

COHOPE Report - June 8, 2006

The guest speaker at the June meeting was State Representative Matt Knoedler. Representative Knoedler talked about the various bills he helped sponsor and the results. The Sheriff's Office representative reported on the Apr/May 2006 crime statistics. What they refer to as Part I Crimes - arson, assault burglary, robbery, etc. - were somewhat higher in May versus April but not significantly. Part 2 crimes showed an overall drop with relative significant drops in drug and trespass (both dwelling and vehicle) crimes. The deputy was asked to provide year over year comparisons for our next meeting. A copy of the June 5, 2006 revised Jefferson County fire ban was passed out. The revised plan besides applying to all unincorporated Jefferson County - public and private, now includes all Federal lands. The total fire ban press release can viewed at the Jeffco Sheriff's web site <http://jeffco.us/sheriff>. Two of the many bans covered are "use of charcoal or other open fires on any public or private lands" and "permissible fireworks, as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-28-101". There was discussion with the deputy that indicates the County will not issues permits this year for the "legal" firework stands. At the request of a COHOPE member, who came to the meeting with pictures of graffiti on private property, COHOPE will send a letter to the County Commissioners supportive of the development of a County ordinance requiring property to remove graffiti. Currently the county removes graffiti on public property as soon as possible but the Sheriff's office cannot require the same of private property owners. From the County Planning and Zoning representative we heard that the former Krispy Kreme donut location owner has requested rezoning to permit a Starbucks Coffee Shop. Also, the Barista's Daily Grind coffee drive-thru at Fairview and Pierce that we heard about at our April HOA meeting has submitted their pre-development plan application.

The annual COHOPE picnic at Clement Park will be on August 2 this year. This is a potluck type picnic with COHOPE providing chicken and drinks. This being an election year, there should be a good number of candidates show up seeking support. I will have more detail in July.

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