

No guest speaker was scheduled for the September meeting. The August meeting was the annual picnic at Clement park. Twelve candidates for various Jefferson County and State offices attended and were given the opportunity to state their reasons for running and to answer questions. The Sheriff's department presented the crime statistics for June, July and August. Most categories remained about normal. The burglary category did show a significant increase - June 25, July 45, August 42. The deputy reported that most of the increase is attributable to "crimes of opportunity" - garage doors left open and unlocked cars. There was also a increase of theft from construction sites especially items containing copper. A "Message From The Sheriff" flyer was also passed out that described the "Back to School With Safe2Tell" program. This program is part of Colorado Crime Stoppers and provides students a safe, easy and anonymous way to report information about anything that is a concern to school or community safety. The full article can be viewed on the Sheriff's website at <http://jeffco.us/sheriff>. Additional information about Safe2Tell can also be found at www.Safe2Tell.org. Both sites are very informative. There will be a 1 ½ mil levy increase on the ballot for Foothills Park and Recreation District this year. This was based on considerable input from district residents who indicated a willingness to vote for the levy increase to improve parks and trails, replace old deteriorating playground equipment and replace old and inefficient sprinkler systems to save water. There is also a potential to use some of the funds to restore the Foothills matching funds program.