

# Around the Square

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## Go Behind the Scenes at the Sheriff's Office in the Citizens' Academy

Have you ever wondered how an investigation really unfolds? How forensics experts analyze a crime scene? How an officer identifies a drunk driver?

The 11-week Citizens' Academy is a free program offered by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to residents of Jeffco. It is your behind-the-scenes tour through virtually every aspect of our criminal justice system. Participants learn in a classroom setting one night per week, with plenty of interactive activities throughout.

Below are some of the many class topics.

### Crime scene investigations

How does a criminal investigation unfold? Homicide detectives will walk through the steps of investigating a major crime. The crime lab will open its doors, and forensics specialists will explain "CSI" techniques like fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis, DNA analysis and drug identification.

### Animal control

Animal control officers are much more than dog catchers. They provide animal-related education to children in Jeffco schools, investigate animal cruelty, and help resolve neighbor complaints.

### SWAT, K-9, Bomb Squad

Deputies from these special units will share some insight into the high-risk incidents they've faced and the training they undergo. Deputies will display some of the "tools of the trade," including a bomb-searching robot, special weapons, and of course, man's best friend.

### Jail operations

The Jefferson County Jail can hold as many as 1,400 inmates at once. Supervisors will take the class on a tour of the jail and discuss how to maintain security while still accommodating day-to-day necessities. For example, how do you feed 1,400 people, three times a day? How, and why, does the

jail offer recreation and education for inmates?

### DUI and traffic enforcement

How does a deputy identify a drunk driver? How does he or she conduct a roadside sobriety test? Deputies from our traffic unit will talk about their challenges and successes in the effort to reduce accidents in Jefferson County.

### Victim services

What rights does a victim have throughout the criminal justice process? Victim advocates go to many crime scenes to provide comfort and share counseling and other referrals with victims.

### Firearms, driving and building searches

Certified instructors will detail the skills required of a peace officer. Participants will have the opportunity to test their own skills in a controlled and safe setting, with guidance from instructors.

Other class topics will include ethics, 911 dispatch, use of force, community oriented government, the criminal justice process, patrol operations and building searches.

The Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for the next academy, beginning March 25, 2009. Participation in the academy requires a commitment on Wednesday nights, from 6 to 9 p.m., for 11 weeks. Space is limited, and participants must be 21 or older. There is no fee for the academy.

Once an academy is full, applicants will be placed on an eligibility list for the next academy. Citizens' Academies are held approximately every six months.

To learn more and download an application, please visit our website. If you have questions, please call Deputy **Jim Shires** at 303-271-5601.

—Sheriff Ted Mink

## President Needed!

Interested in participating in your community?

Have something for the newsletter?

The Woodmar HOA is seeking an HOA President. All you need is enthusiasm. The position is what you make it. Do you have something you would like to submit for the newsletter?

For either of these things, please send an email to:

[woodmarhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:woodmarhoa@yahoo.com)

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## Identity Thieves Lurk Everywhere

While we fret over the possibility of having our personal information stolen online, the truth is we're more likely to have our identities filched offline. Online identity theft methods constituted only 12 percent of fraud in cases where the victims knew how their identity was stolen, according to the "2008 Identity Fraud Survey Report" by Javelin Strategy & Research. The majority of cases of identity theft (79 percent) took place through traditional methods, such as stolen or lost wallets, checkbooks, credit cards, mail tampering, or "shoulder surfing"—where the thief looks over the shoulder of the victim at an ATM or cash register. Seventeen percent of the victims reported "friendly thefts"—those perpetrated by friends, family, or in-home employees.



Here are some tactics Javelin recommends for safeguarding your personal information and preventing identity theft:

- Password protect all your digital devices, including computers, PDAs, and mobile phones.
- Choose passwords and PINs that can't be easily guessed.
- Shred all documents that have personal information on them before disposing of them.
- Use a locked mailbox for incoming and outgoing mail.
- Monitor your online accounts frequently.
- Avoid mailing checks to pay bills or deposit funds. Move your financial transactions online.
- Review your credit information no less than once per year. To receive your free annual report from one or all of the national credit agencies, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 877-322-8228. Other methods of accessing your reports may charge a fee.
- Never provide personal information to anyone unless you initiated the contact.
- Install and regularly update firewall, antispyware, antivirus, and browser security software.
- When shopping online, check that you are using a reputable firm.
- Reduce access to your personal information wherever possible. Be aware of your surroundings when you conduct transactions in public.

## Shabbat Service

B'nai Chaim, a Reform Jewish Congregation serving southwest metro Denver, will conduct a special Shabbat Service on March 6 celebrating Purim. Come in costume and join the fun! The service is at 7:30 p.m. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. All are welcome. On Saturday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Tot Shabbat service celebrating Shabbat with children from infants through second grade. It is a short service, full of songs and a story, followed by a delicious oneg. All are welcome. Services will be held at Congregation B'nai Chaim 4716 South Coors Lane. Call 303-697-2668 or visit our website at [www.bnaichaim.org](http://www.bnaichaim.org) for more information.

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*"Courage takes many forms.*

*There is physical courage, there is moral courage. Then there is a still higher type of courage—the courage to brave pain, to live with it, to never let others know of it and to still find joy in life; to wake up in the morning with an enthusiasm for the day ahead."*

—Howard Cosell

**Clean Up After Your Pet**



Everyone is aware of the poor appearance of feces lying around on public park areas and local pedestrian trails, but aesthetics is just one reason for picking up after your pet. Unattended pet excrement kills grass with its high nitrogen content. Although nitrogen is a component of fertilizer, parks are already chemically fertilized, and the additional fecal nitrogen has the effect of over fertilizing or “burning” the grass. Unsightly yellow and dead patches, coupled by foul smell, degrade park appearance and diminish enjoyment for other park users.

If degraded park appearance is not enough of a reason for you to clean up after your pet, be aware that pet feces have been linked to highly elevated levels of coliform and *Streptococci* bacterial pollution in storm runoff. It is possible for this runoff to contaminate drinking water, in turn, making people very sick. Additionally, bacterial-polluted runoff contributes to high nutrient levels in lakes and ponds. In late summer, these bacteria lead to algae blooms that rob oxygen from the water, killing the resident fish.

Several parasites are associated with pet fecal matter of which roundworm is the most common. This parasite can remain active for a many years, and persons who come in contact with the infected feces can become infected with the roundworm parasite. Contamination is possible if someone touches infected soil or old feces and transfers the eggs to their eyes or mouth. Those at greatest risk are young children because they are most likely to put things in their mouth.

Cleaning up after your pets, taking care to avoid dried feces, and washing with soap if you contact them are the best ways to stop the spread of these parasites. Pet defecation that is not appropriately disposed of can create some serious problems. So take a baggy along with you, a recycled newspaper bag works well, when you go to your local park or trail.

**Going Biking? Don't Forget Your Helmet**

Before you climb on that bike, think about these statistics from the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute:



- About 540,000 bicyclists visit emergency rooms with injuries every year. Of those, 67,000 have head injuries, and 27,000 have injuries serious enough to be hospitalized.
- One in eight cyclists with reported injuries had brain injuries. And two-thirds of the deaths reported were from traumatic brain injury.
- It is estimated that 45 percent to 88 percent of bicycle-related brain injuries could be prevented by a helmet.
- In 2006, 770 bicyclists met their death on U.S. roads. More than 90 percent of them died in crashes with motor vehicles. The “typical” bicyclist killed by a car was a sober male of 16+ years who was not wearing a helmet while riding on a major road between intersections in an urban area on a summer evening.

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### Church Bloopers

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October

24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5 p.m. - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 p.m., there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

—Sheldon Spiegelman



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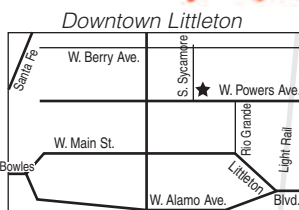
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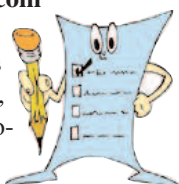
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*"We have overstretched our personal boundaries and forgotten that true happiness comes from living an authentic life fueled with a sense of purpose and balance."*

—Kathleen Hall

*"Work is the greatest thing in the world, so we should always save some of it for tomorrow."*

—Don Herold

**Teen Services**

To add your teen's name, please call **Colorado Lasertype** at **303-979-7499** 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. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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**Teen Services Updates in May**

To ensure accuracy, we update the teen services list each year. If you would like to remain on the list, **you must call Colorado Lasertype at 303-979-7499 by April 15th** or your name will be deleted. Please leave the following information: your name (including spelling); age; what category you want: **(B)** Babysitting, **(\*)** if you are Red Cross certified for CPR; **(L)** Lawn Care; **(S)** Snow Removal; **(P)** Pet & House Sitting; and **neighborhood you live in** (this is very important - we do 22 newsletters and need to know which one your name is in). **If you have renewed your information as of January 1st of this year, you do not need to call in an update.** Thank you.

—Colorado Lasertype

### 2009 Woodmar Square Homeowners' Association Membership

Annual Homeowners' dues of \$25 per family are used to support activities, Matching Funds program with Foothills Parks & Recreation, and bi-monthly homeowners' meetings. We are a volunteer committee dedicated to improving our community of Woodmar Square! Cut out this form and return it with a check for \$25 to:

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### Have an Article Idea for the Newsletter?

This is your community! We love your ideas! Send an email to [WoodmarHOA@yahoo.com](mailto:WoodmarHOA@yahoo.com) with suggestions, comments or an article.



*"When you talk, you repeat what you already know; when you listen, you often learn something."*

—Jared Sparks

### Volunteer Sign Up

We would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

An Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if interested or indicate if you are willing to have tour at your home.

Volunteer day \_\_\_\_\_

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Garden tour \_\_\_\_\_

Garage tour \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address, phone and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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### Woodmar Square Statistics for February 2009

#### Current Homes FOR SALE in Woodmar Square

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$220,000	\$220,000	1
4-Level	289,900	299,000	2
2-Story	None	None	0
Tri-Level	257,000	257,900	2
Bi-Level	None	None	0

#### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Woodmar Square

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
4-Level	None	None	0
2-Story	\$200,000	\$200,000	1
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	None	None	0

#### Homes SOLD in Woodmar Square for 2008 / 2009

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$259,000 / None	\$315,000 / None	3 / 0
4-Level	208,000 / None	289,900 / None	11 / 0
2-Story	220,000 / None	315,000 / None	9 / 0
Tri-Level	None / None	None / None	0 / 0
Bi-Level	None / None	None / None	0 / 0