

THE LOCHWOOD NEWS

West Lochwood Civic Association – July 2023

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Spring Cleanup a Rainy Success!

With overcast skies and cooler temperatures on June 3rd the WELCA cleanup day seemed to be touch and go for a while. We did get rained on for a bit around 11 a.m.. Our apologies to those who arrived early only to wait in line for far too long. We have been using 5280 Waste Solutions for many years now but there was a miscommunication on their end and the driver only brought one dumpster to start. In the past we have had 2 at the start which allowed the line to move much faster. The WELCA community was able to discard over 50 tons of waste in one morning! For fall cleanup on Sept. 16th the board of directors will shop around to find the best deal and customer service so we don't run into any speedbumps.

Please remember that the cleanup runs from 7 a.m. to Noon. You don't need to arrive at dawn to wait in line. After 9:30 a.m. the line disappears and you can drive up and drop off without waiting, most of the time.

Thanks to those residents who agreed to stay a bit longer to empty the load of the neighbor behind them in line. Our volunteers are especially thankful. If you would like to volunteer in September please let us know, see the Special Events section below.

We hope have metal recycling available again, so bring us all your scrap metal as well. Old lawnmowers, used water heaters, old car parts, we'll even take most old appliances.

All that is required to use the dumpsters is your address and your paid yearly dues of \$30. We do accept cash, check, or Venmo on site. The board of directors would like to let you know that after 2 truck loads we will have to start charging you \$30 per load. Keep in mind that a trip to the Foothills Landfill in Golden with one truck load costs anywhere from \$135—\$185!

Cookies will be available for those who attend in September!

2023 Special Events

Fall Clean-up: September 16th

Annual meeting: Tuesday, November 7th

Holiday Lighting Contest: December 16th

Email us at info@welca-hoa.com in advance for more details or to volunteer.

Help Wanted

The functions listed below are just a few ideas for you to consider as a resident of Lochwood:

- Legal advisor (pro-bono lawyer/attorney)
- Organize and/or volunteer at community events
- Volunteer to unload trucks at the Fall cleanup day (September 16th)
- Provide input about the maintenance of our neighborhood.
- Work with other residents on covenant issues

Email us at info@WELCA-HOA.com if you're interested in volunteering in Lochwood.

Follow our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LochwoodResidentsWELCA) page for updates (**Lochwood Residents WELCA**)

Together Jeffco: Plans and Regulations Update

Jefferson County is excited to kickoff of the Together Jeffco: County Plans and Regulations Update, a two-year process to update the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Evacuation Annex, Transportation & Mobility Plan, Community Wildlife Protection Plan, and Unified Land Use Code. We want to hear from you, go to: <http://togetherjeffco.com/> and help define the vision and rules that will shape the future of Jeffco.

(article taken from Engage Jeffco newsletter July 2023)

How loud can cars be in Colorado?

DENVER (KDVR) — If you've ever encountered someone driving a vehicle so loud that you just know it shouldn't be legal, you might be onto something. At least in Colorado.

That's because there's a law designed to reduce noise on roads by requiring mufflers.

Mufflers are devices that dampen sound from internal combustion engines.

What does the law say?

Colorado law doesn't allow any modifications that cause "excessive or unusual noise," and you aren't allowed to install a bypass or cutoff for the muffler.

The law doesn't list what decibels — or sound levels — are acceptable or unacceptable. However, any aftermarket mufflers can't be any louder than what originally came with the vehicle. Because electric vehicles don't have mufflers, the law doesn't apply to them.

But if you're caught with an aftermarket muffler that's too loud — or if you've decided to bypass your muffler to make your car louder — you can face a fine of up to \$100.

People in commercial vehicles that don't have mufflers face a fine of up to \$500.

What about other states?

The laws on mufflers vary from state to state, with some having stricter laws and others less so.

People are only required to have mufflers and not use bypass or cutoff devices in Texas, Wyoming, Utah, Kansas and New Mexico. The law in Nebraska is similar to the one in Colorado.

A few states, including California, Oregon and Washington, have specific decibel levels that are acceptable.

For example, in California, sound levels on vehicles smaller than a light truck or van not being allowed to exceed 95 decibels, which is around the same level as an average motorcycle, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(source: KDVR.com, by: Samantha Jarpe Posted: Jul 18, 2023 / 07:51 PM MDT))

Have a Question or Comment About What's Going On in West Lochwood?

Do you have a question about what is going on in our Civic Association? There are a couple of ways to get answers. First, you could call a Board member (numbers are listed on the website) or you could send an e-mail to:

info@WELCA-HOA.com

Finally, come to a board meeting and give your feedback directly. The board meeting time is 7 p.m. at Lochwood Christian Fellowship Church located at Florida Ave. & Union Blvd.

Upcoming dates:

Tues. August 1st

Tues. September 5th

2023 Dues

This is your **second notice** if you **have not** yet paid your annual dues of \$30.

See the enclosed dues letter. Please plan on returning your dues check or pay with Venmo to help us achieve our 2023 goals for our neighborhood.

Currently 299 homeowners of our 669 homes have paid dues this year. That is 45% of the members. Please consider paying your dues today! With a larger budget we can do a lot more for the residents of Lochwood.