



The Perry Park

Sentinel

MAY 2018

VOLUNTEER TO HELP A NEIGHBOR

The Neighbor Network is a non-profit organization which supports senior citizens' desires to remain independent as long as possible. The director, Karie Erickson, lives in Perry Park and there are several volunteers in the area, but I recently became aware of a need for MORE volunteers, particularly those willing to drive a local senior citizen into Castle Rock to the doctor or grocery shopping.

In recent months I've gotten "emergency" calls from the office in Castle Rock. One of our neighbors wasn't feeling well—she needed someone to help her get to town to a doctor. I had another commitment. That has happened several times. We need more backup. If there were more Neighbor Network volunteers in the Larkspur area, it would help, particularly in emergencies.

It's not an onerous "job." Except in emergencies, no one will call you. You make your own commitments to drive by checking a "shopping list" of people who have various appointments scheduled and need help getting there. Frequently the need is for only a one-way ride. Pick your own time and activity. There is no minimum amount of time required—give what time you can. Many of the Neighbor Network clients live in Castle Rock, but increasingly we have seniors in the Larkspur area who need help—thus the need for more Larkspur people who have done the training (easy--on the computer!) and are in the Neighbor Network.

Many people who moved here when they were younger

and when getting into town was easier may now need help because of age-related weaknesses, particularly vision or coordination problems. But age shouldn't mean people who love living here can't—if they have some help. Some of us haven't lived in a town in 40 years! We don't want to move!

Years ago, I overheard a woman in tears at the local drivers' license site. She had just failed her vision test, but she desperately needed to drive to get her husband to the doctor. I didn't help her then, but through Neighbor Network, people like her can get help. Now, if you're driving a bunch of kids around, obviously this would not be a good fit! But if you're in your mid-years and the kids have their own wheels, a possibility?

I am a volunteer for purely selfish reasons—I'm paying it forward in advance because in not too many years I may not be able to drive because I am well into my senior years. Or I may fall and break my right ankle tomorrow and need help on a temporary basis. I'd like to be able to count on Neighbor Network volunteers to get me to the grocery store until my cast came off!

Think about it. Get on the list of resources. Go to <https://www.dcneighbornetwork.org/>. ~KDale



Neighbor Network



THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is governed by a publicly-elected Board of Directors. If you are a registered Colorado voter and live in the Larkspur Fire District, vote in the election for board members

on May 8, 2018, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the fire station in Larkspur. Candidates for the office of Board Director for a four-year term (vote for no more than two positions): Steven Snyder, Cynthia Applegate, Karl Kennedy, Robert Danti; candidates for office of Board Director for a two-year term (vote for one): David Vance, Rodger Greer, Matthew Behrens.

NINTH ANNUAL FREE TROLLEY TOUR OF CASTLE ROCK is Saturday, May 5. This year's focus will be a tour of the Rhyolite buildings and homes in Castle Rock. Come learn about the history of our beautiful rhyolite buildings. Meet at the Castle Rock Museum to board the trolley. Tour times are at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. and are approximately 45 minutes long. Reservations recommended as seating is limited. Please call or email the museum to reserve your spot at 303-814-3164 or museum@castlerockhistorical.society.org.

BOOK CLUB will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, at the home of Cathy Dewald, 8358 Bannock Road in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *The Woman in Cabin 10*, a mystery by Ruth Ware about the apparent disappearance of a woman at sea. In June, the group will read *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. Books are part of the DC library's Book Club Express program so copies are available locally. For additional information see the website: http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html

VISIT THE HISTORIC CRULL/HAMMOND CABIN: On Saturday, May 19, experience living circa 1880 at the Crull/Hammond cabin, the County's first post office, constructed of logs and dated to 1874. Tours will be offered from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Registration not required for a tour of the cabin, located at 6225 Bear Dance Drive off Tomah Road near Larkspur. The tour is sponsored by the Douglas County Historic Preservation Board.

THE MEMORIAL DAY RUN & MARCH, Saturday, May 26, 7-10 a.m., invites civilians, veterans, and uniformed military to challenge themselves in friendly competition, while helping feed homeless veterans. New this year! We will have a LIVE concert featuring Colorado-born country artist, Buckstein! Douglas County Fairgrounds, 500 Fairgrounds Drive in Castle Rock. Contact: 303-319-5317 or email, Byron@ColoradoVeteransProject.org. Cost: 5K run Civilian - \$40; 5K Run Veteran - \$35; 10K run Civilian - \$45; 10K run Veteran - \$40.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE LARKSPUR MOTHERS' GROUP!

Thank you to everyone who made our 2018 Easter Egg Hunt a success! What fantastic weather we had this year! I would like to extend a big THANK



YOU to our sponsors and volunteers, as well as the moms and dads of the Larkspur Mothers' Group. Without you this event would not be possible. I think all of the kids had a great time and everyone went home with a ton of goodies! Hope to see you next year!



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The Larkspur Mothers' group is open to all moms in the Larkspur area. We hold monthly play groups, moms' nights out, family events, and other special events throughout the year.

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Please visit us at www.larkspur moms.com or email us at larkspur moms@gmail.com for more details.

We are currently looking for a director and a playgroup coordinator for the Larkspur Mothers' Group. If you are interested in leadership opportunities with the Larkspur Mothers' Group please email us for more information. Thank you and happy spring! ~Sarah Bretz, Larkspur Mothers' Group

PET TALK WITH PILAR

Pilar Starman, DVM...



WE ALL AGE

We all get older and our furry friends age even faster than we do. Our bodies do not allow us to be as active as we once were and we do not recover as well. Our joints and muscles hurt and ache at times. Just like humans, there are options we can provide to decrease our pets' pain. Our furry family metabolize medications differently than we do, which makes some medications, supplements, and treatments dangerous. Always ask your veterinarian before starting any medications or supplements.

Arthritis is a common problem in pets as they age. There are studies that indicate about 80 percent of dogs over the age of

two years have some degree of arthritis. Breed, weight, body condition, and age give guidance as to what to expect. The most common signs people notice is that the pet is slower rising, has trouble using stairs, and is less active. Pets can be stoic and it may be difficult to tell that your pet is in pain. Cats are particularly notorious for hiding signs of pain. We may think they are just getting older, and that is the reason they can't jump as well anymore or sleep so much and not recognize there is an issue that we can improve their quality of life by addressing.

The first step to help your pet is to visit your veterinarian to identify the issues your pet may have and determine a treatment plan to address those issues.

Excess weight often needs to be addressed with exercise and diet changes. Excess weight not only causes additional load on joints, but fat is also an active producer of inflammatory substances that contribute to inflammation, pain, and even make urinary issues and cancer more common.

There is a range of pharmaceuticals and supplements that may be prescribed. These will be discussed at your visit so you are informed about the benefits and risks of each product. A basis of treating pain is the use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications to decrease pain. These NSAIDs carry risks that need to be understood. Performing a baseline panel of laboratory tests prior to their use is ideal. For optimal improvement,

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Colorado Springs' third **OMELETS ETC.**, a locally owned and very popular, breakfast/lunch restaurant. Omelets Etc. opened its first store in 2010 at 1616 S. 8th Street, followed by their second at 2850 S. Academy last year. The Interquest Commons restaurant expects to open the 2,500 square foot restaurant this June with a menu that includes a dozen omelets, burritos, pancakes, French toast, crepes and, of course, one of my favorites, biscuits and gravy. This rapidly expanding commercial core has a collection of hotels, restaurants, a water park, the rebirth of the Victory Ridge with the Icon Cinemas and forthcoming In-N-Out restaurant and production plant, but was lacking a good place for breakfast – not for long. Pricing is generally in the \$6 and \$7's for both the breakfasts and their lengthy list of lunch sandwiches.



The first property under construction in the new commercial development adjacent to I-25, North Academy at Struthers Road,



is a three-story, 64 room **MY PLACE** extended-stay hotel. My Place is a rapidly expanding national franchise based in Aberdeen, SD. About 60 percent of their average occupancy comes from monthly stays, with the rest split between weekly and nightly visitors. They are pet friendly, have on-site laundry facilities, complimentary high-speed internet, a My Kitchen with two-burner cooktop, microwave and a full refrigerator. There are 37 in operation, 32 more in various stages of construction, and commitments for another 40 hotels. Weekly and monthly room rates run in the \$60s per night with single nights in the \$80s. Also under construction at this development is a new **Starbucks store** and a **Peoples National Bank**. A **7-Eleven** is also planned for the site.



The bankruptcy and Capital One foreclosure of **Chapel Hill's Mall** are over with the purchase by the Namar-Mason-CH Capital group that also purchased the town's other regional mall, The Citadel Mall,

in 2015. Both properties are over 1.2 million square feet. Anchors Sears, Macy's, Dillard's and Burlington Coat Factory own their own stores. Both malls continue to present an uphill survival battle against the challenging internet of Amazon and all the other retailers moving more and more to on-line sales. The Citadel's Macy's has been vacant since 2009 and the Dillard's functions as a clearance center. Chapel Hills lost Borders in 2011, J. C. Penny in 2014 and Gordman's both opened and closed in 2017.



I don't expect either to become flourishing malls again – wonder what is next for these properties?

DENVER – It may be a bit of a drive for a hamburger, but Denver is the benefactor of another of the nation's iconic hamburger chains, **Shake Shack**, that just opened at 30th and Larimer. The



East Coast cult chain is known for its "concretes" (shakes), crinkle-cut fries and its special ShackSauce-clad burgers. A second Shack is planned for this summer at a to/be/announced location probably in Highlands Ranch.

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Mike Grill, Board of Directors...

LFPD Mission Statement

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Decrease in Funding for LFPD May Have Negative Impact on Public Safety

Due to a 1982 voter approved amendment to the Colorado constitution known as the Gallagher Act, citizens served by the LFPD may see decreases in emergency services due to a loss of revenues generated by residential property taxes. Like almost all fire protection districts, the LFPD relies almost exclusively on residential tax revenues to fund operations.

When Colorado voters approved the Gallagher Amendment in 1982, the goal was to protect homeowners from skyrocketing property taxes. The Gallagher Amendment divides the state's total property tax burden between residential and nonresidential property, requiring that 45 percent of the total amount of state property tax come from residential property and 55 percent come from commercial/ industrial property. The assessment ratio for commercial/ industrial property is fixed at 29 percent. In comparison, the residential assessment rate (RAR) is currently set at 7.20 percent and is not fixed in order to maintain the 55 percent/45 percent ratio. Furthermore, due to limitations imposed by the 1992 passage of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR), the RAR may decrease but **cannot be increased** without voter approval.

In 2017, the RAR self-adjusted from 7.96 percent to its current rate of 7.20 percent. Recent projections indicate the RAR could decrease further to 6.11 percent in 2019, resulting in con-

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siderable loss of revenue to the LFPD.

The LFPD will host a series of community forums in the coming months regarding this issue.

Calls for Service Summary

LFPD Call Statistics - January 1 through March 31, 2018

Fires	7
EMS	33
Alarm Activations	3
Other	52
TOTAL	95

EXTREME WILDFIRE DANGER PREDICTED FOR 2018

April 17 was a Red Flag day, a day when warm temperatures and high winds created a high fire danger. And indeed, the danger came. Before 9 a.m. Larkspur Fire was on the scene of a second-alarm wild land fire near Tomah Road and Dawson Butte. Its location prompted a pre-evacuation order for Keene Ranch. The fire was in mop-up mode at 11 a.m. thanks to the work of LFPD and other units who responded: Jackson 105 Fire, Castle Rock Fire, South Metro Fire Rescue, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire, Douglas County Office of Emergency Management and Douglas County Sheriff's Office.



Later that morning, a wild fire broke out along Rampart Range Road and State Highway 67, which was closed from Elephant Rock Road to Pine Creek Road. That fire was reported at about eleven acres.

The same morning, seven homes in Castle Rock were damaged by wild fire. South Metro firefighters responded to a call of a single house fire in the 4800 block of North Foxtail Drive in the Meadows neighborhood at about 10 a.m. Tuesday. The winds quickly pushed the flames to neighboring homes and firefighters evacuated some nearby residents as they worked to get the flames under control.

With very little moisture this winter and spring, fire danger promises to be very severe through the late spring and into early fall. Additionally, the Larkspur communities are in the Red Zone, the area most likely to have serious wild fires. Every family needs to take precautions. Very important is a family wildfire plan.

- See <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Wildfire-Action-Plan/> for information and ideas.

- Contact LFPD for additional information about mitigation activities.

- Register your telephone number with Douglas County Code Red so you will receive important notification: <https://www.douglas.co.us/douglas-county-coded-red-registered-receive-free-emergency-notifications/>

APRIL NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...



The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on April 18th with all directors present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the March 21st regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$197,219.86 were then also unanimously approved.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of a resident request to use HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) pipe for their service line rather than the District standard of copper. After a thorough discussion the Board voted to allow a test of the HDPE pipe due primarily the approximate 1000 foot length of the service line. One major advantage of the HDPE material over this length is the greatly reduced number of joints required.

Next, a resident had called attention to his receipt of a significantly larger than normal water bill. After investigation by District operating personnel and a full discussion by the board, the District Manager was instructed to advise the resident the full billing would have to be paid as the water meter reading was correct. However, payment could be spread out over a period of time satisfactory to both the resident and the District. A request had been received from the Perry Park Metro District to decommission the mine located at the Water District's Spring Canyon property. The District Manager was instructed to coordinate such activity with the Metro District and other appropriate authorities.

The District Systems Report for March submitted by Semacor was then reviewed and discussed. Operations were described as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by District Manager Diana Miller was also reviewed. Good news here was the issuance of eleven building permits to date.

There was limited audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.

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many medications/supplements need to be given for the pet's remaining life - greatly improving their quality of life with consistent use.

Supplements are an important component in the treatment of arthritis. The use of Mobility diets (Hill's Science Diet JD/Metabolic+Mobility) may greatly improve the dog or cat's comfort and mobility. If diet change is not an option or not sufficient, there are products such as Flexadin Advanced/Plus and Dasuquin Advanced that improve the quality of the joints. There are even injectable medications (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan; say that 5 times fast?) that benefit the quality of the pet's joints.

Physical therapy is another modality that helps with joint pain. One of the most common and available treatments now includes the use of laser treatment. Class IV Laser therapy is generally preferred as the administered laser dose is higher, requiring shorter sessions. The Laser produces activation of cells in the deep tissues, which leads to alleviation of pain and improved function. Most pets greatly enjoy their laser treatments. The treatments are provided in the hospital and require only a brief visit but must be provided on a consistent basis for optimal effect. For treatment of arthritis the typical schedule is three treatments the first week, two treatments the second week, one treatment the third week, then on an as-needed basis.

Surgery may be an option, depending on the condition, but is not a treatment directly for arthritis. Surgery may be needed to minimize development of further arthritis. Conditions that may require surgery include ruptured cranial cruciate ligaments, hip dysplasia, fractures, and luxations.

Provide your pets soft bedding as much as possible and carpet runners where there are slippery surfaces. When accessing furniture or getting into vehicles becomes difficult, a ramp or steps help them to access these areas. For cats giving them a litterbox with a lower entry will help them.

Please contact us at your local Larkspur Pet Hospital (303-681-3980) if your pet could use our advice with any of their needs. Even if your pet does not need any care, please bring your pet in for a happy visit (these are at no charge) so we are a friendly place for them to come.

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WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected?



CASTLE ROCK – The long lull in con-



dominium construction got new life last year when the Colorado House passed Bill 1279 easing builders' legal burdens for construction defects. Builders' high-risk insurance

costs and numerous suits for minor construction defects had caused a long term halt in most condominium development. The new bill stipulates that legal action against a builder for alleged construction flaws can only proceed when more than half of all homeowners in a condominium complex agree to it.

One of the first signs of new condominium development for Castle Rock is an exciting downtown project to be located at **221 N. Wilcox** replacing the small bank building on the corner of Third and Wilcox across the street from the Old Courthouse.

Confluence Company is proposing a five-story building with two underground floors to contain 62 parking spaces. Thirty-nine **residential condominium** units will be located on floors two-



five, with 8,500 square feet of ground floor space for restaurant and retail use. An outdoor patio will be located on the two sides. A public hearing is required, and hopefully approved, bringing more downtown living space that is important to creating life for the old business district, joining the RiverGate multi-family rental project under construction immediately to the south.

After a lengthy construction delay to solve a soil problem, the **Japanese Sushi Restaurant** continues building at its 3rd Street location across from the Douglas County Building and Parking Garage and southwest corner of the Old



Court House. The small white house will remain on the Jerry Street frontage with its future use currently unplanned.

Following last year's announce-

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PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT UPDATE

**Linda Black, Secretary,
Perry Park Metro District ...**

All meeting agendas and minutes are available on the PPMD website: <http://perrypark.org/metro-district/meetings>.



On April 8, 2018, the PPMD Board held the monthly board meeting at the Larkspur Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a quorum with the following board members in attendance:

- President - Randy Johnson
- Vice President - Derek Meredith (resigned from board)
- Assistant Vice President - Craig Van Doom

Treasurer - Vanessa Dao
 Secretary - Linda Black
 Kurt Schlegel - Special District Solutions, LLC was present.
 Three community members were present:

- Walt Korinke
- Keith Worley
- Todd McCusker

Derek Meredith, Vice President, submitted his resignation from the board and the board accepted his resignation with regret and thanked Derek for his great service to the community. A board vacancy announcement was posted to the PPMD website at: <http://perrypark.org/2018/04/30/perry-park-metro-district-board-vacancy/> and encourages District residents to apply for this vacancy. Applications will be accepted through April 21, 2018. The applications will be reviewed at the next PPMD Board meeting and a replacement board member will be selected.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The remaining 2018 meeting schedule is below: Note the new time (6:30 PM)

Date	Meeting Type	Location	Start Time
05/10/2018	Regular Meeting	Perry Park Country Club (PPCC), 7047 Perry Park Blvd Larkspur, CO 80118	6:30 PM
06/14/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM
07/12/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM
08/09/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM
09/13/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM
10/11/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM
11/08/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM
12/13/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Here is a snapshot of upcoming community events:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	COMMENTS
05/12/2018 8:00 - Noon	Junk Dump	Gravel Pit is located 6149 Valley Hi Rd. Left turn at the end of Perry Park Blvd. in the northwest corner of Perry Park.	PP Ranch residents only, proof of residence required
05/19/2018 8:00-Noon	Perry Park Firewise Meeting	Perry Park Country Club	Fire season update and fire mitigation presentations
06/01/2018	Slash pickup starts		
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration Parade	Participants to meet at the intersection of Bannock and Red Rock Circle. Parade route along Red Rock Dr. starting from the east most intersection with Red Rock Circle and concluding at the "Y" intersection with Perry Park Blvd.	Participants arrive at 10:15 am Parade starts at 11:00 am Free ice cream and water at the end!
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration	Big D after the parade and participant awards	Kids games with prizes. Softball/baseball pickup games Other fun stuff
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration - Denver Concert Band performance	Practice Green on the Golf Course By Lake Wauconda	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Food in the country club parking lot
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration	fireworks Lake Wauconda	Start at dusk

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ment, the Castle Rock Collaboration Campus

(Arapahoe Community College, Colorado State University and Douglas County School District) site plans and architectural drawings have just been approved as plans progress for the start of construction of the two-phase campus to be built behind and to the north of the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital Complex. It will provide for local access to expanded education facilities.



Recognized by *Elle* and *Lucky* magazines as Colorado's best boutique, **A Line Boutique** has stores in Greenwood Village and Cherry Creek North and is in the process of opening its new Castle Rock store

in the group of Promenade shops located at the top of the hill directly across from the Verizon building. The variety of designer brands include Rag & Bone, IRO, Citizens of Humanity, Rebecca Taylor, Golden Goose and more. Professional stylists assist your shopping and complimentary tailoring completes your experience. They are located in the south corner of the building.

At the north end of the building, **Midici Neapolitan Pizza** is also preparing to open. Neapolitan Pizza is famous for its chewy and crisp dough topped with all-natural ingredients and baked to perfection in 90 seconds. Incorporated in 2014 in Encino, California, Midici has established numerous cross-country franchised operations which require about \$775,000 of start up expense. Club Pilates and Berry Blends lie between A Line and Midici.



Starbucks has started construction of its new store replacing a long closed gas station at the s/w

corner of I-25 and Wolfensberger. The single story, 2,000 square foot building will have the usual drive-thru as well. Access will be closed on Wolfensberger - you will enter via Kineer Road which is also host to the recently renovated Burger King and Wendys. You should be able to enjoy their coffees by this fall.

Brinkerhoff Hospitality acquired a 1.9 acre parcel at the "top of the hill" Promenade for \$1.2 million. Brinkerhoff is the owner



of Denver's 37-year-old **La Loma** Tex-Mex restaurant and developer to the new Sierra Grill Restaurant at the Lone Tree Cabella's parcel. The Promenade restaurant will be of similar size of the Sierra

Grill with a 8,444 sq. ft. footprint and a 2,283 square-foot patio. It will be located to the back of the hill collection behind the 7-Eleven and Chick Fil-A, both under construction.

Castle Rock Fire Station 152 broke ground September 18, 2017, and now has its steel structure in place as it heads towards implementation later this summer staffed with 12



personnel. The +\$7 million fire station and three-acre site is the town's southernmost station and brings the total count to six full service fire stations. The station is located on Crystal Valley Parkway at the east edge of the bridge, about a quarter mile from the frontage road.



CVS is out for bids to construct its new pharmacy at the Meadows Town Center across from the Adventist Hospital. The 13,000 square-foot store is expected to cost in excess of \$2 million. Continuing its Colorado expansion plans, it is in the process of adding to its single Colorado Springs Woodman Avenue store with two more this year, (Tower Plaza - 12,900 square feet and the ANB bank site, Academy at N. Carefree - 13,111 square feet).

No more chicken wings at the **Foul Line** which closed earlier this year. The building is located on Founder's Parkway (entrance at 774 Maleta Lane) just beyond Target and is undergoing renovation for its new life as the **Veterinary Emergency and Speciality Care Center of the Rockies**, scheduled to open early this summer. The 9,700 square-foot facility is currently undergoing interior framing and fit out and will have 3 surgical suites. Ask for Dr. Megan Recor or Tammi about your pets' needs.



PERRY PARK RANCH - The Metro District has formed a growing **Social Committee** that is taking on the responsibility of running the various Park activities, i.e. the Junk Dump, Independence Day events, etc. along with being the creator of ideas

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for many new functions that the District can consider to enhance living in Perry Park. The ideas are unlimited and more residents are invited to join in and bring their thoughts to the forefront for board consideration. This is a great opportunity to be an active part of this 800 home community which can use fresh ideas and opportunities to bring residents together.



The Metro District is also forming other committees and seeking more ideas for such things as what and how the parks and conservation areas should be enhanced and maintained, mitigation efforts, etc. Keep an eye on the Metro District web site for more details. In addition, a **Board Director seat** has opened up – contact PPMD if interested in serving the community.

LARKSPUR – Douglas County is planning a \$450,000 two phase modification to the dangerous intersection of **Tomah Road at the I-25 Frontage Road**. Phase I provides for a southbound right-turn lane allowing for a stack-up lane during a train crossing, leaving the southbound traffic flow open. Phase II requires working with the railroad to improve the railroad crossing warning system and most importantly, adding a traffic signal to this very life-risking intersection. With the planned enhancements to I-25, increased traffic can be expected on the frontage road during the three year construction phase. The frontage road already receives heavy volumes from the constant accidents that slow or block the interstate. Access from Tomah Road can be quite a thrill at times. Hopefully later this summer the first phase will begin – the railroad dictates the performance of the second phase.



The New Covenant Church has begun enrollment for its second term this fall of the **Academy Preschool** housed in the church which provides for up to 15 pre-school children. The plan calls for preparation to enter grade school, with emphasis on Christian faith and hands-on experience. The Church and school are located just off downtown Larkspur.



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MONUMENT – The **four commercial parcels** adjacent to the King Sooper-anchored Jackson Creek Market Village Shopping Center, Baptist Road at Struthers, are going through resubdivision to create five parcels in order to make it more commercially viable. The first two front parcels were recently developed with



a 7-Eleven and Modern Dentistry. The rear right parcel (Lot 2B) has been sold and will be developed by the new owner. The rear left, and front right parcels will be developed at a later date.



The El Paso County Commissioners approved the application for the **Beach at Woodmoor** residential development which includes 35 single-family homes on the 12 acre site along Lake Woodmoor Drive. They will be priced starting at \$450,000 up to \$600,000. This greatly enhances the 1972 high density zoning that permitted 82 townhomes. A \$350,000 grant will provide for a pedestrian walkway loop around the lake with a bridge crossing at the spillway.

COLORADO SPRINGS – As I pull out of Perry Park trying to decide north or south for breakfast, another option is joining my early morning decision making. Preparing to open at the Interquest Commons, a newly developing retail complex on Interquest Parkway catty-corner from the big New Life Church, is



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ably because of the problems we've been having with mange.

Both moms and dads care for the young. The young mature rapidly with their eyes opening at around nine days. The other types of foxes have similar breeding schedules and litter sizes and are born at approximately the same time. The juveniles will disperse in the fall. When they're 4 to 5 weeks old, the kits will start to venture outside the den and, at 8 to 10 weeks, they're completely weaned. Another side note here: When the kits eyes begin to open, they are blue! At 4 – 5 weeks the eyes begin to turn the amber/gold color we've all seen. Although they're becoming more independent, the kits will stay with their mother until fall arrives. Believe it or not, they will reach sexual maturity at 10 months of age.

Foxes are notorious for their hunting style – the pouncing, stalking and chasing behavior that we all love to see, given the chance. To watch a Red fox stop, leap high in the air, pounce, and come up with prey is pretty amazing. I routinely see this behavior in the young that I am rehabilitating. They practice, starting at a very young age, even before they are steady on their feet! Perhaps you've seen it in the videos I have shared on the Larkspur Wildlife page on Facebook?

Unfortunately, foxes can carry some serious and sometimes fatal diseases. Diseases of the more serious variety include mange, which can be transmitted to your own domestic canine companion. Diseases of the fatal variety includes rabies which is not something any of us want to see first-hand!



If you find a young fox in the wild, before “kidnapping” him, please be sure to watch from a distance to see if one or more of the parents is around. If they are truly abandoned, they will shriek, cry and howl for their parents. Foxes are also notorious flea-carriers so a word of caution before you pick one up!

Please look on <https://abnow.org/> for the rehabilitator nearest to your Colorado location for help.

If you aren't with us already, please feel free to join the Larkspur Wildlife page on Facebook

Happy Mother's Day!



BEAR WISE

DAIRY BEAR VANDAL IN AREA



“I didn't see nuttin.” Incriminating evidence confirming our up and aboutness was confirmed recently by a local resident – no it wasn't a pile of bear scat that gave us away. It happened when a morning stroll to fetch the weekly dairy order from the milk box was disrupted after discovering the box turned on its side and the contents vandalized.

Two one-gallon containers of milk were drained through teeth puncture holes in the plastic jugs. [Author's note: We bears have a difficult time unscrewing container caps with our paws, so we bite through whatever

we can't uncap.]

Also missing was a pound of butter, including the individual paper wrappers. Hey, better to just eat the paper with the butter than to litter, right? It all comes out in the end - so to speak. Curiously, a plastic bottle of orange juice, also with teeth puncture marks was left nearly full.

This is not the first time an unlocked dairy/milk box has been raided by one of us local bears. Last year, this same resident reported the theft of two gallons of milk, a dozen eggs and two pounds of butter, all scarfed down in one sitting. The bear didn't get far before throwing the concoction back up in a gooey pile about 10 feet down the driveway before sauntering off.

Beer Bear Boozer: In a related story, a few years ago, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife agents found my cousin Benny, a black bear from the town of Olympia, passed out on a lawn near Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. From clues left at the scene, the agents learned that Benny bear had passed out in a drunken stupor from drinking too much beer. Dozens of empty beer cans – at least 36 – were found scattered about, full of the bear's claw marks and tooth holes.



The bruin went on a binge drinking spree when he found campers' unlatched coolers full of beer, puncturing the cans and

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM:

Annually, the Metro District implements mitigation efforts to our surrounding area using both procured grants as well as District funds. To encourage Perry Park residents to better prepare their property and the community for a wildfire event, the PPMD is making funding available to all PPMD residents and property owners through a residential mitigation grant program.

This program has a total of \$15,000 in funding made available to the **FIRST 30** successful applicants and will help defray resident mitigation costs billed by third party contractors (see specifics in the PPMD website for details: <http://perrypark.org/resident-information/resident-mitigation-grants/>).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: On April 8, 2018, the members reviewed a list of questions developed for a community survey. Notification for the survey will appear soon in the PPMD website.

Parks & Rec Committee: Had their first meeting on April 8, 2018, 1:00 PM, at 6465 Perry Park Blvd (Linda Black's house). They reviewed the Social Committee's survey and talked about the Parks and Rec amenities they would like to see the PPMD provide for the community. The next meeting is May 6, 2018,

at 1:30 PM at 6465 Perry Park Blvd. If you are interested in this committee, please plan on attending or contact Linda for additional information. All PPMD residents are invited and encouraged to join us.

Firewise Committee: Slash pickup to begin on June 1st. For details, see the PPMD website at: <http://perrypark.org/resident-information/slash-pickup-free-mulch/>. To better prepare the community to deal with a catastrophic event, they are planning to conduct a practice community evacuation. The date and details for this will be posted on the PPMD website.

PERRY PARK SOCIAL COMMITTEE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

**Cindy Woods,
Social Committee member...**

The Perry Park Metro District has a new Social Committee, which held its first official meeting on Sunday, April 8, 2018. The co-chairs of the committee are Todd McCusker and Debra Vincent. There seems to be a nice blend of members: new residents, those who have been here a few years, and some who have lived here for many years. This should lead to a great mix of expertise and knowledge along with fresh new ideas.

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Total damage here! Moral to this story: **LOCK YOUR CAR AT NIGHT! DO NOT LEAVE FOOD OR EVEN EMPTY FOOD CONTAINERS IN THE CAR OVERNIGHT!** In fact, even if you only ate in the car earlier in the day, consider spraying to dissipate the odor. Bears have an incredible sense of smell! They will trot over from several miles away to get to that food you left in your car!



A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

*Lands Down Under...Short Takes
Wildlife Abounds, but not like that
of Larkspur!*



We took a month's return sojourn to the southern hemisphere and want you to join us on the recollections about wildlife in the southern hemisphere, encompassing the Pacific, Antarctic, and Indian Oceans, this time for the most part, visiting places we had missed on previous visits.

New Zealand

On this trip to Kiwiland, we focused mainly on the wine routes. But a first priority was a visit to Kaikoura to see the giant, 40-foot long, carnivorous sperm whales of Moby Dick legend. Between a plane flight and a whale cruise, we were anything but disappointed – experiencing six of what used to be called “leviathans.” The best view was from the air. The cruise was incredibly up close to these guys – the gals are in warmer

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weather with their calves, sipping exotic drinks, but from the boat we could only see a sliver of their backs and heads while spouting until they dove. In each case, after 20 minutes we were given a magnificent fluke display.



The sperm whales' favorite food is the giant squid, which lives in the deep depths. We were shown a very scary documentary clip of a squid feeding. It looked like a creature from the Black Lagoon when

grabbing their prey with their long tentacles. These are not your calamari squid. They range from 33 feet (male) to 43 feet (females.) They have eyeballs the size of a basketball – the largest in the world. We saw a film of the careful dissection of one before its carcass was preserved for display in a glass case filled with formaldehyde. Impressive.

A treat was to see about 200 dolphins, doing back flips and major acrobatics. It is believed they do this to stir up the fish, and then it is supptime! The only major change to the rhythms of nature in Kaikoura is when the Orcas or Killer Whales come through. Everything hides from these aggressive predators.

In driving to Kaikoura, we had an up-close look at the massive damage done by a major earthquake a few years ago. It uplifted the ground 24 feet along some of the shoreline north of the town. In the town, it was ONLY 12 feet. People were isolated by the quake and had to be airlifted out by helicopter. Some of the crumbling houses remain. After much work, the road was re-opened but re-construction continues, particularly after a recent typhoon temporarily closed it. There were FOUR typhoons in the area right before our trip with another town being hit very hard.

Birds abound. The Tui is a common honeyeater bird with tufts of white feather balls hanging from its chin. The melodious song is unmistakable and we were delighted to encounter it in various venues like olive groves, but the large Kea, a species of parrot, was rarely seen. While visiting vineyards, frequent sounds of gas guns firing made us feel like we were in a scene of the Hunger Games. The guns were used to frighten away birds, namely the ubiquitous starlings, from eating the ripened grapes.



Awhile back I told you about Kiwi efforts to rid the islands of all non-native animals that have destroyed the native populations, namely birds. The Kiwis proudly boast of their progress

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and determination to keep going until every last one of the invasive species like rats, stoats, and possums are terminated.

An early extinction was that of the moa in 1300-1400 A.D. This was a truly BIG bird, about 12 feet high and weighing over 500 pounds. Its demise was from overhunting by the Maori.

Speaking of, the koi that we cherish and protect from herons, snakes, and raccoons, are prohibited, being an invasive species in the streams and lakes there.

Australia

The land of marsupials and raucous birds! Kangaroos, koala bears, wallabies, padymelons, and quokkas. Say what? And, of course, highly venomous snakes and spiders, from which we were spared. We did not venture into the oceans with the great whites and painfully-stinging jelly fish this trip. But the massive fur seals and frolicking Australian seals provided immense entertainment.

We re-visited Tasmania for a whiskey tour, which was cancelled the day we arrived. Bummer. So, we used to time to check out those growly Tasmanian Devils at a refuge. They love to fight amongst themselves. A huge effort is underway to save the species so it does not go the way of the Tasmanian tiger – to extinction. A rare, viral form of cancer wiped out over 90 percent of the Devils. Their fighting and biting each other was a way to quickly spread the disease.



At the same refuge we delighted in feeding the kangaroos, who held our hands still so that they could easily eat the seed. One big dude, Alfie for Alpha, used the large, wicked claws on each foot to strike out at other 'roos who got too close to the food. The small and shy Padymelons, a relative of wallabies, showed up for the occasion.

On the southern coast of Oz, we observed koalas up in the trees and a large variety of parrots, some tame enough to eat seed from our hands. Occasionally an elusive kookaburra appeared. We started seeing the road signs warning of kangaroos, as we had in Tasmania, along with road-side carcasses. We stayed on Kangaroo Island, southeast of Adelaide where, guess what? They have a zillion kangaroos. I am used to seeing the tawny color, but it turns out that they come in a wide range of colors, even Albino with the latter being more susceptible to predators, as they stand out from their habitat.

This island was on a major crusade to eliminate feral cats. The owner of a Eucalyptus-emu farm (emu-another large bird, along with the cassowary) said that he caught a cat that was three feet long nose to the tip of the tail, weighing 40 pounds. BIG kitty. They have put up impressive barriers and have applied poison

that the cats will lick off their fur, but other animals will not. Hold on to your gasp – they even sell cat skins.

Perth, the capital of Western Australia, left us amazed as large flocks of cockatoos flew overhead and congregated in trees of the parks or along grassy areas.

We ferried to small Rottnest Island off the coast of the Indian Ocean. It was first recorded by Dutch explorers in the 1600s with the remark that the entire island was run over by large rats, so it was named "Rottnest" for rat's island. The rats are actually cute, small, friendly marsupials, named quokkas. And yes, the gals have little joeys in their pouches.

A trip south to canoe on the Margaret River allowed us lots of viewing opportunities of birds, like the white-breasted pied cormorant and the very large highly-soaring wedge-tailed eagle. Lunch included emu, kangaroo, and smoked crocodile. Crocs are mainly located in the NW corner of Ozland – far away from us – whew.

Short Takes

Many reports of hummingbirds have come in from around the area. I am so anxious to try my new feeders which just require some ripe bananas to start providing protein to the hummers in the form of fruit flies. But the mornings need to get a little warmer, so that the flies don't freeze

Be sure to check out the Cherokee Ranch calendar. They are hosting a number of nature walks for various interests.

Reminder: all that winter coat fur that you are brushing out of your dog would sure be appreciated by some mama birds, building their nests, and looking for soft material to lay their eggs in. Just make sure when you toss it into the wind, it is being carried AWAY from you, or you might end up looking like a shaggy dog – it's a little early for Halloween.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run. The wind is at a lull, finally, and the mass of fur accumulated from our latest Golden Retriever foster, Lucy, needs to find a new home.

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guzzling as much cold brew as he could handle before passing out. Even more interesting is that the bear was rather particular in his brand of beer. All but one of the empty beer cans were Rainier Beer – a local brew. Apparently, the beer snob bear did try one can of Busch beer but didn't care for it, leaving the rest of the Busch cans unopened and sticking with the Rainier beer. Personally, I'm a Hamm's Beer kind of bear. My uncle Ollie is the Hamm's beer bear mascot in Minnesota.

Lesson for the day: Keep food/drink coolers and milk delivery boxes latched and secure, unless of course they're full of Busch beer or orange juice!

Please send your bear pictures, stories, and questions to: wisebeary@gmail.com

Until next time, enjoy the season, secure your coolers/milk boxes, and keep a watchful eye out for us as we share this beautiful place together.

Your friend in the woods and sometimes your garage,
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• *Beer bear story and picture courtesy of David Smith of Wide Open Spaces.*

BEARS ON THE LOOSE!



Beary Bear apparently missed (or wouldn't admit to?) hearing about the destruction of Greyson Toth's car in mid-April. The car was parked in a driveway in Perry Park Ranch—and, yes, food had been left in the car. The bear obviously got excited.

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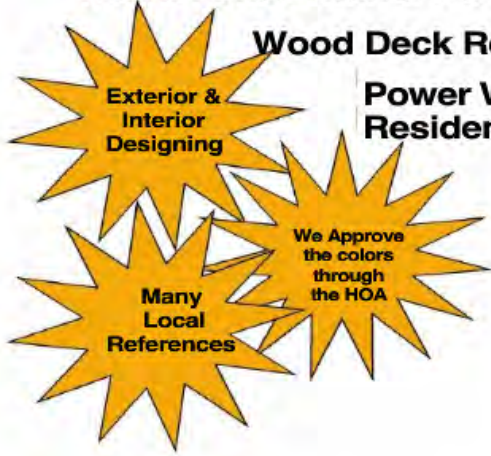
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During the introductory meeting in late February, a number of new social activity ideas were suggested, and time was spent compiling a survey for all Perry Park Ranch residents to complete. The agenda for April 8 included narrowing down the list so that the survey can be ready to go out to residents soon. If you are a resident of Perry Park Ranch and have not yet registered an email address on the Perry Park Metro District website (www.perrypark.org), you may want to do so. This will guarantee that you will receive the survey. The committee wants to make sure that everyone's voice is heard so that we plan activities that hold a high level of interest for lots of residents.

Walt Korinke, a former PPMD board member and a current member of the Social Committee, presented information about the 2018 Fourth of July celebration, outlining what the PPMD will be responsible for and what the Social Committee will take on as responsibilities. We discussed including other activities for kids following the morning parade, and several members will be working on making that happen. Many volunteers are needed to make the parade a success! If you are a resident and are interested in volunteering, please contact Debra Vincent at stessmers@gmail.com

The committee is planning to have an Art/Craft sale after the parade. We hope to attract local people who would like to be a part of the sale. Best of all, it is free to all vendors! If you are an artist or crafter who is interested, please contact Bob Zettler at bobcatcarving@gmail.com. Our hope is that even if we start with a small group of vendors this year, it will continue to grow from year to year.

If you are interested in joining the Social Committee, please contact either Debra stessmers@gmail.com or Todd todd.mccusker@gmail.com.

The more, the merrier! Many hands make light work!

LET'S TALK ABOUT VULPES!

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If this is the first time you've seen that word, it's the genus for the fox family. Here in our part of Colorado, we have three types of foxes.

If you've lived here for any amount of time you've probably seen our ubiquitous Red Fox, the *Vulpes Vulpes*. Maybe you've seen also seen our more uncommon Swift Fox, the *Vulpes Vexillifera*? And perhaps you've seen another fox also in the Canidae family, yet a different classification altogether – the Common Gray Fox, the *Urocyon Cinereoargenteus*? (Say THAT fast three times!!) There are 12 types of species of fox in the "vulpes" genus, but I'll concentrate on the three I've just mentioned.

The Red Fox is one of my favorite animals to rehab because they are so incredibly playful, inquisitive and alert. I'm sure you remember what they look like, but to refresh your memories they are slender, dog-like mammals with sharp-pointed muzzles, and long bushy white-tipped tails. Normally – anywhere other than here in our local area – they'd come in only three color phases, red, cross, and silver, with the red being most common in the wild. All color variations of the Red fox have a white tipped tail; both the Swift fox and the Gray Fox have black tipped tails. Swift Foxes are much smaller than Gray Foxes. Red Foxes are the biggest of the three types.

I've said that we have three common color phases of Red foxes, but because of the historical cross breeding that occurred around here, we see foxes in all shades and colors. To clutter the color schemes up even more, there are melanistic foxes that are a version of the silver fox but lacking the silvery hair tips. That means its skin has a high concentration of melanin, or dark pigment, which causes its black coloring. Whew! With me so far?

What you may not know is that this area of the Front Range held more than a few fox fur farms back in the day.

In about 1928, near Larkspur on Fox Farm Road, there was a fur farm named the Lincoln Fur farm, one of many in the area. This farm raised Silver, Blue and Pearlina breeds of foxes for their much in-demand pelts. When pure black colored fox were born, they were released from the farm since their pelts were of no value. Presumably they bred with other wild foxes. When the United States Government removed restrictions on the import of Russian furs in 1951, the demand for locally raised furs began to subside. Many of these unwanted foxes were released into our local area to breed with the already existing population.



Okay - back to the basics. The Red Fox breeds in the winter months and gives birth in March or April. The litter size is usually four or five but has been reported as high as 17!! Can you imagine?! Poor Mom! Those larger sized litters are usually associated with high mortality areas. On a side note: The litters I'm seeing come into rehab are large – eight and nine kits, prob-

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