

Around the Square

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Leawood Elementary Kindergarten & Preschool

Leawood Elementary is now registering Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year. Children must be five years of age on or before October 1, 2013 to be eligible to enroll. Leawood offers a tuition based full day program for \$300 a month as well as a five day AM class. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record, a copy of his/her birth certificate, and proof of residency (Public Service bill, phone bill, etc.) to registration. For questions please call 303-982-7860.

Leawood Elementary also offers a Preschool Program for 3 – 4 year olds. This will be tuition based, two day or four day program. Sessions will be 2 1/2 hours. Students must be 3 on or before October 1, 2013. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record, and a copy of his/her birth certificate. For more information please call 303-982-7923.

Cat Burglar on the Prowl in South Jeffco

As of Sunday, February 3rd, a crime pattern emerged in south Jefferson County – burglary. In each case the victims were home. They were either asleep or unaware of the activity inside their own house.

What is a cat burglar? Cats are stealthy and quiet, approaching prey without causing alarm, pouncing without warning. Cat burglars are thieves who slip in unnoticed, taking what they want before the victim knows what's happened.

The suspects' method (true to the cat burglar definition) is to access the home through sliding glass doors left ajar or open garage doors. Once inside, suspects stealthily steal wallets, purses, jewelry and small electronic devices. The crime doesn't require the cat burglar to actually break something in order to make entry.

Neighborhoods affected: Meadow Ranch subdivision, Powderhorn subdivision

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Keep your garage door closed, even when you are home.
- Lock your vehicles, even when parked in your driveway.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- Mark your valuables and sports equipment distinctively so it can be identified if recovered.
- Take a photo inventory of your garage and home so that the photos can help deputies identify and return recovered items.
- Consider taking your garage door opener inside with you when you return home, rather than leaving it in the car.
- Make a list of serial numbers of your items, ie. Tv's, laptops.
- Install a Charlie bar in your sliding glass doors, and or windows.

CRIME PREVENTION

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit is available to evaluate your current home security measures and to identify areas for improvement. We offer this service to all residents of unincorporated Jefferson County in an effort to improve and maintain the quality of life. Please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at

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SAVE THE DATE!

Woodmar Square Bowling Night
Saturday, April 13th 7:00 p.m.
Fun City



Community Bowling Night

The Woodmar Square HOA will sponsor a free bowling night for residents at Fun City on Saturday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. Two hours of bowling along with shoe rental will be provided. Come out and join your neighbors for some fun! Last year there was a great turn out with residents of all ages. Please RSVP how many people will attend to woodmar-hoa@yahoo.com by April 6th so that enough lanes can be reserved.

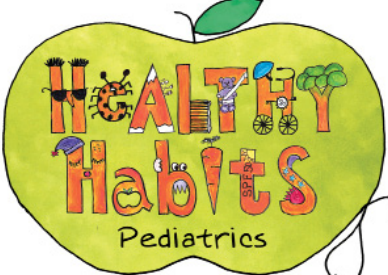


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– Salvador Minuchin

Music in Our Schools Month

Music in our Schools Month is sponsored by the National Association of Music Education. This month raises awareness of the importance of music education for all children, and reminds citizens that all children should have access to music at school. The celebration grows each year, reaching more and more students, teachers, musicians, and music supporters.



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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.

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Columbine Montessori Preschool

Columbine Montessori Preschool will begin accepting reservations for the Fall 2013-2014 school year on the 1st of March, 2013. Please call the school at 303-979-7190 to schedule an observation appointment. Columbine Montessori offers an academic preschool program through kindergarten. Visit our website at columbinemontessori.com.

Cat Burglar, *continued from front page*

720-497-7202 if you would like us to evaluate your home's security and provide recommendations for making your home safer.

Our website offers tools with more crime prevention information, or to start a Neighborhood Watch group.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Please report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office (non emergency 303-277-0211). Always report a crime or suspicious incident that is in progress by dialing 911.

- Sheriff Ted B. Mink

Let Reading Help Your Child Thrive

What's the single most important thing parents can do to help their children succeed in life? Encourage them to read. Reading is a skill essential in all areas of achievement. Here are a few tips from the U.S. Department of Education's website:

- **Read aloud to your children often.** Start reading to your children when they are babies. As they grow older, encourage them to ask questions and to talk about the story. Ask them to predict what will come next.
- **Encourage your children to read on their own.** Children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun develop the skills to be better readers and students.
- **Set aside quiet time for family reading.** Some families enjoy reading aloud to each other, with each family member choosing a book, story, poem, or article to read to the others.
- **Visit the library often.** Begin making weekly trips to the library when your child is very young. See that your child gets his own library card as soon as possible.
- **Get help for your children if they have a reading problem.** Ask teachers about special services, such as after-school or summer reading programs. Also ask teachers or your local librarian for names of community organizations and local literacy volunteer groups that offer tutoring services.

Create Your Own Definition Of Success

It's easy to get trapped into traditional notions of career success. But a narrow focus might not be your key to happiness. So how do you figure out the best path for you? Here are some suggestions:

- **Move in place.** Don't assume that restlessness in your current position means it's time to move on. Embrace professional development opportunities, and jettison disagreeable tasks to rediscover the core job you love.
- **Move sideways.** If you enjoy your department but don't feel challenged by your role, consider a lateral move that lets you flex new muscles without giving up the comforts of home base.
- **Move for others.** Volunteer for committee work and community projects. Volunteering can help you develop your skills and expand your network, and give you ideas to make your current job more fulfilling.



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When In Doubt, Get Out!

There is an old saying that we'd like to put to rest. The idea is inaccurate, and deceiving. We wait cautiously every year to use the term. This would be about the time to dig it out. We've already had three fires. So to say that 'Wildland Fire season' is approaching is a falsity. Quite frankly it isn't upon us – it has already begun.

With large fires occurring every month of the year, evacuations have become more commonplace. We encourage the adage, 'when in doubt, get out!' If you feel threatened, go! Keep in mind, in some cases, there is no time for formal evacuation notifications due to quickly changing conditions.

EVACUATION LEVELS

Level 1: Be ready. There is an incident in the area. Residents are advised of the level 1 evacuation and are asked to leave if they need additional time to exit an area or have health conditions (especially respiratory conditions that could be made worse by smoke). Residents are encouraged to move livestock and pets out of the area, and to prepare for a full evacuation. Evacuations are voluntary, but residents are encouraged to leave if concerned. There will be no road closures in effect in most cases.

This is when you are thankful you took appropriate planning actions, long before the threat of a wildland fire. You've already created defensible space by clearing brush and other fuels away from your home. You've used fire-resistant landscaping and hardened your home with fire-safe construction measures. You assembled emergency supplies and belongings in a safe spot. And, you planned escape routes and made sure all those residing within your home know the plan of action. Need help with your emergency planning? Click here for the Jefferson County Emergency Preparedness Guide.

Level 2: Leave soon. Residents are notified there is a full evacuation and are informed to leave. Evacuations are mandatory and entry to evacuated areas may be denied. Residents are encouraged to evacuate as soon as possible. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items, but doing so is at their own risk.

Level 3: Leave immediately! Residents are notified there is immediate and imminent danger, and they should evacuate immediately. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home. Leave immediately and as quickly as possible. Doing so will not only support your safety, but will allow firefighters to best maneuver resources to combat the fire.

READY, SET, GO!

Ready:

- Make a list of your 5P's: People, Pets, Pills, Photos and important Papers.
- Shut off natural gas and propane.
- Place metal (not wooden) ladders against the side of house.
- If time permits, remove combustibles (patio furniture, firewood, etc.) within 30 feet of your home.
- If you have sprinklers (with adequate water supply), place them around your home, connected and ready to be turned on.
- Put on any protective clothing and gear.
- Close windows and doors to the house to prevent sparks and embers from blowing inside. Close all doors inside the house to prevent draft.
- Take down your drapes and curtains and close all blinds to deflect heat.
- Leave all lights on to offer visibility to responders.
- Fill all bathtubs and sinks with water to deflect heat.

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Set:

- Take a deep breath and remember your plan. Lives always take priority over property.
- Face your car toward the street and close all windows. Keep the keys handy.
- Load your 5P's into the car.
- Wear protective clothing made of natural fabrics such as heavy denim, cotton, and pure wool to shield you from heat, embers and flames. Wear sturdy shoes, a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants, hat, and a handkerchief. Have thick canvas or leather gloves, and light-colored goggles on ready.
- As you leave, post a visible form of notification that identifies that you have evacuated. Hang a white cloth at the end of your driveway. If you have time, write "evacuated" on it.

Go!:

- Tune into the local news radio station and listen for instructions.
- Obey orders of law enforcement and fire department officials.
- Follow the emergency instructions regarding evacuation routes. Your normal route may not be the safest.
- Drive with your headlights on for visibility and safety.
- Do not block access to roadways.
- Do not abandon vehicles on the roadway.
- Do not stop to let pets have a break.
- Drive calmly and pay special attention to fire trucks.

The Ready, Set, Go! program is the result of a nation-wide discussion on how to protect homes and lives in what the fire service calls the Wildland-Urban-Interface – where development meets natural vegetation – and the Ember Zone, an area where the wind driven ember fall-out from a wildland fire can threaten property and lives. The program was developed for national roll out by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) with support from US Forest Service, US Fire Administration, Department of the Interior, Firewise and The Insurance Institute for Home Business Safety (IBHS).
 – Sheriff Ted B. Mink

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Plan For Success Throughout Your Career

- **Dress appropriately.** When you applied for your current job, you dressed up a little. Continue that on the job. Make sure your clothes and hair are neat and clean. Even if your company has a casual dress code, don't be too casual. Conservative, business-like styles are best for men and women alike.
- **Watch the clock.** Always arrive on time. Don't waste away your day making small talk with other employees and don't make personal calls on company time. Complete the work you've been assigned as quickly as possible – and when you're done ask for more.
- **Respect the boundaries.** Don't use or take things that aren't yours. Don't make personal copies at work. Don't take company office supplies home for your personal use. Proper behavior shows that you're putting the organization's needs first.
- **Don't gossip.** You'll probably overhear conversations while you're sitting in your cube. Adopt a policy of not repeating what you hear, passing along rumors, or talking about co-workers behind their backs.
- **Practice the Golden Rule.** Treat others the way you want to be treated – or even better. You'll earn everyone's respect with courtesy and kindness.
- **Be cooperative and flexible.** You may not like a lot of the work that you are asked to do, but do it cheerfully anyway. Show that you're someone the company can depend on. Always do your best, and show your boss that you can be counted on.

2013 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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Under Contract	4,431	43.40	27.11
Sold	2,953	-13.15	19.55
Avg DOM	78	6.85	-25.00
Avg Sold Price	\$274,754	-5.23	10.77
Residential			
Active	5,834	-8.36	-30.18
Pending	1,180	1.03	-12.01
Under Contract	3,536	44.76	24.56
Sold	2,343	-14.02	17.56
Avg DOM	80	6.67	-22.39
Avg Sold Price	\$301,827	-4.32	10.83
Condominium			
Active	1,260	-5.97	-39.63
Pending	309	4.39	-8.85
Under Contract	896	38.27	38.27
Sold	610	-9.63	27.88
Avg DOM	70	4.48	-35.19
Avg Sold Price	\$170,769	-8.62	16.53

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