



The Perry Park

Sentinel

OCTOBER 2017

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The absolutely spectacular shot of Sentinel Rock comes from Hannah Lofland whose house overlooks the rock and the golf course. Summer, winter, spring and fall...visit a whole series of pictures taken of this scene from Hannah's house at the Larkspur News Facebook page. It's one of my first stops every morning just to see what glorious new views she's offering us all. Thanks, Hannah.

And in celebration of October, a few quotes from others who love the bittersweet joys of the autumn season.
~KDale

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil

time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November.

- Rose G. Kingsley, The Autumn Garden
*I saw old Autumn in the misty morn
Stand, shadowless like Silence, listening
To Silence.*

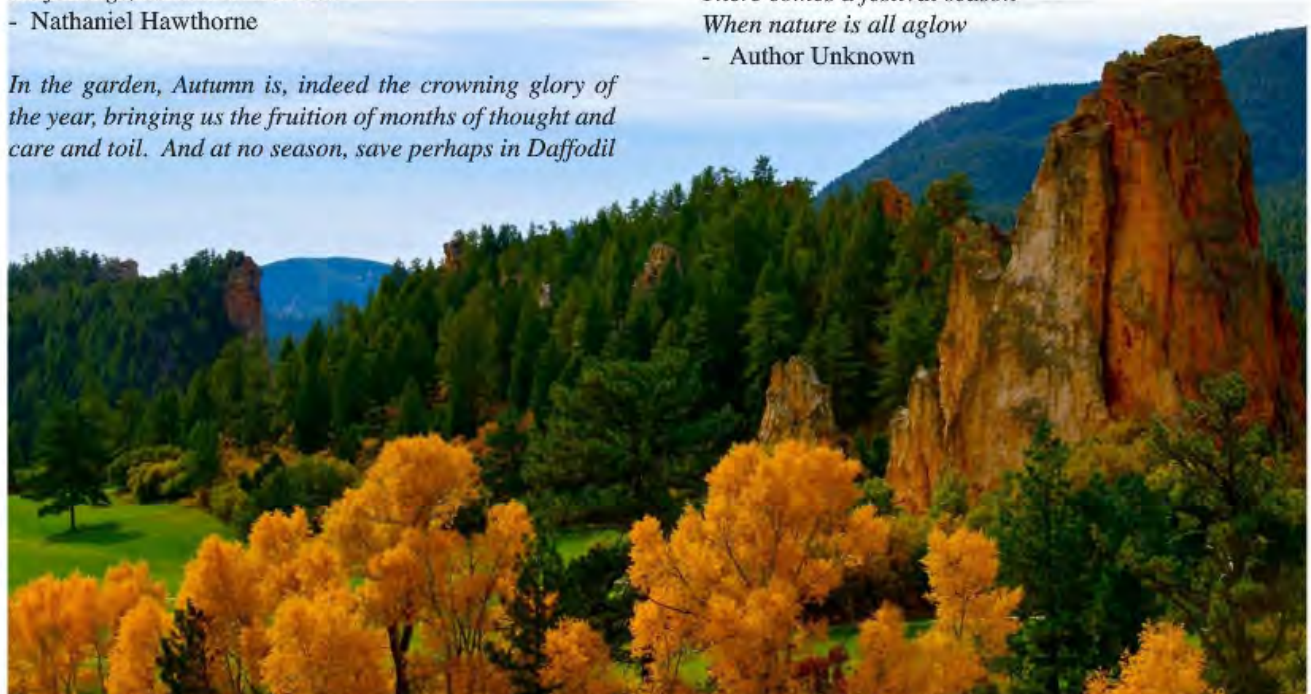
- Thomas Hood

*Corn and grain, corn and grain,
All that falls shall rise again.*

- Harvest Chant

*Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow*

- Author Unknown





LARKSPUR HEALTH FORUM: The Town of Larkspur has partnered with Centura Health and the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital to bring educational forums to the community of Larkspur. These forums will

help identify the need for medical care or services within the town, as well as provide the community with education on a variety of health topics. Dr. Steven Yamazaki, HealthFit Family Medicine in Castle Rock and Valerie Muse, Gym Director for HealthFit Family Medicine will be presenting on **October 10 at 6 p.m. Larkspur Fire Station Community Room Larkspur Fire Station Community Room.** The topic is *How to Optimize Overall Health and Wellness by Integrating Modern Medicine and Proper Diet and Exercise.* The Douglas County Senior Council will provide information on senior and family services available within the county.

BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 10 a.m. at the home of Bev Carson, 4917 Chippewa, Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *The Winter Palace* (BCE) by Eva Stachniak, a novel about the rise to power of Catherine the Great, Empress of all the Russians. The narrator of the story is Barbara, a sixteen year old court seamstress when a fourteen year old German princess named Sophie joins the court. Together they move from obscurity to power in 18th century Russia. The novel for November is *The Hundred-Foot Journey* (BCE) by Richard C. Morais, a novel about a boy from Mumbai who becomes a French chef. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For additional information, visit the website at http://applclane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html.

THE BOOK EXCHANGE, Larkspur's free library, is open on Saturdays (except holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road, in the Town Hall Annex in the heart of Larkspur. You don't have to live in Larkspur to take advantage of this fabulous resource. If you do have a donation, we don't take textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines, (though we'd like to look at the encyclopedias for other purposes). For more information, contact Krystine at 413-348-3579, or Cindy at 303-681-3046.

FREE CONCERT IN CASTLE ROCK: John Adams, The Tribute to John Denver: Saturday, October 7, noon-2 p.m. at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park, 1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway. Benefits Tunes for Trails / Perks for Parks. Donations welcome. Seating is first come, first served. Bring a picnic and the family. Come enjoy the fresh air and free music! No outside alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted.

WESTERN MUSEUM OF MINING & INDUSTRY off I-25 in Monument, hosts the annual Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. WMMI will open up the historic 27 acres located at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains for a celebration of all things fall! The event will feature a pumpkin patch, hayrides, food trucks and craft vendors. The popular Gold Canyon Gunfighters will be back

again to wow the crowds. Visitors can witness the operating stamp mill and blacksmith shop as well as hear the roar of the museum's working steam engines. There will be crafts, fun activities for kids, and face painting.

HONORING VETERANS FOR 16 YEARS AT LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY: Larkspur Elementary School is proud to announce that its 16th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Friday, November 10, from 10-11 a.m. in the school gym. All veterans and active duty personnel are invited to join us, along with their families, as we honor their service at this beloved event. The program will include patriotic songs performed by students in Grades 1-3, a flag folding ceremony by Mr. Dale Erickson of the American Legion Harry C. Miller Post 118, and interviews with veterans. After the assembly, veterans and their families are encouraged to stay for lunch which is generously provided by our parent community. Should you need assistance with transportation to the school or require more information on the event, please contact Sally Erickson at 303-519-4251. We hope you will join us at Larkspur Elementary in thanking all those who have served and continue to serve our country.

THE BLANKET BRIGADE has been very busy making our quilts and we are on target to make 300 quilts this year! We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10 a.m.. We tie the quilts there, so you don't need any special sewing skills! We are a 501(c)3, and we always welcome any fabric, yarn, batting or thread donations. If you have donations, please contact [Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@icloud.com](mailto:Gwen.Underwood@icloud.com) (phone 303-681-2125) or [Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com](mailto:Cindy.Hotaling@cjaspsjr@yahoo.com) (303-681-0374) and we will make arrangements to pick them up.

LOOKING FOR A FALL FESTIVAL IN COLORADO? Check out the Everfest calendar at <https://www.everfest.com/colorado>



LES PTO'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
Mark your calendars for the 21st annual Larkspur Elementary School PTO's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Colorado Renaissance Festival Grounds in Larkspur.

This fundraiser is a true community event that draws families from Douglas and El Paso counties and beyond. All guests are invited to come in costume and enjoy a fun-filled day. Activities scheduled include a Costume Contest for Pre-K through 6th Grade, Cupcake and Toy Walks, a Haunted House courtesy of the Larkspur Fire Department, Inflatables, a Fall Flavors Bak-

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ing Contest, Bake Sale featuring home-baked goodies, Chili Cook-off, and a Trick or Treat Street!

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers to help and teens can earn community service hours. We are also seeking sponsorships and donations of goods, new toys, candy, and bottled water. If you can help or are interested in sponsorship, please email Larkspurto@gmail.com.

Check out www.larkspurfallfestival.org for event details and sign up to volunteer under the Volunteers & Donations Tab! Invite your friends and family to come spend the day at our Fall Festival and help raise funds for our little school in the woods. Thank you for your support!

LARKSPUR MOMS' GROUP CELEBRATES OCTOBER

Thank you to all the Larkspur Moms that got involved in September events. The Play Groups and Moms' Night Out were a lot of fun. It was wonderful to meet some new members and to get the kids and parents connected. We are looking forward to another really great month in October.



Thursday, October 5: LMG In-Home Playgroup for Kids 0-5

Saturday, October 7, 5-7 p.m.: LMG Family-Night Out at the Stube in Palmer Lake, we have the deck reserved at the Stube for all the families to gather for a nice fall evening with some amazing German food!

Friday, October 13: LMG In-Home Playgroup for Kids of All Ages. This Friday the 13th play group will be held during the "Witching Hours" of 3-6, the LMG will provide a fall stew for dinner.

Friday, October 20: LMG Annual Halloween Party, 10:30-12 at the Larkspur Firehouse. Watch the Facebook page and website for details. There will also be a sign up for food.

For more information or to request membership on our Facebook page, please visit us at www.larkspurmomms.com or email us at larkspurmomms@gmail.com. If you are new to the area and would like information on joining the Larkspur Mom's Group, call Debbie Swanson at 303-918-9260.



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LARKSPUR TOWN HALL VANDALIZED

Walt Korinke...



Larkspur's new I-25/Spruce Mountain Road Travel Center has been a "hot topic" with several heated discussions at Larkspur Town Council meetings. About a dozen area residents, some town and some surrounding, have made their opinions heard, sometimes with verbal responses on both sides becoming quite boisterous. As is typical of these meetings, seldom do those in favor of a project actu-

ally attend unless they are actually involved with the project itself – this is just the way it works. No matter which side of the fence (or neutral) you are on, growth of a community is always contentious – and should always be approached by all with respect and open minds to all concerns and opinions.



Unfortunately, a very juvenile effort by someone opposed was recently experienced with **VANDALISM** to the Town Center. The spray painting of slogans on the windows is not only disrespectful to the town, but reflects a criminal effort to impose an individual's desires upon the community. Protest,



but do it peacefully. Support is also acceptable – do it if you believe in it. It is the Council's responsibility to gather the community input and then make the best decision for its citizens. Yea or nay, grow up!



eve of All-Saints Day or All-Hallows Day. Holiday of course

Halloween

is a medieval contraction of the name All-Hallows Eve and simply means Holy Evening linguistically. In the Roman Catholic calendar after the eighth century, it was the

means Holy Day—the day after the Holy Evening. Word roots are important!

But, like all internationally popular celebrations, All-Hallows Eve acquired customs from many cultures and over time. How you spent the Holy Evening depended on where you lived. In some cultures it was a solemn affair, spent praying for the souls of the dead. Others held special suppers, not unlike the Jewish Seders with traditional food and prayers. And some cultures created a night of the dead, saw All-Hallow's Eve as a time when souls returned to earth, moaning and wailing like the lost souls they were.

It was the Celts in Ireland, Scotland and Wales who celebrated All-Hallows Eve with merriment. In England it became a secular holiday because, with the overthrow of the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th century, the week was no longer "holy." Indeed it was actually outlawed by Queen Elizabeth as being "too Roman" in its religiosity. But the people carried on the traditions anyhow. Children still begged at neighbors' doors for "soul cakes."

Traditions from the Celtic celebration of the end of the harvest, Samhain, also made up the celebration of Halloween in Great Britain. Pumpkins and scarecrows clearly mark it as a harvest festival. Masks and monsters and ghosts—the whole idea of lost souls—linger from early Christianity. Maybe an anonymous Scottish poem expresses the supernatural aspects best: *From ghoulies and ghosties / And long-legged beasties / And things that go bump in the night, / Good Lord, deliver us!*

And trick or treat? Well, obviously that grew out of begging for soul cakes, but it acquired its present form of children going door to door demanding candy in the United States in the 1920s. Give us a treat or we'll do you a trick! An entirely American invention based on bargaining and profit!

~KD



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

LFPD Mission Statement

Dedicated to our community through quality services, compassion, and excellence

New this month is the LFPD Member Profile, introducing members of the LFPD to the public.



LFPD Member Profile



NAME: Jarrod Lamb

RANK AND TIME SERVED WITH LFPD: I've been with LFPD for 21 years and my current rank is Captain. I started my career with LFPD as a volunteer before being hired full-time 1 1/2 years later. I also currently serve as the Fire Chief for the Jackson 105 Fire Protection District.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: I started my career with LFPD in 1996 and I've also worked with Jackson 105 for 7 years.

ORIGINALLY FROM: Castle Rock, Colorado

FAMILY: My wife, Courtnee, is an elementary school teacher in Highlands Ranch and we have a 5 year old daughter, Chloe. We have a dog named Hopee. We currently live in Castle Rock.

HOBBIES: Some of my hobbies include, fly fishing, snowboarding and exploring all Colorado has to offer.

WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT SERVING WITH LFPD: The small town community and the people I work with. We are blessed to work in such a beautiful place. All of our employees and volunteers are very dedicated to serving our citizens.

WHAT SHOULD OUR COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT LFPD: In 2016 we responded to over 1,000 calls for service. We respond out of three stations. Two stations are staffed 24/7 and our third station is manned by volunteers. Station 1(in

Larkspur), is staffed with four paid members, Station 2(Perry Park), is staffed with two paid members and Station 4 is located on Furrow Rd. Volunteers also pull shifts at either station one or two to supplement staffing. Our shifts are a 48/96 schedule, meaning crews are on duty for 48 hours and off for 96 hours. We run three shifts; A shift, B shift and C shift. Our administration consists of the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Training/ Volunteer Coordinator Lieutenant, Administrative Assistant and our Board of Directors.

Calls for Service: August 2017

LFPD Call Statistics - August, 2017

Fires	5
EMS	34
Alarm Activations	4
Other	33
TOTAL	76

Upcoming Events

October 15 from 11:00 to 3:00 – LFPD Open House at Station 161, followed by the annual Larkspur Volunteer Fire Auxiliary Chili Cook-off

October 19 at 7:00 PM – Board of Directors meeting at Station 161 located at 9414 South Spruce Mountain Road

PET TALK WITH PILAR

Disaster Plan for your pets

The recent national disasters we experienced in the United States bring to mind the fact that we who live here in this beautiful forest need to be ready for a possible disaster. Anyone with pets should be cognizant of their needs and be prepared to know where you can take them if you need to leave your home with short notice. We are more likely here to have much shorter notice of impending danger than our coastal neighbors had.



Pet owners need to have a grab and go bag containing at least a five-day supply of essential items. Those items may include leashes, collars/harnesses, identification tags, pet medications, vaccination records, food, water, bowls, photos, toys, litter pan and litter, first aid kit, and list of contacts. This kit should be reviewed on a yearly basis or more often as needed to make changes and refresh. A crate is a great way to enable travel and storage of your pet if space is limited where you are going.

Be familiar with where appropriate shelters (including hotels), boarding facilities, and veterinary hospitals are that may be able to help you. Have a list of friends that may be able to provide accommodations for you and your pet if you need to evacuate your home. Your pet will likely feel the stress of the situation and fire fighters will not be able to rescue pets that are aggress-

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sive toward them. Fire fighters do their best to evacuate everyone, but they need to know how many pets are in your house to look for them. Having a sign on the front door can help. This sign should include how many pets, what type of pets they are, and your contact information.

Pets may escape fire and get lost, microchipping and tags are crucial. Someone may find your pet so a tag with your cell number (or more than one if available) can help to reunite your pet with you sooner. Your pet may lose its collar and identification tags so microchips are needed. The microchip is only effective if the information is current, so be sure to update the information when needed and review that it is correct on a yearly basis.

Your local Larkspur Pet Hospital can help you to make sure you are prepared in case of trouble. Being prepared for disaster can help you and your pet stay safe and alive. Please call us at 303-681-3980 or come in with any questions or concerns.

WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

"Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly." — Dalai Lama



Douglas County Commissioners recommend a \$6.4 million dollar plan to relocate the **I-25 frontage road** to the west side of the BNSF

train tracks with access from Plum Creek Parkway. This ties in with plans for the I-25 expansion and as a result would finally open a vast new area for development previously hindered by the need to cross the tracks. DOT I-25 expansion plans include tying in the frontage road where it currently ends at the Yogi Bear Campground, with Larkspur's Spruce Mountain Road in order to make the frontage road a viable emergency road when I-25 backs up traffic.

CASTLE ROCK – With the Douglas County School District student population growing at over 1,500 per year for the past five years, Charter Schools have continued to pop up in Castle Rock. The latest planned addition to the growing charter school community will be **MILESTONE ACADEMY**. The 38-acre site, located west of the



intersection of N. Ridge Road and Plum Creek Parkway, is in the process of being annexed, zoned, and permitted for the first of two phases.

Construction for Phase I is planned to start immediately for fall 2018 occupancy. The 8.3 acre parcel will have a 50,000 square foot, one-story building (including gym) that will house up to 700 students in kindergarten through 10th grade and will include an elementary playground. Parking will be provided for 153 cars, and the campus will be closed except for student drop off and pick-up. A second phase will add through 12th grade and increase capacity to about 1,400 students. At that time, track, baseball and football fields will be added along with another 50,000 square feet of classrooms. Additional land remains for a potential third phase as needed. Over 1,000 families have already shown an interest in sending their children to Milestone. For additional information about enrollment and curriculum, Milestone's web site is <http://www.capstonecollegiate.org/milestone-academy-castle-rock.html>



In 2003, **THE ENCHANTED GIFTS** opened for business in downtown Castle Rock in the little yellow house at 376 Third St. For 14 years they have been selling a large variety of gifts, making sure to reflect seasonal changes in inventory i.e. Halloween, Christmas, Easter. You

could find jewelry, collector items, home décor, fairy gardens and much more while they continued to make inventory changes to match customer desires. Now it is time to move and everything is on sale, as they get ready to relocate to the north end of Wilcox in the building that houses the Castle Pines Motel and the Estate Sale Consignment Store. New spot, where you will be able to continue to shop the treasures of The Enchanted Gifts.

Foundation work on The **RIVERWALK** development is progressing on the south side of Sellars Gulch, and we can expect

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to see the start of framing in the very near future. The second phase on the northside of the gulch has been kick-started with the demolishing of the popular **BLUE NECTAR** Mexican restaurant along with the start of excavation. The project is well underway with the park and street renovations across from the Riverwalk including a new round-about at Perry and 2nd street intersection to quiet the traffic flow in the business section.



Some changes are coming to one of my local favorites, **AUGUSTINE GRILL**. The old house will be converted to a New England style restaurant and outdoor patio eating area will see a new 3,450 square foot brewery, **WILD BLUE YONDER**, added to the site. Most of the original structure will remain and additional outside seating is planned if the town approves the changes. Keep an eye on the 519 N. Wilcox parcel.

The **PROMENADE** kicks off another parcel between King Soopers and the 24-Hour Fitness facility. At the northwest corner of Factory Shops Boulevard and Promenade Parkway the 3.51 acre lot has been excavated and footings are in for the first of three **8,230 square foot buildings** (24,630 square feet total) for multi-tenant leasing. No tenants have been named yet. The new **CARWASH** has also been started on the adjacent parcel. At the top of the hill, ground work should begin momentarily on the new 3,000 square fiik. **SEVEN-ELEVEN**, a 4,526 square foot. **CHICK-FIL-A**, and a small **THREE - TENANT building** with a drive-through. **ENT CREDIT UNION** is in the framing stage across from Sam's. Next to King Soopers, **ROSS DRESS FOR LESS** and **HOBBY LOBBY** are progressing with poured concrete walls and floors in place.



With Wells Fargo undergoing its third recent scandal (two million unauthorized credit cards, unneeded auto insurance on car



loans and now, overcharges to merchants for credit card processing), maybe it is timely that **The BANK OF AMERICA** has opened its new full service bank in front

of King Soopers. Some loyal Wells Fargo customers might be considering a banking change at this time.



Court next to Chili's and Black-Eyed Pea. Signage and landscaping will also be updated.

Culver's update - Yes! **CULVER'S** is still planning to build on the site they acquired adjacent to Arby's just south of the Promenade. They have been working through the town's concerns about increased traffic draw in the area and have been delayed in their start, which should be occurring momentarily.



Update - Former **King Soopers** - possible **MURDOCH'S** is facing stalled negotiations. King Soopers is still on the lease and paying rent on the vacant store and Murdoch's has strong interest in subleasing the space. They were hoping to finalize a deal and occupy in early 2018, however, King Sooper has made no effort to fix the leaky basement (yes there is a basement). Until the basement problems are resolved, Murdoch's can not proceed. C'mon King Sooper - fix the basement!

MONUMENT - PILOT TRAVEL CENTER is planning a new truck/camper travel center for the 11-acre parcel on the southwest corner of I-25 and Baptist Road. The development would include a 13,595 square foot building with an Arby's/convenience store/gas station with multiple gas pumps, auto and truck parking and a truck scale. It is located directly across Baptist Road from the older Diamond Shamrock Truck Stop. Pilot Flying J is the largest operator of travel centers in North America with more than 750 locations in 43 states and six Canadian provinces. Headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee, the company employs more than 28,000 people.



A small 12-acre in-town parcel located on the southeast side of Lake Woodmoor is undergoing a zoning update and PUD designation for 35 single story (some with walkout basements) ranch homes on 60' by 120' parcels. The site located just west of Lewis-Palmer Elementary school is bisected by Lake Woodmoor Drive. The original 1972 zoning providing for 150 townhouse/condominiums is obsolete and requires rezoning. Looks like the inner-town will see some new development (**THE BEACH AT WOODMOOR**) planned for a 2018 start.



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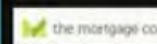
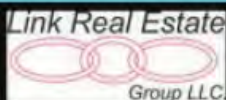
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The faith based, locally owned and operated **BETHESDA GARDENS** senior assisted living and memory care living community opened in September. They offer studios, 1 and 2 units and companion suites, 24- hour care, restaurant style dining, a fitness center, theater and chapel. The location just south of the elementary school is walking distance to downtown Monument.



Fourteen acres of valuable I-25 frontage is being rezoned to PD Planned Development that permits industrial/warehouse uses with outdoor storage including auto/collision repair, office/warehouse, contractor's yard and mini-storage. The seven parcels (1.1 to 2.5 acres), known as **WOLF BUSINESS PARK**, are located on the east side of Beacon Lite Road at Wolf Court, just north of the Mobile Home Park. In addition, building permits are requested for the first proposed user, **TRI-LAKES COLLISION** (auto body repair shop) for the two-acre Lot #7. Tri-Lakes will build a 10,000 square foot building and fenced storage yard on the lot. A second user, **REDLINE PIPELINE** (a utility contractor), has expressed interest in another WBP parcel.



Vacant since the Natural Grocers moved to their new store on Baptist Road, the building located across the street from the Safeway on Monument's business strip is undergoing interior renovation for occupancy by a **DOLLAR TREE** which should do quite well in this location. Dollar Tree, Inc. is an American chain of discount variety stores that sells items for \$1 or less. Headquartered in Chesapeake, Virginia, it is a Fortune 500 company and operates 13,600 stores throughout the 48 contiguous U.S. states and Canada (including one in Castle Rock in the Home Depot shopping center.

Two new home starts in August bring the total of new homes in various stages of construction to 26. We currently have 772 residences. We are rapidly approaching 800 Perry Park residences and the inventory of buildable lots (streets and utilities) is very low. The sales market has slowed during the last month, but total sales year to date are three ahead of last year at 38. Dollar volume at \$24,414,000 is \$5,230,700 ahead of last year, a combination of both higher prices and more upper end homes in the sales market.

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Perry Park SALES
year to date

DATE	HOMES	CONDOS	\$\$\$
31-Aug-16	35	1	\$19,183,300
31-Aug-17	38	3	\$24,414,000

CASTLE PINES – The new City of Castle Pines is already experiencing growth and traffic problems and is in the process of implementing a new plan to reduce and control speed and add bike lanes to Castle Pines Parkway. The plans call for 1) reducing the number of lanes in each direction from two to one, 2) adding protected bike lanes in each direction, 3) improving crosswalks and 4) reducing speed limit from 40 to 35 mph. If the city can get voters to approve a one-cent sales tax increase, it will be able to do additional improvements needed for the area.

DENVER – Looking for a good fish dinner? You might want



to try the new 7,000 square foot **801 FISH** restaurant which is opening in the new 112,000 square foot Civica Cherry Creek office building in Cherry Creek on Fill-

more between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. The owner/operator already operates the 801 Chophouse in Cherry Creek and looks forward to opening the 801 Fish early in 2018 and it plans to have Cherry Creek's largest outdoor dining patio for your fresh air enjoyment.

COLORADO SPRINGS – Thirty-three years ago, at the southwest corner of I-25 and Woodman Road, the 200,000 square foot **TIF-FANY SQUARE** opened



its doors as a shopping center with its prime anchor, a movie theater. It struggled from the beginning and was quickly foreclosed by an S&L which itself failed, with the property then going into a federal agency responsible for cleaning up the doomed efforts of the S&L commercial lending industry. In 1994, the 10-year-old \$25 million property was acquired for \$3.3 million by Los Angeles investors. Thirteen years later, it was foreclosed again. Back in 1994, it began its conversion from specialty retail to office use in which capacity it still functions today. MCI was its prime tenant until it closed its Colorado Springs headquarters. Still a well-located, highly visible, office location with rents at one-half the grade "A" office building in the area, the property has just been acquired by UHAUL, which is already using a portion of the parking area for its trucks. Uhaul also plans to spend \$2 million to convert the empty portion of the building to indoor storage space. The remainder will continue under leases to Alorica call center, five radio stations, IBMC College, Las Palmitas Mexican Restaurant and the Red Rock Church. The location only gets better with time.

Following several failed attempts, the **Colorado Springs Public Market** (renamed **PIKES PEAK MARKET**) has found a home downtown at 9 S. Weber Street. The 3,000 square foot facility will house about 20 vendors marketing fresh fruits

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vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, etc. sourced locally for the most part. Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday.

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PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT PRESERVING OUR COMMUNITY

All remaining board members were in attendance at the August 10th board meeting. Two members had resigned just prior and we thanked them or their service and initiated a call out to the Perry Park community for interest in filling those two spots. Craig Van Doorn was seated at our Sept 7th meeting and Linda Black will be seated at our Oct 12th meeting.



It was a full agenda; the board reviewed and approved the minutes and financials for July, and approved the retention of Special District Solutions to provide management support to the district.

BOARD MEMBERS

President Randy Johnson
VP Derek Meredith
Asst VP Craig Van Doorn (seated 7 Sept)
Treasurer Vanessa Dao
Secretary Linda Black (to be seated 12 Oct)

MINUTES - The minutes for the July District meeting were

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reviewed and approved.

FIREWISE AWARD – Keith Worley presented the 15-year Firewise Committee USA recognition to the board. Perry Park was one of the first communities in the nation to establish itself as a Firewise Community!

TREASURER'S REPORT



The board reviewed the improved PPMD Investment Policy and approved.

NEXT SCHEDULED PPMD BOD MEETING

The next scheduled BOD meeting is back to a Thursday, Oct 12th at the Perry Park Country Club. We will start a working session at 5 p.m. to discuss our grant efforts and then begin the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Firewise Committee

We're in the process of upgrading the emergency evacuation route signs to make them more visible with clearer direction indicators.

Management Company

The board had solicited bids and reviewed interested candidate companies during a special session in late July. Special District Solutions (SDS) was selected as meeting the requirements and providing a best value bid. SDS works primarily with small districts such as the PPMD and will help the board to have continuity in our knowledge and expertise required to execute the roles and responsibilities of the District and Board.

PPMD Property Maintenance

Wauconda Park – The park has been cleaned up and repairs have been authorized. As of late September, the old (unusable) basketball court has been removed and one of the play equipment sets repaired, with the final repairs planned for early November (delayed due to parts availability). Our thanks to Keith Worley for taking the lead on coordinating these repairs!

Pond Reclamation- The board deferred the cat tail chemical treatment after further discussions both internally and with the PPW&SD. We will investigate mechanical means, but at this time do not believe chemical treatment is advisable due to concerns with ensuring drinking water is not impacted.

Special Topics

It's almost time for the Daffodil distribution and we'll be posting for Perry Park residents to sign up in early Oct.

Resident Fire Mitigation Grant Program

The next slash pick up is scheduled for October so no better time to do more mitigation than now. Grants are still available

for up to \$500 towards your mitigation efforts so don't wait, if you are planning on taking advantage of the resident fire mitigation grant program in 2017, please download the grant form from the PPMD website and email to submit@perrypark.org or by mail to PPMD. And remember to stack your slash piles as HIGH as possible in as short of stacks as possible. This makes the collection much more efficient (and so more cost effective).

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



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

BEAR WISE



Greetings, Bronco fans. Beary here. Hope you are enjoying the early fall season in Colorado. The chill in the air reminds us black bears that time is getting short before we head to our winter denning locations. This means we are extra active in stuffing ourselves to survive several months of hibernation that are just around the corner. Our main diet consists of insects, foliage, berries and, if you

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allow it, bird seed, pet food and people food. The last three food groups can be detrimental to our health and your safety, so please take extra care by keeping these items locked safely away from our wandering noses. Also, a reminder that intentionally feeding us is strictly against the law. If you witness this act, please report it to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Services and your local law enforcement agency. Part of responsible citizenship is being the eyes and ears for law enforcement so that we bears have a fighting chance to co-exist with you peacefully.

Colorado Bear Family in the News.

Recently the fate of a mama black bear and her two cubs ended tragically as reported recently on the Channel Seven website. It seems two hikers on the Enchanted Forest Trail near Golden encountered the mom and her two cubs on the trail. In an effort to encourage the young bear family to yield so the hikers could continue on, they yelled, blew whistles, ran behind a tree and even used bear spray to no avail. When the bears charged toward them, the hikers retreated unharmed and reported the incident as “aggressive bear behavior” to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Service.

Remember, when a bear is reported as displaying aggressive behavior, the Parks and Wildlife Department has no choice but to assume the bear is a danger to public safety and kill them. Rarely are exceptions made to this rule. In this case, the rangers located the bear and her cubs a few days later and put all three down as a public safety precaution.

Unfortunately, the mother bear was not able to tell her side of the story. Public safety demands that second chances not be granted once a bear crosses the line regardless of the circumstances. Yet I’m wondering if, when the two hikers discovered the bear and her cubs on the trail, they had yielded first by backing slowly (not running) away, rather than insisting the bear leave the area that the story might have had a happier ending. From the bears’ perspective, all this commotion, noise and bear spray was most likely perceived as a threat to her and her young ones. When feeling threatened this mom did what moms instinctively do – protect their young from harm – perceived or real. Normal healthy bear behavior is for us to run away rather than fight, but when cubs are present the rules sometimes change. If you encounter this situation, make noise to let the bear know you are



there. Then give as much room as possible for the mom bear and her young ones to move on without incident. As for bear spray, use this tool only as a close encounter defensive measure. Never use bear spray as a means to clear the bear from the area as the hikers in this story apparently did.

If you believe a bear is exhibiting aggressive behavior and has lost its fear of humans, please call the Department of Wildlife and give a report. They will assess the situation and act accordingly. If you feel your life is in danger, call 911.

The on-going challenge for bear and humans alike is to find a way to peacefully co-exist without harming each other.

Making a commitment to be “bear wise” is a good first step in the right direction.

Until next time, you have a friend in the sometimes unpredictable bear behavior business.

Beary



Once more a Larkspur resident wins the Douglas Land Conservancy's Wednesday Wildlife photo contest. Winners are chosen by viewers of the entrants on Facebook. Rebecca Troncalli submitted the porcupine for the September 8 competition.

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PLEASE!

Once more, it was brought to my attention that mainly newcomers to Larkspur need to be reminded why most of us are in the country. To get away from the city lights and to embrace wildlife. Flood lights and bright runway strings of lights along driveways burning incessantly just annoy one's neighbors and deter the wildlife, the larger ones needing 600 feet space from houses and lights. So PLEASE dim them or just turn them off. You will allow yourselves and your neighbors to see the stars and the International Space Station. Cool, huh? You wouldn't blast music on outdoor speakers 24 x 7, right? Light pollution goes along with noise pollution. Your neighbors and the wildlife thank you profusely.

Embracing the Fall

First, a warning! If you are not going to feed the birds through the winter, please remove your bird feeders NOW!

If you are going to feed the flocks, then stock up on all the birdie goodies – black oil sunflower seed, a songbird or wild bird mix sans the red millet, suet, Niger thistle, woodpecker seed blocks, and a small salt block at a quality supplier. And don't forget the non-salt whole peanuts (cheap at Costco) for those snowy days when you want to keep the jays from dominating the feeders and just be entertained over their pickiness.

No matter if you are feeding or not, PLEASE consider putting out a heated bird bath...you will still see lots of aviary during the frigid winter months. And they even take baths, no matter how cold it is. But it would be nice to have some warm birdy-sized Turkish towels available.

The last hummingbird seen here by us was September 18th, but we are still keeping up a feeder into mid-October for the hapless migrator which did not get the message with the rest. Take me with you!

But beware of the bears fattening up for their long winter hiatus...feeders will have to still be brought in every night until the cold weather and lack of food drives them into cozy caves to snooze through the blizzards. And last night I was reminded by our dogs that wily raccoons enjoy bird seed, hummingbird food, dog and cat food, and koi. And they also like dining in-

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doors courtesy of a dog door.

And that said, if you need a laugh or two for the day, check out the raccoon being a dog's best friend.

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This year we are being inundated, and happy for it, with the Painted Lady butterflies on their migration path to Arizona, New Mexico, and northwestern Mexico. Apparently, the wet summer increased the egg laying – so many

plants, and so little time. La Nina, which is occurring, is theorized to boost the migrations numbers to our benefit. These "ladies" look somewhat like monarchs, but are much smaller. They love flower gardens, but wild flowers such as aster, yarrow, sunflowers, along with Lavender, catch their attention for these prolific pollinators.

Hurricane Calamities

I cringed with the horrific stories about people, pets, and wildlife coming out of Houston and then Florida, and now, who knows what else with all these disasters?

Other than contributing to the pet and wildlife rescues, we took in Hurricane Hailey on a few hours' notice, she being one of the first survivors to come out of Houston. She had been tied to a tree and barely had her nose above water before a neighbor saw her. Her legs and feet were covered with horrific red spots from fire ants. Her snout and head were peppered with bumps from fly bites. She was not trained at all.



Today she was adopted into a fabulous pack with two other rescue dogs, of course each with her own story. One puppy sister looks like she came out of the same litter, so now Hurricane Hailey is very, very happy.

Having been to Big Pine Key in the Florida Keys, I have been particularly concerned about the diminutive key deer there. If the strong winds here that cause me to almost lose my balance,

what about them weighing less than me? Because of something like whirling disease, a neurological disorder that has killed thousands of deer and elk here, their normal population of 700-800 was reduced to approximately 100 recently. But then Hurricane Irma. And then a few days ago, one appeared and looked thirsty. There is very little fresh water there. It is salt or brackish. The refuge manager offered him a bottle of water. He drank four bottles before skittering away.



The key deer have survived for thousands of years, just like chickens.

And the darn chickens! How do they survive hurricanes? On Kauai, Hurricane Iniki basically wiped away the island. The chicken coops were blown out of existence. And now? Free range chickens!

On St. Thomas, one family survived by catching and eating chickens. They were rewarded by being flown to Puerto Rico in time for Hurricane Maria. So, is there a difference in chicken flavors from one island versus another?

Who Knew? (and not a political commentary)

Consider this possibly to be a regular section in *A Walk on the Wild Side*.

Colorado is in the top five butterfly diversity states.

Another Who Knew: With a birthday gift certificate in late August, I went shopping on the Duncraft bird supply site. I was amazed to find out that hummingbirds are omnivores and require something besides nectar or sugar and water. Protein! But not steak.

The description from Duncraft of the Hum-Bird hummingbird feeder says it best:

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fully expect to see hummers too fat to fly next year.

The reason I am bringing this up now in the advent of cold weather when all the hummers are on their way to warm paradises – take me with you! - is that the feeders are now discounted. And with the holiday season near, you might want to put these on your gift wish list.

Still another Who Knew. The monarchs migrate September into October. Milkweed is their number one go-to for laying eggs which hatch into larvae that eat the milkweed. However, on their migration path back to Mexico, as adults they are attracted to asters and goldenrod! Got it! Right here in Larkspur, Colorado! I have photographed one on our blooming butterfly bush.

Short Takes

At last! The Evening Grosbeak has arrived! Note the singularity of Grosbeak. Grosbeaks are highly gregarious, living and traveling in flocks. So, what is with this one lone adult male? Was he kicked out of the flock or lost his way? Or maybe like many young males, he just does not follow directions. But, wait. Hark! There are more...a small flock of young ones. The adult must be dad. Mom kicked them all out. I like her.

Now October, the pesky yellow jacket wasps continue to swarm. With our bait traps, hundreds have died, but they continue to swarm, and now in the house among all the dang house flies.

The local bear is doing its part, continuing to dig up their nests. That bear must look like it has small pox.

OK, one last anecdote. One of our dogs, Ollie, is mostly English setter, and a true hunter. Fortunately he has learned to stay on our property until he heard a familiar “squeak squeak squeak.” It was coming from our next-door neighbor’s Have-a-Heart cage. She had had a problem with squirrels knowing their way into her house. Ollie dragged the entire cage with the squirrel inside it to our front door, saying “Hey, Mom and Dad, I found my own squeaky toy!”

That’s all, folks, for this month. Gotta run. Hurricane Hailey’s poop accident stains have attracted an abundance of flies and wasps. Time to clean it up BETTER.

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