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## **THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER...**



*Sumer is Icumen in,  
Loud sing, cuckoo!  
Grows the seed and blows the mead,  
And springs the wood anew;  
Sing, cuckoo!*

~An old English ballad

It's summer! Finally! There are certain advantages to a place where it snows heavily in April and May — when other parts of the country think it's spring. No one is more joyful when June arrives than Coloradans.

June in Colorado is just flat out glorious, isn't it? So to celebrate, this issue is full of pictures celebrating summer in the Larkspur communities. These are the joys in the small corner of the world we live in. Look for the sun logos — and rejoice.

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**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, July 18 at 10 a.m. at the home of Carrie Murdoch, 6619 Wauconda, Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty, an Australian novelist who al-

ways sees the humor in the complications of modern life. Alice wakes up in a hospital to discover she's not 29 and expecting her first child but 39, with three children, and in the middle of a divorce. Oops. What happened? Many of us can relate. The novel for discussion in August, *Glory Over Everything* by Kathleen Grissom, is set in the 1830s, amidst the secrets of the Underground Railroad and the horrors of slavery. Both books are from the DC library's Book Exchange program so copies will be available. For more information, see the website:

[http://www.applcane.com/Perry\\_Park\\_Book\\_Club.html](http://www.applcane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html)

**THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL IS HERE:** to help you with weekend driving adventures, remember the festival will be open through the weekend of July 30. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., rain or shine.

**CASTLE ROCK STARLIGHT SUMMER MOVIE – Troll,** Saturday, July 8. Fun-for-all-ages movies are shown free on a giant, outdoor inflatable screen. The entertainment before each movie includes kids' activities, as well as food and beverages from various vendors. Hosted by Downtown Castle Rock. Street fair starts at 6 p.m., movie starts at dusk. Location: Downtown Castle Rock, 4th Street between Wilcox and Jerry Street.

**14TH ANNUAL CASTLE ROCK WINEFEST,** Saturday, July 15, 2-8 p.m. Butterfield Crossing in the Meadows. Presented by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce, the Castle Rock WineFest, an outdoor wine tasting event, will offer more than two dozen wineries and over 180 varieties of Colorado wine. This event draws wine aficionados for its tastings, cooking demonstrations, fabulous food trucks, and an amazing local band to dance into the night. First 2000 WineFest attendees will receive a free wine bottle tote and wine glass.

**THE WESTERN MUSEUM OF MINING & INDUSTRY** celebrates the museum's 35th anniversary July 15-16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. It commemorates the 1982 opening of the museum's North Gate Boulevard (at I-25) exhibit building. Located on 27 acres at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry offers a contrasting combination of beautiful Colorado landscape and a world-class technical history collection centering on America's mining industry. Among the sights are 19th and 20th century steam engines rumbling to life, the artistry of blacksmithing, and the operation of the museum's unique ten-stamp ore mill. The Gold Canyon Gunfighters will also provide a wild west show. The weekend will also feature vendors and food trucks. Admission is \$5 per person.

**LARKSPUR BOOK EXCHANGE** in Larkspur's Town Annex, 9524 Spruce Mountain Road. Open every Saturday (except holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2.p.m. and every Thursday

from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Book Exchange is free and provided by the town of Larkspur. You don't have to bring a book to take one (or two or three) from the Exchange. To date, the Exchange has over 5000 volumes of adult fiction and non-fiction, over 300 volumes for children and young readers and over 250 cookbooks. In addition, there is have an interesting selection of vintage and rare books for sale. All proceeds to go to the Book Exchange.

**CASTLE ROCK'S WESTERN HERITAGE WELCOME,** Friday, July 28, kicks off the Douglas County Fair week with a longhorn steer drive that begins at Rock Park, 6 p.m., and heads south through historic downtown. On Saturday, July 29, watch the Douglas County Fair Parade at 9 a.m. downtown. July 29 is also Hometown Rodeo & Community Day at the Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The fair begins August 3. For a full schedule see <http://www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com/schedule/>

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SLASH/MULCH SITE:** Open through October 28 on Saturdays only, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. In case of inclement weather, please call 303-663-6274 to ensure that the site will be open as scheduled. Acceptable items include tree limbs, branches, shrubs, and brush with a maximum length of 6 feet and a maximum diameter of 12 inches. All loads must be covered when they arrive at the site. Free wood chips are available to homeowners for use as mulch. An equipment operator is onsite to load wood chips. Material can be picked up anytime during the season the site is open to accept slash.

Many thanks to Ginny Sanders for all her proof-reading efforts and articles written for the *Sentinel*—and to her husband who wrote reports for LFPD. She and Ken are moving to Monument where new adventures no doubt await. The *Sentinel* will miss her eagle eye. ~KDale

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## SUMMER WITH THE LARKSPUR MOTHERS' GROUP

I hope everyone is having a fantastic summer so far! The Larkspur Mothers' Group is open to all moms in the Larkspur area and we are always looking for new moms to join our group. Check out our website at [www.larkspur moms.com](http://www.larkspur moms.com) or email us at [larkspur moms@gmail.com](mailto:larkspur moms@gmail.com) for more information. We host monthly play groups and moms' nights out!



Join us on Tuesday, July 12th from 2-4 p.m. for Larkspur Spray Dayz at the Larkspur Community Park! Play in the sun and then get ready for the fire department to stop by and soak you and your little ones with the fire hose. The Larkspur Mothers' Group will be providing popsicles and this event is open to everyone in the community. All ages love this event! We hope to see you there.

~Sarah Bretz, Director of the Larkspur Mothers' Group

## VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DOUGLAS COUNTY ART ENCOUNTERS SCULPTURE

This is a great interactive program for those of you interested in public art. You can view the proposed sculptures for this year, learn where previous years' sculptures are, and vote for the next People's Choice Award winner. Voting will continue until midnight on Monday, September 4.

The Art Encounters program was created by the Douglas County Cultural Council, using SCFD funds to launch the program. Since the program's initiation, thousands have flocked to the County to enjoy nearly 200 pieces of art exemplifying a variety of mediums.

This year, 27 sculptures are showcased in parks and near entrances of recreation centers, shopping centers, libraries and art centers throughout Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree,

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Parker and Roxborough. Art Encounters is funded, in part, by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) as well as the Philip S. Miller Trust for installations in Castle Rock.

Visit [www.douglas.co.us/artencounters/](http://www.douglas.co.us/artencounters/) to locate and plan a visit to all 27 sculptures, and then vote online using the Vote 4 Art button, selecting your favorite for the annual People's Choice Award, to be announced in September.



The 2016 People's Choice Award Winner, "Quest" by Andrew Arvanete, is in Butterfield Crossing in the Meadows, Castle Rock.

## QUILTS FROM THE BLANKET BRIGADE

The Blanket Brigade continues to make quilts for anyone in need of comfort. If you know of someone who has experienced trauma, loss or pain, please let us know and we can get a quilt to them. There is not a charge to the recipient for our quilts--we are a 501(C)3 and operate thanks to generous donations. We gratefully accept any donations of fabric, batting or thread/yarn and, of course, cash. When we meet at the Perry Park Country Club on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m., we do the tying of the quilts.



You do not need any special sewing skills to join us. However, many of our members are very talented ladies who share wonderful ideas from their quilting experiences. We are always learning! Please consider joining us. Contact Gwen Underwood at [gwenspur@icloud.com](mailto:gwenspur@icloud.com), phone number 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at [cjaspsjr@yahoo.com](mailto:cjaspsjr@yahoo.com), phone 303-681-0374.

~GSanders



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Stan and Ann Trueblood, former Larkspur residents for over 50 years, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 27. They currently live in Wheatland, WY. Their sons, (Wesley and Jesse) and their grandchildren (Katie (Trueblood) Schill and Jacob Trueblood), are hosting a family reunion in Wheatland, on July 22nd.

Stan was a long-time construction owner/operator, and Ann owned a bookkeeping service for many years. They were both instrumental in establishing the Larkspur Fire Department, (and later the Larkspur Fire Protection District), as well as the incorporation of the Town of Larkspur. Ann served as the first mayor of the town. **A card shower would be appreciated, and you can send your greetings to:**

**Stan and Ann Trueblood 1001 Front St., Wheatland, WY 82201.**



## THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER



*Keep your eyes on David and Rochele Smit's little blue truck, rapidly becoming a known landmark on 105. Later in the season it may be the source of local produce.*

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Darren and Jamelyn Steenhoek's home on Fox Circle in Perry Park Ranch caught fire late in the evening on June 1. No one was home. A neighbor called LFPD which arrived about ten minutes later. The cause has yet to be determined, but the speculation is that it was electrical.

## STEENHOEKS PLAN TO REBUILD AND COME HOME

**Jamelyn Steenhoek...**

Darren and I married in the back yard of our new Highlands Ranch home on May 1, 2011. Our witnesses included Darren's sons, Nick and Josh, my daughter, Elena, my son Alex, and a minister and his wife. A few months later, we found out we would be adding a 7th to our family, and in February 2012, Gerrit was born. By early 2015, Darren's company expanded to Montana and asked us to go there. With our oldest son in the US Navy and four children at home, we accepted the adventure.

When my husband's employer asked us to return to Colorado after nearly two years in the open spaces of Montana, we knew we had to find something that felt as free and beautiful here. Returning to a suburban neighborhood was no longer an option for us. We began our search in Evergreen and continued south along the Front Range. At the suggestion of my brother-in-law, who has been a member of PPCC for a few years, we turned our search toward Larkspur and Perry Park.

As soon as we rounded the corner and saw the home on Fox Circle, we were done shopping. Walking in the front door and taking in the view of red rocks through the multiple windows and deck solidified our love. We found our home.

We moved in just before Christmas 2016. The home was everything we wanted, the first house we've lived in that needed no improvements. Our kids adjusted, our dogs thrived, and we added a third fur baby to our family. We were warmly welcomed by neighbors and made friends quickly. The community of Larkspur seemed so warm and friendly and we talked of retirement and grandchildren and our future here. Little did we know at the time how truly caring a community we'd moved to.

On Thursday June 1st, I packed up my car for a family reunion at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, Colorado. After loading 13-year-old Alex, 5-year-old Gerrit, and our 13-year-old niece Hannah into the car, I went back in the house and hugged my 8-month-old puppy Rubble. I told him this was the last dog free trip on the calendar, and I kissed him on the face. My husband joined us at the family reunion after work Friday, and our niece Kaylynn came to the house to help with the dogs and keep an eye on our teenagers, 16-year-old Elena and 17-year-old Josh.

Saturday afternoon, Josh called and told us he'd been asked to pick up a shift at work. He said Elena left for dance and went to hang out with her friends, and Kaylynn had gone to town for the day. Since our two Frenches could be rough with one another and our 13-year-old Boston Terrier was easily irritated

with both, Josh put the dogs in separate bedrooms and left the house.

Eight hours later, my husband and I were both missing calls from neighbors as we played cards with my aunts and cousins. I returned a call to my daughter after she texted that there was an emergency at home, and when she picked up the phone she simply said, "Mom, our house is on fire." Those words still don't translate in my mind, and I remember asking her if she was joking. She started to sob and I said, "Our house is on FIRE?" Darren jumped out of his chair and ran for his phone, which had multiple missed calls from neighbors and friends.



My aunts and cousins helped pack up our vehicles, and we hit the road around 11:30 p.m. We made it home in less than two hours, to find a street full of smoke, a couple of panicked teenagers, and one surviving dog. Our closest neighbors, Steve and Marsha Vecchione, opened up multiple guest rooms and we sat on their deck, shocked, and stared at the plume.

By early Sunday morning, the community of Larkspur rallied to our aid. The Larkspur Mom's Group showed up with toys, leashes, and harnesses for our surviving dog, and a list of other things gathered for our kids. Amy Morrow and Becky Voth from PPCC collaborated on a Go Fund Me page which surpassed its initial goal in less than a day. Families from the area collected and dropped off clothing, food, and notes of support. Emails and calls went out and we were overwhelmed by the response.

Two blindingly quick weeks later and we are living in a hotel,

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# Save the Dates!



Question: Which of the following statements about retiring in Florida are true?

- A) golf, swim, and fish all year
- B) state of the art health care
- C) excellent theater, dining, and night life
- D) lower housing costs and no state income tax
- E) all of the above!

If you picked "E" you're correct! Please join us for complimentary refreshments and an informal discussion about retiring in Florida. Learn how you can enjoy the best of two worlds--mountains and beaches.

**Where:** Perry Park Country Club

**Time:** 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

**Dates:** September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

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waiting on a rental home the insurance company has agreed to fund. We have a builder who has high hopes we can be home in less than nine months. We have one healthy, happy puppy out of three, and five kids who are deeply shaken. We have a puppy on order to add to our family this summer, and have reviewed every possible countertop choice available to us. We are still replacing things and will continue to do so as we can. We are deeply grateful to the people of this community who have showered us with love, most often having never met us. We will rebuild and we will stay, and we still talk of retirement and grandchildren and golf carts. This community has become our family, and even if we could find and thank every person who reached out to us, "thank you" just wouldn't be enough.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES FROM 50 YEARS AGO--1967**  
Michael Stone...

Let's take a trip back in time to 50 years ago, to the summer of 1967. It was the original "Summer of Love" where the word "trip" had a completely different meaning. Dr. Timothy Leary came up with his famous quote of "turn on, tune in, and drop out." I was a young teen growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area and ready to transition from my sophomore year to being a junior. Being born in September 1951, I was usually younger than most of my classmates. I would not reach age 17 until September, 1968 and so graduated from high school as a 17 year old. The Mon-



terey Pop Festival was in June of 1967, and do you remember these names? The Grateful Dead, Jimi Hendrix, Grace Slick, Janice Joplin, Big Brother and the Holding Company? All those bands were at Monterey.

Fifty years ago, we did not have home computers. There were no cell phones. We had one black and white television. Many of today's teenagers cannot imagine a life without computers or cell phones or multiple high definition color televisions. Those of us who have a little gray hair remember what it was like, and we remember it fondly. So let's go back to 1967, and I'll tell you some things that I remember as a 15 year old teenager that may elicit some of your own memories. Hopefully, you can share with your kids or grandkids.

My brother and I were about three years apart. The poor guy was just overmatched in everything we did. My dad bought him boxing gloves, so we put them on and I went down on my knees to make it "even." I nailed him with a one-punch knockout, and he was done with the boxing gloves. My dad tried to persuade him to get up and continue, so Dad put on the gloves and fought me while he was on his knees. I blasted him too. He admitted it was a bad idea.



My brother and I used to love watching pro wrestling, and we enjoyed the colorful names. So naturally, we formed our own wrestling league and tussled with each other. You will LOVE some of these creative wrestling names that we made up. From Germany, there was the fearsome "Heir Puller." From France, we had the undefeated "Le Downer." The best name of all was the undisputed Champion of the World from Spain, "El Bow."

None of us were old enough to drive cars, so we rode our bikes EVERYWHERE. We didn't care if we looked like kids, because we KNEW we were kids. We could go to Don's Hobby Shop and buy a balsa wood glider for a dime. We could put a pin in the nose of the glider and fly them at each other. Nobody ever got hit, but it added an element of danger, and we did it for hours. We would gather up friends and go play basketball, baseball, and football.

Eventually, we all had to go home for dinner. All family would gather around the table, and we'd eat dinner together. Saturday night was reserved for watching "Lawrence Welk." We got popcorn and Seven-up. Everybody loved Norma Zimmer,

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the "Champagne Lady." But when the Irish Tenor, Joe Feeney, came on, my Dad would get up and turn down the volume, and we'd laugh hysterically at Joe's odd facial expressions.

Every weekday night during the summer, and I mean EVERY night; all the neighborhood kids would gather after dinner to play "kick the can." Ages of kids ranged from about 5 to 17, but ALL of us were out there, and we were out there EVERY night. It's where we learned to give the little kids a break every now and then. It's also where I learned how to climb a street light pole using my belt, and learned which fences provided easy access to various roofs in the neighborhood. When the can got kicked, we'd get to yell "Olly Olly Oxen Free." July 4th was always a block party, and the neighborhood Dads would supervise all the fireworks, and we'd eat six or seven Eskimo Pie ice cream bars apiece.

Here's wishing everyone an enjoyable Independence Day. No matter how much time has passed by since our younger days, we NEVER lose the ability to make and enjoy new memories.

**WALT'S WORDS**

Walt Korinke...



**COIN ON A HEADSTONE**— (a military custom of respect)

**PENNY**— a visitor **NICKEL** - boot camp together

**DIME** - served together **QUARTER** - present at death

**CASTLE ROCK - PROMENADE**



The Promenade factory shops on the other south side of Lowes where Smashburger and Mod Pizza reside have three more tenants just opened. AT&T, the 2nd largest telephone carrier, has opened its new store, joining its

other two competitors, Verizon and Sprint also located at the Promenade. Next door is the new **BELLCO CREDIT UNION** in its 2,200 square foot space and providing all account service and transaction needs including a 24-hour ATM and Express Teller Machine. The full service lobby is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (2 p.m. Saturdays) six days a week. Bellco has been around since 1936 and currently has 293,000 members and over \$3.7 billion in assets. And, next door to Bellco, is **BAR NAILS AND SPA** which provides manicures, pedicures, eyebrow and eyelash services seven days a week opening at 9 a.m. (10 a.m. Sundays). They also offer a glass of calming wine while you undergo their services.

In the adjacent new building, the 203-restaurant chain **ZOES** prepares to open its ninth Colorado store. The Plano, Texas,-based operation has a Mediterranean-inspired menu which includes



chicken salad, pasta salad, pitas and grilled chicken sandwiches, salads, and kabobs. When diners hear the word "Mediterranean," they think the food has to be Greek, but that isn't the case. Mediterranean food provides a variety of choices from 21 different countries. In an expansion mode to grow across country, Zoes currently has restaurants in 17 southeastern states with its chief competitors being Chipotle and Panera. Zoes went public in 2014 at \$15 a share valued at \$276 million for its then 103 stores and a growth target to span the nation with 1,600 stores. Three years later they have doubled their stores and their 2014 sales of \$171 million are now approaching \$400 million in annual sales. Most importantly, Zoes brings another different taste to Castle Rock!



"Eat Mor Chickin." The ever-popular Castle Rock **CHICK-FIL-A** adjacent to Target will be joined by the town's second Chick-fil-A to be built at the



Promenade, across from the new Sam's Club. The site has been platted, and the new restaurant should open next year. Founded in 1946, they have over 2,100 restaurants spread across the country. The very popular Atlanta-based chain owes its success to good food, good help and clean, inviting stores.



**7-ELEVEN** has submitted a site plan for a 3,000 square foot building with 6 fueling islands to be built at the top of the hill in the **Promenade** at the southwest corner of Promenade Parkway and Castle

Rock Parkway. Known as the father of the "Slurpee," 7-Eleven had its start in 1927 as the "world's first convenience store" by selling everyday staples on the dock of a Dallas Ice House. After expanding in Texas, it began franchising in 1964. In 1969, it went international with 3,500 units. Today there are over 60,000 7-Elevens worldwide still functioning as a convenience store with gasoline pumps.



Now that the Town has completed Founders Parkway renovations in the area just east of the I-25 exit, workers are now moving a mile down the road to where **Crowfoot Valley Road intersects with Founders Parkway**, which is the

heavily trafficked shortcut to the town of Parker. Plans currently call for a second left-turn lane from eastbound Founders to northbound Crowfoot; an additional left-turn lane from southbound Crowfoot to eastbound Founders; and dedicated

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and free-flowing right-turn from southbound Crowfoot onto westbound Founders Parkway. Public meetings are now being held.



Across from Target on the south side of Founders Parkway located behind the Burger King, two new tenants have opened their doors. **PEP BOYS** sells and installs tires and batteries, does preventive maintenance, oil changes, light repair services i.e. air and heat systems, shocks and suspension, exhaust, and car audio installation. This is **NOT** one of their famous large accessory stores.

**UCHealth** occupies the entire new building to the east of Pep Boys and provides “urgent” and “primary” care.

UCHealth is an innovative, nonprofit health system that delivers the highest quality medical care with an excellent patient experience. Among their Colorado Front Range facilities:

- Poudre Valley Hospital in



Fort Collins and Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland

- Longmont Clinic in Longmont
- Memorial Hospital Central and North in Colorado Springs
- Metro Denver-based University of Colorado Hospital

UCHealth has 17,134 employees throughout its system of hospitals and clinics and has 1,620 hospital beds. They have delivered almost 12,000 babies, completed over 66,000 surgeries and has had over 350,000 emergency visits. In May, one of their partners, Grandview Hospital in Colorado Springs declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy; however the overall UCHealth chain will remain open and continue operating.



Across the street from “The Emporium,” one of the two refurbished historical homes is now the workshop for the Wellspring’s **BEST BUDDIES** special needs adults where they make pottery and various other products which they market

through the Emporium and other outlets in an effort to assist the special needs community. It is a great use for this historical building and a great workshop for the crew. You might want to visit the Best Buddies Bakery & Café completely run by spe-



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cial needs adults, located in the Emporium open Monday thru Thursday – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - with a light menu, and both indoor and outdoor seating. The Emporium is a very appealing antique and artifacts shop with an ever-changing venue. Best Buddies has also just formed a relationship with Castle Pine's DUKE's Restaurant where they will provide handmade wheat/rye flour dinner rolls which will replace Duke's signature pretzel bread.

**COLORADO SPRINGS** – It is open and well worth a try, I did. The new **DOG HAUS** located in the shops behind the Loaf & Jug on Northgate (by



Bass Pro), the **DOG HAUS** offers a variety of hot dogs, brats, Polish kielbasa, and other sausages as well as mini-hamburgers, all served on Hawaiian Buns with your choice of a couple of dozen beers on tap. Very tasty and different from the run of the mill hamburger franchises.



If you like using the **MAVERIK** gas station/convenience store by the Castle Rock Theatre, the Utah-based chain will be opening the first of two planned Colorado Springs locations this fall. The first location is Constitution and Peterson Road (Cimarron Hills), and the second

will be at Fillmore and El Paso Streets. The 5,500 square-foot stores are twice the size of the typical 7-11 and in addition to fuel, have sandwiches, burritos, Cinnabon kiosks and other prepared food. Started in 1928 as a two-pump gas station in Afton, Wyoming, the Salt Lake headquartered company is the largest independent fuel marketer in the Intermountain West with 270 locations in 10 western states, and you can expect to see more openings in our area.



The 81 year old, Texas-based **SHIPLEY DONUTS** chain is making plans to open the first two of four planned Colorado Springs locations in 2018. With 280 franchised stores in six southern states, Shipley's plans to make Colorado their next target state. Colorado franchise, Carpo Company, which also operates

Colorado Jersey Mike and Bush Chicken stores, plans to either bring in a sub-franchisee or go it alone. Similar to the open kitchen at Krispy Kreme, you can watch the entire donut making process at Shipley's. The Daily Meal ranks Shipley as #3 of their top



nine favorite donuts. #1 was Lamar's and #2 Seattle's Top Pot. Numbers 8 & 9 were Krispy Kreme and Dunkin Donuts.



Across Powers Boulevard from the Costco (Powers and Barnes), the 125,000 square foot, 20-acre **POWERS POINTE** shopping center has begun to open its first new shops. The 30,000 square foot anchor, **SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET** joined by the 5,612 square

foot **LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE** (1st Springs – 4th Colorado store) led the race with late May openings. Right behind them are **TOKYO JOE'S** and **ZOE'S KITCHEN** (also opening at Castle Rock's Promenade). Next to arrive will be **TUESDAY MORNING**, **BENTLEY'S PET STUFF** and **THE MELT**.



About to start construction is a new tenant to Colorado Springs, **BLAZE PIZZA**. The 5-year-old California chain brings a fast baked pizza to your table in three minutes due to their special high temperature ovens. It will probably take you longer to choose from the 40 available toppings.

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**THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER**



*Babies abound in early summer---and some become orphans. Local animal rehabber Sarah Heckathorn is raising Swift, Nimble and Carson—along with a whole slew of raccoon babies.*

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If you are driving to Colorado Springs with plans to breakfast at **DENNY'S** – change your plans. The state has seized all four Spring's Denny's for failure to pay \$191,000 in sales and payroll taxes. The state changed the

locks and posted closure notices in an effort to secure the chattels and equipment. The state will also be seizing the Fountain, Woodland Park, Pueblo and Burlington restaurants. Will the new franchise owners (2016) pay up, or will the state auction off their machinery and equipment within 60 days? Even with help from corporate, it appears the new ownership did not have the financial strength to carry on. With over 1,600 Denny's across the country, hopefully the parent can find new ownership to return the "Grand Slam" breakfast to Colorado Springs.

**CASTLE PINES – LA DOLCE VITA** has been sold to a local



resident, Joe Sabia, who has changed the name to **PINO'S ITALIAN KITCHEN** while keeping the same cozy atmosphere and adding a new menu which includes



steaks, chops, seafood and of course the traditional Italian favorites supported by an excellent wine selection. It is open for lunch and dinner at its location in the shops across from the Castle Pines Library.



On the northeast corner of the Castle Pines boundaries is **DANIEL'S PARK**. The 1,000-acre park was donated to the Denver and Douglas County in two separate donations in 1920 and 1937 and has operated as a part of the Denver Mountain Park System for over 80 years. Slicing through its boundaries is **DANIEL'S PARK ROAD**, which has been a Territorial Road since



1887. Even before that, it served as a route between Colorado Springs and Denver – sort of a buggy version of I-25. In 2003, the beginnings of a master plan was developed for the Park and five years later in 2008, phase 1 was started with roadway enhancements, trailheads, trail connections added in 2014. The second phase kicked off in 2015 with extensive paved roadways and other improvements. The work continues today and for the next several years. Castle Pines input will be included with the city/county efforts to maintain the history and special nature of the area while providing public access to all its features. You can continue to follow the progress on line at [www.douglas.co.us/dc outdoors/parks/daniels-park/](http://www.douglas.co.us/dc outdoors/parks/daniels-park/).

**DENVER – While the CHERRY CREEK SHOPPING CEN-**



**TER** continues to experiment with its new paid parking (buy something - get tenant parking stamp), some tenants complain it is hurting their business, while new tenants still plan to open new stores. The 160-store

shopping center recently lost the Bebe chain store as it closed all its stores nationally, but not to worry as five new tenants are coming momentarily.

**SHINOLA**, the watch store recently started by one of the Fossil watch founders, opened in May. **PELOTON**, the high end indoor exercise bike company is coming in June. The 70 store, women's fashion apparel, accessories and home décor store, **ALTER'D STATE**, is coming this summer to both Cherry Creek and Park Meadows, along with **A PEA IN THE POD** maternity store and **ODD MOLLY**, the Swedish-based fashion store.



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## PET TALK WITH PILAR

Pilar Starman, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine...

### Noise Fears and Heat Dangers

With summer activities and weather, our pets will be subject to more activity, noise, and heat. These may cause anxiety and health concerns, mostly in dogs. Depending on the level of anxiety in your pet, treatment may range from very mild to medication administration.



During thunderstorms/fireworks, your dog may show anxiety by hiding, trembling, panting, licking lips, drooling, or frantic behavior. Anxiety may lead to destruction and self-harm. These pets generally do better in an enclosed area as far from noise as possible, such as a windowless interior room (bathroom, laundry room, basement, etc). Playing soft music (classical, 80s, please no loud jarring music like rap) or white noise helps to decrease their auditory input. Playing with or giving your dog a toy or food puzzle may help to distract them.

If your dog wants to hide under the bed and is otherwise doing ok, let Spot lie there. You do not want to comfort him by repeatedly reassuringly "It's OK, It's OK" because that will reinforce the behavior. It is better to distract your pet by playing, giving commands, then rewarding a calm response. To prevent noise phobias when you first obtain your pets, develop a positive association with noise. When it thunders it should "rain" treats that your dog loves. This can help create the association that noise means good things happen. If you have a pet that is already showing signs of noise aversion, you can still try this technique but likely will need some additional treatment and guidance.

If your pet's noise fears are not reduced enough by the above suggestions, there are some products that may be used that can help:

-Adaptil: A synthetic pheromone produced by mother dogs that tells her puppies that their environment is safe. This is available in a collar that lasts for four weeks, a spray, and a diffuser that comes with a refill that lasts for four weeks and will cover about 500 square feet. Put it in the area where your dog spends the most time. If your pup wanders the house you may need multiple diffusers. This is available from some veterinarians, online, and in some pet stores.

-Zylkene: A milk protein that has anxiolytic effects like a benzodiazepine (Valium) without causing sedation. This is available from veterinarians.

-Thundershirt: A wrap that covers your dog's torso like swaddling a baby. For this to work, your dog must first be acclimated to wearing it in good situations so that the use of the shirt engenders positive reassurance to your dog. This is available online and from some pet stores.

-Trazodone: A prescription medication that decreases anxiety and causes sedation. Your veterinarian must have a current veterinarian-client-patient relationship to prescribe this medication.

As temperatures rise, we must guard our pets' safety so they don't overheat. This is a big concern for our flat-faced friends (Pugs, Bulldogs, Frenchies, Bostons, Boxers, Persian cats, etc), overweight/inactive pets, heavily coated pets, and those with health concerns.

"Weekend warriors" will be more at risk as they are not accustomed to the level of activity we request of them. These pets will do better if they are acclimatized to the increased activity slowly. The brachycephalic (flat-faced) pets are not able to cool themselves as well and easily become overheated. Please do not ask them to exercise in the heat of the day.

Temperatures in an enclosed car increase very quickly and may kill a trapped animal sooner than you realize. On April 13 this year Gov. Hickenlooper signed into law the good Samaritan's immunity for breaking a car's window to save the pet's life. That person needs to have a reasonable belief the pet may die, is required to make an effort to find the car's owner, call the police to report he is going to break the window, and wait for the police to arrive after you have rescued the pet (you can break the window before they arrive if the need is imminent). In other states with similar laws there have been no increase in breaking of windows reported.

If you suspect your pet has overheated it should be evaluated by a veterinarian at once as seizures and organ damage can occur. You may provide your pet with cool (but not cold water) to drink and may apply cool (but not cold) water to its skin.

Please call us at Larkspur Pet Hospital (303-681-3980) if you have any questions about this or any other subject.



### SENIORS STAYING INDEPENDENT Neighborhood Network, Douglas County

May was Older Americans Month, and here at Neighbor Network, we are embracing the theme of "Age Out Loud" that the Administration for Community Living (ACL), has announced for 2017.

The theme is intended to give aging a new voice – one that reflects what today's older adults have to say about aging. "The 2017 theme gives us an opportunity to shine a light on many important issues and trends," reported ACL. "More than ever before, older Americans are working longer, trying new things, and engaging in their communities. They're taking charge, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves and others. They expect to continue to live their lives to the fullest, and they're insisting on changes that make that possible."

Neighbor Network is celebrating what getting older looks like

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today; did you know that we have 47 volunteers over the age of 65? And our oldest volunteer is 85! So, I would say, we are aging out loud, aging with choices, and aging with pride.

### National Facts about Americans 65+

1. Over the past ten years, the 65 and over population increased by 30% to 47.8 million. It is expected to double to 98 million in 2060.
2. The 85+ population is projected to triple from 6.7 million to 14.6 million in 2040 — and those over 100 now total almost 77,000.
3. Older women outnumber older men (26.7 million to 21.1 million). And nearly half of all older women live alone.
4. Only 3.1% of the 65+ population live in institutional settings.
5. Douglas County, Colorado, has one of the highest percent increase in people age 65+ between 2005 and 2015 in the nation.
6. Between 1970 and 2016, the percentage of older persons who had completed high school rose from 28% to 86%.
7. Approximately 1 million grandparents age 60 and over are responsible for the basic needs of one or more grandchildren under 18 living with them.

Neighbor Network is proud to be a part of Older American Month, though our supportive programs and services go all year round because sometimes aging can be challenging, but it sure beats the alternative!

Let's all Age Out Loud together – Karie Erickson

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## THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER



## CONSUMER ALERT

From the District Attorney's Office • 18th Judicial District  
George H. Brauchler, District Attorney • Arapahoe, Douglas,  
Elbert and Lincoln Counties

## COLORADO IS A BIG HIT . . . FOR FLY-BY-NIGHT ROOFING SCAMS

Two things are inevitable this time of year in Colorado – hailstorms and “storm-chasers,” dishonest roofing contractors who show up at the door the morning after a storm. While it may seem convenient to choose a door-to-door contractor, nearly all of the roofer complaints received by the district attorney's office involve such fly-by-night operators looking to swindle unsuspecting homeowners, especially elders. The first line of defense is to know what to look for when choosing a reliable contractor, which means never making a hasty decision. If you suspect hail damage to your roof or home, contact your insurance company first to get an estimate. Ask for a list of approved contractors, then check to verify that the information on these businesses is up to date. Insurance companies don't always have the most current information.

### Items to check for:

- Is the company registered to do business in the state? Check to see how long each company has been in business and if they have a permanent address. This information can be obtained on the Colorado Secretary of State website at: <https://www.sos.state.co.us>.
- Is the business licensed to do work in your city or county? Get the license number of each business and verify the numbers with the building department in the city/county where the work will be performed. Contractors cannot pull a building permit unless they are licensed.
- Is the business insured and bonded? How many employees are covered under the policy? It should reflect an adequate number of employees for the work that needs to be done. Ask for proof of insurance. The Colorado Roofing Association maintains a listing of member businesses that are current with this information at: [www.coloradoroofing.org](http://www.coloradoroofing.org)
- Get a referral list and contact recent customers. What do they say about the business, and how did the business respond to complaints? The Better Business Bureau website is another good source of information: <https://www.bbb.org/denver>.
- Get estimates from each of the companies and compare costs before making a decision.

### Factors to consider regarding contracts:

A work order is not sufficient. The formal agreement should be an actual contract that conforms to the requirements under Colorado Senate Bill 38 – legislation that was signed into law in 2012 to protect consumers from fly-by-night roofers. Among

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other details, Senate Bill 38 requires an itemized scope of services and corresponding cost estimates; beginning and ending dates; contract cancellation /rescission clause(s); and a requirement that the contractor hold the insurance money in trust until such time that roofing materials are paid for and delivered and the bulk of the work completed.

More information on Senate Bill 38 can be found at: <https://www.bhb.org/denver/news-events/newsreleases/2017/05/noroofscam-campaign-fighting-roofing-fraud-in-colorado-during-severe-weather/>

Never sign a contract that you don't fully understand.

One last point: if a damaging hail storm hits your neighborhood, consider reaching out to protect an elder or at-risk neighbor, especially someone who lives alone. Oftentimes, letting an unscrupulous contractor know that someone is paying attention can effectively stop a scam.

DA – 18th Consumer Protection Line: 720-874-8547



**JUNE NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT  
Jim Matchett...**



The June regular board meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District) was held on the 21st with four directors present. Director Peterson had earlier received an excused absence. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the first order of business was audience participation. A resident took a few minutes to alert the district to a potential issue arising from the Town of Larkspur receiving a federal government grant. The unanimous approval of the minutes of the May 17th regular board meeting followed. Disbursements totaling \$295,557.54 were then unanimously approved. Next, Eric Barnes of Wagner Barnes & Griggs, PC, was in attendance to discuss the 2016 audit of the district. He advised the board there were no adjustments to the district's financial statements.

A discussion regarding the funding options for capital projects the district is considering followed. It was subsequently determined that a more in-depth work session should be held for the board with all directors present. Next, the district had received a request from AR Sandstone to delay the filing of the change of

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water right application for the Gove Ditch until the end of calendar year 2017. After discussion and given that the district had previously delayed such filing at Sandstone's request, the board determined to proceed with the change application, noting that such changes usually take more than a year to conclude.

The board was then updated on some of the modifications under consideration for the Remuda Ranch development of the Wiens Ranch. Next, a resident of Larkspur had written a letter to the Douglas County Planning Director and the State Engineer of Colorado's Division of Water Resources regarding Greenland Ranch Groundwater Extraction. At this time, the district is not in a position to take a stance on this issue, but intends to follow closely any further developments.

Next, the District Systems Report for May as submitted by Semocor was reviewed. Operations were noted as normal excepting the very large and costly water main break on Wauconda Drive. The Monthly Staff Report as submitted by District Manager Diana Miller was then reviewed. Ten permits have now been issued year-to-date, while revenues are roughly 9 percent ahead of last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. As always, further information is available on the district website, [www.ppwsd.org](http://www.ppwsd.org).

## PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT YOUR DOLLARS, YOUR VOICE

All board members were in attendance at the June 8 board meeting. The board covered the final details of the 4th of July celebration, Firewise Committee update on the Tussock Moth, guest representative from a Lake Management Company, grant writer guest speaker, maintenance of PPMD Owned Properties, and a discussion and written proposal review from several Management Companies.



### BOARD MEMBERS

President	Randy Johnson
VP	Derek Meredith
Asst VP	Stacie Sneider
Treasurer	Vanessa Dao
Secretary	Valerie Duringer

**MINUTES** - The minutes for the May District meeting were reviewed and approved.

### NEXT SCHEDULED PPMD BOD MEETING

The next scheduled BOD meeting for Thursday, July 13th may have either a date or location change due to a facilities conflict and will be announced via email and posting.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Slash Pick-up

Slash pick-up is underway and should progress with completion of the four zones by the beginning of July.

### PPMD Property Maintenance

Wauconda Park - The PPMD hired a playground safety consultant for Wauconda Park. The audit was completed and the board made a decision to shut down the park while repairs and removal of some equipment are made. General park maintenance and cleanup has begun. The board is also looking into possible GOCO grants for improvements to the park.



#### Firewise Day

The Firewise Day has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Perry Park Country Club. A separate evacuation route/tour will be set for a Saturday mid-summer and announced through a PPMD email and posting online.



Gateway Entrance - With the scheduled widening of the Gateway entrance there will be no major improvements until that work is completed. The area has been cleaned up and will remain in maintenance mode until the county completes its work.

Additional Properties - The board is exploring waterbody management options for the Gateway Lake, Gilloon Pond, and the Wauconda Spillway.

### Management Company Proposals

Vice President Meredith reported that PPMD sent out a request for proposals to five management companies and received two viable proposals. More discussion and review of the two proposals will take place at either the next scheduled BOD meeting or a special meeting, date and time to be determined.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social and Events Committee - Stacie Sneider email: [stacie.sneider@perrypark.org](mailto:stacie.sneider@perrypark.org)

Firewise Committee - Keith Worley email: [forestreedev@aol.com](mailto:forestreedev@aol.com)

### Schedule of Activities for Tuesday, July 4th in Perry Park:

- 10 a.m. Start lining up for the parade.
- 11 a.m. Parade starts.
- 11:30 a.m. Awards, free ice cream and water and hotdogs (cash only).
- 3-7 p.m. BBQ at PPCC parking lot open to the public (cash only).
- 7-9 p.m. Denver Concert Band.
- 9 p.m. Fireworks over Lake Wauconda.

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**Pate Dunbar** electric

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**Firewise Committee**

Forester Keith Worley reported at the June BOD Meeting that the Tussock Moth assessment is in progress and given last year's collapse of the population, no aerial spraying is recommended. The Firewise Committee met on May 31st and discussed developing a PPMD Firewise brochure for new residents outlining the community Firewise program and resources along with posting all the materials online. It was also suggested by committee members that they hold several educational classes this year. More information will follow.

**Resident Fire Mitigation Grant Program**

Don't miss out. If you are planning on taking advantage of the resident fire mitigation grant program in 2017, please download the grant form and email to [submit@perrypark.org](mailto:submit@perrypark.org) or by mail to PPMD. Application submittal date has been extended to end once a total of (50) applications are received and as of the end of June just about half have been used.

*Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park Country Club the second Thursday of each month and will commence at 6pm sharp.*



We want to keep you informed. Please register your email with the District. Visit the District website and click on the email icon listed in the upper right hand corner: [www.perrypark.org](http://www.perrypark.org)

**HELPING FIRE FIGHTERS HELP YOU  
Ken Sanders, LFPD Board...**

It's summertime... when people are outdoors enjoying the beauty of our state and community – AND catching up on all that yard work that we've promised ourselves we'd get to eventually. Summer weather means enjoying the outdoors with recreational activities and cookouts. In addition, people love Fourth of July fireworks. It's certainly relaxing to enjoy roasting marshmallows in the backyard fire pit, but it's also important to ensure that everyone stays safe by observing a few, simple fire protection guidelines.



Keep a bucket of water handy. If an ember floats out of your fire pit, or a log falls down from your bonfire stack and sets nearby foliage, paper, or other flammable materials aflame, you don't want to be scrambling for a way to put the fire out. Having a bucket of water nearby is a great first response tool to keep a fire under control.

Only professional fireworks shows are allowed in Douglas County. Don't risk a heavy fine or having to explain to the sheriff why you disobeyed county statutes. Douglas County is currently under a Stage One Fire Restriction – that means No open burning of any kind and no use of fireworks.

Don't let barbecue grease build up. Whether you're using a charcoal or a gas grill, it's important to keep it clean to prevent

accidental grease fires caused by all the burned fats that can accumulate on a grill over time.

If you go camping and are in an area that allows open fires, inspect the area around your campfire. You don't want to light a campfire anywhere near other flammable materials. This includes overhanging branches or dry grass

Heat stroke can be a big problem for anyone who is taking care of overgrown scrub oaks, felling dead trees or just mowing a large patch of grass. Stay ultra-hydrated to avoid heat stroke.

It doesn't take being outside very long to feel the effects of the sun's rays. Before going outside to work or play, put on plenty of sunscreen and cover exposed parts of your skin, especially if you're susceptible to sunburn.

To prevent tick bites, wear appropriate clothing when you go out -- including light-colored clothing on legs, so you can spot any ticks quickly. Insect repellent is also helpful.

The Firefighters and Paramedics of the Larkspur Fire Protection District are here to assist you in the event of any kind of fire or medical emergency. But our first line of defense is each one of us.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe.



**THE SIGHTS  
OF SUMMER**



*Dave Alexander saw these two fawns being born on June 15, and the lucky man had his camera ready.*



## BEAR WISE



Howdy neighbors! Happy 4th of July. I hope you are enjoying plenty of outdoor time over the holiday weekend. I know my friends and I will be surveying your neighborhood gatherings for unsupervised picnic goody “grab and go” opportunities so be sure to post a bear watch around your patios and barbeque areas.

A couple of recent bear sightings: A large black bear mom (Sissy) and her 2-year-old teen age son (Fillmore) have been reported going from house to house in the Perry Park area looking for open garage doors and seeking the treasure trove found in garbage containers and refrigerators within.

Sissy tends to display healthy bear behavior by running away at the first sign of confrontation. Fillmore, on the other hand, seems to be curious when asked to leave the area as if he is wondering “Why?” As a result, Fillmore tends to linger around for a minute or so before sauntering off into the brush. Teenagers!

Please report any sightings of this duet or other bears by email-



img src="https://www.gutenberg.org/..."/>Sissy & Fillmore – Larkspur, CO Bear

Sissy & Fillmore – Larkspur, CO Bear

**Bear Fact:** Black bear cubs usually hang with mom one or two seasons before declaring their independence and beginning their solitary life. Two seasons are equivalent to about 20 human years.

### Fastest Bear on the Race Course

You may have heard that I recently ran the Garden of the Gods 10-mile race in Colorado Springs. After a slow start (I ran the other way when the start gun fired,) I decided to make up some

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time by taking a short cut to the finish line. "EXCUSE ME, CUTTING THROUGH." The runners were so polite that some actually stopped in their tracks to let me run by.

I was the fastest runner in my weight class – 300-350 lbs. Not bad for running the course bear footed! I also discovered why all these runners are willing to run 10 miles with such vigor to the finish line – protein power snacks! My personal best (PB) is 15 Cliff Bars in one sitting. (Photo credit: Facebook/Donald Sanborn)

**Bear Fact:** We black bears have been clocked at speeds in excess of 30 miles an hour.

**Pawing the Ivories**

In Vail, what police initially thought was a burglary from the evidence of a ransacked apartment, turned out to be something very different once the owner's surveillance video was viewed. The film revealed a local black bear scouring the room for food. What was unusual was the video also captured the furry intruder taking a few minutes to pound out several unidentifiable chords on the family piano - Bearthoven's 5th I think. After the performance ended, he exited stage right through an open patio door. What, no bear bow?

**Bear Fact:** We black bears are generally not musically inclined, however when given the opportunity.... we are always willing to try new things. Hope you can say the same.

Until next time; be happy, be safe, and always be bear wise. Your friend at large, **Beary**

**A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE**

Susan Peters...

*Truly Summer, AT LAST... Snakes Alive – Short Takes*

**It's Here, It's Here!**

Yay, no threat of snow in the 10-day forecast! Instead days and



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**THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER**



*Fourth of July in Larkspur: Join the parade in Perry Park – no reservations needed. Just show up at the Big D about 10:30. Later, a concert and fireworks at the Perry Park County Club.*



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explaining his methods and array of tools in detail and always keeping us informed of status. He listed our house on a Thursday afternoon. We started getting calls first thing Friday and had 27 showings over the following nine days. He and his assistant, Debbie, spent several hours helping us stage the house. He was on site for all inspections and was able to recommend local contractors to get needed work done quickly. Ben is a pleasure to work with and he made the whole process as smooth, efficient and as painless as selling your home can be."

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days in the 90s and no rain. And of course, the accompanying high fire warnings permeate the news broadcasts. It was only a few weeks ago that a grandson's graduation at Red Rocks was snowed out.

But through the snow, the mating rituals continued, the hummingbirds persevered, and the babies in nature happened. Tra la!

This festive time of year puts a bounce in our spirits and steps before the summer doldrums set in. The annual Renaissance Festival adds to the celebration of summer, but nature provides the real substance.



The robins serenade us in the evenings, sometimes well after dusk. This evening the lucky dude took an energetic bath in our bird bath as his love looked on approvingly.

Hubby Dave, in performing the yearly property maintenance, noticed that a somewhat dead narrowleaf cottonwood tree had fallen and needed to be taken out. One section was hollowed out inside with a substantial nest in it. The flickers, obviously. That is the reason that the forest service encourages people with property to leave at least two dead trees per acre. Not only do the trees provide a nesting habitat for the woodpeckers, but they allow beetle larvae to eat away the dead wood while providing food for insectivores such as the blue birds and wrens.

Speaking of, Dave got too close to a wren nest while running the tractor around. That mama wren let out a string of unmistakable epithets to make one blush, while she buzzed him.

### *Snakes Alive!*

Unfortunately for one bull snake of my in-laws' neighbor, it is no longer alive. An over-reactive response, the neighbor thinking the snake was a rattlesnake, left one less rodent eradicator in nature.

It is common to mistake the bull snake for the Western rattlesnake. No, it is not because they wear little cowboy hats and issue yodeling sounds. They both occupy the same territory, namely central U.S., Canada, and into Mexico. They have similar coloration, markings, and scale distribution. The bull snake

can make a hissing sound out of their throats that may sound like a rattle, or even a very annoyed momma bear. In its defensive posture, it makes the same S shape as a rattler.



A big difference is that bull snakes, which can get to be 4-6 feet long, constrict their prey, as rattlers are vipers that literally go for the jugular to sink their fangs and inject the lethal poison. Bull snakes innately can determine if a potential prey exceeds their digestive abilities, so they will make themselves larger and threatening while hissing and doing a backup maneuver without the beep-beep-beep. Now pay attention. Rattlers will raise their tail in their air to achieve the most effective rattle, while bull snakes keep their tail on the ground while vibrating it against something.

If you encounter a bull snake – make sure quickly that it is one, do as with rattle snakes and back away slowly and give it room. They are our friends in keep the rodent population in check. I even painted one on a garden mural in our dining room as a special tribute.

Note: the bull snake is very adept at climbing trees to raid bird nests and eat the eggs and the young.

Ironically, our lab-timber wolf of years ago, was not afraid of ANYTHING including momma bears, except for bull snakes. He went 50 feet out of his way to clear one near a hiking trail. And ironically, he was bitten by a young rattlesnake in his old age. Our Ollie has a healthy curiosity for them and looks for them in their usual haunt in the dog park, one being the park mascot.

Seven years ago, I wrote about the garter snake seek-and-destroy mentality when it comes to koi fish, those beautiful exotic Japanese exports. A raccoon this past winter took out all but one of our koi that had finally become large enough to avoid a snake attack. So, hubby Dave made a new, improved pond that was deeper, giving the koi places to hide, complete with feng shui basics:

- Place an energetic fountain near the front door. Check. We have that covered with a water fall.
- Clear the entryway to the home. Check. The entrance to the

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pond is free of deterrents if one does not mind a bunch of willow branches whipping them in the face. And, serves as the food distribution point, by the koi goddess,

- Make sure the home encourages learning. Check. Well, they are a “school” of fish.
- Get rid of unwanted frustrations by fixing broken objects. Check.
- Spice up the love life with plants in the bedroom. Check. Lily pods, water iris, water lettuce, and hyacinths, all conducive to a romantic evening of fishy egg-laying and breeding.

A mail order shipment of koi instantly repopulated the pond,



only to have the garter snakes, adept swimmers, start eating the smaller ones, as if there is not enough other food around, like yummy earth worms, lizards, rodents, am-

phibians, and whatever else strikes their fancy. It turns out that the garter snake is closely related to the genus *Nerodia* for water snakes. In fact, they can move back and forth between genera, according to the ultimate source on the topic. Say what? Genera is a taxonomic classification system for all flora and fauna, and, yes, even the simple one-cell organisms. I just wish that they would settle on being NON-water snakes.

### Short Takes...

It's that time of year when mid-July sees the raucous and aggressive rufous hummingbirds return with their newly hatched brats. Fortunately, they leave in time to give the broadtails and black-chinned hummers some peace and quiet, along with access to the feeders, in order to bulk up before their journey south for the winter.

Seven years ago, I was sort of complaining about being inundated with Evening Grosbeaks. So far, none have sauntered through the neighborhood. Their incessant shrill calls in mass can have one running for cover thinking that Hitchcock's' birds have invaded. But now I miss them with their beautiful coloration and some with their punk hairdos inherited from a frequent visiting ancestor of years ago.

This week celebrates National Pollinator Week. So be kind to the butterflies and bees, ALWAYS.

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That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – the bird bath is empty and there is a long line of birds wrapped in their Turkish towels.

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## THE SIGHTS OF SUMMER



*Flowers in brilliant colors abound in Colorado summers. These are at the Perry Park County Club.*





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My name is Trace. I am 16, PP Res, and am homeschooled so available frequently. I cut grass, clean gutters, house sit for plants and pets, help with fire mitigation, etc. For local ref contact Sandy Divan at 303-681-0132. Please call me at 720-420-9767. He has a brother to help with the bigger jobs and is available during the day.

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