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## **Annual Home-owners Meeting**

The Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held on April 21, 2021. We need to meet a 25% quorum (102 households) in order to conduct any business. Since there are restrictions in place prohibiting large gatherings, CLA is providing a virtual platform to host this important meeting. Please plan to be involved in this meeting so you can be updated on neighborhood information, give input to the Board, and help elect Board members. Join the Zoom Meeting at https://zoom.us/j/97361224871?pwd=N09tT0ISL1dx-UXJ6NGVJaDQ4UFJxZz09 Meeting ID: 973 6122 4871 Passcode: 762447

Every year, the Board provides proposed proxies to the community. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please complete and submit a proxy prior to the meeting.

### **Easter Egg Hunt:** Cancelled

This year the Annual Woodbourne Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled due to concerns around the spread of the Coronavirus and the possibility that it would delay the opening of the pool. It is certainly disappointing but the risks to the community simply outweigh the benefits. We hope you all understand. Our top priority is the health, safety, and well being of the community as a whole. We hope to hold the Easter Egg hunt next year.

### **Annual Board Meeting**

Third Wed., April 21st, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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#### **Note From The Board President**

Would you purchase a car you had not researched? Would you buy your home sight unseen? When it comes to some of life's largest expenses and investments, we tend to take the time to make sure things are in order and are what they should be. The same holds true with your Homeowners Association (HOA). The annual Woodbourne Homeowners Meeting is Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. 102 homeowners are required to participate virtually or by proxy to constitute a quorum.

If you're happy with the community (and enjoy the amenities it affords) then you should participate, offer ideas, or just come to learn more. If you're unhappy with the community or the HOA, then you should participate, offer ideas or just come to learn more. If you're indifferent about the community and the HOA, then you should participate... you get the idea!

No, you won't be required to join the Board of Directors if you come to the annual meeting. You will be given an opportunity to speak, raise concerns, and offer creative suggestions. However, there will be open seats to fill at our annual meeting

and if you want to contribute a small portion of your time to growing what you love about living in Woodbourne, then we strongly encourage you to think about running for those positions.

It's never been easier to attend an HOA meeting. They are completely virtual and the technology truly gives everyone a chance to be noticed and provide input. Don't miss out on this opportunity to direct, guide, or at least be informed about your neighborhood.

Speaking of easy, the process for volunteering to join the Board has typically involved mailed paper applications, and will again this year. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is published we will have placed an online application on our website, giving homeowners the abil-

ity to self-nominate year-round.

We get it. People are busy. Restrictions are lifting and there are a million things you'd rather do than attend the annual HOA meeting. But don't surrender your voice. Please provide your proxy to the management company or a neighbor who will be attending. Personally, I hope this won't be the option you choose. I'd rather you attend in person. But, please, participate one way or the other.

At the time of this writing, which is mid-March, we have decided to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt. This, like all the decisions we've made throughout the pandemic, was not easy. But the Board didn't want to introduce any opportunities that could potentially delay the pool opening. It is our hope that we'll be able to bring back all of Woodbourne's community events in 2022.

We have added a new event to the calendar this year that we hope the community will utilize and enjoy. On Saturday, May 15, 2021, the same day as the Wood Chipping Event, we have added an Electronic Disposal Day. Woodbourne homeowners will be able to drop off electronic items for disposal. This is a free event, however, homeowners will be charged \$25 per any size or type of television. There

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is no charge for computer monitors. The Board hopes the community takes advantage of this new and free service.

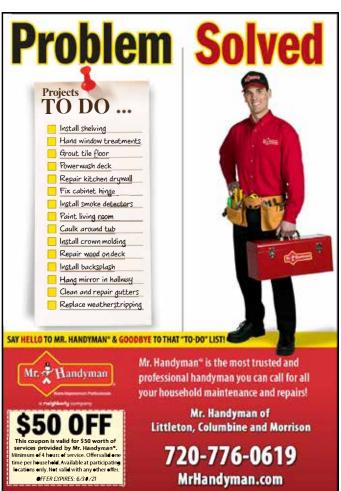
Finally, the food trucks have been such a hit that we will continue to host them through December of 2021. They will come on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We have also added a "Sweets" truck (ice cream, yogurt, etc.) on the third weekends of June, July, and August. Dates and times will be announced in community emails and on social media.

Visit the Woodbourne HOA website (woodbournehoa. org) for updates and sign up for email notifications and announcements, if you're not currently receiving them. Follow Woodbourne on Facebook (Private Groups "Woodbourne HOA") and Nextdoor (Groups, "Woodbourne HOA") for announcements as well.

The Annual Homeowners' meeting and the next regular business meeting will be held virtually on April 21, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to contact **Celeste Terrell** (303-265-7875) or **Natalie Herschberg** (303-793-1417) with CLA with any questions.

-Justin Sasso, President





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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.

#### **Covenant Corner: Spring Lawn Care**

Tackling Spring lawn care provides a just-right dose of fresh air, sunshine, and exercise. It sets up your lawn for success when the heat of the summer is challenging it on a daily basis. Spring lawn chores are not difficult, but they do play a vital role in getting your grass on track for a healthy, productive growing season.

#### Early Spring lawn care tips:

- Tune up your lawn mower. Change the oil, air filter, and spark plug and sharpen your blade or replace it if needed.
- Cleanup winter debris.
- Rake out the dead grass.
- Water newly seeded areas until the grass reaches a mowable height.
- Apply crabgrass preventer.
- Kill weeds before they become invasive.
- Feed the grass to protect it against heat and drought.
- Adjust the mower deck to cut grass at the highest possible setting. Tall grass helps to sink deeper roots (which can seek out moisture) and crowd out weeds.
- Edge flowerbeds when the soil is soft to keep grass out.
- Apply mulch to help prevent weed growth.

#### Late Spring lawn care tips:

- Repair bare patches.
- Overseed to thicken a lawn with a combination of seed, fertilizer, and a soil improver.
- Wipe out pesky dandelions before they take over.
- Go after the grubs in late spring when they are coming out of hibernation, looking to eat the roots of your grass.

Your community covenants require that all lawns be carefully maintained to look healthy and attractive. Being proactive about lawn and plant care not only enhances your property but also the entire community. If lawns are found to be neglected it can result in a letter from the HOA requiring action and effort towards remedying the problem and potential fines if ignored.

-Susie Ellis, Covenant Compliance Officer

#### Your Most Prized Possession? It is Probably Your Phone

Name one thing you can't live without. If you answered, "my cellphone," you've got a lot in common with, well, everyone. A poll by Asurion found that Americans consider their cellphone to be their No. 1 possession, more important than their car or refrigerator. Staying in touch with loved ones you can't visit in seems to be the driving force.

We depend on your phone for more than phone calls, of course. Driving the urgency that has led to a 20% jump in the

> number of claims for broken phones in the past year, much of what's on our phones is often irreplaceable—82% of Americans have photos and/or video they can't stand the thought of losing, 60% cite their contact list, 52% have passwords and login credentials stored, 45% have documents and important notes, and, of course, 32% have their favorite music.





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#### The Woodbourne Wave Swim Team

The Woodbourne Wave swim team has been interwoven into the Woodbourne community since 1997. Woodbourne's original plans included a small motel type pool intended merely for recreational use. Members of the Woodbourne community saw an opportunity for something special, and quickly gained

support for an eight-lane pool that could support a swim team. That's how it all began.

Twenty-five years worth of Woodbourne families have benefited from the invaluable experience of being a part of the Wave. Our team is a member of the South Jeffco Swim League, and is the only team left in the league that is able to fill a team strictly with resi-



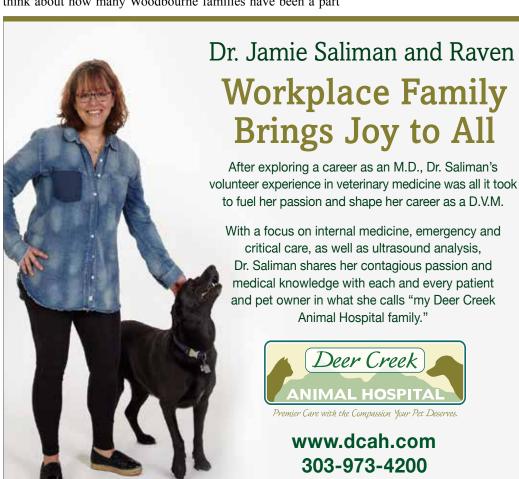
dents of our own community. The Wave teaches Woodbourne kids as young as four years old the life skill of swimming. It grows swimmers into teammates, teammates into competitors, and competitors into coaches. Our "Buddy Program" pairs our younger swimmers with older teammates and sparks relationships and mentorship opportunities that you don't find in other neighborhoods. Wave parents and families are just as much a part of the team as our swimmers, spending time on the pool deck together cheering for each other's kids and participating in Wave social events. It is truly something special to live in a neighborhood made up of 408 homes, where families don't just know the people who live in their cul-de-sac but can walk up just about any street and run into someone with whom they have a lasting friendship, thanks in part to the swim team.

The Wave traditionally consists of 110 to 120 swimmers from 40 to 50 Woodbourne families each year. It's incredible to think about how many Woodbourne families have been a part

of the Wave over the past 25 years as families age out and new families join the team. The last two years have been a challenge. Two years ago, the fire in the boiler room put us out of our home pool. Last year the pandemic took away our chance to have a season at all. The 2021 season will not be without challenges, but we are excited to be able to offer the chance to get Woodbourne kids back in the water, competing and being teammates again. The Wave has plans in place to insure a safe season and abide by the guidelines laid out by Jefferson County Public Health. While this season will be modified, depending upon current guidelines, it will be able to serve as a step toward getting back a sense of normalcy and reconnecting with our community.

The Wave invites any Woodbourne family with kids age 4 to 19 (as of May 15, 2021) to join our team. Kids do not need to already know how to swim. Our beginner Mini-Wave program includes lessons for the newest swimmers. We also welcome older swimmers of any level. The Wave proudly supports swimmers who are there to compete to win at the State Competition or to those who are there because they simply want to swim with their friends on the team. The Wave gets your kids up, active, and outdoors during the summer. We keep your teenagers busy and engaged with our teen events throughout the season.

Please join us on Wednesday April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for an informational Zoom meeting(https://zoom.us/j/98820697579?p-wd=T2JTaWdgeDV1TURsRk8yamdLSzAzQTO9 Meeting ID: 988 2069 7579 Passcode: 811916) to get your questions answered before online registration begins on Monday April 19, 2021. For more information, please visit our website at woodbournewave. swimtopia.com or contact us at woodbournewave@gmail.com.





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#### **Special Events**

Special events are a vital part of bringing the Woodbourne community together. Last year, we had to cancel some activities due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. The Board is releasing this list of events for 2021 with the qualification that 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.

- Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled
- Annual Homeowner Meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2021
- Shrub and Tree Chipper Shredding Event Saturday, May 15, 2021
- Electronics Disposal Event Saturday, May 15, 2021
- Pool Opening Saturday, May 29, 2021
- Woodbourne Annual Garage Sale Friday, June 4, 2021 and Saturday, June 5, 2021
- Large Item Trash Pickup Saturday, June 12, 2021
- Woodbourne Annual Fourth of July Parade
   Sunday, July 4, 2021
- Pool Closed Tuesday, September 7, 2021
- Holiday Hayride Saturday, December 18, 2021

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



### **Music Hath Charms For Houseplants**

How much do you love your houseplants? Enough to play music for them? A British survey reported by *The Herald* found that almost 50% of plant owners play music for their leafy friends in a variety of genres, from folk to rock to classical and everything in between.

The most popular artist choice? Scottish pop singer Lewis Capaldi, shared by 62% of the survey's 1,150 respondents. The Korean pop band BTS came in second, with 55%, followed by America's Taylor Swift, at 51%. Elton John, David Bowie, and Fleetwood Mac also ranked in the Top 10

### WOODBOURNE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

#### **Notice: Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/97361224871?pwd= N09tT0lSL1dxUXJ6NGVJaDQ4UFJxZz09

Call: 346-248-7799; Meeting ID: 973 6122 4871; Passcode: 762447

Please plan on attending the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at the time and place shown above. This meeting is held in accordance with the legal documents of the Association. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four (4) Board Members to serve staggered terms from one to three (1 to 3) years. This is a volunteer position and attendance at monthly Board Meetings is anticipated. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved in the decision-making process of your community. A question and answer period will follow the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete the following proxy and give it to the person you are authorizing to vote for you. You must designate a specific person and not leave the space blank or open-ended. The person you designate must be at the meeting in order for your vote to be cast. The proxy must be signed and dated. **The Annual Meeting can only take place if a quorum is obtained, so please attend or give your proxy to someone who will attend.** 

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I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_\_ to cast ballots on my behalf at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the (Insert the name of the person you are authorizing to vote INSTEAD of you!)

Woodbourne Homeowners Association, Inc. This proxy and appointment include the right of the proxy to substitute a successor proxy and the right of the proxy to vote at all adjourned meetings of the Annual Meeting as presently scheduled.

presently scheduled.
Name:
Signature:
Address:
Date:

#### NOTE: THIS PROXY MUST BE SIGNED IN ORDER TO BE VALID.

If you cannot attend this meeting and would like to have another represent your vote, please insert the name of the attending homeowner or Board Member you would like to represent your interests. You may insert one of thefollowing names into the proxy and fax it to 303-779-0348 or email it to <a href="mailto:Trina.Hartman@CLAConnect.com">Trina.Hartman@CLAConnect.com</a> no later than April 21, 2021. Current Board Members are: Justin Sasso, James Meyer, Sharon Erickson, Alex Crosby, Jeff Lubthisophon, Brittany Rogers and Jeff Hoffman.

Access to general information, all required documents, and HOA-related policies can be found on your community's website: http://www.woodbournehoa.com/

#### Voting and Proxy Requirements for the Annual Homeowners Meeting

For the Annual Homeowners Meeting in April, a quorum of 102 homeowners must be present in person or by proxy in order to hold the meeting. In the past we have had problems getting enough homeowners to attend this important meeting either in person or by proxy. Please take the time to provide a proxy if you can't personally attend the meeting.

A proxy may be appointed by signing an appointment form, either personally or by the homeowner's attorney-in-fact. A homeowner may also appoint a proxy by transmitting or authorizing the transmission of a telegram, teletype, or other electronic transmission providing a written statement of the appointment to the proxy holder, or to the Board, so long as the electronic transmission contains written evidence that it was transmitted or authorized by the homeowner appointing the proxy. For everyone's convenience, the Notice of Meeting that all homeowners receive in the mail contains a proxy form.

Each homeowner attending the Annual Homeowners Meeting who is entitled to vote for the open position for the Board of Directors will be given a ballot. In the event that a homeowner holds a proxy for another homeowner, upon presentation of the proxy to the Secretary of the HOA, the proxy holder will be given another ballot to cast the vote of the homeowner who provided the proxy.

#### **Happy April Fools' Day!**

The April Fools' Day tradition has been around since at least the 15th century (with a possible reference to it appearing in Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*), and the question of how it began has been asked almost as long: A letter to the British magazine *Apollo* in 1807 wondered, "Whence proceeds the custom of making April Fools?"

The usual explanation involves the calendar. The Julian calendar began the New Year on March 25, and festivals celebrating it were typically held on April 1. When the world began changing over to the Gregorian calendar, which places New Year's Day on Jan. 1, pranksters sometimes tried to fool their friends and neighbors into thinking that April 1 was still the first day of the year.

In the 18th century, some believed that April Fools' Day dated back to the days of Noah and the flood. A newspaper article published in 1789 suggested that Noah sent the first birds off to look for land too soon, and that he launched them on the first day of the Hebrew month corresponding with April.

Coincidentally, in 1933 a newspaper in Cologne ran a story about the discovery of Noah's Ark by an expedition sponsored by the "Royal Yalevard University" in Massachusetts, led by "Professor Mud" and "Professor Stoneass." The story appeared on April 1; on April 8, the paper admitted the joke, but other publications printed the story as if it was genuine.



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#### Pandemic Hits Gen X Spending

Generation Xers (roughly 40–55 years old) may have larger than average incomes over other demographic groups, but the COVID-19 pandemic has still affected their spending. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Xer-led households spent an average of \$76,788 in 2019, compared to \$63,036 for total households. This is partly because Xer households tend to be larger, with 3.1 members instead of 2.5 for total US households

However, according to polls reported on the Insider website, 51% of Xers said they started cutting back on their discretionary spending in May of 2020. Xers are being more careful with

their spending, too. Research indicates that 64% are turning more to cheaper store brands—sometimes because their favorite brand isn't available (34%) but also to save money (33%).

Still, this economizing probably won't go on forever. One Harris Poll found that many 35-to-49 year-olds plan on making some making major purchases after the pandemic subsides, from travel to cars to household goods.

In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.

—Alex Haley





#### **Jazz Appreciation Month**

A music festival held every April in recognition of the significant contribution that jazz music has made to society. The aim of this annual event is to pay tribute to jazz for its historic and cultural significance by encouraging schools, governments, and organizations to participate in free jazz concerts and educational programs.

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#### **Animal Control: Wildlife**

During business hours, Animal Control Officers will respond to calls for service regarding wildlife when any of the following conditions are reported:

- a bat is inside of the living quarters of a residence; or
- a wild, non-game animal needs to be relocated from somewhere like a window well; or
- a wild animal is inside of the living quarters of a residence1 (and won't leave on its own, such as by leaving a door open); or
- a wild, non-game animal is sick or injured, to the point that its quality of life or mobility has deteriorated, and/ or it is creating an immediate threat to public health or safety; and
- the animal is readily accessible to the officer, without risk of injury to the officer, damage to private property, entry into a confined space (attic, crawlspace, etc.) or the use of a ladder

Jefferson County Animal Control Officers do not handle nuisance wildlife2 problems or rodent issues (mice, rats, etc.); however, there are many resources available, nonprofit and for-profit, to manage the situation. Additionally, Animal Control Officers do not handle any calls involving large game, such as elk and deer.

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