woodbourne community together. This year, we have had to cancel or reschedule some activities due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. The Board is seeking advice from our management company and looking closely at community safety in deciding whether our usual activities can be held. Any listed event may be cancelled, rescheduled, or postponed due to public health orders. The list here includes the current dates for these events. More information will be provided as it is made known.



## **Meadows Fencing Issues**

The homes backing to the West Meadows Drive fence are responsible for the upkeep of the pickets, posts, and paint of this fence. These homeowners are also responsible for weeds, trash, and anything else in need of attention along the outside of the fence. If your home backs this fence, please take a few minutes to inspect the area and make all repairs as needed.

#### -Kim Herman, Community Manager

## **Got Clubs?**

Many of you have been talking about and asking if there has been an increase in vehicle thefts lately. Yes, like the rest of the metro area, we have noticed vehicle thefts in Jefferson County.

The Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority has recently donated several anti-theft car clubs to the JCSO for us to give to citizens who meet certain criteria to help prevent motor vehicle theft. These clubs are a proven theft prevention device that protects your vehicle when used properly.

#### Here's some of the criteria to receive a club:

- Recent victim of auto theft
- Vehicle owners who have a vehicle listed on the Top 10 Stolen Vehicles List

To check and see if you meet the criteria for a free anti-theft car club please contact Crime Prevention Deputy Mark Bybee at mbybee@jeffco.us.

-from Nextdoor posted by Jeffco Deputy Bybee



# Pool Closed – Sunday, September 20, 2020 Holiday Hayride – Saturday, December 19, 2020

These events have been great in the past, and we look forward to them being awesome in the future.

## Wildlife in the Neighborhood

As many of you may have heard, we have had wildlife spotted around our neighborhood. Deer, raccoons, and even bears have been seen in Woodbourne. Please be cautious when letting your pets out or when pursuing outdoor activities. Please remember that wild animals can be dangerous to our children and pets. Bears are particularly dangerous. If you do see any in your yard, please contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife (**303-291-7227**) so that they can relocate them to a more suitable environment. More information can be found on-line at cpw. state.co.us/learn/pages/livingwithwildlifewildbears.aspx

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## Parrot Beats Humans At Shell Game

Parrots can do more than mimic words. At least one of them can beat humans in a classic memory game. The LiveScience website reports that an African gray parrot named Griffin defeated 21 Harvard students in the so-called shell game. In the game, an object is placed underneath one of three plastic cups, which are then moved quickly around. The goal is to keep track of which cup the object is under.

In the experiment, Griffin beat the 21 undergraduates in 12 of 14 games. Researchers note that he may not be average for a



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parrot, though. He's 22 years old, and has been the subject of numerous cognitive and communication studies



since the age of seven and a half weeks. His owner, a Harvard psychologist, has also taught him how to pronounce about 30 words and understand at least 40, including the names of colors.





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# The History Of Labor Day

Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement, a yearly celebration of the American worker, and a national tribute to the laborer's contribution to the social and economic achievements of the United States.

There is some uncertainty about the origins of Labor Day. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first to suggest a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." Other research suggests that machinist Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday

in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the official holiday.

The first governmental recognition of Labor Day came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886.

The state of Oregon passed the first law recognizing the Labor Day holiday on Feb. 21, 1887. Four more states-Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York-followed suit that same year.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in all the states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories.



# **Pigs May Help Damaged Lungs Repair Themselves**

Lung transplants can save lives, but there aren't enough healthy lungs available for donation to everyone who needs one. One problem is that many potential lungs are too damaged to use. A new experimental technique may change that and save more lives.

According to the Science Alert website, a damaged lung can be restored to function by sharing its circulatory system with a pig. The procedure copies a similar process of placing a lung in a sterile dome and attaching it to a ventilator, pump, and filters. However, that only works for about eight hours,

which doesn't allow sufficient time for the lung to repair itself.

In experiments, researchers previously were able to restore damaged pig lungs by attaching them to other pigs. Recently, scientists tried the same thing with damaged human lungs that had been rejected for

transplant. To make a long story short, most of the lungs (except for a control one) showed significant improvement in cellular viability, tissue quality, inflammatory response, and respiratory function. One damaged lung, after sharing blood with a pig for 24 hours, started to repair itself-not a full recovery, but more than researchers expected.

The process isn't ready for clinical use, but it shows promise for the future. One option is that patients themselves could provide circulation to a damaged lung before it's transplanted into their body.



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