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## **Six candidates for Foothills Park & Recreation District Board**

Six residents of Foothills Park & Recreation District have nominated themselves for the three open Board of Director positions that voters will fill at the May 6, 2008 election. The six candidates will be listed on the ballot in the following order, which was determined by a random drawing: Jill Nunes, Andrew Burt, Jenny Rasmussen-Cochran, Christopher J. Los, Keith C. Sutton and Terri Maulik

Current Foothills Board members Lori Hoffner, Michael Whetstone and Rick Woodward are term limited and will leave the Board in May. Board members Walt Frankland and Janet Shangraw will serve two more years on their current terms.

Also on the ballot will be a question asking voters to approve a 3 mill increase on property taxes paid to the District. The 3 mills increase, if approved, would cost the owners of a home valued at \$300,000 an extra \$6 a month and would be used to fund a number of capital repairs, to replace unsafe playground equipment and to pay for increases in fuel and utility costs as well as other increased operation expenses. Foothills has not had a mill levy increase since 2001 and without these additional funds the District said it will face serious budget shortages and service level reductions beginning in mid 2008.

Foothills Park & Recreation District receives about 70 percent of its current revenues from fees, admissions and rentals and about 30 percent from taxes. Tax revenues help support parks and trails, while programs such as golf, cultural arts and fitness classes and a range of services are either self-supporting or help support other program areas,

As required by State law, the election will be conducted by a mailed ballot. Ballots will be mailed in mid April and must be received by the District by May 6.

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*Foothills Park & Recreation District, founded in 1959, serves a 28 square mile area of unincorporated Jefferson County generally bounded by Hampden Avenue south to C-470 from Sheridan Boulevard west to the Dakota Hogback. The District operates the Ridge Recreation Center, the Edge Ice Arena, Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, the Peak Community and Wellness Center, four outdoor swimming pools, Indoor Sports Arena, Foothills Golf Course complex, Meadows Golf Course, and 69 park sites totaling more than 2,410 acres and including four regional parks, 42 neighborhood and community parks and 24 greenbelts. In addition Foothills manages six regional trail corridors for*

*public use, which, combined with park trails, total more than 31 miles. For more information visit [www.ifoohills.org](http://www.ifoohills.org) , or call (303) 409-2100.*