



# The Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC)

was established by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in 1974. JCHC members are citizen volunteers appointed by the BCC and equally represent all areas of the county. JCHC's mission is to inspire, encourage and coordinate historical activities in the county. We invite you to get involved in helping us recognize and promote the county's rich history and significant historic resources!

## Programs and Projects

**Historically Jeffco** magazine is produced annually by JCHC with each year's edition released in October. Ideas for articles and submissions from the public are always welcome. *Historically Jeffco* is available free of charge to members of Jefferson County historical societies, schools and libraries. Back copies of the magazine may be acquired for a \$5 donation at Jeffco Planning and Zoning and the Jeffco Archives. The JCHC website provides downloadable copies of the magazine dating back to 1988.

The **Writers' Award Program** is an annual contest for writers of articles relating to the history of Jefferson County. Winners receive a cash award at the Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony and may be published in *Historically Jeffco* magazine.

The **Historic Preservation Symposium** is an annual event where JCHC partners with a host community to further historic preservation and education and discuss topics of current interest.

The **Landmark Program** is a voluntary program that encourages county residents to nominate, with property owner consent, significant historic sites, structures or districts for Jefferson County Landmark status. Jeffco Landmarks are recognized at the Annual Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony with a Certificate of Designation. The nominated landmark owner is also eligible to participate in the Landmark plaque program.

The **Norm and Ethel Meyer Award for Historic Preservation** recognizes individuals, groups, private and public businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation of Jefferson County's historical resources. The Meyer Award is presented at the Annual Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony.

The **Emeritus Program** recognizes selected retired JCHC members for their JCHC community service, offices held during their tenure on JCHC and their outstanding support of JCHC historical and educational programs. Emeritus membership is a lifetime honorary status; honorees are not eligible to hold office but may serve on committees, participate in JCHC activities and help advance its mission.

The **Placenames Directory** is a database containing historical information about names and places associated with the county's history. The database contains more than 3,000 records and is available at <https://placenames.jeffco.us/>.

## Friends of the Jefferson County Historical Commission

Friends of the Jefferson County Historical Commission is a separate entity formed to raise money to assist with JCHC goals and programs. Donations have come from a variety of engagements including the Good News Breakfast award, the Opening of the West Line, honorariums for speaking on behalf of JCHC and donations from groups that received back issues of *Historically Jeffco*. Donations to the Friends of the JCHC are tax deductible.

## HistoricJeffco

The <https://historicjeffco.wordpress.com/> website provides downloadable copies of all issues of *Historically Jeffco* magazine as well as direct links to most historical societies, museums, resource pages, city and county information and other sources for historical information.

## Contacting JCHC

Contact JCHC through the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division, which provides support for JCHC, as does the Archives Office (IT Services). Contact Dennis Dempsey at 303-271-8734, send mail to JCHC c/o Planning and Zoning, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 3550, Golden, CO 80419 or email [JCHCchair@jeffco.us](mailto:JCHCchair@jeffco.us). The JCHC website <https://www.jeffco.us/historical-commission> has information on JCHC's activities plus applications for JCHC membership and all forms, minutes and agendas. Find us on *Facebook* at Jefferson County CO Historical Commission. For information about the Jefferson County Archives, contact Archivist Ronda Frazier at [archivist@jeffco.us](mailto:archivist@jeffco.us), call 303-271-8448 or visit the website at <https://www.jeffco.us/county-archives>. 