



# Larkspur

# Sentinel

May 2023

Serving Perry Park, Larkspur,  
and the surrounding community

## MAY IS HERE!!

What was that old saying? Don't worry about the log in someone else's eye until you take care of the splinter in your own. . . Boy did I have a lesson in that this past month. I decided to pick up trash in my neighborhood as I had noticed a lot of discards and windy day trash along the two busier roads I walk with our dogs. And there was plenty! On my second day, about 30 beer/liquor bottles and unmentionable disgusting items, I was wondering how people could just toss trash out the window, with total disregard for the beauty of the neighborhood, and other not-so-nice thoughts. I tied up my bag to leave on the side of the road to bring back later. . . and as I set the bag down, I noticed something purple about 3 feet farther off the road. . . Upon further inspection, I realized it was a small piece of cloth, clothing perhaps? Wait. . . what's that turtle label? Wait. . . is that MY (very faded) purple fleece headband that I "lost" in the past year?? (see photo) Wait. . . did I LITTER???? Well, there was that LOG in my eye!!! Or my dose of humble pie! (PS, I brought the headband home and washed it!)



As for the news, please, please, please vote if you are eligible for the board positions on the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District and the Perry Park Metro Board THIS TUESDAY, MAY 2, 7a-7p at the Perry Park Country Club. All registered voters in each household are eligible to vote.

Notice our section of local businesses! This is a one-time feature so save this section and patronize our hard-working local folks. If your business was not included, please send us an email. And be sure to review our last page - helpful classified ads are located there - and note that we have deleted our "Teens for Hire" section due to lack of response. We are happy to reinstate it once we have teens that would like to list an ad for work.

**Please remember. . . it's always a good idea to be kind.**

*Margot Patterson*

Editor

larkspursentinel@gmail.com

*\*The Sentinel will not sell or voluntarily disclose your email address to others, nor use it for any purpose other than informing about the Sentinel, and its local projects.*



# ELIZABETH OWENS



## THE RE/MAX COLLECTION®

Broker / Owner - RE/MAX Alliance - 7437 Village Square Drive, Suite 105, Castle Pines, CO 80108  
720.988.4058 | eowens@remax.net | www.ElizabethOwens.net



7980 SHOSHONE PLACE | PERRY PARK | JUST LISTED! | OFFERED AT \$1,250,000



9140 FRANK ROAD | LARKSPUR | JUST LISTED! | OFFERED AT \$775,000



5133 ECHO VALLEY ROAD | PERRY PARK | 10 ACRES! | UNDER CONTRACT! | OFFERED AT \$1,995,000



6956 FOX CIRCLE | PERRY PARK | JUST SOLD! | \$1,050,000



5977 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE | PERRY PARK | JUST SOLD! | \$1,140,000



6925 FOX CIRCLE | PERRY PARK | JUST SOLD! | \$865,000

**ELIZABETH OWENS** has a reputation centered on residential, high-end and acreage properties in Larkspur, Castle Rock and throughout Douglas County. For the past 19+ years, Elizabeth and her team, the Elite Group, have been providing *Top-of-the-Line Service with Bottom-Line Results* to both Buyers and Sellers. Elizabeth Owens is a Master Certified Negotiation Expert, Certified Residential Specialist, Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist and is a graduate of the Realtor Institute. Elizabeth is a Larkspur resident and is Broker/Owner at RE/MAX Alliance in Castle Pines. View the virtual tours for these homes and all Elizabeth's listings at ElizabethOwens.net

**SCAN HERE FOR AN AUTOMATED HOME VALUATION! CALL FOR A MORE IN-DEPTH VALUATION! →**



# What's Going On?

**May 2 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm - Perry Park Metro District Board Election** at Perry Park Country Club

**May 2 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm – Perry Park Water Sanitation District Election** at Perry Park Country Club

**May 9, 3:00-4:00 pm - DC Sheriff's Scam Awareness Presentation -** Larkspur Fire Station

**May 11 - 6:00 pm - Fire District Meeting - Station 161**

**May 11, 2013 - 6:00 pm Perry Park Metro District Board Meeting** at the Perry Park Country Club and on Zoom.

**June 9 – First Music in the Park -**

The Tattered Covers - Dates and Bands have been announced on the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce website: <https://larkspurchamberofcommerce.com/annual-events/#mitp>

**June 9, 10, 11 – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**

- **Annual Community Garage Sale** – for information and email sign up, click [here](#)

**June 11 - 8:00 am – 2:00 pm - Antique & Flea Market** - Final day of Garage Sale will be at Larkspur Community Park (Friday and Saturday are the traditional Garage Sales in around the neighborhood like we have always had)

## ELECTION REMINDER

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**

**7AM-7PM**

**PERRY PARK COUNTRY CLUB**

**Perry Park Metro District Board**

**Water District Board**



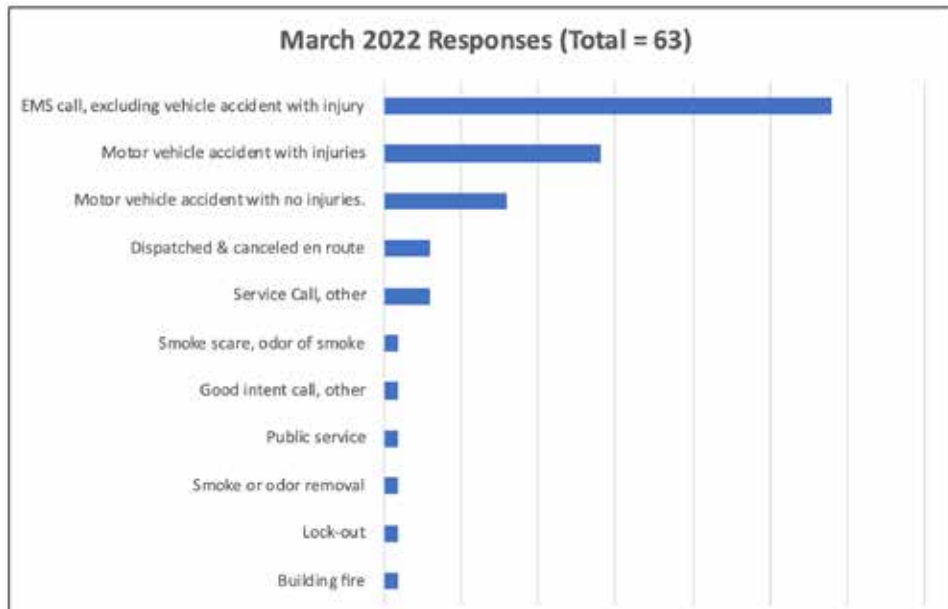
**ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN EACH HOUSEHOLD ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION!**

Candidate statements were included in the April Sentinel, pages 7-8 and 11-12. Here's the [LINK](#)



## FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

by *Wayne Moore, Member-Board of Directors*



**Larkspur Fire  
Protection District  
Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 11th**  
**6:00 pm at Station 161**  
 Public is welcome to attend.  
 Please check the website for  
 details.  
[larkspurfire.org](http://larkspurfire.org)



## From the Mayor: FOOD TRUCKS

Did you know that the Town of Larkspur hosts food trucks every Monday from 4 to 8pm in the park near the cabins? A couple of the town restaurants are closed on Mondays, so we thought it would be a great way to provide some food options as well as bringing the community together in our beautiful park. Watch our Facebook page each week to see which trucks will be out there.

We are also very excited to announce that the Town has partnered with The Larkspur Farmer's Market to bring you farm-fresh produce and artisan items each Wednesday in the park beginning in June. Check out their website at [www.thelarkspurfarmersmarket.com](http://www.thelarkspurfarmersmarket.com) for more information.

Thank you to each of you who has completed a survey to assist us in developing our Master Plan. If you haven't completed the survey, you have until May 15th. Here is the link: <https://www.townoflarkspur.org/home/webforms/master-plan-survey-2023>

Looking forward to seeing you around town!

**Mayor Sherilyn West**



# Larkspur Fire Protection District

## Understanding Special Tax Districts

*by Wayne Moore*



Special Tax Districts are local governmental entities formed by the citizens residing within an area's geographic boundaries to provide specific services to its residents. These are the only taxing entities where the taxes directly provide services to citizens and businesses within the Special Tax District. LFPD is a perfect example of a Special Tax District. It was formed in 1963 following a large wildland fire near Tomah Road & I25. At that time, local fire services didn't exist to respond. This germinated the idea that "something has to be done!" Local citizens started forming the Larkspur Fire Protection District, which is still thriving sixty years later. Fire Districts differ from Fire Departments, which are typically in a city and are financially managed as just one of many departments and receive funding from the city tax base of revenue.

Ninety percent of the properties within LFPD's boundaries are homes (residential properties). These properties account for 70.24% of the district's tax revenue funding. Every other year (during odd number years), the Douglas County Assessor's Office will assess each residential property value considering the housing market and sales comparisons. Fifteen thousand dollars of the Assessor's Office property value assessment is exempted from the tax calculation formula. This Adjusted Property Value is multiplied by the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) percentage. While the RAR is set by Colorado statute law at 7.15%, it has been temporarily reduced to 6.765% for the 2023 tax year. However, in 2018 the taxpayers of LFPD approved a ballot initiative that froze the tax revenue at a level commensurate to an LFPD RAR of 7.2%. This amount determines the individual residential property's Taxable Value.

Example:

\$750,000 (Property value determined by the Douglas County Assessor's Office) - \$15,000 (Exempted value) =

\$735,000 (Adjusted Property Value) x 0.072 (LFPD RAR as a percentage) = \$52,920 (Taxable Value, the amount that residential property taxes will be based on)

Mill Levy rate: Douglas County has many tax authorities, e.g., School District, County Government, Sheriff's Office, and Library District. Each receives revenue from taxes derived from the Mill Levy rate individual to that taxing entity. The Mill Levy is a percentage that a specific tax authority will receive from (in this case example) the residential property's Taxable Value. The LFPD Mill Levy is 19.117; this translates to a tax rate of 1.9117% paid in taxes based on the Taxable Value of a residence.

Example continued:

\$52,920 (Taxable Value) x 0.019117 (Mill Levy rate as a percentage) = \$1,012 (Tax amount that LFPD will receive from this district residence during the 2023 tax year)

The LFPD Mill Levy rate is comparable to rural fire protection districts of similar territory size, fire station number, Firefighter/Paramedic staffing, and services provided. We rely significantly on the taxes received from residential properties to maintain the professional level of emergency services our citizens have come to expect over sixty years.



## Spring Wildlife

by Sean Dodd,  
District Wildlife Manager



It is that time of year again! Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is beginning to receive reports of baby wildlife springing up in the area. Most of the reports CPW receives in the spring relating to young wildlife involves orphaned babies. While some of these animals, typically fawns, may look abandoned, they are not and CPW wants to remind Larkspur and Perry Park residents to leave baby wildlife alone.

Every year from early spring into summer Colorado Parks and Wildlife gets an increase in calls related to baby wildlife. These reports consist of young wildlife that has been “abandoned” by their mothers. People with good intentions are often tempted to pick these animals up, feed and take care of them. However, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding people to please leave young wildlife alone, these animals do not need to be rescued and their families are usually close by. Young wildlife has been prepared by nature to survive without the help of people.

Adults often leave young wildlife alone while they search for food. Young fawns and calves are placed in safe locations while the adults search for food. If you come across these young animals DO NOT APPROACH. Humans can often do more harm than good when trying to help these animals. Fawns and calves are born without a scent to protect them from predators. When humans get too close or try to help these animals, by providing them with something like a blanket, we can unintentionally give these animals a scent. This makes them vulnerable to predators and unrecognizable to their adults.

This spring Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking the residents of Larkspur and Perry Park if you do come across these animals while out this spring, to leave them alone. When it comes to Mother Nature, remember, mother knows best. CPW is also asking residents to view these animals from a distance and to leave the area slowly. This will allow the adults to feel safe and they will likely return sooner rather than later. Remember, always keep pets on a leash and out of these areas as well.

During the springtime it's also common to find baby birds hopping around on the ground. These birds are not abandoned and their mothers are nearby. Fledglings will often be fed on the ground by their mothers while they are learning to fly. Again, it is important to not handle these animals and let adult animals teach them how to survive. Some raptors can also be territorial and have been known to fly at people who come too close.

Young wildlife has the best chance of survival when they are left alone without human intervention. Humans trying to assist young wildlife never leads to a good outcome. Remember these animals are built to survive and have their very best chance without our help. So please be a friend to wildlife this spring and leave them alone. Do not touch but admire from a safe distance and then leave the area quietly.

Along with the potential risk to animals, there can be a risk to humans who get too close to these animals as well. When handling wildlife there is a risk of disease transmission to humans as well. So please keep wildlife and yourself safe this spring by keeping your distance.

# NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

by *Brian Arthurs*

*“Every election is determined by the people who show up.” — Larry J. Sabato*

On May 2, the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District (PPWSD) will hold an election to elect three directors to four-year terms.

The Board is responsible for providing safe drinking water to its users, approving capital projects, wastewater services, and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the PPWSD. They make decisions about water quality, water conservation, sewer service, financial stability, and customer service. These are all critical issues that affect your daily lives.

If you are a resident of the Perry Park Water and Sanitation District, I urge you to vote in the May 2 election to ensure that the Board is made up of qualified individuals who will represent our interests. Your vote matters.

The Perry Park Water and Sanitation District (PPWSD) held its regular board meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, and a Special Session, April 11, at the PPWSD office. A quorum was present at both meetings. The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the previous meetings, which were approved as presented. Disbursements of \$332,712.56 were presented, reviewed, discussed, and approved. The Board reviewed the District’s Monthly Staff Report. District Manager Diana Miller provided detailed information to all questions and other inquiries made by the Directors. The Board reviewed the District Systems Report. Information was requested and satisfactorily provided by Will Parker, the President of Semocor.

The next item of business was a request from customers with septic systems for relief from paying capital improvement fees. The Board explained the mechanics of the credit for treated wastewater being returned to the system which septic users did not contribute. The Board ultimately decided to deny the request but did agree to study the issue in the future.

Next on the agenda was an update to Phoenix Development’s request for extra territorial water services. The Board decided to have the District’s engineers determine what tap sizes are sufficient to meet the needs of the development in the near future.

A request from lot owners in Bannock Drive area for formation of a subdistrict was presented. It was determined further information concerning the ramifications to the District was needed.

In other business, the Board considered a request from a property owner to install a low pressure sewer system, discussed the results of recent testing of the district’s drinking water, financing of several upcoming projects, progress of the improvements to the District’s sewage treatment facilities, and personnel decisions, including the hiring of a part-time office assistant. The new office assistant will be responsible for a variety of tasks, including answering phones, filing paperwork, and assisting with customer service.

There being no further board member discussions nor audience participation, the meeting was adjourned. Further information is available on the district website, [www.ppwsd.org](http://www.ppwsd.org).

***And…….“If you don’t vote, you lose the right to complain”. - George Carlin***



## PPWSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Peterson - President  
Brian Arthurs – Treasurer  
James Maras - Secretary  
Tony Lucas - Vice President  
Jim Matchett - Director



# DAVE GARDNER'S *Results* Team



Office located on the Main Street of Larkspur



**FOR SALE**  
**\$1,049,900**

### 8078 La Veta Rd. - Perry Park East

This Home sits on a 5-Acre LOT with Finished Walkout Basement, Main Floor Master, and 3-car garage plus a 384 Sq. Foot "She Shed". This house has been LOVED!



**FOR SALE**  
**\$134,900**

### 6412 Thunderbird Rd - Perry Park

1-Acre LOT in Perry Park with SPECTACULAR RED-ROCK FORMATIONS ON-SITE \* Tremendous Mountain Views -- just like being in your very own "Garden Of The Gods"



**FOR SALE**  
**\$170,000**

### 4435 Echo Butte - Retreat in Perry Park

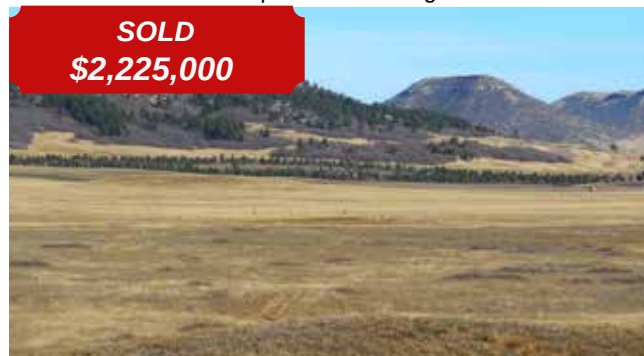
"Ready-To-Build" Paired Home Lot with Tremendous Mountain Views is designed and approved for ONE "Paired Home" aka "Duplex" \* All the lot design work is complete; lot is cleared, and all the utilities are in place for building 2 condo units.



**FOR SALE**  
**\$89,900**

### 13050 Deer Ridge Way - Woodmoor Mountain

This 4.20-Acre Lot in Douglas County is "READY-TO-BUILD" with Tremendous Mountain Views and Valley Views. Located near the Pike National Forest!



**SOLD**  
**\$2,225,000**

### 15536 S Perry Park Rd. - Larkspur

Large 261+ Acre parcel of land IN Douglas County! Land can be divided up to 7 separate parcels of at least 35-acres in size. Amazing Views! County Maintained PAVED Roads.



**SOLD**  
**\$985,000**

### 14000 True Mountain Dr. - Larkspur

Rare Offering--43.83-Acre Residential Build-Site with lush, forested land. Livestock/Horses Approved! County will allow 3 Houses on the total acreage - \* NO HOA! No Covenants!



In 2022 Dave Sold MORE Larkspur Area Properties than any other Agent!  
Call us to find out why more people are choosing the Results Team!

**303-681-1000**

[www.HomesInLarkspurCO.com](http://www.HomesInLarkspurCO.com)







# Perry Park Metropolitan District

The Special District For Perry Park Ranch

**by Steve Ostrowski, Secretary, PPMD Board of Directors**

On May 2, 2023, we will be having an election for a single, 2-year, position on the Perry Park Metropolitan District's Board of Directors. In-person voting will be held on May 2, 2023 between 7 am and 7 pm at Perry Park Country Club. All documents and information are available on our website at this [LINK](#).

By the time you read this, a new Perry Park Community Survey should be released and posted on our website at this [LINK](#) and on social media. Please fill this out as we value community input on district matters. If you prefer to email, you can always send us your feedback and ideas at [info@perrypark.org](mailto:info@perrypark.org)

This year, the Independence Day Fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday, July 1. Discussions are ongoing regarding the date and route for the Independence Day parade. As always, fire risk conditions can impact the event and those can change with little notice. We hope to see you there!

Other current topics for the board include:

- We are seeking initial information on adding cellular towers to the neighborhood which would improve communications for residents and also during emergencies. Wildfire postmortems have shown good communications to be a key factor for effective operations.
- Gateway Pond water rights - there is a pending water court case where we are seeking approval of a plan to maintain water rights to current levels on the pond.
- Gilloon Pond improvements - Douglas County has indicated that they may be able to match funds for improvements to this area. Confirmation is needed on whether this constitutes federal waterways in order to

determine how much we can improve.

- 2023 Slash Program RFP - we have prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for slash pickup options, which is open to a range of solutions from hauling to chipping.
- Committees - we always need volunteers to improve our community. There is an Independence Day Planning Committee, a Firewise Committee, and an Entry Design Committee that can always use help. There are many great ideas for improving our community and to implement more of them we need you! If you don't know anyone involved, you can reach out to us at [info@perrypark.org](mailto:info@perrypark.org) to offer your help and we'll get you connected.

Our May board meeting is scheduled for Thursday – May 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Perry Park Country Club and on Zoom. You can see the meeting schedule and documents, as well as other neighborhood information and contact forms, at this [LINK](#) - Zoom and in-person attendance are options, making it convenient for you to participate. We hope to have you there.

Follow us on: [Facebook](#) & [NextDoor](#)

## **PPMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chris Warren - President  
Sean King - Vice President  
Joe Brickweg - Treasurer  
Steve Ostrowski - Secretary  
Bonnie Schwam - Asst. Secretary

# Fire Mitigation Update

*by Keith Worley, Forester and Wildfire Mitigation Specialist*

## Perry Park Firewise Day Public Meeting Well Attended

*Sponsored by the Perry Park Metro District Firewise Committee*

Snowy weather didn't deter 48 hardy Perry Park residents from attending the Firewise meeting on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Representatives from LFPD and county agencies covered wildfire preparedness and evacuation planning.

The mini-PODs (Potential Operational Delineations) program was presented showing how neighbors can begin working together to better protect their homes. Other topics included fire adaption, bark beetle update, ember awareness and the ongoing drought impacts to our forests. Drawings for door prizes were included between presentations. Watch for upcoming classes to be announced soon.

## Upper Cheyenne Area to be Temporarily Closed to all Access

*From PPMD, CSFS, LFPD and Douglas County*

Phase 3 of the Greater Larkspur Fuel Treatment Project has started with ground operations on Haystack Ranch. Work will begin soon utilizing helicopters to remove fuels from inaccessible areas. During the Perry Park portion of the project, the **Upper Cheyenne area will be off limits to both non-motorized and motorized uses.** This includes a temporary restriction on hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Perry Park residents should sign up for email alerts from PPMD at [www.perryparkmd.colorado.gov](http://www.perryparkmd.colorado.gov).

The Firewise Committee is hoping to organize a guided tour, by PPMD email alert, in cooperation with the Colorado State Forest Service and the contractor. Every effort will be made to minimize the length of time the closure will be in place. Please respect this for your own and the contractor's safety.

**Warning:** No drones are allowed in or around the work zone. You could be subject to state or federal fines or prosecution for doing such a dangerous (and stupid) thing. If you observe one of your not-so-bright

neighbors launching their drone during the helicopter operations, report it to the DC Sheriff's Office non-emergency phone number at 303-660-7500.

## Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Grants Available

Douglas County has set aside \$1,000,000 for grants to homeowners to implement wildfire mitigation measures on their properties. Go to [www.douglas.co.us](http://www.douglas.co.us) for additional information.

Perry Park residents should contact Keith Worley, [firewiseguy@outlook.com](mailto:firewiseguy@outlook.com), if they abut a Perry Park Metro District property to see if a joint project can be put together utilizing the PPMD property as an extension of your defensible space and/or home ignition zone (HIZ). In some areas of Perry Park, the PPMD property may already be mitigated and add to the merit of your proposed mitigation work. Keith will be working with Randy Johnson to develop the "boiler plate" information you need to fill in your grant application. Some of the questions on the "fill-in-the-blank" online application form are technical in nature. So, Keith and Randy can provide you with the appropriate information. When this K-R guide is completed, notice will go out via PPMD email alert (sign up at [www.perryparkmd.colorado.gov](http://www.perryparkmd.colorado.gov)).

PPMD is working on its Five Year Firewise Plan for mitigating its properties. Again, if you abut PPMD Open Space and would like to partner with PPMD and your neighbors to create a more fire adapted zone around you and your neighborhood, contact Keith. The District may be able to assist groups of neighbors working together to apply for the DC grants as joint PPMD/homeowner projects.

Be aware, if you apply for this grant, you will be required to meet current wildfire mitigation standards established by Colorado State Forest Service. Links to these standards are available on the [Douglas County website](http://www.douglas.co.us). Initial inspection, submittal of a bid/proposal for the work and follow up inspection are required.

# Philip Miller Library, Castle Rock

## SAME ADDRESS, NEW DIGS!

### What You Need to Know

Construction of the new library in Castle Rock is nearing completion! The existing library is open through May 21 and will be closed beginning May 22 in preparation for the move to the new building. Important dates and information:

#### Dates

- May 1: Archives & Local History closed until the new library's grand opening in late summer.
- May 22: The current library will be closed.
- June 17: Demolition of the old Castle Rock library will begin.
- August 26 (subject to change): Grand Opening—join us at the new library!

#### Returns

You may keep Castle Rock library materials during the closure—no items will be due and no fines will accrue. You may also return items to any open DCL location during the closure.

Please return Book Club Express kits to a service desk at any open location, and not via drive-thru book drops.

#### Holds

Holds placed during the closure will be filled by other locations as available, and can be picked up at other locations. Book Club Express, Prospector, and interlibrary loan items can be picked up at an open branch. To update your pickup location for these items, please call 303/791-7323.

You may suspend existing holds so they're not filled during the closure, and reactivate them for when the library reopens. You may also elect to pick up holds at another library during the closure; this request must be made in person via library staff or at 303/791-7323.

If you don't make any changes, holds will be automatically suspended one week before the closure, and reactivated on opening day. Library titles unique to the Castle Rock location will be unavailable for holds until two weeks after opening day.

#### Storytime

- Alternate Storytimes will be held Mon-Wed, June 5-July 28; visit [DCL.org/storytime](https://dcl.org/storytime) for times and locations.
- Summer outdoor Storytime will be held at Festival Park on Thursdays at 9 am
- You may attend Storytime at any open library location. Visit [DCL.org/storytime](https://dcl.org/storytime) for schedules.

#### Book Donations

We will not accept book donations in Castle Rock during our closure; the last day to donate books in Castle Rock is April 30. Learn more about donating books at another open location.

And don't forget our Larkspur Free Library is open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm.



# Neighborhood Posers

*Photos by Mike Riebau*

Mr Cinnamon Bear and my red fox friend who enjoy posing



**M.R. HAULING**  
**303-919-1996**

**Affordable Pricing**  
**Fire Mitigation**  
**Remodel and Construction Debris Demolition**  
**Ranch Land Cleanup**

**Chris Miller**  
**303-919-1996**

[mrhauling19@gmail.com](mailto:mrhauling19@gmail.com)

# Raised Beds

by Marla Leggette

It's hard to know day to day if we're going to have a winter storm or a beautiful sunny spring day. Some of our garden seeds don't mind the weather changes. Seeds like peas, lettuce, Asian greens, spinach, arugula, cabbage, carrots, potatoes and probably a few more that I am forgetting, can all be in the ground now.



Most of us bend over or squat to get our seeds in the ground which can begin a season of back aches. We continue planting and weeding and wondering if gardening has to cause such discomfort. Maybe it's time to consider raising your garden to a comfortable level? Raised bed gardening is becoming more popular with the benefit of better drainage and soil, and easier gardening with less bending over. And you can build it anywhere in your yard that gets good sun.

Raised beds are typically free-standing, square or rectangle boxes at a minimum of 8"- 12" tall, with no top or bottom. Some gardeners may not want to bend at all and a 36" tall bed is very convenient for them. Simpler beds can just be soil mounded up to 8", with a flat top. Or you can build a box with legs, so you have less materials needed to fill the bed. Any raised bed should be no wider than 4' across so it's easy to reach to the middle from both sides. The length of the box usually depends on the size of your space.



You can make a raised bed from just about anything you have such as wood, metal, stones, bricks, cement blocks. Pine is the least expensive wood to use, but cedar or redwood will last longer. Untreated products are best so the chemicals don't leech into your soil.

In filling your raised bed your first layer should be cardboard or newspaper, which will help block grass and many weeds from growing into your boxes. If you have a shorter bed, simply add a layer of compost, then healthy soil to the top. If your box is deeper keep in mind that you don't need more than 8-12" of soil. In between the cardboard/newspaper and your soil, you can add sticks or twigs, leaves, or mulch, most yard debris, before you add your compost, then soil. As these decompose, they enrich your soil. There is a method called Hugelkultur that puts logs in the bottom of beds but this takes much longer to decompose.



Once you have your raised bed built, you can consider adding trellises for beans, cucumbers, or any vining plant. I put hoops over my beds so that I can quickly add plastic any covering to them in the case of hail or unexpected lower temperatures. Some people add hinged covers so they can plant earlier.

Raised beds have many advantages but some of the disadvantages are the cost of the wood and soil, and they may dry out faster requiring more water. You can weigh the pros and cons for your yard and see what's best for your gardening needs.

Happy Gardening,

*Marla*

"I am a Larkspur resident and have been specializing in selling Larkspur real estate for the past 17 years. I am the managing broker and owner of Wolfe Realty Group, an independent residential real estate brokerage firm. By choosing to specialize in the real estate market, I can provide you with the highest level of knowledge and insight when buying or selling your Larkspur or Perry Park home or land. If you have any questions about Colorado real estate, please contact Wolfe Realty Group Inc. at 303-681-3553 or go to [www.DiscoverLarkspur.com](http://www.DiscoverLarkspur.com)"



**Ben Wolfe**  
 Managing Broker & Owner  
 Larkspur Resident & Larkspur Real Estate Expert



**Under Contract!**

**2740 Big Bear Drive**  
**Bear Canyon, Sedalia**  
**\$2,850,000**

**17.5 Rolling Acres**  
**Breathtaking Views**  
**6 Bedroom/6 Bathrooms**

**Under Contract!**

This stunning custom estate boasts 17.5 rolling acres with stunning views. This 6 bed/6 bath estate has every imaginable upgrade from top of the line appliances, smart home features and more! The great room features views of the entire front range through the 20 ft wide retractable patio doors that lead you onto the large covered deck! The chef's gourmet kitchen features an enormous island and professional grade appliances. The master retreat has gorgeous views and a 5 piece bath with a walk-in shower and jetted tub. The lower level boasts numerous guest suites with full bathrooms, large family room and wet bar.



**Just Sold!**

**Just Sold!**  
 2205 Vista Drive  
 Valley Park, Larkspur  
 \$712,070

Consistent Winner Of  
  
**5280**  
 For Outstanding Customer Service!



**Under Contract!**

**Under Contract!**  
 623 Cumberland Road, Larkspur ~ \$1,195,000

This 4,203 finished sq ft ranch home has been completely remodeled. The chef's kitchen has professional appliances and granite countertops. The great room boasts numerous windows and a stone gas fireplace with access to the covered deck. The master bath features heated marble floors and alder cabinetry. The walk out lower level has an additional master suite and a spacious family room.

## CLIENT TESTIMONIALS



"When we decided to sell our home in Larkspur, the only realtor we considered using was Ben Wolfe. He is results oriented and absolutely fantastic to work with! Honestly, Ben Wolfe exceeded our expectations! We knew he was

going to represent the sale of our home extremely well and we could not have been happier or more impressed with his success! We highly recommend Ben Wolfe to anyone planning to buy or sell their home. He is incredibly knowledgeable, professional, pro-active and engaging! He sold our home in less than 10 days and he made sure our experience was flawless from beginning to end." **Feedback from John & Cathy Sweeney**

**Wolfe Realty Group, Inc.**  
 Office 303-681-3553  
 Cell 303-667-7995  
[Ben@DiscoverLarkspur.com](mailto:Ben@DiscoverLarkspur.com)  
[www.DiscoverLarkspur.com](http://www.DiscoverLarkspur.com)

## Aging Unbound

by Amy Pfister



Did you know May is Older Americans Month?

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month (OAM) is celebrated every May. Led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), OAM is a time for us to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen

our commitment to honoring our older citizens. Every president since Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation during or before the month of May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities.

This year's theme for OAM, Aging Unbound, offers an opportunity to explore a wide range of aging experiences and to promote the importance of enjoying independence and fulfillment by paving our own paths as we age. Here are some ways we can all participate in Aging Unbound:

- Embrace the opportunity to change. Find a new passion, go on an adventure, and push boundaries by not letting age define your limits. Invite creativity and purpose into your life by trying new activities in your community to bring in more growth, joy, and energy.
- Explore the rewards of growing older. With age comes knowledge, which provides insight and confidence to understand and experience the world more deeply. Continue to grow that knowledge through reading, listening, classes, and creative activities.
- Stay engaged in your community. Everyone benefits when everyone is connected and involved. Stay active by volunteering, working, mentoring, participating in social clubs, and taking part in activities at your local senior center or elsewhere in the community.
- Form relationships. As an essential ingredient of well-being, relationships can enhance your quality of life by introducing new ideas and unique perspectives. Invest time with people to discover deeper connections with family, friends, and community members.

Here in Douglas County, we have one of the country's fastest-growing older adult populations in the country! By 2030, 1 in 4 county residents will be over 60, and by 2041, we will add 81,000 seniors in the next 18 years to our county.

If you are an older adult, you know firsthand we are living longer, healthier lives due to advances in medicine, technology, communication, and research. And living in Douglas County, among the nation's healthiest counties, is an added bonus!

Need help deciding what to do for Older Americans Month? Connect with Aging Resources of Douglas County to volunteer, reach out to the local community college or library to find programs in your community, and, most importantly, celebrate the older Americans in your life!

[www.agingresourcesdougco.org](http://www.agingresourcesdougco.org)

# Dining Tidbits

by Mary Ann Fonken



## Nearby Estes Park: Places to stay, eat and things to do

**STAY:** River Stone/Bear Paw Resort: Fully furnished condos – each unit has 2 bdrms/2 bathrms, but for one couple they will lock up one unit and rent just the bottom half. Each unit has a lovely living room with TV, fireplace, and kitchen, and a grill on the deck. We prefer River Stone condos over Bear Dance as it is closer to the Fall River (actually a babbling brook), and it is so peaceful to sit out on the little deck in the morning/evening with coffee or a drink. Bear Dance units are basically the same as River Stone but sit back further from the brook with more lawn in back. River Stone is about 2 miles south on Fall River Rd. near one of the entrances to Rocky Mountain National Park. You will probably see elk all over town and on the sidewalk in front of your condo!

The Sonnenhof B & B Lakewood Manor is a lovely B & B with 5 rooms/bathrooms furnished with antiques (or facsimiles) and each with its own balcony or patio. A couple from Poland provides a sumptuous breakfast and the grounds are lovely. It is several miles out of town.

The general crowd of tourists in Estes is very casual so no need to drag along any fancy clothes! Some tourists are quite colorful, and they carry their favorite pet (cat or dog) around in a backpack!

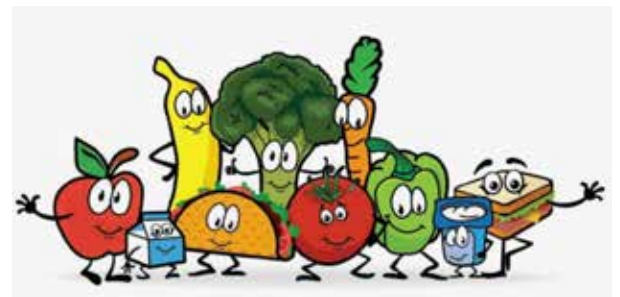
**DINING:** There are many, many very good casual places downtown that are all pretty decent. One of our favorites is the Wapiti Grill near the Water Wheel and Old Church shops. Also, an excellent barbecue place is Smokin' Dave's BBQ. Load up on take-out and eat on your deck back at the condo. In the middle of town is Claire's Restaurant & Bar. Also, the Wild Rose often has great specialties such as jagerschnitzel; or grilled Rocky Mountain trout.

For an eclectic menu, try Bird & Jim's. A bit pricey but a real treat. If you want to splurge, try the Twin Owls Steakhouse. Google them for phone numbers as you should make reservations for each.

**THINGS TO DO:** Lots of ice cream and candy shops on the main drag! Along with several unique souvenir shops and several excellent shoe stores: Plum Creek Shoe Station is one of our favorites as they carry all the good brands of sporting shoes.

Right by the east entrance to RMNP is a great souvenir store with a small restaurant. And, if the park is too crowded, it's fun just to drive all around the town of Estes Park.

Last, but not least for those who like Stephen King stories, you must visit the famous Stanley Hotel for a tour of where the scary scenes took place!



## Free Summer Lunch Program

Douglas County School District's Nutrition Services is hosting a Free Summer Lunch Program for those ages 18 and younger. The program runs May 30 - July 28 at locations in Castle Rock, Castle Pines, Highlands Ranch, and Parker. Times vary by location. Note, no meals will be served on June 19 or July 4. For the complete schedule, visit [dcsdnutritionservices.org](https://dcsdnutritionservices.org).



# Plan Ahead for the. . .

## 2023 Perry Park Metro District Slash Pickup Rule

The PPMD Board has contracted with MR Hauling to pick up slash for 2023. **NEW RULES ARE NOW IN PLACE.** This program is intended to promote removal of hazardous fuels from your property.

"Slash" is brush, scrub oak, limbs, tree tops and other forest materials removed during wildfire mitigation of your property.

### SLASH PICKUP DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Tree stumps or large logs
- Pine needles, leaves or bagged materials
- Rocks, metals, trash, railroad ties, construction materials or boards.

### HOW TO PUT OUT SLASH:

Slash piles should be at least six feet from the asphalt road edge. Materials should be in a large concentrated pile, stacking as high as possible and parallel to the road.

A minimum of 2 cubic yards of slash is required (3 ft x 3 ft x 6 ft). If you have less than this, combine your slash with a neighbor's pile.

**NEW:** Slash can be up to 12 feet long.

**NEW:** Materials can be up to 10 inches in diameter.

**DO NOT place slash piles under power lines, near utility meters or mail boxes.**

**If you do not follow these rules, your slash will not be picked up and you will be responsible for removal costs.**



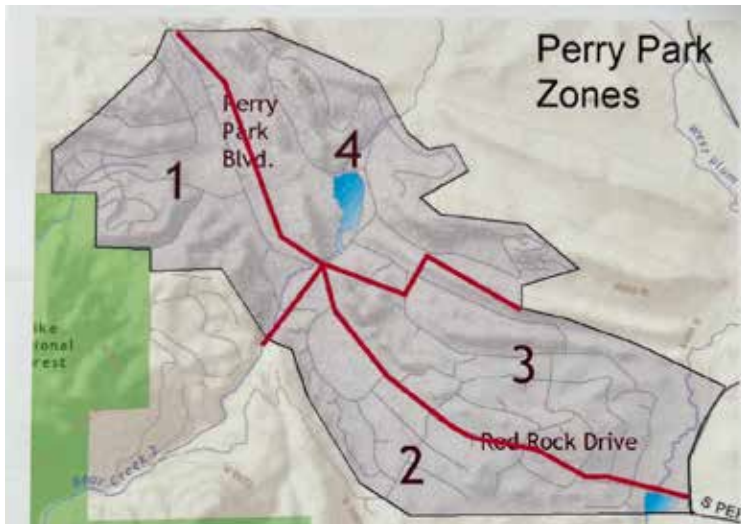
A PPMD representative will inspect piles 2 weeks ahead of pickup and leave notice of noncompliance. You will have until your street is picked up to correct any issues. Once your street is picked up, the truck will not be back until the next scheduled pickup.

For more information, compliance issues or concerns, contact the District by going to:

<https://perryparkmd.colorado.gov/about/programs/bi-annual-slash-pickup-program>

Perry Park Metropolitan District

Website: [www.perryparkmd.colorado.gov](http://www.perryparkmd.colorado.gov)



### SLASH PILE CHECKLIST:

- Slash pile must be 6 feet from road edge.
- Maximum lengths 12 feet.
- Diameters less than 10 inches.
- Piles away from overhead power lines, utility meters and mail boxes.
- Consolidated slash piles stacked high.
- Pile size greater than 2 cubic yards (3' x 3' x 6').
- No rocks, metal, trash, stumps, lumber, or construction materials.
- No pine needles other than attached to branches.

NEW Pickup Schedule			
JUNE		OCTOBER	
Zone	Week	Zone	Week
4	1st	1	1st
3	2nd	2	2nd
2	3rd	3	3rd
1	4th	4	4th



# Taking You Back to 1987 & Douglas Land Conservancy's Early Days

DLC celebrating 35 years of protecting the land  
*by Richard Bangs, DLC Board Member*

Douglas Land Conservancy is celebrating its 35th year!. It's been a long and winding road made possible by the efforts of hundreds of people who cared about open space and the unique qualities of the county.

It all started years before there was a Douglas County open space tax or a county Open Space Advisory Committee.

As the crush of development began spilling out of the Denver metro area in the late 1970s and early 1980s, the county wrestled with developing a master plan for development, pitting private land ownership against the public's desire to preserve some of the iconic landscapes in the county. As the development debate raged, a group of concerned residents recognized this growth could forever change the nature of the places they lived and had grown to love.

Not waiting for government to act, this group looked for ways it could make a difference. A banker, a farmer, an attorney, a naturalist, a business owner, and others researched the problem and decided that what was needed was a private non-profit entity that could protect land from being developed.

After researching the laws and Internal Revenue Service rules and regulations, papers were filed and in November of 1987 the Secretary of State of Colorado certified the birth of the Douglas County Land Conservancy. That created a land trust that could hold easements on land which would restrict development, whether the land was privately or publicly owned.

From an early start with no staff and a volunteer board, the land trust now has a new name, Douglas Land Conservancy, a fulltime staff, is recognized by state and national agencies and has seen steady growth to create a portfolio of more than 26,000 acres preserved and a very active public outreach program that has demonstrated to people the value of open lands.

During the next three months, DLC will highlight some of the big moments in DLC's history and take a guess as to what the future may bring.

Below are some ways in which we will be inviting the public to be a part of this celebration. The board and staff of DLC realizes it could not exist, let alone be as successful as it has been, without the strong support of landowners and the public. Thanks for helping DLC be what it is today.

Join in the celebration!



*continued on next page*

*DLC 35th continued from previous page*

## How to celebrate DLC's 35th

You are invited to celebrate by participating in DLC's 35th Anniversary Challenge! We challenge you to head outdoors between March and June and do "Something 35." Then share with DLC via email or on social media, using the hashtag "#DLC35".

You may want to...

Hike 35 miles

Cycle, kayak or climb 35 times

Connect with 35 friends and hike 35 unique trails

Challenge yourself to spot 35 different species of birds

Watch 35 sunrises or sunsets

Get creative...

Paint 35 different wildflowers

Write 35 poems about nature

Try 35 yoga poses outdoors

Count and name 35 stars

Spend 35 minutes a day journaling outdoors

Make a treasure hunt with 35 things in nature. Head outdoors with the whole family to find the things on your list.

However you rise to the 35th Anniversary Challenge, we ask that you consider

sharing with 35 friends about the incredible work that Douglas Land Conservancy does to make our community a special place to live!

The cost is, you guessed it, \$35.00. The entry fee will be used to help support DLC's mission. You will receive a t-shirt and an invitation to our 35th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place on June 29th from 4:30-7:30 pm. If you share your adventures via email or on DLC's social media pages, using the hashtag #DLC35 you will be entered in a drawing for prizes. Drawings will take place at the Celebration.

Thanks to the entire community for your support over the decades. It is our honor to be your local land trust. Together, we have done so much, but there is still more work to be done. We will continue to protect and conserve the beautiful lands in our region. We look forward to your continued support and many more outdoor adventures with you!

Sincerely,

Douglas Land Conservancy Board and Staff

Register [HERE](#) for DLC's 35th Anniversary Challenge

*It's time for winter pruning!*

## Did you know?

Some fruit trees like Crab Apples, Pear and Hawthorne can only be pruned in the winter due to the risk of bacterial diseases.



Keeping your trees healthy is tough, but we can help!

Get your free winter pruning estimate by emailing us at

[knotheadtree@gmail.com](mailto:knotheadtree@gmail.com)

or calling us at

**303-885-3800**



# A Walk on the Wild Side...

by Susan Peters

**Spring Musings...Lots of Nature Photographs...**

**Looking for a Pet?...Short Takes**

We are now having many pleasant days of warm weather interspersed with a snowstorm and cold days. One morning it was 4 degrees. A few days later we were basking in 75 degrees of sun and warmth. A couple of days later, we had 8 inches of snow. We managed to feed the sleepy koi on the warm days. We lost five beautiful fish over the winter. A couple were quite large and were claimed by our Golden Retriever Jaime. Silly girl. She tried to use them as decorations in the great room. Lovely. The essence of dead fish sure livens up the place, particularly with company.

I am behind in getting out my hummer feeders. So far, I have not seen any of these flight wonders. And the toad flax, the harbinger of the arrival of hummingbirds, has not even set out its green leaves. This year one of my feeders has a mechanism to heat it on cold nights.

Even the bears have not shown up yet. We have left the birdfeeders up at night, just waiting, for a bear to take a few down.

It seems like everyday I pick up an additional bird using Cornell's free app Merlin. Before you use it, you will have to apply the latest upgrade, which is simple to do.

May is when everything comes alive and the he'n and she'n is in full force. The bluebirds have already hatched one brood.

## A Peek at Nature Photo Winners

The first photo, "Danger in the Mud," was taken by Jens Cullman, who took the grand prize in the World Nature Photography awards. Note the eerie yellow eyes.



Or how about the gold winner in the behavior - mammals category: Playgroup' – Japanese macaques on Awaji Island, Japan.

The gold winner in the behavior - birds category: I'm Coming for You' – a Male Hooded Merganser in Huntley Meadows Park, United States.



The gold winner in the underwater category: Harlequin shrimps, *Hymenocera picta*, photographed with the snoot on the blue seastar, *Linkia laevigata*, in Lembeh strait,

Indonesia. These creatures are incredible, and one day I will share the fascinating story with you.

Snow Leopard in the Indian Himalayas. The gold winner in the animals in their habitats category.



## A Different Kind of Pet

Recently I came across an unusual pet, the Mexican walking fish, or Axolotl. Their name stems from an Aztec word meaning water dog or

*continued on next page*

*Wild Side continued from previous page*

water monster. Axolotls have cylindrical bodies, short legs, a relatively long tail and feathery external gills. They have four toes on the front feet, five toes on the back feet and moveable eyelids. If they lose their legs, they can regenerate them. I wish I could do that...just one leg will do.

It is a hardy and very low-maintenance pet. The axolotl is a salamander that remains suspended in the larval stage and does not undergo metamorphosis like other salamanders but instead remains water-bound with gills. It is best not to spur it into metamorphosis, as it is very hard on the fish and causes a much-shortened life span. These fish come in many colors, including albino. They live to be about 10-15 years old and sometimes longer. They are 6-9 inches long.

And guess what? They are carnivorous, acting like a vacuum to soak up food and water. Pet stores sell beef liver cubes or you can feed them raw beef liver.



And they like being the only kid on the block. Look at all the fun you will have naming this guy or gal. "Sally" for salamander?

### Short Takes


Texas is known for a lot of things, but this picture had a lot of people scratching their heads. It was taken in a state park. For a while no one could identify it. First, can you see it? Now, can you identify it? One person called it a Texas rat. Good grief. And then some people started recognizing it. It is an American badger! Supposedly they exist all over North America. In the many years I have been here, I have never seen one.



That's all folks for this month. Gotta run – The tiny chipping sparrow just arrived with its high-pitched call of chip-chip-chip.

*How to Contact Me: Email is best at [susan@larspurconsulting.com](mailto:susan@larspurconsulting.com).*



 **DOUGLAS COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF**  
DARREN M. WEEKLY HONOR - SERVICE - VALOR

*Join The Douglas County Sheriff's Office*

For

**SCAM AWARENESS**

**Presentation**

**On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
**@ The Larkspur Fire Station 161**  
**9414 S. Spruce Mountain Rd.**

Presented by  
Senior Resource Deputy, Ryan Falkner

# Your Local Businesses - 80118 serving you!

## 4theanimal

I am an animal communicator and energy healer. I want to help animals and their humans to have a balanced life together. I have talked with over 300 animals while completing certification through Communication with all Life University in animal communication, energy healing including Emotional Freedom Technique and Scalar Wave. I look forward to giving a voice to your animal.



[4theanimal.com](http://4theanimal.com)

[melissa@4theanimal.com](mailto:melissa@4theanimal.com)

Available by appointment



## Canopy Tree Service, Inc.

We specialize in tree and shrub, pruning and removal. We are licensed and insured and we are a small, family owned business and have resided in Douglas County for generations. We have Over twenty years of experiences in the field and have a certified arborist on site. Give us a call for a free estimate today!

720-353-8650

[www.canopytreecolorado.com](http://www.canopytreecolorado.com)

Available: 8-5

*These businesses are all registered in zip code 80118 and have provided the information for this listing. If you would like your business listed in the June issue of the Sentinel, please email to [larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).*

## Great Western Tree Care

Tree Service-  
tree pruning,  
tree removal,  
tree spraying,  
tree planting,  
tree diagnosis,  
fertilizer and  
watering.



Lawn service- lawn weed control and fertilizer

[contact@gwtrees.com](mailto:contact@gwtrees.com)

[www.greatwesterntreecare.com](http://www.greatwesterntreecare.com)

Available: 8:00-5:00

## Greenland Flower Fields



At Greenland Flower Fields we pride ourselves on providing the freshest specialty cut flowers to our community, grown right here on our farm in Larkspur Colorado, through natural and sustainable practices. We are located near the historic town of Greenland, aptly named for the expansive green prairie.

Growing exquisite flowers in season is a labor of love and dedication that spans generations for us. Now we choose to pass the beauty on to you and your family through our bouquets, arrangements, subscription service, classes, and wholesale clients.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Greenland Flower Fields for daily farm happenings. We can't wait to share the floral bounty with you!

[greenlandflowerfields@gmail.com](mailto:greenlandflowerfields@gmail.com)

[greenlandflowerfields.com](http://greenlandflowerfields.com)

Available: By appointment

# Your Local Businesses - 80118 serving you!



## H3 Painting

Painting interior, exterior, commercial and residential spaces.

720/990-3990

[www.H3paint.com](http://www.H3paint.com)

Available: Any

## How About Insurance!

How About Insurance!  
...helping you solve the insurance puzzle



MediCARE | Group & Individual ACA-Health | Health-Shares | Life | Dental | Vision || Annuity | Retirement | HSA | LTCare~STCare | AFLAC

Licensed: AR, AZ, CO, IA, KS, MI, MN, NV, NM, OK, PA, SD, TX, VA; FFM, C4HCO

303-946-4664

[www.HowAboutInsurance.com](http://www.HowAboutInsurance.com)

Available: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm and by appt

## Krislynn Photography

Portrait photography specializing in high school senior portraits and couples photography such as engagement photos.



krislynnphotographyco@gmail.com

<https://krislynnphotography.net>

Available: Open

## Larkspur Farmers Market

Discover fresh local produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, delicious food, pet treats, and accessories for yourself, home, or garden at a pet-friendly farmers market that values community, education, sustainability, and growth. You can chat with people who have grown or created your purchase, grab a bite to eat, stroll through the park watching the kids play, and enjoy a wonderful relaxing afternoon.



The Market is managed by Kelly Smith, a 6th generation Colorado native who grew up coming to Perry Park to visit her family! A Larkspur resident for the past two years, Kelly looks forward to meeting folks this summer.

thelarkspurfarmersmarket@gmail.com

[thelarkspurfarmersmarket.com](http://thelarkspurfarmersmarket.com)

Available: Wednesdays starting June 7, 3pm-7pm

## Larkspur Fitness

Larkspur Fitness is a group of Larkspur area men and women who work out together each week. Group leaders plan and lead workouts that are appropriate for all fitness levels, with low and high intensity modifications provided. Whether you are new to working out or a seasoned gym goer, everyone can benefit and all are welcome! We meet in the Front Range Baseball facility at 201 Perry Park Ave. If you want to work on your fitness goals without having to leave our beautiful town and want to have a ton of fun in a zero judgment and highly supportive environment, we hope you'll join us!



860-869-4898

[www.facebook.com/groups/larkspurfitness](http://www.facebook.com/groups/larkspurfitness)

Available: See Facebook page for class offerings

*These businesses are all registered in zip code 80118 and have provided the information for this listing. If you would like your business listed in the June issue of the Sentinel, please email to [larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).*

# Your Local Businesses - 80118 serving you!

## Larkspur Hardwood Flooring Company

Hello Larkspur! We are a locally owned business specializing in hardwood floor installation, refinishing, and maintenance. We take pride in our work and our ability to consistently produce exceptional results. With our 18+ years of experience, you can be assured that quality and attention to detail is at the top of our list when restoring your hardwood floors. As a company dedicated to providing great service, it is important to us to deliver unparalleled workmanship on every project. We look forward to serving our community.



720/902-9663

[larkspurhardwoods.com](http://larkspurhardwoods.com)

Available: 8-5

## Larkspur Pet Hospital

Veterinary services, Pet food, Pet supplies. Larkspur Pet Hospital is your Hometown Pet Health Care Provider. We invite you to visit us with all your furry, feathery, scaly friends. Our facility is on the main street in Larkspur across from the Park.



303/681-3890

[larkspurpethospital@gmail.com](mailto:larkspurpethospital@gmail.com)

[www.LarkspurPetHospital.com](http://www.LarkspurPetHospital.com)

Available: T-F 8-6, Sat 10-3, S/M closed

*These businesses are all registered in zip code 80118 and have provided the information for this listing. If you would like your business listed in the June issue of the Sentinel, please email to [larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).*

## Larson Excavating

Family owned and operated local Larkspur excavating, road building, driveways, grading, demolition, site prep, land clearing, lot prep, bobcat, backhoe, landscaping, tree removal, and much more! If you can dream it, we can make it happen. Commercial and residential experience. Call Eric for a bid. 720-203-6199



[eric@larsonexcavating.net](mailto:eric@larsonexcavating.net) or

[dig@larsonexcavating.net](mailto:dig@larsonexcavating.net)

[www.larsonexcavatingco.com](http://www.larsonexcavatingco.com)

Available: M-F

## Mary Kay Consultant

Customized skincare and cosmetics to meet your needs. Gift service available too. Call for a free consultation.

Contact: 303-875-5786

[www.marykay.com/Sue-Smith88](http://www.marykay.com/Sue-Smith88)

Available: 10 - 6



## MK) Ranch

MK) Ranch works to keep the ordering process simple and direct. You can browse our products and place your order through our online store! We are well known for our 100% grass-fed beef, but we also offer a non-GMO and natural grain-fed beef option. Please read the descriptions online to understand the difference between these products. If you choose to purchase in bulk, you will have the option to pick a standard cut sheet or a custom cut sheet.



303/981-9063

[MKranch.org](http://MKranch.org)

Available: 8am - 5pm



# Your Local Businesses - 80118 serving you!

## The Organized Flamingo

Professional Organizing & Productivity Services in the Denver to Colorado Springs areas. Home, Business & Digital Organizing.



theorganizedflamingo@gmail.com  
[www.theorganizedflamingo.com](http://www.theorganizedflamingo.com)

Available: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm and by appt

## Pati Palumbo Photography

I am a local photographer specializing in landscape photography. I have sold many canvas, metal, and framed pictures of our beautiful landscapes here in Perry Park and throughout Colorado. I have also published a Then and Now photography coffee table book about Perry Park that I have available for sale. This is a remake of an historical book that was published in 1870. I have 2 sizes, 11x 14 and a larger size. Please contact me if interested in my photography.



Contact: 303/956-1222

Available: Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm

## Results Realty of Colorado – Dave Gardner

Real Estate: Selling Homes and Land in the Larkspur Area  
- Office is located on the Main Street of Larkspur



303-681-1000

[www.DaveGardnerRealEstate.com](http://www.DaveGardnerRealEstate.com)

Available: 9 am - 5 pm

## Restorative-Wellness Therapeutic Massage

Professional therapeutic massage tailored to your individual needs. Deep tissue, sports/injury, relaxation, hot stone, cupping, sanitary paraffin, aroma therapy.  
30, 60 or 90 minute sessions



Contact: 303-529-7516

[restorative-wellness.com](http://restorative-wellness.com)

Available: 12-7 pm Mon, Tues, Fri, by appt Sa.

## Saddle Connection

Lisa Nelson of Saddle Connection, LLC is an independent saddle fitter and stockist for five European saddleries: Adam Ellis, Bliss of London, Ideal & WRS Saddle Company, Prestige Italia, and Wow Saddles. She has a passion for helping horses and riders by ensuring their saddle fits properly. She travels regularly throughout the Front Range working with horses and clients to check the fit of their current saddles and to custom fit new saddles. Lisa can perform small onsite flocking adjustments and has a fully outfitted shop for larger repairs, complete reflocks, and billet replacement. Reach out today for a saddle fitting appointment or to schedule a saddle fitting workshop for your barn.



saddleconnectionllc@gmail.com

[saddleconnection.com](http://saddleconnection.com)

Available: Mon - Fri 10 - 6

*These businesses are all registered in zip code 80118 and have provided the information for this listing. If you would like your business listed in the June issue of the Sentinel, please email to [larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).*

# Your Local Businesses - 80118 serving you!

## Shannon Harp Photography

Portrait photographer- weddings, graduates/seniors, professional, and family.

Shannonmarieharp@gmail.com  
or 615/428-1805

[www.shannonharpphotography.com](http://www.shannonharpphotography.com)

Available: Days, evenings or weekends - by appointment



## Spruce Mountain Guitars

Acoustic guitar building classes, from lumber to instrument

[karoscoe@gmail.com](mailto:karoscoe@gmail.com)  
[sprucemountainguitars.com](http://sprucemountainguitars.com)

Available: As require



## Your Castle Real Estate – Tony Geraty

We are your local, neighborhood realtor and we specialize in Larkspur, and southern Douglas County. We live here, we love it here, and we'd be honored to help you in your real estate endeavors. Whether you are looking to buy or sell... we are here and we are ready to blow you away with service, and attention to detail.

720/629-9999

[www.tgsellshomes.co](http://www.tgsellshomes.co)

Available: 9am-6pm



## Zumba with Heather Yanda

Zumba is a dance fitness class that is so fun you'll forget you're working out! It's a modern, fun, cardio (HIIT) workout that can be scaled for all levels. Each hour-long class is filled with a variety of world music including Latin pop, K-pop, Afro and Caribbean beats, as well as retro and modern top-40 hits. No experience needed and ZERO judgment. (Seriously.) We are a super supportive group that just needs more opportunities to have fun while burning a ton of calories! There are no mistakes in Zumba. If you're moving, you're doing it right! I hope you'll join us!

303/253-1725

[www.facebook.com/groups/zumbawithyanda](https://www.facebook.com/groups/zumbawithyanda)

Available: Check Facebook for days/times



## Williams World of Autism

HCA in home services for special needs. Respite, Community Connector, Personal care and Homemaker services. We also hire family members/friends to care for their own children. Autism village for Spec Hab and Day program

[Hannah@williamsworld.co](mailto:Hannah@williamsworld.co)  
[www.Williamsworldautism.com](http://www.Williamsworldautism.com)

Available: M-F 9am-6pm,  
Saturdays-on call



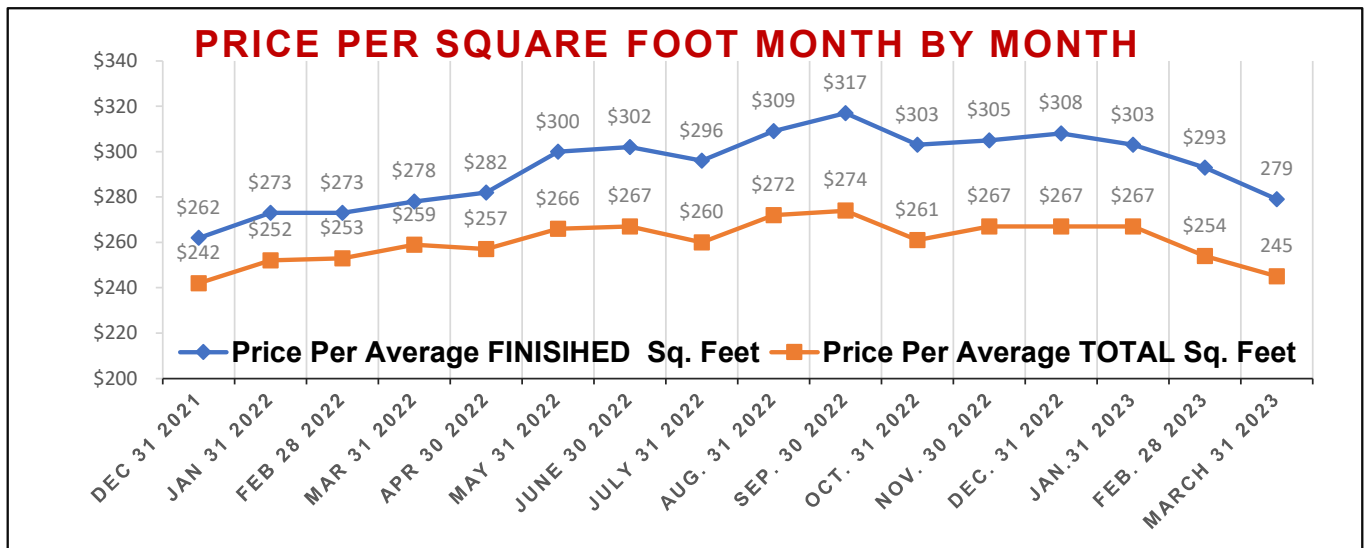
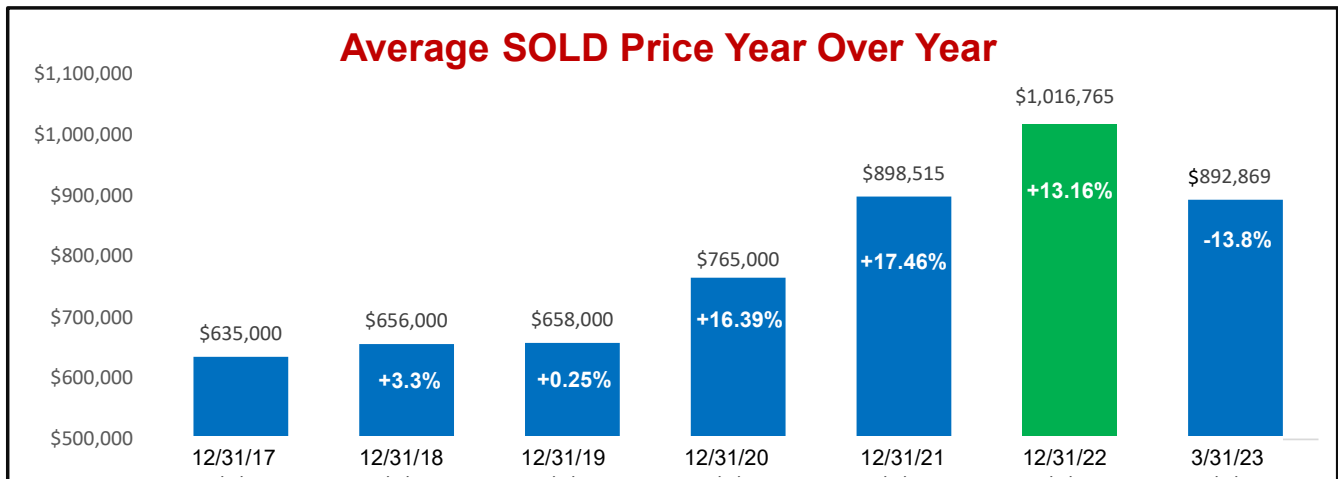
*These businesses are all registered in zip code 80118 and have provided the information for this listing. If you would like your business listed in the June issue of the Sentinel, please email to [larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).*



# Larkspur Area Real Estate Stats – HOMES SOLD

**Homes Currently For-Sale (4/20/2023) ---21 (\$775,000 to \$1,995,000) --- Median \$1,050,000**  
**Average Days on Market --- 52**

**Homes Currently “Under Contract” --- 12 (\$390,000 to \$1,995,000) --- Median \$1,137,500**  
**Average Days on Market --- 65**

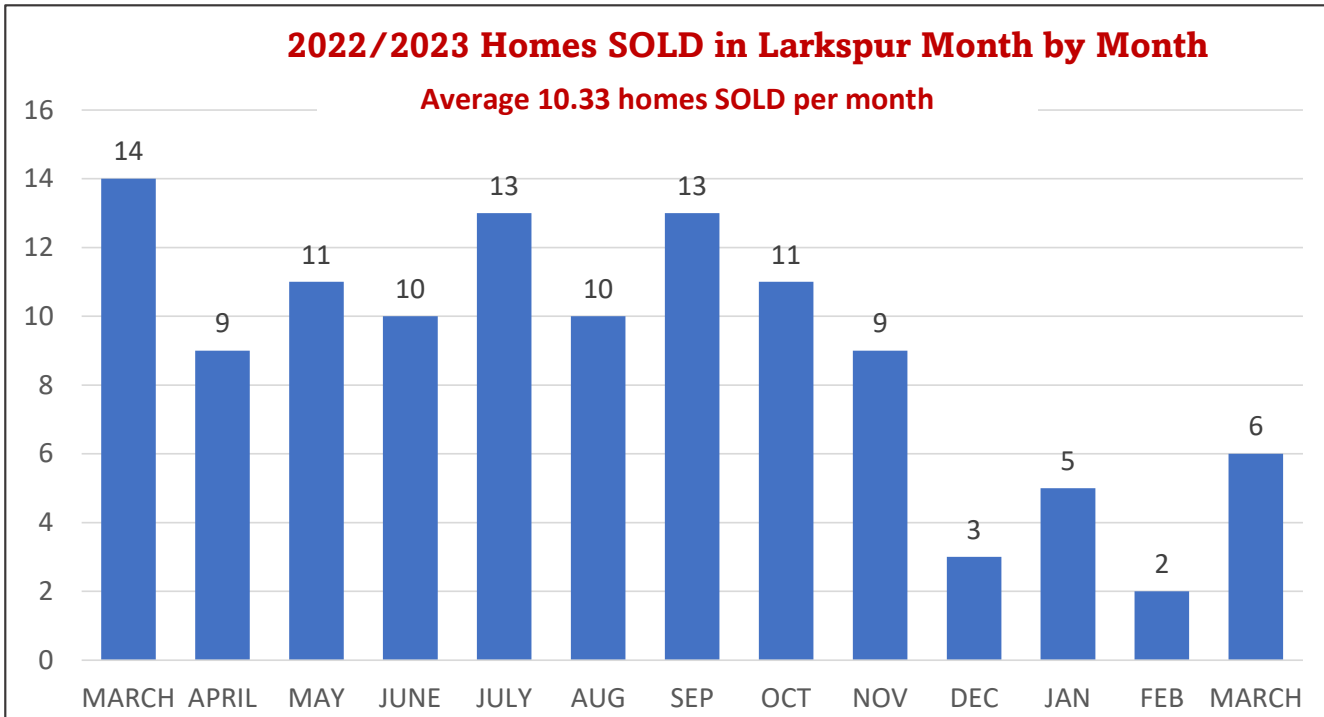


---The charts above represent a 6-month study of home sales ending on the last date of the month indicated. The top 2 and bottom 2 sales have been removed/deleted from each study. This is because very unusual properties can skew the factors that reflect actual market conditions. For example, a property with 100 acres but having a small 600 Sq. Foot house would be something that is simply not “typical”. And because one property sells for over \$4 million does not mean that all other properties have gone up in value. Likewise, a property selling under \$250,000 does not mean that all others have gone down in value.

---The above information has been researched from the Metro Denver MLS System ([www.REcolorado.com](http://www.REcolorado.com)) by **Dave Gardner of Results Realty of Colorado**, located in the Town of Larkspur, CO. It is believed to be accurate but is NOT guaranteed. Every property will have unique factors affecting value such as location, condition, acreage, quality, size, age, upgrades and features. A thorough in-person assessment by an experienced real estate broker or licensed real estate appraiser is recommended to determine the actual current market value on an individual property.

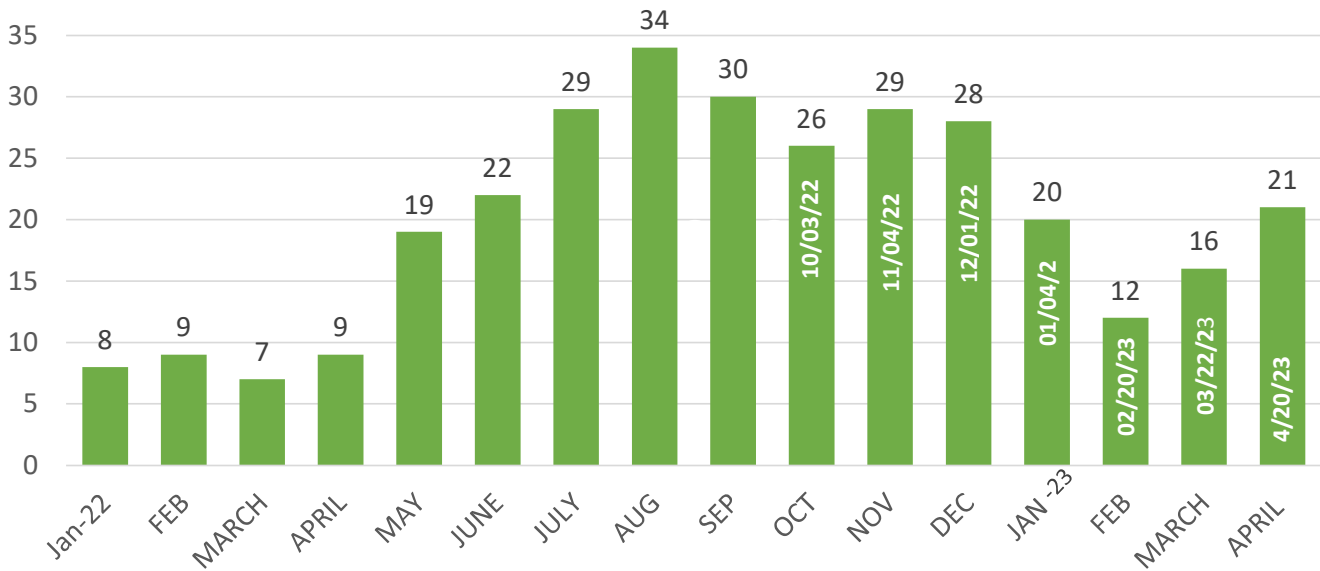


# Larkspur Real Estate Stats



22

## 22/2023 Homes FOR SALE in Larkspur Month by Month



## CLASSIFIED ADS

**COLORADO MASTICATION:** fire mitigation, scrub oak removal, lot and brush clearing.

**719-400-9104**

**SPRAYTECH:** preventive beetle spraying, noxious weed control, tree spraying for insects & diseases, tree deep root watering & fertilizing.

**720-248-0000**

**SECURITY DOORS & RETRACTABLE SCREENS:** for sale along with screen repair in the Larkspur area.

Call **Jack Hoyt 719-231-1719.**

**FIRE MITIGATION** specialists, tree removals, pruning. Call **Rampart-Susan Rule 303-351-2207**

The Larkspur Sentinel, LLC is a volunteer organization. Any questions, suggestions, ad requests can be emailed to

[larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com)

### ADVERTISING RATES

Pricing is for Camera Ready Art

Classified	\$5/line (\$10 min)
Business Card (scan only)	\$40.00
Quarter Page Ad(3-1/2" w X 5" h)	\$50.00
Half Page Ad (7-1/2" w X 5" h)	\$62.50
Full Page Ad (7-1/2" w X 10" h)	\$87.50

Submit ad art to

[larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com)

### DEADLINES

**Articles/Letters/Ad Artwork/Classified Ads**

20th of each month

Any ads in this newsletter are paid for by the advertiser and do not represent an endorsement from the editor, publisher, writers, or others affiliated with the production of this communication.

**Ad requests after the 20th are subject to a 10% charge**

The Larkspur Sentinel, LLC volunteer staff reserves the right to refuse any article or advertising submission.

The Larkspur Sentinel invites your letters, comments, and ideas for columns.

Letters should be limited to 300 words. Because of space limitation and legal ramifications, we reserve the right to edit any submitted material and cannot assure that submissions will be printed verbatim or unedited.

The Larkspur Sentinel will correct all errors that occur. If you find a problem with a story – an error of fact, or a point requiring clarification, please email

[larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).

The opinions expressed in the Larkspur Sentinel are not necessarily the opinions of the staff or its advertisers.

## *Larkspur Sentinel*

**Get the news** - Go to our website where you can sign up to be notified monthly about the release of new issues of the Larkspur Sentinel, and browse through past issues.

**Spread the news** - Email the link below to your friends - many folks are not receiving the Sentinel - you can help!

**Write the news** - We are always looking for feature writers.

If you have a topic that would be of interest to the 80118 community, please contact [larkspursentinel@gmail.com](mailto:larkspursentinel@gmail.com).



**[larkspursentinel.org](http://larkspursentinel.org)**