



The Perry Park

Sentinel

JUNE 2018

LARKSPUR WILDLIFE

People come to our area for the scenery. After they've been here a little while, they discover the wildlife. It seems fairly simple at first: a lot of people become birders, scatter bird feeders of various sorts in their trees, waiting each spring for the return of the bluebirds. And turkeys—always the turkeys. Then come the squirrels and raccoons—hey, we like bird seed too!

And of course there are lots of deer—lots and lots of deer. The *Sentinel* once ran a seasonal column called "Gardening in a Deer Park." Soon we'll have more because the fawns are due any minute. I have at least four does wandering around on my property. They're not together. Each one is preparing a nest somewhere here and grazing alone, all in preparation for giving birth.

The does will leave their offspring in a safe place during the day when they graze, but inevitably some fawns will become adventurous and wander off. Do not worry. Mama will find them. Last year I had a fawn on my front porch all day. It was pretty obvious he had been left there by Mom and told to stay put—mostly he did. Wandered up and the down the walk a bit. A couple of weeks later, I had twins on the porch. Deer are not dumb. They know there is no longer a dog living here. And there are geraniums on the porch for an afternoon snack!

Beyond the deer—and never as obvious—there are the foxes and the coyotes and the bobcats . . . And then the BIG GUYS, bears and mountain lions. When I meet friends from urban ar-

reas they always ask about bear and lion sightings: "Seen any bears lately?" Almost always the first topic of conversation!

With the proliferation of trail cams in recent years, we're seeing all sorts of wild things we might have missed ten years ago. Now I've seen them all with my very own eyes over the years—everything from raccoons swinging from the rafters to

the mountain lion who peered in my bedroom window. But these days—three mountain lions were captured one night on a trail cam owned by my neighbors—not far from my bedroom windows! Without the camera, I would never have known.

Bears wandering around on porches at night—mmm, now where did that feeder go? Mountain lions strolling through our yards in pairs and trios...amazing.

However, the best pictures are taken in the daylight by some very talented and dedicated local photographers who often post their best shots on the Larkspur Wildlife page on Facebook, created by

Sarah Heckathorn. Sarah and Kathy Meyer are local, licensed wildlife rehabilitators, and the FB page lets us see the photographic progress of foxes, raccoons, and bunnies from lost and often sick babies to spry young things almost ready to go back to the wild.

It has also become a gallery of our local wildlife (and sometimes some not so local!) with stills and videos revealing what we missed while we were working or sleeping. Would you believe a pelican swimming in the Gateway Pond in Perry Park? Check out the FB page. You'll really like it.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215889188778210/>

~KDale



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We highly recommend Ben Wolfe with Wolfe Realty Group to anyone who is considering selling or buying a home. Trust me; it will be the best choice you make! My father in law was unable to care for his home and it was time to consider the possibility he might need to sell. After much consideration, my father-in-law agreed it was time and we began

interviewing realtors. He wanted to find someone who cared about his home as much as he did and would have the compassion to understand how hard it would be to sell his home where he had lived for the past 30 years! After interviewing 3 different realtors, all of us agreed that Ben Wolfe with Wolfe Realty Group would be perfect because he showed true compassion and professionalism. Ben Wolfe did not disappoint! We have sold 2 other homes and neither of them went as smooth and professional as it went with Ben Wolfe! From the very beginning Ben Wolfe and his assistant was professional, prompt to respond to all of our questions, went to bat for my father in law making sure that he was well taken care of and was ready to handle anything that came their way. Through the entire process Wolfe Realty Group listened to our concerns, addressed them professionally and made us feel comfortable and at ease with the process of selling the family's home.

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PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, June 19, 10 a.m., at the home of Christa Shimonkevitz, 8475 Crow Court. The book for discussion is *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck. Set at the end of World War II in a crumbling Bavarian castle that once played host to all of German high society, it is the story of three widows whose lives and fates become intertwined. The book for July is *The Other Einstein*, Marie Benedict's fictional view of Albert Einstein's first wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and very personal insight. Both books are in the library's Book Club Express program so copies are available locally. For additional information about the PPBook Club, check the website: <http://applelane.com/Perry-Park-Book-Club.html>.

PLANNING TO VOTE IN THE JUNE 26 PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN COLORADO? Not too late to register—and this year even independents can vote in the primaries. For full information on how and when to register and other questions see <https://www.douglas.co.us/elections/>.

THE LARKSPUR FREE LIBRARY, AKA BOOK EXCHANGE, is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m. The Exchange is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road, in the old Town Hall Annex on the east side of the road. Plenty of parking in the back. The Book Exchange has over 7000 volumes of adult fiction (from lady's romances to classic literature) and nonfiction (categories such as history, biography, travel, crafts, and many more), and 600 volumes for children, young readers, and young adults. And all for free. That's right. An entire building of free books. No cards, no check out, no due dates, no overdue fines. Free. And no need to bring one to take as many as you can carry, because we have plenty. In addition, the Book Exchange has a collection of rare and valuable volumes offered for sale; the perfect splurge for a book lover. All proceeds to benefit and support the Book Exchange. Come and check out what everyone is talking about. For more information, contact Cindy at 303-681-3046 or Krystine at 413-348-3579. [Editor's note: The Book Exchange just got an infusion of about 1000 new books—all free!]

MONUMENT: CONCERTS IN THE PARK, Wednesday, June 6, 7-9 p.m. at Limbach Park. Bring your chairs and enjoy music, food and fun for the whole family! The annual concerts in the Park are held in Monument at Limbach Park every

Wednesday in June and July. A different band plays each week and there are food trucks if you're hungry. Bring some cash to toss in the hats passed. This series depends on the generosity of those who attend and of local sponsors.

ART HOP IN DOWNTOWN MONUMENT: Thursday, June 21, 5-8 p.m. On the 3rd Thursdays, May through September, galleries, restaurants and unique shops within the historic downtown Monument stay open until 8 p.m. Enjoy special events such as book signings, demonstrations, art displays, live music and great food specials.

CRAFT PEOPLE AND ARTISTS: The Perry Park Metro Board is looking for exhibitors to participate in a 4th of July extravaganza in Perry Park. To join and glean more information, contact Bob Zellner, hobcatcarving@gmail.com.

JOIN THE BLANKET BRIGADE Ginny Sanders...

Once again, the Blanket Brigade is able to meet at the Perry Park Country Club following their beautiful renovation. We are very grateful to the country club for providing the space for our meetings in such a lovely environment.



We give our quilts to any teacher or student in need in the Douglas County school system, the Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Sweet Dream in a Bag, (which is an organization that gives bedding to homeless children who are transitioning to housing), hospitals, and the Castle Rock Hospice. We welcome the opportunity to give a quilt to any individual that you know of who might need special comfort. Consider joining our fun gathering!

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. to tie our quilts. You are welcome to join us to create quilts for anyone who is experiencing loss, trauma or illness. There is no charge to our recipients for their quilt, and we operate on generous donations of fabric and batting. If you are doing some spring cleaning and would like to donate, please contact Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@icloud.com (phone number, 303-681-2125) or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com (303-681-0374).



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going tenant improvements with summer openings scheduled. First is **CycleBar**, which provides indoor cycling classes with instructors and pumped up music to get your vibes going. They began franchising in 2016 with over 200 franchises sold. The luxury boutiques fitness franchise has 180 new openings scheduled for this year and Denver already has three of their facilities in operation. The adjoining space is also being fit-out as a **Decadent**, a coffee and desert bar.

With 23 locations in the Denver area, the thirty-four year old **Anthony's Pizza** chain is opening its first Colorado Springs franchise in the rapidly expanding food corridor at **InterQuest Commons** (southwest corner Interquest and Voyager Parkways). The new 1,900 square foot restaurant will serve thin-crust, New York style pizza, along with pasta dishes, salads and appetizers. The pizzas are hand-tossed and stone-fired, with all ingredients fresh daily and crafted to your specific taste. Their original pizzeria is still in business in downtown Denver just off the 16th St. Mall.



It has been a long time coming, but you will no longer have to drive 10 miles in either direction from the Airport and Peterson Air Force Base in order to find food (except McDonald's), service, and a hotel room with the ground-



breaking for the **WestGate 70** acre development at **Powers and Airport Road**. The first phase includes a 96-room extended stay **Candlewood Suites** hotel, the **Springs 6th Arby's**, and it's 15th **Kum and Go** convenience and gas store. A coffee shop is planned, and an additional 23,000 square feet of retail space is included. Future plans for the site envision medical space, apartments and office space with a total 400,000 square foot build-out. Road changes underway were a prerequisite to make the area function properly. The development should receive strong support from the growing manufacturing, military and tech marketplace in the area.

The former 1,400 square foot Starbucks located at the north-west corner of Academy and Austin



Bluffs Parkway is being replaced with the City's first **Hungry Howie's Pizza**, the country's 11th largest pizza chain with over 550 locations. With a Michigan start in the early 1970s, the franchise growth commenced in 1983. What makes them different from Domino's, Little Caesars, etc. are their flavored crusts. If you are not in a pizza mood, they also offer subs, wings, salads, desserts and more. They should be in operation by the end of this month.

DENVER – Dormant for the past four years, **Tony Roma's**



is opening one of its first two new restaurants in Denver this year. The other is in West Palm Beach, Fl. The world famous, 45-year old chain will open its restaurant in the heart of the Downtown Art District at

1480 Arapahoe Street. Well known for their mouth-watering steaks, ribs and seafood, their new menu adds a novel approach where you can order "Bones & Bites," a customized variety of small plate favorites. Their beverages include cocktails with a broad selection of domestic, international and local craft beers. Seating will be provided for 108 plus some outside seating. Stay alert for the opening and be one of 50 lucky winners of "free Ribs for a Year."



If your tastes lean more towards jambalaya or maybe crawfish etouffee, you may want to visit Denver's 2nd **The Lost Cajun** just opening next to the Walmart at the Southlands retail development off of Smoky Hill and E-

470. The transplanted Louisiana family, Greg and Karin Jones, opened their first Lost Cajun in Littleton last year, and this little bit of Louisiana taste can be found in six more mountain locations from Pagosa Springs to Frisco.

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cause less irritation. There are also environmental steps you may take to decrease the irritation from their dander and fur. There are many products that can help smooth the transition from shelter to home. Do your research and ask your local vet at Larkspur Pet Hospital for advice.

Cats everywhere, but especially in our area, live longer, healthier lives if they are indoor cats (or highly supervised and restricted outdoors). There are many things that can be done to enrich the cat's environment.

A slow transition for the pet into the routine and regulations of your home is a good idea. Adopting a pet is a major, lifelong commitment. Please give the pet time to adjust and do not get frustrated when their behavior is not perfect immediately. Give the right care, cats are great family pets who give you love and comfort for many years.

A PRESIDENT'S REPORT FROM THE METRO DISTRICT

Perry Park Board of Directors Meeting – May 10, 2018



The Perry Park Metropolitan District (PPMD) Board of Directors (BOD) convened for their May regular meeting at the Perry Park Country Club. It was the first meeting this year at the Country Club, due to the renovation project that was underway. Kudos to the country club for a very nice project and allowing us to return for our meetings!

In attendance were Directors:

Randal Johnson; President

Craig Van Doorn; Assistant Vice-President

Vanessa Dao; Treasurer

Director Linda Black was not in attendance with an excused absence

The board had the pleasure of installing Mr. Sean King in the vacant position on the BOD. Please welcome Sean to the BOD and cheers to Sean for stepping up to serve his community! Sean is a relatively new resident of Perry Park and brings a smile, great attitude, innovation and a much-needed tech background to the BOD. Thank you, Sean for your interest and commitment. Also, a strong thank you to Mr. Steve Snyder, who also applied for the vacant position, and we expect to see Steve involved in community activities as we move forward. It is great to see residents step up to give of their time and talent to make this such a wonderful place to live.

All the BOD members present were administered the Oath of Office for their new terms. Positions within the BOD will be discussed and formalized at the July meeting when we have full board participation. Did you know that during our Oath of Office ceremony, we swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States? Something not to be taken lightly in the times we are in. Integrity, commitment and resolve to those ideals will keep our nation strong and our community a great place to live. Let us all endeavor in such an honorable pursuit.

The Perry Park Independence Day celebration is well secured with the Denver Concert Band, the fireworks display and the ice cream vendor all under contract for this uplifting community event. New activities will be added this year after the parade to add a new dimension of fun to the day. Details to follow in June. Many thanks to all on the PPMD Social Committee for the hard work they are putting in to make this all possible! If we cannot hold the fireworks display on July 4th due to Douglas County imposing Stage 2 Fire Restrictions during that time (a possibility this year), the BOD is seeking input from the residents on a good alternate date to have the display. Once in the past, we had to delay the fireworks display due to fire restrictions and the display was held on Veteran's Day in order

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Buy your tickets online and save! Tickets include entrance, horse-back rides for the kids, fun barnyard activities, and best of all a BBQ dinner with all the fixins'. www.horsebackmiracles.org.

See y'all at the Hoedown! Saturday, June 9th at 4:30 at the Historic Perry Park Ranch 5655 W. Red Rock Dr. Larkspur, 80118. Tel: 303-681-3115

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to honor all those who have served our nation. Your input to info@perrypark.org would be appreciated.

Both the Social Committee and the Parks and Open Space Committee met recently and are flush with enthusiasm and great ideas. The Social committee has completed a community survey to get feedback from our community at large. Results will be posted on the PPMD website and on social media. The Parks and Open Space Committee is also contemplating a survey for community input and is distributing tasks among members to define potential projects. You are most welcome to join either of these two committees, the Firewise Committee, or to help form up the Public Safety and Preparedness Committee. Please become involved in your community! Our lives in Perry Park will be what we desire only if we make it happen – it is up to you to participate. The BOD extends our sincere thanks to all that do!

Douglas County is moving forward with the Perry Park Road turn lanes onto Red Rock Drive project.

Tentative schedule is for starting the project this July. Also, Douglas County will be doing an asphalt overlay to all paved streets within Perry Park this summer, also tentatively scheduled in July.

Please plan to attend our (your) BOD meetings to see firsthand how they work and to participate in your community.

Submitted by:
Randy Johnson
President

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



The May, 2018, regular meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 16th with three directors present. The first order of business was the taking of an Oath of Office by Director Andy Morris who ran unopposed for reelection. James Maras who also ran unopposed had previously taken his Oath of Office and had received an excused absence from the meeting. Next, as there was still an unfilled opening on the board, the three directors present appointed Gary Peterson to the board, and he proceeded to take his Oath of Office. Board positions were then determined with Gary Peterson being named as Board President, Jim Matchett as Vice President, Judy LaCrosse as Secretary, and Andy Morris as Treasurer.

The minutes of the April 18th regular meeting were then unanimously approved. Disbursements totaling \$138,420.19 were also unanimously approved. A discussion on HDPE pipe for

use in water service lines as an alternative to K-copper was on the agenda but is now rescheduled for the next regular monthly meeting on June 20. A Water and Sewer Service Feasibility Study for ten lots on Bannock Drive had been completed and was reviewed and accepted by the board. Next, a draft of the Gravel Pit Lease agreement with the Perry Park Metro Board had been prepared for review by the board. After review and discussion, District Manager Diana Miller was requested to forward it to the Metro Board for comment.

The District Systems Report for April submitted by Semocor was reviewed and discussed. Operations were normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the district manager was also reviewed and discussed. It was noted that 12 permits have been issued thus far this year. The meeting was then adjourned at 5:33 p.m. As always, additional information may be found on the istrict website, www.ppwsd.org.

**FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES**



New for Fourth of July 2018, we'll have some fun old-fashioned lawn games held in the Big D for adults and kids! Stick around immediately after the parade and sign up the kids for sack races, a water balloon toss, hula hoop contest and three-legged races. All ages can participate, and we will have ribbons for first, second, and third place in several age groups. Also the little ones can go fishing behind the sheet for prizes.

Also new this year, the entire family can spend time together playing volleyball, badminton, croquet and bocce ball, bean bag toss, kick ball, water balloons throwing. While we won't keep score for these, feel free to show up with your competitive spirit! Challenge your neighbors to a game.

Anyone willing to spend an hour or two volunteering to help run the games, help set up the concert, help with traffic during the parade and before and after the fireworks, please contact Debbie Vincent-stessmers@gmail.com, Kat King-kat@kingproduction.com, or Craig Van Doorn-assistantvp@perrypark.org to help out.

- 10:30 a.m. Set up of the parade-east side of the Big D
- 11 a.m. Parade
- 11:30 a.m. End of Parade-west end of the Big D-ice cream and water available
- 11:45 a.m. Begin lawn games and competitions-these run until whenever
- 6 p.m. Country club activities and hot dogs
- 6:30-7 p.m. Concert
- 9 p.m. or dusk Fireworks

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~A. Schroeder

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rade activities so people need to plan accordingly.

[Editor's note: Although the 4th activities are planned by the Perry Park Metro Board, they are open to the entire Larkspur community. Come one, come all. Join the parade!]

**NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**
Mike Grill,
Board of Directors for the
LFPD...

LFPD Mission Statement: Dedicated to our community through quality services, compassion, and excellence.



Larkspur Fire Board of Election Results

On May 8, Robert Danti, Dave Vance and Cindy Applegate were chosen to represent our community as members of the Board of Directors for the Larkspur Fire Protection District. Congratulations to each.

Thank you to Karl Kennedy, Steven Snyder, Rodger Greer and

Matt Behrens for answering the call to serve on the board. We hope each of you – as well as all members of our community – will attend our monthly meetings, offering insights on how the LFPD board can best serve our community.



Finally, thank you to Bruce Roman, who is leaving the Board of Directors after 20 years of service to our community as both a board member and a first responder.



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Member Profile



NAME: FF/Paramedic Joe Sanders
RANK AND TIME SERVED WITH LFPD: Five years with LFPD. My first nine months were as a volunteer. Nine months later I was offered a part-time position (three years). I've been full time for a year.
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: I was in the Navy for four years and weapons instructor for the Seabees. I was in the criminal justice field for 10 years.
ORIGINALLY FROM: Spokane, Washington
FAMILY: I'm divorced and a single parent. I have one son who is 2 1/2 -years old.
HOBBIES: Mountain biking, lifting weights, running
WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT SERVING WITH LFPD: My co-workers keep me here. I am loyal to my fellow firefighters.
WHAT SHOULD OUR COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT LFPD: LFPD has advanced life support capability, meaning we provide a paramedic service to our community.

Calls for Service Summary

LFPD Call Statistics - January 1 thru April 30, 2018

Fires	9
EMS	28
Alarm Activations	5
Other	30
TOTAL	72

On behalf of the entire Larkspur Fire Protection District family, we thank you for your continued support – and please stay safe!



THE WRITER'S CORNER

REMEMBERING MARGE
Ann Chellman...



Did you know that years ago the ladies who created the smocking and fluffy puffs of velvet or satin that lined coffins were known as “interior decorators”? My sister-in-law Marge told me that, and then she let out her signature snort, half cackle and half cough. “Interior decorators! Imagine!” she chortled.

The sad day arrived when Marge was laid in her casket, surrounded by fluffy puffs and ruffles. That was on the first night I visited to pay my respects. On the second night, the “interior decoration” was papered over with a colorful collection of good-bye drawings, laboriously crayoned by her beloved great-grandchildren. She would have loved it!

As I looked down at her beautiful face, tears rushed to my eyes. Suddenly I realized that an unexpected smile was lurking at the corner of my lips. I was remembering her ninetieth birthday. My husband had called her, but she didn't pick up. Being the charming younger brother that he was, he left this message on her answer machine: “Happy birthday, you old bat.”

Before hanging up, he sang the birthday song, a little off-key, but heartfelt.

It was several days before she called back. When she did, she

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Independence Day



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Big D - Parade

11:00 am

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or
Watch*

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Floats - Tractors - ATV's
Classic Cars - Fire Engines.*



**Fireworks
& Concert**



**The Denver Concert Band -
7 to 9PM -
on the PPCC fairway**

Fireworks start @ Dusk

**Outdoor food in
the Perry Park
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Bathrooms: 6
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Fireplace: 3
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+ Heated Driveway
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fired right off. "Who are you calling an old bat? You're such a geezer you didn't even get my birth date right! I was born on the 26th not on the 27th."

"Well, it took you long enough to call back and tell me that," he shot back at her.

"Oh that's right," she admitted, "I tried to call you several times, and then I realized I was punching out your number on my TV remote."

Marge and Jack had been married for a long, long time. In their advancing age, she remained strong and sharp as a tack while Jack suffered a long, slow decline both mentally and physically. Sadly, one day he fell, taking her with him and causing her to suffer a broken hip. They had to part ways after all those years, he to a nursing home, she to a hospital. She struggled mightily to recover so that she could visit him as often as possible. She persevered, (she always did), and she finally recovered and could again be with him occasionally.

One day she decided he needed a little change of scene, so she decided to take him on an outing to the supermarket. She thought she'd settle him in one of those motorized shopping carts and show him how to operate it. He had other ideas. Shazam!! He whizzed away faster than her healing hip and arthritic knees

could catch him.

"I'm not such a high-stepper any more," she sighed.

"Oh my gosh, Marge," I exclaimed when she told me about it, "You must have been terrified that you'd lose him!"

"Oh no," she airily replied. "He was easy to track by the sounds of various displays crashing to the floor as he passed."

Lord love a duck!! That girl was hilarious!

And now that delightful lady has stepped across the great divide, taking her own special brand of love and laughter with her and leaving me a heart full of tender memories.

[**Editor's note:** Welcome to the Writer's Corner. All submission welcome—as long as they're not TOO long! Poems, essays, rants . . . Just do it.]

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BEAR WISE

Greetings, black bear enthusiasts. And for all you not so enthusiastic about this whole bears-living-in-your-yard thing... just remember, we were here first.



June is Colorado's "Leave your full garbage containers out all night month." Not really, but a bear can dream, can't he? Actually, recent evidence (garbage strewn on lawns and streets in area neighborhoods) seems to confirm that some of you do believe in leaving your garbage cans out all night. This

is a big no-no in bear-burgs like ours. Even though I appreciate the gesture, feeding us bears (intentionally and unintendedly) is a recipe for trouble. Please follow bear season (April -November) garbage container rules: Put garbage cans out no more than 2 hours before expected pickup (by the trash truck- not us.) Also, if you haven't done so yet, please consider purchasing a "bear proof" garbage container. This will turn your garbage can into a garbage "can't" as in - we can't access your rubbish as an easy meal. Yes, there is an added cost for the purchase, but amortized over your lifetime, it's just pennies a day! You'll feel good about doing your part to help keep us healthier and everyone safer from mishaps. In return we bear will excite you with our chance sightings and if you are lucky enough, a swim in your pond, pool, or hot tub.

Bear News

A five-year-old Grand Junction, Colorado, girl attacked by a black bear outside her home over the weekend of May 12th is expected to make a full recovery, officials said. Not so for the bear that attacked her who was killed by the Department of Wildlife shortly after the assault.

It seems the five-year-old kiddo left the safety of her den (home) at 2:30 a.m. to investigate noises in her back yard. After this very young tike wandered outside unsupervised (never a good thing), she encountered the bear (bears are often active at night). The bear was most likely surprised and chose to attack rather than retreat. It wasn't until the mother went outside after hearing her daughter's cries and screamed at the bear that it ran away.

The wilderness boundaries that once separated us bears from you humans are shrinking each year as suburban sprawl continues to encroach on our once uninhabited forests. As bear/human encounters become more common, we all need to take additional steps to ensure our safety. Always use extra caution when outdoors, especially after dark. The best rule - make yourself known by making noise. Surprise is never a good thing unless it's your birthday party.

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When is a Dog a Bear?

It was recently reported that a family in China had to give up the "puppy" they adopted two years ago when it turned out to be an Asiatic black bear. Apparently the family bought what they thought was a Tibetan mastiff puppy and were quickly surprised at how much the apparent canine ate -- a box of fruit and two buckets of noodles per day. You go, dude!

The family became suspicious when their "pet" didn't stop growing and they realized it might not be a dog at all when the 250-pound animal started walking on its hind legs - a dead giveaway unless you're a circus dog. The family contacted a local wildlife rescue center, which confirmed their suspicions that the "dog" was a bear. The bear whom I named "Brilliant" is now in the care of the area wildlife center. We bears have poor eye sight, so you'll have to tell me, do you see a resemblance?



Send your bear stories, questions and pictures to me at: wisebeary@gmail.com

Until next time, if your dog eats like a bear, walks on his hind legs and climbs trees, it might be time for a second opinion.

Your friend in the forest,

Beary

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completion this year and actual construction next year. Nine other capital projects top their list of to-dos including summer construction of the \$1.14 million Wolfensberger/Plum Creek Parkway roundabout, Ridge Road widening from two to four lanes at Fifth Street and Ridge Road (by King Soopers), other widenings and several new stop lights as the town continues to grow in size and population.

Permitting is under way for the 20-acre parcel located at the northeast corner of Founder's Parkway and Highway 86 (top of the hill across from the King Sooper Center) for a 6 parcel



development to be known as the **Founder's Marketplace**.

The most advanced project for the corner parcel (lot 1) is for a 3,827 square foot **Public Service Credit Union** with

four full-service interactive teller machines. The adjacent 1.47 acre parcel, lot 2, is planned to be a 5,440 square foot **Liberty Express Car Wash** with a 132 foot long wash tunnel and 27 parking stalls for vacuum and wipe downs. The northern-most parcel provides for an unnamed 3,000 square foot **gas service station** with six fuel islands. The remaining parcels are for future development.

The Town Center area at the entrance to the Meadows will be getting another multi-family project which will bring the Meadows to 59 percent residential-built-out status (just 4,356 units to go). **The Springs at**



Castle Rock will consist of 204 rental units, each with its own entrance and consisting of studio, one, two and three bedroom units. Amenities will include a natural turf pet playground, pet and car wash, and a clubhouse with pool and fire pit.

The location is just southeast of the intersection of N. Meadows Drive and Elegant Street next to the new charter school which is under construction.

MONUMENT – Following a short battle with the planning commission, the developer came out on top and the **Les Schwab Tire Center** is now under construction between Qdoba and ENT,



across the street from the Jackson Creek Shopping Center. The

1.43 acre parcel will have a 10,340 square foot building and a large tire storage area. The business is limited to the sale and installation of tires, brakes and batteries with no oils or other hazardous fluid services. With over 470 stores nationwide, another Les Schwab is under construction at Castle Rock's Promenade across from the King Soopers.

PALMER LAKE - Following the scare when Palmer Lake



totally dried up in the summer of 2012, an organized effort to bring back and stabilize the lake, improve the park and provide better overall access

was formed. In December 2014, Palmer Lake received approval of a GOCO \$350,000 grant to support the effort. The project named "Rockin' the Rails" kicked off immediately with an extensive dirt work project designed to restore the lake back to its historical proportions, and bring the grounds into satisfactory elevations for the planned rail crossing bridge and various sports fields. Water negotiations, which included a court battle with Monument, were finally worked out, and the lake was restored to its full size. Annual water allotment to keep the lake functional provides for 67 acre-feet per year. As is typical, working with the railroad for the bridge crossing was a real challenge, but the final plans were submitted this spring with the hope that bridge construction can commence by this June. The bridge will consist of a flatbed railroad car raised 25 feet above the tracks with a staircase for pedestrians and a ramp for bicycles, wheelchairs and strollers. In addition, moving the large dirt piles and preparing the grounds for the sports fields has begun. It will take time and a lot of effort, but the new Palmer Lake is progressing towards its completion.

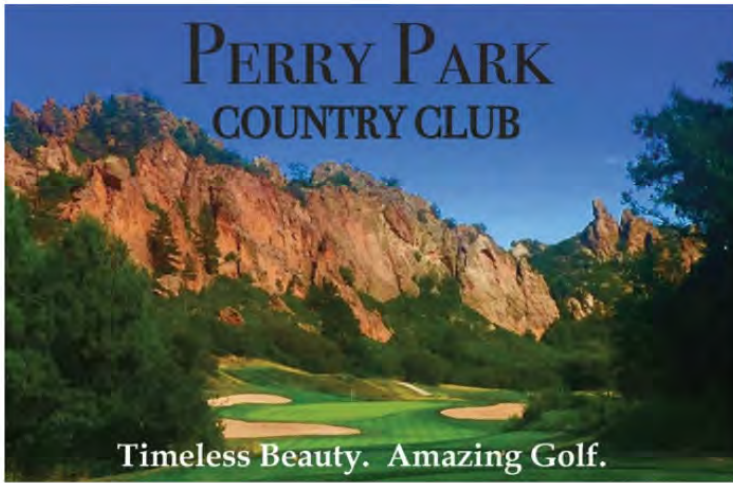
COLORADO SPRINGS – The last three (of 10) stores are rented in **NorthGate Plaza's** expansion in the area between Sprouts and Ace Hardware. Located at the southeast corner of NorthGate and Voyer Drives,



just beyond the Bass Pro Complex, this convenience center has quickly leased its second phase over the last year with a mixture of retail, food, liquor, and hardware operations. Recently opened is **Take-A-Peak**, a consignment store with quality second-hand furniture and accessories. Adjoining to its right are two stores under-



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SUMMER = FARMERS MARKETS AND FRESH PRODUCE!

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Boulter's 5280 Urban Market will be open in the newly developed Festival Park, on 2nd street in Castle Rock, every Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., June through September. Purchase local fresh produce, nuts, herbs, spices and honey.

The Monument Hill Farmers' Market is open on Saturdays until October 13th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 66 Jefferson Street in downtown Monument, the market features about 55 vendors including Abdul's Produce, C and R Farms, Royal Crest Dairy, Tamales, Mountain Man Honey, Pasta and Olive Oil, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Lemongrass, Juice Plus, antiques, Colorado Cuddles (embroidery) Sewing Crafts, DWB Wild Birdhouses, DoTerra and many more!

The Monument Market has a downhome feel. The same vendors come each year—and sometimes remember you. Dogs and children are welcome.

The Parker Farmers' Market is held every Sunday **through the end of October on Mainstreet**. The road is closed to through traffic from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. This market attracts a large and noisy crowd with lots of options for supporting local growers and artisans. This market may not be the best place to bring your dog unless it is perfectly behaved and is used to large crowds of all ages.

Among the treasures you'll find each week are: fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers and herbs, baked goods, dog treats, cosmetics and crafts, as well as ready-made foods like breakfast burritos, quesadillas, and middle eastern food.



IN MEMORY:
**DENVER SCOTT
DELLINGER**
Born June 27, 1962. Transitioned April 13, 2018.

Memorial Celebration: June 9, 2018 – 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 5436 S. Laredo St. Centennial CO 80015

Denver contracted a rare brain infection which caused him to lose consciousness and battled for two weeks in intensive care prior to his peaceful transition.

He grew up in the Perry Park and Castle Rock, Colorado, area

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and attended Douglas County High School.

He worked as a hunting and fishing guide in addition to creating the Cedar Clean Company that restored cedar siding and decks which included painting. His customers loved him so much; he continued to meet their needs for over 30 years. They described him as a true "artist" in his trade and would have no other company do their work.

Denver was best known for his love of the outdoors, his dogs and fly-fishing. He was a true fly-fisher his whole life and had the rare insight to watch the weather change and "match the hatch" with his fly tying skills while all the time having his dogs by his side. His goal was to spend as much time as he could with his dogs in the outdoors where he found his faith in nature. Denver was baptized in February 2013. He knew he would eventually join his dad, Bill, and his dogs (Tomah, Zeke, Dylan, Cutter and eventually C.J.) on the eternal river in heaven.

Denver was preceded in transition by his father, Bill Dellinger. Denver is survived by his wife Cathy, his son Ryan Smith (Shawnie), his sister Dede Shackell (Leonard), his brother Buck Dellinger (Connie), his mother Marty Dellinger, four nieces Jennifer, MRD, Amanda, Tara and his current best dog C.J. He lives on for us through our memories, stories and in the outdoors he loved so much. We will all be camping on that river in the future.

Denver's open house celebration of life will be held at the home of Buck and Connie Dellinger 5436 S. Laredo Street, Centennial CO 80015, on June 9th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be opportunities to share stories and memories at 1pm and 3pm.

Anyone who knew Denver also knew what a great emotional support his dogs were to him and to those he would bring his dogs to visit while in the hospital or nursing homes. All of his dogs had a special gift to connect with others on an emotional level, heart-to-heart.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "Friends of Denver" a fund raiser set up primarily for the care of his current dog C.J. (surgery recovery, vet care, daily living supplies) and also in support of golden retriever dog rescue and emotional support dogs.

Donation site:

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My name is Delaney Liebke, and I am 17 years old and am available for babysitting or pet sitting throughout the Larkspur area. I have had my licence for over a year now, so I can drive any place necessary. Please contact me at dgliebke@gmail.com or 303-681-9091.

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WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

Be Happy, it drives people crazy.



CASTLE ROCK – The Old Stone Church Restaurant in downtown Castle Rock was sold early this year and is undergoing renovation to reopen as **Scileppi's at the Old Stone Restaurant**, bringing a new taste of Italian



dining to Castle Rock. The Scilippiu family has operated a highly rated Italian restaurant, Sliceworks in Denver, for over 20 years with quite a following of customers praising the quality of their food.

The Castle Rock restaurant provides them the opportunity to move up from an upscale pizza parlor with New York style pizzas, to a full-fledged Italian restaurant with all your Italian dinner favorites as well as their famous pizza. In respect to the former Old Stone Church customers, Scileppi's will continue to honor Old Stone Gift Cards which is a great way to try out the new store. They are not talking an opening date yet, but hopefully by late summer we can all go a little Italian.

Apartments continue to move further south in Castle Rock with the Forum Development Group's proposal for an 155-unit, age-targeted, multi-family development to be built on the northwest corner of Plum Creek Boulevard and Crystal Valley Parkway. Plans for the

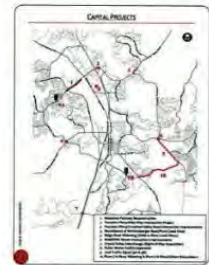


Heckendorf Ranch project call for a combination of rental apartments and townhomes along with the typical amenities – clubhouse, pool, spa, community garden and pet play area. The townhomes will include individual garages.



As the Home Depot and adjoining tenants continue to draw more and more traffic, the town will

again be reconstructing the **Founder's Parkway, Allen Way intersection** in another effort to tame the high volume of road activity. Three new turn lanes, another I-25 N on-ramp, and another through lane at Allen Way and Allen Street are in planning. The budget is \$760,000 with design and ROW



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Douglas Land Conservancy is pleased to announce the 5th Annual "Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" Plein Air Painting gallery showing (free) which will take place on Saturday, June 23, and Sunday, June 24, at the White Pavilion in downtown Castle Rock.

"Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" provides an opportunity for artists to paint on beautiful, private properties in southern Douglas County over the course of one week (June 19-June 22). This unique week of painting will culminate in a gallery exhibit featuring hundreds of works created throughout the week on display and available for purchase.

"We are delighted to bring back such a phenomenal event once again this summer," says Patti Hostetler, Douglas Land Conservancy Executive Director. "We feel this has become one of Castle Rock's anticipated summer events and we are thrilled to bring in new artists this year as well as some favorites from previous years."



These stunning, conserved, private properties are rarely open for access to the public. In addition to providing a unique cultural experience for Douglas County and the surrounding community, "Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" allows attendees and loyal supporters to take home beautiful landscapes of several Douglas County conserved lands they cannot otherwise view on a regular basis.

"We created this event to celebrate the natural marrying of the beauty of the land with talented artists," continues Hostetler. "They will end up producing hundreds of paintings over the course of the week and these gorgeous pieces truly serve as a reminder of why we live in Colorado."

Developed in the mid-19th century, plein air painting is executed outdoors and represents an artists' direct response to the scene in front of him or her. This form of painting is characterized by the luminous effects of natural light, with an airy natural tone versus the artificial light that can be associated with paintings produced in a studio. Literally meaning "open air", plein air was developed among French impressionists including

Monet, Pissarro, and Renoir.

"Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" serves as an annual fundraiser for Douglas Land Conservancy, a 501(c)3 nonprofit land trust. A portion of the proceeds from the art sales will support the continued efforts of Douglas Land Conservancy to protect open space.

A full list of participating artists and additional details will be announced at a later date. For more information visit: www.douglaslandconservancy.org/events.

PET TALK WITH PILAR Pilar Starman, DVM...



June is Adopt-A-Cat Month

If you have ever thought of adopting a cat, you should know that adding one of these most-of-the-time graceful and always lovable creatures can be the most rewarding experience in your life. These miniature warriors can be anything from lap-loving friends to defenders of your home - usually both. When choosing a cat it is important to consider their and your needs.

Ask yourself:

- Do you have other pets?
- Do you have children?
- Do you travel a lot?
- Do you have allergies?
- Do you have the time and financial commitment to care for a pet for the next 15-20+ years?



If you have other pets, do they seem to get along with other animals? If you haven't tried your current pet with other pets, it is smart to introduce them before committing. A stressed pet can have behavioral issues you may not find favorable. Many animals in the shelter have a history of why they were relinquished,

that can help guide whether that pet may be suitable for your family.

Be realistic with your home schedule and what a pet needs. If you travel a lot, are you willing to have a pet sitter? Cats are great at being able to left alone for short periods, but more than a few days they will need to be tended to. Even being gone for a few days may be upsetting for some highly-bonded social cats. If you travel a lot, perhaps 2 cats (that like each other) are more suitable so they have companionship.

If you have allergies, a short-haired lighter-colored cat may

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