



the Perry Park

Sentinel

OCTOBER 2016

Let's get political! Vote YES on ballot issue 4B!



I don't think political issues are appropriate for a community newsletter, but the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District has given great joy to millions of Colorado residents since its inception in 1988. Its funding is up for renewal.

Recently, Colorado was named one of the top states in cultural participation by the National Endowment

for the Arts (NEA)—SCFD is one reason why. From the ballet to the zoo, the Denver Symphony to the botanic gardens, artistic and cultural groups throughout metro Denver have benefited from sales taxes: one cent on each \$10 spent goes to the cultural district. The District includes the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas (except for Castle Rock and Larkspur, where voters opted out) and Jefferson.

If you live in Castle Rock proper or are a resident of the town of Larkspur (some 180 voters) you are not a resident of the SCFD, but every other resident of the county is, including everyone else in zip code 80118. You have a vote to approve this important program.

How do you benefit? Ever been to the zoo or the Children's Museum, a play at the Denver Center or in Lone Tree or Parker? A concert at Cherokee Ranch? You've benefited. According to the SCFD, cultural organizations within the district contributed more than \$1.8 billion into

the regional economy and employed more than 10,000 people. More than 14 million people — 4 million of them kids — attend SCFD-funded programs each year.

Let me tell you Douglas County's story. Each county has a board of volunteer citizens (Tier III) which distributes the monies allocated by district formulas. I was on the Douglas County Tier III board the first year the program existed—1988-89.

In 1989, the first distribution year, the population of the entire county was just about 60,000. Today it's over 325,000. SCFD monies are distributed to the counties proportionately, so Douglas was low on the scale. Additionally, in 1989 only a small portion of the county was in the district, Parker, Highlands Ranch (much smaller then), maybe Sedalia. Lone Tree didn't exist, of course, but it now has an arts center which opened in 2011, funded in part by SCFD.

In 1989 we had only about \$2,500 to allocate to organizations in Douglas County and only about six or seven organizations applied, most from other counties. For the fiscal year 2015-2016, the Tier III board in Douglas County awarded a total of \$596,986.34 to 46 organizations, ten of which are based in Douglas County. Based on my perspective from the first five years of SCFD, that's a staggering success story!

There wasn't much "culture" going on in Douglas County in 1989, and we often had to be creative with our "seed money" to encourage the arts and sciences to grow. But grow they did. Keep it growing. Vote yes on ballot issue 4B to keep the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District alive and well—and to keep cultural events flourishing in your own backyard. ~KDale



PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 10 a.m. at the home of Bev Carson, 4917 Chippewa, Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt, winner of the 2014 Pulitzer

Prize for fiction. Set in New York City and centered on the small painting of the goldfinch and the emotions of its main character, Theo, Tartt's novel is a rich and challenging labyrinth of experiences. The novel for November is *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. Both books are Book Club Express and copies are available. For additional information, see the website:

http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.php.

LFPD CHILI COOK-OFF: The annual LFPD Open House and Chili Cook-off will take place on Saturday, October 8, 1-5 p.m. at Station 161 in Larkspur.

SYMPATHIES TO the family and friends of Dixie Lee Avery who passed away August 22, 2016, at the age of 74. She and her husband Max moved to Perry Park in 2011. She is survived by her husband and by a daughter, a stepdaughter and two sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 29th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Renaissance Festival

grounds on Perry Park Avenue. This is the 20th annual festival to benefit the LES-PTO. Admission to the grounds is free, but wrist bands for the games and cards for food must be purchased. For additional information see the festival website at <http://larkspurfallfestival.org/>

CASTLE ROCK HARVEST FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 15, 2-8 p.m. at Festival Park or Perry Street. This harvest event will include pumpkin carving, live entertainment, a beer garden and more.

CASTLE ROCK TRICK OR TREAT STREET: Enjoy a safe and fun Halloween. Held in cooperation with the Downtown Alliance, this tradition features a costume contest, arts and crafts, pony rides, and, of course, trick-or-treating. All activities are free thanks to support from Downtown businesses. October 31 in downtown Castle Rock, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

COLORADO PUMPKIN PATCH: Jellystone Park (campground), daily 9-5 (Monday and Tuesday, 9-1) through October 31. Straw slides, hayrides, pumpkin bowling and launching, 1-acre maze and much more. Admission charged. For additional information visit <http://coloradopumpkinpatch.net/schedule-admission>.

DOUGLAS COUNTY LAND CONSERVANCY PROGRAM: Mary Taylor Young, author and former DCLC board

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member, will discuss her book, *Rocky Mountain National Park—the First One Hundred Years*, on Wednesday, October 19, 6 - 8 p.m. at CALP's Lowell Ranch, 2330 South I-25 on East Frontage Road, south of Castle Rock. The presentation is free, but a \$10 per person donation to Douglas Land Conservancy is suggested. Books will be available for purchase and the author will sign them following the presentation.

**PROBLEM TREE? NO PROBLEM.
LARKSPUR FIRE OFFERING FREE
TREE CUTTING LOTTERY**

Each year Larkspur Fire's certified sawyers (tree-cutters) must cut at least three trees (on a fire or during training) to maintain that certification. To help do that, the Larkspur Fire Protection District is holding a free lottery this fall for district residents in need of some tree service or fire mitigation. "We see this as a win-win for our citizens and our fire fighters," says Chief Stewart Mills. "Our personnel get training they will need in the event of a wildfire, and the residents get to jump start their mitigation efforts or take care of a few problem trees."



Property owners can submit their names for the drawing from September 1st to October 31st. Names will be drawn and winners notified in the first week of November. After that, senior sawyers will meet with the winners and help select a minimum of three trees on each property. Trees will then be marked for cutting. The work will be done sometime between the second week of November and the end of March 2017. Larkspur fire fighters can also make fire mitigation recommendations during this process.

Other guidelines:

- Trees should not be close to houses or power lines nor require other trees to be cut first.
- Trees should be no larger than 24 inches in diameter.
- Complex trees may be declined due to danger to property.
- LFPD will cut the trees down, limb them up and buck them (cut them into logs).
- LFPD will not move the limbs or logs after falling the trees.
- Homeowners will be responsible for clearing away the logs, limbs, and slash.

To participate in this free lottery just call the district at 303-681-3284 and provide us with your name, address, and phone number as well as how many trees you would like cut. (Depending on the total number of entries we may be able to cut more than three on a property but there must be at least three.) All entries will be placed in a hat and drawn.

For more information, contact Training Officer Paul Hartigan at 303-681-83284 ext. 1104 during normal business hours.

OCTOBER WITH THE LARKSPUR MOMS' GROUP

Hello, Larkspur Moms! Check out all of the fun events the Larkspur Moms' Group has planned as we welcome the month of October!



For more information on our group visit us at www.larkspurmomms.com or email us at larkspurmomms@gmail.com. We are open to all moms in the Larkspur community and host monthly play groups, moms' night out events, and family events. We have so much fun and are always looking for new moms to join our group!

Here is what we have coming up this month:

Play Group:

- **Tuesday, October 4th:** Play Date at the Larkspur Park. Parachute and ball play!
- **Friday, October 14th:** Join us in costume as we celebrate Halloween with our kiddos. Children of all ages are welcome as we play games, do crafts, and of course eat Halloween goodies!
- **Friday, October 21st:** In-home play group

Moms' Night Out: Join us for dinner and a movie on Sunday, October 16th.

Hope to see you at an event or two this month!

~Sarah Bretz, Director of Larkspur Moms' Group

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JOIN THE BLANKET BRIGADE!

The Blanket Brigade continues to be busy creating quilts for charity. More than 100 quilts have been made in 2016.



We are pleased that our membership represents a diversity in age from 11 years to 93 years! We have great fun gathering and would love to have others join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10 a.m. In October that date is October 19th.

The cutting, designing, and piecing of the quilts is done by various members at home and then we tie the quilts together at our meetings. The final stage is for the quilts to be bound at home. So, as you can see, you do not need extensive sewing experience—just an ability to thread a needle to tie the quilts. If you have questions, contact Gwen Underwood gvenspur@icloud.com 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com 303-681-0374.

We are a non-profit, 501(c) 3 group, and our quilts are made with mostly donated materials. If you have fabric, batting, or sewing supplies that you no longer need, please let us know and we will arrange to pick them up. ~GSanders

GET IT DONE

Michael Stone...

I recently got some feedback from Pat Engfer:

"We recently contracted with **Robin Mehl** with **Iron Horse Interiors** to do window coverings for the majority of our home, as well as recovering a set of dining room chairs. We are very pleased with his work and knowledge of different options. He's very conscientious, prompt, and we highly recommend him".

As a long-time resident of this area, I've read many positive comments about Robin and his company, Iron Horse Interiors. My wife and I recently hired Robin to replace the engineered wood on our main floor with REAL Hickory. He got us a great price and arranged everything. The result exceeded our expectations. He's a perfectionist, and he won't be happy unless the result is PERFECT. We also had him re-cover some very dated dining room chairs. In a nutshell, he knows what he's doing, he is fair, and he's been in the business for 42 years. As a side note, he and I developed a friendship. He provides customer service AFTER the sale. You know how most people run away after the work is done? Not Robin. If you have questions or concerns, he'll be there for you. If you need any interior design upgrading, he's the guy to call.

BANKING: Such an embarrassment. I worked for Wells Far-

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go in the IT Division for 18 years and retired in 2014. Current employees are VERY disillusioned over recent developments. As soon as I retired, I yanked every nickel out of there and sold all of my stock. Where did I go?

Castle Rock Bank. It is the only independent bank in Castle Rock. All the employees there know me, and they call me by name. You get big city banking with a small town level of customer service. That's what I really love about this area. You can still find a local business that cares about you as a customer. As more and more development creeps in, this type of service may disappear. I sincerely hope we can maintain the lifestyle that we currently enjoy in this area.

Suggestions for column ideas and any comments can be sent to me at stoneinan1951@msn.com.

WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

I'm sorry, if you were right, I'd agree with you.

Robin Williams



CASTLE ROCK – Hooray!!!! After three years of construction, the multi-million dollar Castle Rock Parkway I-25 exit has opened, and it is a pleasure to drive either into the Promenade or across Santa Fe to its entry into the Meadows near the high school. Smooth and very scenic views. I find it an easier access to the whole Promenade/Lowes/ Outlook collection without the congestion and merging on Meadows Boulevard. Hopefully it will reduce the multitude of cars on Meadows Parkway.

Another Castle Rock development underway. Across Founders Boulevard from the Target, and offset behind the new Burger King, a new seven-tenant retail structure fills



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in the final hole on the south side of the street. Its façade blends in with the adjacent Just Brakes to the west and Verizon to the east. Their anchor tenant is **INTEGRITY URGENT CARE** and the remaining spaces are "to be leased." Integrity

Urgent Care was acquired by the University of Colorado Health in July, providing the resources of a larger hospital system and expanding UC Health's network of urgent care clinics across the Pike's Peak area and converting Integrity into a non-profit operation. This unit is expected to be open by year end.

The skyscape of the Town's south side is dramatically changed with the first mid-rise nearing completing just off Plum Creek near the Safeway. The exterior is almost done and inside is just beginning. The project is being developed and will be partially occupied by Dr. Moroni's **MIRAGE DENTAL**, who has been a long term tenant just across the street. Their claim to fame is that they make your crown while you wait – dental one-stop shopping. The south end of Castle Rock has been basically ignored during this current boom and eventually more development will be forced south as the Northside reaches capacity. The Town has just completed a major overhaul of Plum Creek Parkway and you will no longer risk breaking an axle as you cross Wilcox on your way into Mirage.



We have finally progressed from the cut down last year of the Old Oak Tree at **Granelli's Pizzeria**, through a winter of debate with Castle Rock Engineering to today when the extension opens. It gives

an open-air character to this year-around space which will virtually double the serving capacity of this old time Castle Rock favorite. Great pizza, spaghetti and one of my favorites, hot dogs. If all goes well, just another couple of months should do the trick.

Meanwhile at the other end of the block, The **UNION AMERICAN BISTRO** is hard at work on their



new outside deck rain/sun patio cover and overall refresh of the outside seating. This is heavy duty with large steel beam construction. At a

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Larkspur Elementary presents the 20th Annual:



Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 11am to 4pm
Colorado Renaissance Festival Grounds
650 W Perry Park Ave Larkspur



What is the LES Fall Festival?

The Fall Festival is a fun filled day for the whole family right here in our community with proceeds benefitting our community school. The activities this year will include:

The 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament

Chill, baking, carved pumpkin and costume contest

Adult Scavenger Hunt

Photo Booth

Fun House and Haunted House

And much much more including NEW to the festival this year...A Coloring Wall!!

Admissions: FREE entry to grounds

\$15 Wristband for all games and inflatables (pre-order by 10/21/16 through the school)

\$20 at the door

\$5-\$10 punch cards for food & bake sale purchases ONLY- no games

So come on out with your family this year and enjoy this Larkspur tradition in its 20th year!

For more info about schedule of events, purchasing wristbands and punch cards, volunteering and sponsorship go to:

www.Larkspurfallfestival.org

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higher pricing level than Granelli's, it offers a large variety of tasty morsels, wine and liquor for a pleasant eating experience. A different crowd than Granelli's and both are very popular. My guess is for late fall completion.



The Promenade shops at the top of the hill are getting close as they put their signature on the new buildings along with their colorful awnings. The leaders of the pack are **TJ**

MAXX and **The HOMESTORE**. Just in time as the new highway exit opens and the traffic flows pass their door.



Battle of the fast food renovations on Kinner St. just off of Wolfensberger is done and it is time for you to judge the winner. **BURGER KING** started the challenge and finished their much needed update last month. **Wendy's** was definitely showing



its age as well and answered the challenge, just finishing its effort. Both stores concentrated most of their efforts on the

exteriors. The interiors both went simple modern with only limited change (nothing to either of their kitchens). Do not know why Burger King chose to do all this effort and ignore their tired, stained and droopy looking ceiling tiles – kind of puts a damper on the other changes. Same food from both and same kitchens. The overall effect is an upgraded exterior for a fresh and current look for the neighborhood.



COLORADO SPRINGS – The UCHealth Memorial Hospital plans a September start (completion summer 2018) on its four-story addition which will be linked to the new Children's Hospital which will be starting about the same time. The combined \$200 million medical development takes place on the 100-acre campus at Union Blvd. and Briargate Parkway.



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Memorial's 130,000 square foot expansion adds 20 inpatient beds, eight exam rooms, two operating rooms and more to the hospital. The new Children's hospital has grown since conception to a 280,000 square foot facility with 98 patient rooms, 21 emergency room beds, eight operating rooms. A heart felt addition is the inclusion of some sleeping rooms for parents who need to be near by their children during care.

SAP America (Philadelphia) plans to open two data centers in Colorado Springs. On a 13.3-acre tract in the InterQuest Marketplace at InterQuest Parkway and Federal Drive (near the New Life Church) they plan to build a first phase building of 40,826 square feet that can be expanded by 60,280 square feet to a total of 101,106 square feet where they would house sophisticated equipment for businesses to operate websites or internal computer networks. With cloud based storage, they have 43 data centers in 26 locations in 11 countries and service 110 million subscribers. Founded in 1988, they are based in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, with operations around the world. A second similar sized development is planned on the south side of town on 9 acres in the T5 at Colorado Business Park, a pre-planned, pad-ready 64-acre data center campus.

Following a 6 percent drop in performance last quarter, **RUBY TUESDAY** has moved quickly to shutter under performing operations. By September they want to close 95 (15 percent) of their stores. So far in Colorado, Fort Collins is the only closure. The two Springs restaurants appear to be survivors but to date, only about one half of the closures have been announced. Minnesota and Virginia are currently closure leaders with 1/2 dozen stores each. The National Restaurant Association reports that only 38 percent of all restaurants experienced an increase over last year's sales. "Use 'em or lose 'em" is this year's restaurant motto.

LARKSPUR – Looks like we are getting ready to enjoy the Town of Larkspur's first new commercial construction in a number of years. Keep your pets healthy for another four months when the new **PET HOSPITAL** will be ready to tend to their needs – ObamaCare not applicable. After struggling through a surprise high water table as they worked on their foundation and surface utilities which caused a couple of month's delay, they very quickly popped up the framing in about a week's time. Not ready for interior work yet, but it shouldn't be long. Could make it by the end of the year but I speculate that the first quarter would be a better bet. Welcome a very needed service for the Larkspur Community. You can't miss it, located on the adjacent parcel to the south side of the Larkspur Pizzeria & Café which is a nice place to wait while your pet gets its exam.

MONUMENT – Two is better than one as Monument is about to experience its first senior living facilities. The 60-unit **BETHESDA GARDENS SENIOR LIVING CENTER** has broken ground on 3.16 acres at Beacon Lite Road adjacent to the elementary school, and is underway with its plans to open in the fall of 2017. Just announced is a second facility, **JACKSON CREEK SENIOR CENTER**, which is double the size

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with 131 apartments. The 6.5-acre parcel is located on Jackson Creek Parkway and the planned extension of Harness Drive, just north of the Walmart Center. The three-story, 128,500 square foot building plans to open in January 2018. Both projects will provide independent living, assisted living and memory care units. Studies reflect the growing need for senior living facilities in the area, and these two projects are situated to cover both sides of the community at a combined cost of almost \$40 million.

DENVER – With Denver's industrial market on a multi-year



hot streak, record-low vacancy rates and steadily increasing rental rates, **MAJESTIC REALTY COMPANY** plans to break ground on Colorado's largest-ever "single-phase" industrial development to be built all at

once, building 834,580 square feet in three buildings. The buildings will be located in the Majestic Commercenter, an industrial park at the intersection of I-70 and Tower Road. One building will total 523,260 square feet, while the



other two will be 154,320 and 157,000 square feet. Completion is expected in summer 2017 and when these buildings are finished, Majestic Commercenter will total nearly 4.2 million square feet in 17 buildings. The 523,260-square-foot building will be the largest speculative individual warehouse building ever built in the metro area, eclipsing a 500,000-square-foot building (also by Majestic) that was completed in 2014. Their confidence was spurred by the recent lease of their last 452,000 square foot building by Amazon, which upon execution of the lease, approached the developers to build another large building for their occupancy. Majestic is headquartered in Los Angeles and has developed over 76 million square feet of real estate since 1948.



On-going area information can be found on the FACEBOOK site "Perry Park Sentinel" and in postings as they occur at on the recently modernized site covering the many development activities along the I-25south corridor - www.waltswords.com



DOUGLAS COUNTY MOTORCYCLING

Michael Stone...

Two Booms Cause New Challenges

If you have kept up with reading the *Sentinel*, you are likely to be aware of the very helpful column called "Walt's Words," written by Walt Korinke. He keeps the readers informed about many construction projects and improvements that are taking



place in Douglas County and in our neighboring counties. With all the building activity going on, our area is experiencing rapid growth in housing and in new retail space. It's a boost to the local economy and provides more jobs for residents of this area. BUT, all this construction is Boom #1; **the construction boom.**

In the year 2000 Douglas County had a population of 175,766, which increased to 285,465 by the year 2010. The US Census Bureau estimated that there would be 322,387 people by the year 2015, and Douglas County has published a figure of 327,230 as of January 1, 2016.

In researching the same Census Bureau data for Perry Park, the population stood at 1,180 in the year 2000, and had increased to 1,646 by 2010.

Other areas of the county are growing fast too. Notably, Parker and Lone tree are gaining more people, and there is new development planned in the near future for the open space that is East of Castle Pines. If you look at maps of future planned development, most of the growth is along the I-25 Corridor, and most of it will be East of Highway 105. Population growth will probably continue and that is Boom #2; **the people boom.**

These booms present new challenges for motorcycle riders. It's already obvious that the infrastructure is not keeping pace with the growth, and our roads are becoming more congested. More traffic requires extra vigilance when operating a motor vehicle, and especially when operating a motorcycle.

I went back and reviewed some material from the class I took when I first learned how to ride. Some of the principles remain very valid. As riders, it never hurts to go back and review older information. As we all know, there is no substitute for experience, so we need to continue to ride, and to ride safely. Here are some tips I got from the class, mixed in with things I've learned from experience:

1. Make sure your motorcycle is maintained properly, and check it before you ride.
2. If you obey traffic laws, you reduce your chances of having a crash.

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3. Practice your bike skills, especially turns and emergency stops.
4. Try to visualize conditions 12 seconds ahead of you.
5. Leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front.
6. Pay equal attention to conditions ahead of you and behind you.
7. Intersections are NOT a place to become aggressive. Be cautious at them.
8. When executing turns, plan ahead to get the right apex of the turn and stay in your lane.
9. Your chance of surviving may easily depend on wearing a helmet.

My friend from the Douglas County Sheriff's Motor Unit, Sgt. Chris Washburn, told me he is working on the details of a class for civilian riders, where the Motor Officers will present tips on how they ride and what they do to survive in this changing environment. He called these "Cop Tips for Surviving." I told him I'd be all over that whenever it's ready. Maybe if some of us could band together to express interest, we could present him a list of interested civilians so he'd have ammo to get approval. I'd be happy to gather names to present to him, so shoot me an email if you are interested in the possibility of taking such a class.

My road name is "Ranger," but people around here like to call me "The Hidden Forest Hoodlum."

Column ideas and any comments can be sent to me at stoneman1951@msn.com.

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD Ken Sanders, Secretary, LFPD Board...

The Board of Directors received exciting news from Chief Mills and Volunteer Division Chief Walden about the awarding of a grant that will significantly improve the quality of emergency response care for citizens of the District. The Department was informed that it was successful in its bid for an Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) grant funded through FEMA. This grant will pay for five Physio-Control LifePak15 Cardiac monitors, four sets of automobile extrication stabilization struts, nine P25 compliant portable radios, fourteen P25 compliant mobile radios, and three Stryker Power Pro hydraulic cots that make it easier and safer to move patients. The AFG grant will provide the District with approximately \$329,000 worth of equipment but will only cost approximately \$16,500 of LFPD budgetary funds. Special thanks go out to Chief Mills and Volunteer Division Chief Walden who worked together to secure the much needed funding.



The LFPD will be offering a free tree cutting lottery program.

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This program, developed by Training Officer Hartigan will provide valuable training for our personnel while at the same time provide a fair and free mitigation service to the taxpayers of the District. Property owners need to submit their names between September 1st and October 31st. Names will be drawn from a hat in the first week of November. More details can be found at <http://www.larkspurfire.org/>

The LFPD Board of Directors wants to remind the residents of the Larkspur Fire Protection District of the annual LFPD Open House and Chili Cook-off which will take place on Saturday, October 8th from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. This event will take place at Station 161. There will be a number of mouthwatering chilis to be sampled and judged and there is a rumor that there might be an entry from one of the LFPD Board Members. We hope to see everyone there!!



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SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT

Jim Matchett...

The September meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District began at 4:30 p.m. on the 21st with all directors present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the August 20th regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous. Next, the board was introduced to Ben Gelt, a political campaign consultant, who was being considered to assist the District in gaining district voter approval for bond issues necessary to fund various infrastructure requirements as indicated by the 2016 District Master Plan. After a comprehensive discussion with Gelt, the District Manager, and the district's Systems Operator, Semcor's Scott Monroe, the Board unanimously voted to retain Gelt's services.



Disbursements of \$ 88,157.64 were then reviewed and unanimously approved. Next, a feasibility study had been completed by TST Infrastructure LLC, for the lot at 5133 Echo Valley Road and it was accepted by the board. The first draft of the 2017 Budget was then reviewed. Over the next several board meetings, the draft will be thoroughly discussed, prioritized and finalized before its submission to the Department of Local Governments in December.

The District Systems Report for August submitted by Semcor was then reviewed, and operations were characterized as normal, excepting a water main break on Cheyenne that inconvenienced eight homeowners, but the line was returned to full service that same day. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the district manager, Diana Miller, was reviewed and the news here was that new construction permits for 2016 now total 16.

With regard to other business and open items, the board received the quarterly update letter provided by the district's legal advisors. There was no audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. As always, further information is available on the district website, www.ppwad.org.

WHAT'S UP AT THE METRO BOARD?

Walt Korinke...

All board members were present and the meeting commenced at 5 p.m.



VISITORS - Dave Hamling, a Red Rock Road resident, attended the meeting and discussed his concerns regarding the drivers not adhering to the posted speeds on Red Rock.

MINUTES - The minutes for the August District meeting were reviewed and approved. They are available on the website www.perrypark.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials – September 1 2016



Receipts	\$ 3,586
Disbursements	\$ 4,660
Cash Account	\$475,895

There were no major expenses this month. The majority of the expenditures were the payout of seven resident mitigation grants totaling \$2,864.

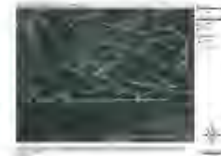
The first draft of the 2017 budget was presented in preparation for future discussions prior to final approval at the December board meeting.



DAFFODIL PROGRAM The daffodils have been ordered and will be available for distribution to participants at the Gateway entrance around the end of September. A notice will be sent when they are available.

TRAIL AND BUFFER PROJECT

– Keith Worley was not present for the meeting, but his report was available for review. It provided the initial cost projections for roughing in six new trails



at a cost in the mid \$40,000 range. Keith will be firming up the projections with actual bids, and we anticipate commencing work on the Bannock Trail within the next couple of months. We will be reviewing the Wauconda Pass Trail

studies performed by the Colorado School of Mines in the early 2000s to assist us in considering the Wauconda Pass Trail. We now have enough preliminary information to begin preparing a public presentation of our current thoughts for the overall trail system. We will place maps for the proposed trails on the District web site and follow with the initial background information shortly.

GATEWAY, GILLOON, WAUCONDA & BIG "D" PARKS Douglas County plans for the Gateway entrance will take some time to progress, and we will continue to work with the County

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Pete Dunbar

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as they hopefully move forward. Our Gateway rejuvenation efforts will be paired with the County's efforts. We obtained permission from Perry Park Water and Sanitation to do a water tap for irrigation once our new landscaping efforts take place.

Now that the weather permits, Chris Korinke is back again tackling the reed reduction at Gilloon Pond.

Our third party effort at grass cutting the various areas of the Park was not up to par, so Chris and Walt did what is hopefully the final cut for the year with their lawn tractors. Very preliminary discussion was held on next year's plan for maintaining our grounds and will be discussed later in the year as we prepare for next year's plans.



TECH ISSUES – Six Mobile CB phones for future emergency control use have been received and will be distributed to the directors for their use when an emergency requires.

Bids have been received for the new Red Rock Drive traffic sign, and we are preparing

the information for Douglas County approval of the location and actual signs to be used. We are midway through the actual process and hope to have the sign up and operating within the next couple of months.



Jim Cassidy is preparing the resident survey relative to the individual experiences of electrical services in the Park, and an IREA representative will be attending the October Board meeting to discuss if we can expect in improvements in our aging utility services.



SLASH PICK-UP – Fall Slash Pick-up starts October 1. Stack it HIGH and one big pile please. Weather permitting, a February burn of this year's collected slash is planned. See the District web site

for zone maps and instructions.

FREE MULCH – The mulch program has ended and will not be reinstated.

RESIDENT MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM – This year's resident grant program is now CLOSED for applications. Resident's work is progressing and distributions are taking



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place. All work must be completed with receipts processed no later than November 15 with all grant distributions completed by the December board meeting.



ROAD REPAIRS - Douglas County will be paving #105 from Tomah to Perry Park Avenue this month.

OTHER MATTERS – The District was active with those attempting to rescue the mistreated geese at the Gateway Lake, unfortunately to no avail. It appears the wounded geese all died. The disrespect for animal humanity was harshly brought to the attention of area residents who observed the geese with darts/arrows projecting from their heads, and hopefully resident participation will prevent a future occurrence.

Derek Meredith presented information on FEMA's CERT Training available to all residents, and it will be posted on the District web site. **CERT** educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.



It is important that you REGISTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS with the District. Please go to the District website – www.perrypark.org

Metro Board Members:	
President	Walt Korinke
Vice President	Randy Johnson
Asst. Vice President	Derek Meredith
Secretary	Jim Cassidy
Treasurer	Chris Korinke

Metro Board meetings are held at the Perry Park County Club the first Thursday of each month and will commence at 5 p.m. sharp.



RETREAT

Robert Morgan...

*It's time to bring Saint Francis in,
the statue in the yard that stands
through summer heat and autumn rain
to welcome birds and butterflies
to water cupped between his hands.
For Brother Ice and winter thaw might crack his
terra cotta flesh
and break the saint to shards and bits,
so friar must become a monk
in the cellar or barn until
the spring releases him to preach to insect, mockingbird,
and field.*

This poem was published in the May 2016 *Atlantic*.

Good modern poetry creates sharp little images frozen in time, like a photograph of a memory that impressed itself on the mind. As we move inexorably toward snow and ice, this imagery speaks to me. Perhaps it will speak to some of the rest of you this fall as you straighten up the garden and prepare it for winter.

Robert Morgan is a native of the Blue Ridge Mountains, setting for many of his works. Morgan has taught English at Cornell (NY) since 1971. He's both a prolific poet and a novelist. His latest volume of poetry is entitled *Dark Energy*. His best known novel is *Gap Creek* (1999), a best seller when it was an Oprah book club choice. ~KDale

BEAR WISE



Howdy, Folks –Beary the Bronco barrel bear here.

Autumn is my favorite season - football brats cooking on unattended barbeque grills, ripe berries begging to be picked and a smorgasbord of backyard garden vegetables calling my name.

October Fest is October Feast for us Colorado black bears who have less than 60 days before we curl up in our winter dens for a long nap.

If my butt looks a little big in this barrel it's because I'm instinctively packing on the pounds this time of year to provide the energy I will need to survive a four to six month fast from food and water. Please help us eat healthy by being extra careful with your garbage storage, pet and bird food.

Shorter daylight hours mean you folks aren't spending as much time outside which provides more opportunity for us to steal our way around your property searching for easy food sources. Remember, our sense of smell is keen enough to detect food inside your car or garage refrigerator.

Do Not Disturb

We have already pre-selected our winter hibernation spots for this coming winter. We never use the same den twice. Common winter denning locations can be caves, ravines, hollowed tree trunks, culverts or even a pile of brush or tree limbs. I hear Florida is a great winter rest location, but I'm not sure how to get there from here. We usually enter our local "reserved" denning locations when Mother Nature signals us by a period of falling temps - usually in November. If the food supply is still abundant and weather conditions are relatively warm, we may hang around a bit later in the season.



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Although we are not true hibernators, meaning we can be woken up if disturbed, we enter a deep sleep, slow metabolism state called "Winter Lethargy." This inactive sleep state is the only way we can survive when natural food sources become scarce over the winter months.

If you happen upon one of us curled up in a ball fast asleep, be careful and quiet as we have been known to wake up to scope out the situation for danger.

Until next time, enjoy this wonderful place in Colorado we inhabit together and remember – Black Bears Matter!

Your friend,
Beary



IN MEMORY OF...



Marilyn Jean Desens
April 15 1923, Illinois -September 22nd, 2016, Colorado

Father: Francis T Walsh Atty at Law

Mother: Winifred Ahern Walsh

Brother: Thomas T., 1925-2009

Long-time residents of Perry Park, Marilyn and Sherwin "Butch" Desens, have lived at Windcrest since 2007. From Illinois, Marilyn was married

on July 24, 1945, to Sherwin Desens, her high school sweetheart. Settling down in Milton Junction, Wisconsin the couple became parents of surviving children Nancy Sue in 1946 and Paul Thomas in March of 1950. During the Korean war Sherwin flew air sea rescue for the Air Force from to Clark AFB in the Philippines. The family followed when housing was available. A series of military assignments followed in Maryland, Alabama, Idaho, Washington DC, Arkansas, and Nebraska until 1973, when they retired to Colorado.

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They designed and constructed a home in Perry Park near Larkspur. Retirement included attending classes at various Elder hostels and traveling. Hobbies included golfing, both for fun and exercise, collecting Majolica pottery, and photography.

Marilyn is survived by her husband and two children, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A private ceremony was held at Logan National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association of Colorado at lung.org.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

Falling into Winter...Down East...Short Takes

Freeze Warnings!

>>>First!!! If you are not planning on feeding birds this winter and are feeding them now, please stop. Otherwise they will be dependent on you for food when the snow tops the Mulleins, and they will starve to death.<<<



The cooler weather and shorter days remind us to use the pleasant weather to prepare for the not-so-pleasant weather, unless you are one of those freakoids, in my mind, who relishes freezing cold temperatures, blizzards, moving avalanches of snow, hauling in wood with their freeloaders – spiders, stink bugs, earwigs – all to entertain your winter guests.

Bird houses should be cleaned with a soapy solution with some bleach added to ready safe spots for birds to tunnel in during snow storms and to be ready for the early nesters such as the Western blue birds. Bird feeders and bird baths require the same solution, too. And unless you are really into tie-dyed attire, painting clothes are the ticket.

By now all of my hummingbird feeders would be cleaned and tucked away for the winter, but a few tenacious youngsters still want their sugar-water joy juice. But going further into October, I will definitely leave one up for the migrating stragglers. By the end of October, if they have not gotten the message, it is sayonara.

And time to stock up the bird seed – black oil seed, and a good quality seed mix with no red millet and only a small quantity of white millet, and Nyjer thistle, found at feed and grain stores in Castle Rock. Whole unsalted peanuts, best bought at Costco, delight the jays on snowy days, and direct them away from the regular feeders so smaller birds can feast in peace. And put out a small salt block with fine crystals, also offered at feed and grain stores. Salt is an essential mineral, but not the salt we use in our food.

Down East in Bar Harbor, Maine

How awesome – a short respite to lobster and chowda country to indulge in the steamed lobsters oozing melted butter and the delicious clam chowder. Beyond that, the stunning reds of turning maple tree leaves, the smell of the salty ocean, and get this – no chain stores like McDonalds or Wal-marts! Shopping is in quaint, fun shops like Bark Harbor for dog aficionados. Or how about a bird house made from the bark of white birch trees from In the Woods, a totally non-profit business. Or duck into a wine or beer tasting salon with locally made wine and ales.

Bar Harbor's true treasure is Acadia National Park which is not centrally and contiguously located on Mount Desert Island. It is found in pockets here and there and everywhere. The park offers a long list of adventures from examining tidal pools not found in downtown Larkspur to boat trips and early morning bird walks. We signed up for a 7 a.m. trek on a very foggy day – remnants of Hurricane Hermene – that turned out to be a bit challenging. As with any birding, listening for bird calls and songs is the best way to identify the local inhabitants, but the wisps of fog dulled the visual experience. The red-breasted nuthatch skittered up and down trees searching for yummy insects. Here in Colorado we are graced with the white-breasted and pygmy nuthatches. Sob, one lies dead on my deck with its skittering days now past.



To no avail, I have gone to extreme efforts to attract the cedar waxwings to our backyard nature mecca short of putting up signs for free homemade grub. These colorful birds LOVE berries. We planted Pyrocantha, European Mountain ash, Virginia Creepers, and high-bush cranberry bushes, all laden in berries this time of year. And the elusive birds were there among the tree tops of deciduous trees in Acadia, clearly off-course from Colorado by a mere couple of thousand miles.

I saw my first robin this year in Acadia only to return and two days later one was parked in my bird bath!

The ocean viewing for shore birds was a bust with the sea being nothing but gray foggy soup. We did encounter a shallow cove where through the haze we spotted a great blue heron, herring gulls, ducks and geese, and gulls big enough to carry off your children, namely the Greater Black-Back Gull, who also love to dine on the darling Atlantic puffins that come close into the coast to breed between May and August obviously to accommodate high-tourist season there. They are classified as true pelagic birds, ones that spend a significant portion of their lives living on the open ocean spread across thousands of miles, only coming into land to mate and raise their young'uns. The most famous pelagic bird is the albatross that can live to be in its 60s while feeding and even sleeping while transversing the

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world's oceans.

Hooded Mergansers, Black Guillemot, the humongous pileated woodpecker with the jack hammer pounding, bald eagles, and cormorants were among the frequently scene feathered friends in this area.

We learned enough about lobsters to be presenters on Nat Geo Wild – their life cycle, anatomy, how to sex them, breeding, and conservation measures including the fact that if you want to eat a lobster bigger than three pounds, you will have to go somewhere else besides Maine.

We went on a lobster boat trip where traps were hauled in. All bounty received a pardon and were thrown back into the sea, despite their being legally large enough to take. Harbor seals and large gray seals frolicked in the water off nearby islands. Recent whale sightings reported minkes, humped backs, a fin back, and a right whale.

Road kill in Maine is typically woodchucks. My recipe books don't cover that delicacy.

Allow me to share a vignette that appeared in Down-East Magazine a number of years ago. Late summer-early fall is the only time that Maniacs lock their cars while at home. The reason? To keep neighbors from loading up the cars with zucchinis. Drum roll.

Short Takes

Earlier this year the suet and woodpecker blocks were covered with scarlet tanagers. Now it is the nuthatches, including the adorable pygmies. Most of the seasonal birds have checked out as the blue jays and Oregon races return to freeze their feathery butts off this winter.

The bears are discriminately checking out their suspender wardrobe to choose the right ones to support their big bellies that they will be acquiring over the next month or so before they lumber off to find the perfect snoozing den.

One of our Virginia creepers has taken over a life-sized ornamental stork to make it into beautiful topiary, now with red leaves and berries.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – time to muster the koi for a headcount while dishing out their fishy-smelling vittles.

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