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SCAN ME

Spring Clean Up: May 17-20

We will once again be alternating two dumpsters for spring clean-up weekend. The first will be available starting at noon on Friday, May 17. On Saturday at noon, Waste Connections will bring a second dumpster and haul the first (hopefully, full) dumpster away. They will return and remove the second dumpster first thing on Monday morning.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to clean your yard of unwanted items and debris, including small branches, leaves, weeds, trimmings, and more.

Do not place the following in the dumpster: batteries, electronics, hazardous waste, paint or cleaning solutions, gas, ammunition, household garbage, appliances, furniture, bathroom fixtures or car parts.

Do not drop tree limbs. The City of Westminster has a program for tree branches and limbs year-round. A copy of your water bill will suffice for entry. Open every second Saturday of the month from 8 am to noon, (March-November).

City Proposing Changes to Westminster Hills Open Space Off-Leash Access

Recent action by the City of Westminster threatens to significantly alter off-leash access to Westminster Hills Open Space (WHOS) and dog park, potentially by up to 90%. The City has introduced a Community Advisory Team (CAT) tasked with advising the Parks, Recreation, and Libraries Department (PRL) in assessing the preliminary management recommendations included in the WHOS Conditions Report and developing a draft WHOS Management Plan.

On March 11, Westy Dog Park Guardians presented a 30-page memo to Westminster City Council, highlighting key findings from the analysis of reports and community feedback to-date. This grassroots organization of local park users is working in collaboration with the City to protect and preserve all 420 acres of tail-wagging, community-building, off-leash fun for well-behaved canines and their human companions.



Two Guardians earned seats at the CAT table. Learn more and make your voice heard at www.WestyDogs.com. Key upcoming dates include May 13 (City Council meeting), June 3 (WHOS plan to be presented) and July 15 (WHOS Plan Approval).

BICYCLE SAFETY EVENT: *Join Jan and Bike Jeffco for a pop-up bike event on Saturday, May 18 from 9-11 am on 107th Ave. There will be a bike mechanic from Trek Bikes on site to check out bikes for free!*

Slow Down, Look Right and Left; Be Visible

By Jan Stevenson

As the weather warms and more residents take to two wheels, I want to share some important reminders. In late September last year, a young resident of our neighborhood was involved in a bicycle-vehicle crash that resulted in injury. I work with Bike Jeffco, a non-profit advocacy organization that offers ideas for ways that all of us — cars, bikes, and pedestrians — can look out for each other. We can improve safety primarily through:

- Engineering & infrastructure changes
- Education and awareness
- Encouraging safe behaviors

Engineering & Infrastructure

Anyone attempting to enter or exit our neighborhood is well-aware of the difficulty that traffic volume and speed create at different times of the day — whether you are a motorist, pedestrian, or cyclist. As motorists exiting the neighborhood, when we pull up to the intersection at Simms Street and 107th Avenue, we look left; that is where the gap in traffic is going to be visible, and where the “threat” of something bigger than us will come from. Conversely, those coming into the neighborhood are often challenged with both oncoming traffic and vehicles trying to exit from the neighborhood.

Education and Awareness

- Cyclists – Position yourself for visibility behind a vehicle, not to the right of the vehicle. You want to stay out of the blind spot.
- Motorists – look behind you before turning right.
- Cyclists – use a headlight, a flashing red rear light, and a mirror.
- Pedestrians and cyclists – wear bright clothing, and don’t walk/ride against traffic. You are three times more likely to have a wrong-way crash if you are riding against traffic.
- All – SLOW DOWN before you reach an intersection.
- Cyclists – ride further LEFT instead of riding as far right as possible.

Encourage Safe Behaviors

The more that resident motorists stop at stop signs and adhere to the neighborhood’s 25 mph speed limit, the more other neighbors will follow suit. Talk to your kids about how visible they are NOT when they are racing scooters or sitting on a skateboard riding down 107th Avenue. As a motorist, slow your speed and be aware; as you slide through that stop sign, you might be sliding right into a child. It changes the life of the child – and the motorist – forever.

The Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of July and December.

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