

DRESS UP FOR THE LARKSPUR FALL FESTIVAL!



Lots of treats and shows, Saturday October 26, at the Renaissance Festival grounds.



POKER NGHT: A group of locals has organized a poker night every two weeks. **The next game** is Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 PM at 1341 Quartz Mountain Road. RSVP to Craig Van Doorn

by text or phone call at 918-697-9751. Anyone in the 80118 area code is invited. The game is Texas Hold'em with a \$20 buy in of which one half goes toward the fireworks fund. Games start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m. and are held at various members homes. Contact Craig Van Doorn at 918-697-9751 if you would like to join us.

LFPD CHILE COOK OFF! Join the firemen for an open house and chili cook off on Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Station 161, 9414 S. Spruce Mountain Road. Activities with demonstrations include station tours, an air life helicopter, and Douglas County search and rescue.

PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet on **Tuesday, October 15**, 10 a.m., at the home of Debra Vincent, 4471 Shoshone Drive in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Set on the marshy North Carolina coast, the novel is “an ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.” The book for November is Fanny Flagg’s comic novel, *The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion*. Books read by the group are part of the DC Libraries Book Club Express program, so copies are available to members. For additional information, contact Carrie Murdoch at 307-760-0755 or carriejeanmurdoch@gmail.com.

THE LARKSPUR BLANKET BRIGADE makes quilts for anyone experiencing trauma, loss, adversity, or illness. Our group was formed in 2015 with four ladies and we have grown

to 15 dedicated souls. We are able to create and give away 300 quilts each year. If you know of anyone in need of little extra comfort, contact us at Gwen Underwood at gwenspur@icloud.com or 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at cjaspsjr@yahoo.com, 303-681-0374. We will arrange to get a quilt to you. We are a 501 (c)3 and we operate mainly with donations of fabric. If you have any extra fabric, batting or yarn, please consider donating to our group. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Perry Park Country Club. You do not need any special sewing skills because we only do the tying of the quilts when we meet. All you need to know how to do is thread a needle, so come join us! ~GSanders

FREE FALL FESTIVAL: On October 6th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Zoology Foundation will be hosting our second annual, fall festival! This year, the Zoology Foundation turns 10 years old and we’re happy to celebrate with our community! Join us for crafts, face painting, inflatables, magic shows, half-priced sanctuary tours, and more! The Zoology Foundation is located at Crooked Willow Farm, 10554 S Perry Park Road (Highway 105). The Zoology Foundation is a working animal sanctuary with a focus on education and the human-animal connection. We host classes, tours and other activities at the sanctuary. <https://www.facebook.com/zoologyfoundation/>

MONUMENT HILL FARMERS MARKET will still be open at 66 Jefferson in downtown Monument on October 5th and 12th, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Beginning November 19 an indoor market will be open 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. every third Saturday of the month into April. For additional information, see their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/monumenthillfarmersmarket/>

2019 FINE ART & CRAFTS MARKET: October 26, October 27, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at Lewis Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Road in Monument.

Larkspur Free Library
Tons of Books and videos
Town Hall Annex
9524 Spruce Mountain Rd
Thursday 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Special thanks to Krystine and Cindy Kramer for all their creativity and hard work in the development of what is a very special addition to the Larkspur community!

The LFL Record For One Person, One Visit:

123 Books - All FREE

The record holder was going overseas to teach English, and visited the Larkspur FREE Library to fill out her teaching materials. But whether you take 8 or 80 books (or movies, games or puzzles), they're still FREE. LFL offers 12,000 FREE books for all ages and tastes, baby to senior citizen, physics to history, ladies romances to Shakespeare, baby's first books to young adult novels; hundreds of FREE movies (DVDs and blu-ray), classics to recent thrillers and foreign films; FREE audio books, FREE games and puzzles. It's hard to believe that anything can be really FREE, with no strings attached. But Larkspur FREE Library (LFL) is unique in the entire state, perhaps the nation. There's no place like it anywhere. We're FREE. Really, actually, honestly FREE. Visit LFL today, Saturday, September 21, from 10am to 2pm to find out what we offer. LFL is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road on the east side of the road. Come and check out what everyone is talking about. And of course, we always gladly accept donations. For more information, contact Cindy at 303-681-3046 or Krystine at 413-348-3579. ~KKramer



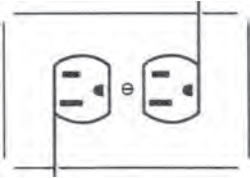
HONORING VETERANS FOR 18 YEARS AT LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY

Larkspur Elementary School is proud to announce that its 18th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Friday, November 8 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 our students in Grades 1-3, a flag folding ceremony by representatives of the American Legion Harry C. Miller Post 118, and interviews with veterans. After the assembly, veterans and active duty personnel are encouraged to stay for lunch with their families. The lunch is generously provided by our teachers, staff, and parent community. For more information on the event, please contact Sally Erickson, (303)-519-4251. We hope you will join us at Larkspur Elementary in honoring all those who have served, and continue to serve our country.

Does anyone have pictures from 10 + years ago when the Larkspur Park was undeveloped or in first stage of development? I am planning an article on the park and would love to run before and after pictures! Send to Sentineleditor10@msn.com. Thanks! ~KDale



New molding, and painting underway, new carpet coming and lots of shelves to install before filling them with books and videos. Meanwhile the library is still open on the very crowded north side while the three new rooms on the south are being prepared. The end result will be a fresh new library with double the capacity. ~WKorinke



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IN MEMORIUM
DAWN LEVERNE HANEY:
July 13, 1951 –
July 23, 2019

Dawn’s Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at the Perry Park Country Club on Sunday, October 20th, from noon until 4 P.M. in the Sentinel Rock Room. Hors-d’oeuvres and light refreshments will be served.

She was once described by her modeling agent as “classic beauty, with understated grace and elegance.” When she heard herself described that way, she laughed and said she wasn’t sure “if that lady was actually talking about me!” But others around her knew it was an accurate description. Born to Lois and Austin Arrington in Houston, Texas, on July 13, 1951, she was the youngest of two children, including her older brother Austin.

She often said that she didn’t deserve all of the good fortune that came her way. Those who knew her disagreed. With a passion for travel, she visited more than 50 countries and, as she described it, “lived the life of a princess,” for roughly twenty-four years in various places throughout the Middle East. There was Saudi Arabia for 14 years in Dhahran and later in Jeddah, Abu Dhabi for nearly 9 years, and Kuwait and Bahrain for just over a year. People became enthusiastic as Dawn described her experiences in the Middle East as a rare adventure.

She could read, write and (reluctantly) speak Arabic, as well as conversational Spanish. She was a tournament bridge player, an avid tennis player and a regular participant in ladies golf. She was a member of Perry Park Country Club in Colorado, The Emirates Golf Club in Dubai, and a Founding Member of Abu Dhabi Golf Club in the UAE capital.

In her 20s, she was a “print model,” appearing in magazines and newspapers; in Saudi Arabia she was an importer of luxury fabrics and decorative furnishings; an airline supervisor for TWA and a Training Supervisor for America West Airlines, both in Boston; and she was Assistant Station Manager for Virgin Atlantic Airlines at Boston’s Logan International Airport. As a National Merit Scholar, Dawn graduated with Honors from Arapahoe College with a Degree in Business Administration. Dawn is survived by Tom, her husband of 42 years; daughter Cheryl, step-son Chris and wife Taina, step-son Gavin and wife Alaya, and grandchildren Samantha, Elliott, Lily, Dylan, Joy, and Julia plus numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a modest, tax deductible donation in the name of Dawn Haney to The Denver Street School in care of: denverstreetschool.org/memorial-gift.

WHAT’S GOING ON AROUND US?
Wade Frary...

CASTLE ROCK



Proposed Construction of Encore, A New Condo/Retail Complex in Downtown:

Encore, formerly known as Festival Park Commons, is a proposed redevelopment of three lots downtown, just south of Castle Rock Town Hall. The proposed project is a result of a request for proposals (RFP) the town distributed in 2017, specifically for a new parking structure. Overall, the project is expected to include a public parking garage, residential units, retail and office space. The vision is to offer urban living in the downtown corridor in step with the town’s master plan. There will be 132 condominium units occupying the top four floors of the building, plus a below-ground level intended for condominium-owner parking. Retail will be located on level one, the street level. This level will also offer public parking spaces. There will be approximately 130 parking spaces. On the dedicated third floor, there will be 214 parking spaces which will be made available to the public for special events/activities. As a result of this development project, there will be a total of 344 public parking spaces, a new civic gathering location and the railroad-quiet zone. Upon completion of the parking garage, the town will purchase 308 condominium parking spaces for public use for approximately 40 percent of the estimated \$24.2 million parking garage development cost, with the purchase price capped at \$9,750,000. The project goal is to complement the Riverwalk as well as the other new developments in downtown Castle Rock. The proposed 132 condominium units provide increased density in Castle Rock’s downtown area. Studies have shown that restaurants and retail businesses thrive when the residential population grows in a downtown area. The town council approved this development early September 2019, and construction will commence soon.

Facade Improvement to Downtown Building:

The owner of 407 N. Wilcox Street proposes to update the building and submitted a Site Development Plan for façade improvements. The existing façade includes stacked stone, a mansard roof, and wood. The proposal includes several exterior changes to the façade. The applicant proposes to remove the existing cap flashing, mansard roof, and wood façade from the Wilcox Street/front and alley side facades. The existing windows and doors would also be removed, but the openings would remain with new wood framed doors and windows added in the same locations. Also proposed is a premanufactured arch to the top center of the parapet, new Hardie cement board on either side of the arch that would also accommodate signage, new exterior lighting, new wood framed windows and doors, and painting the existing stacked stone. One of the new wood framed windows would resemble a faux door since it is in center of the façade.

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Proposed Provision Bar:

As reported last month, The Castle Rock Bar and Grill, located at 302 N. Wilcox, has permanently closed after many years in business. It was a popular bar with locals and bikers. A proposal to entirely change the looks and the outside façade was recently approved by the town council. The property landmark designation was removed earlier this summer, allowing owners to submit façade improvements that would change the architectural style of the existing façade. The new façade would include mostly brick with stucco, metal accents and fabric awnings, offering a modern but tasteful new look. Inside design and style of the Provisions Bar is pending. Renovation of this building will begin very soon.

Proposed Renovation of Funeral Home:

Updating the status of the Olinger Andrews Caldwell Gibson Chapel funeral home renovation project, an application has been submitted to the Town Council to demolish their existing Chapel building at 407 Jerry Street to make way for a future renovation. Because part of the building was built around 1929, the property owner must get a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Board and approval from the town council to demolish the building. The property is not historically landmarked. However, demolition of any building built before 1945 within the historic downtown area requires the Historic Preservation Board's recommendation and Town Council approval prior to issuance of a demolition permit. Public hearings will be scheduled with the Historic Preservation Board and Town Council. The Town Council had its first consideration for this proposed project early September 2019. More to come.

301 Jerry Street Sushi Restaurant:

The Town of Castle Rock is currently reviewing a proposal to construct a one-story building that will be used as restaurant serving Japanese Sushi dishes. The existing house located on the west end of the lot will be demolished. The current house located on the east portion of the site will be re-purposed for a use yet to be determined. Once if approved, construction will begin very soon on this project.

The Castle Rock Promenade Development Projects:

The Promenade project, just north of the Outlets at Castle Rock between I-25 and Highway 85, achieved nearly 700,000 square feet of business space in just 4 1/2 years, a nice accomplishment given current market conditions for retail space in the age of growing on-line shopping. There is noticeable progress being made in the construction of **La Loma Restaurant**. Projected opening will be in the fall of 2019. La Loma is a Mexican Kitchen restaurant concept. On Yelp, customers consistently rate La Loma in Denver as 4.5 stars and "one of the best Mexican restaurants. The appeal of this Mexican restaurant is their fishbowl-size margaritas, and it's family-friendly, cantina atmosphere. The site for this new restaurant should afford customers an excellent view of the Front Range toward Castle Pines and beyond. There will be ample outdoor patio seating available to patrons. For a "vision book" of the area see <https://crgov.com/DocumentCenter/View/15076/The-Promenade-at-Castle-Rock-Vision-Book?bidId=>

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Whole Foods plans to have its grand opening sometime early January or February in early 2020. The natural-grocery supermarket chain has signed a 20-year lease for space in Promenade. Whole Foods, which was purchased by Amazon last year for some \$13.7 billion, calls itself "America's Healthiest Grocery Store" and was already considered the nation's largest organic grocer even before the Amazon merger, but the company had been reeling for years due to increased competition, and store sales had lagged for seven straight quarters when Amazon purchased it. There are nearly 500 Whole Foods locations in North America and the United Kingdom. Soon you too can shop locally at a Whole Foods near you!

More **retail** stores are coming to the Promenade soon! I will continue to monitor and report future development projects.

Castle Rock Parks and Recreation:

According to recent U.S. Census data, Castle Rock is currently the 7th fastest growing city in America, which tasks the Parks and Recreation Department with being a dynamic, progressive agency. Established in 1977, the Parks and Recreation Department served a population of merely 2,000. Through robust community planning, nearly 65,000 residents now enjoy 87 miles of trails, 50 well-planned parks - including the reimagined Festival Park - and more than 6,000 acres of open space that define the region's most prominent features. Just this past month, Castle Rock dedicated the new Zach S. Parrish III Memorial Park. This 5.5-acre park, at the intersection of Low Meadow Boulevard and Red Hawk Drive, was opened and dedicated on Saturday, August 16, 2019. The park includes outdoor games such as pickle ball, bocce ball, and cornhole. A playground, picnic shelters, trails and a multi-use field round out the park.

Parks and Recreation will soon host the ribbon cutting ceremony for the official opening of the East Plum Creek



Trail Southern Extension. East Plum Creek Extension 10K and Art Run 5K was rescheduled for Friday, September 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The East Plum Creek Trail travels along the East Plum Creek corridor, north to south through town. The trail travels six miles from Castle View High School to South Perry Street. In addition to daily activity, the trail network is actively used for several special events including Bike to Work Day, Pedal the Moon and the Castle Rock Half Marathon. The East Plum Creek Trail is not only the town's most widely used paved trail, but it is also part of a larger statewide trail system – the

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Colorado Front Range Trail. That trail system will eventually connect communities along the Front Range from Wyoming to New Mexico. In October 2016, the Town was awarded a \$1 million grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) through their Connect Initiative Program to help complete construction of the 2-mile southern section. The southern extension of the East Plum Creek Trail was included as a Town priority in the Council-approved 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The \$1 million Great Outdoors Colorado Grant will help offset some of the costs and save money for other trails projects in Town. The grant required the Town to match funds of an additional \$1 million to improve the trail.

Castle Pines:

2019 Median Household Income \$113,451

Average Household Income \$152,441

2019 Median Disposable Income \$88,202

Average Disposable Income \$107,223

Source: US Census Bureau

Planned Community Construction in Castle Pines is Underway. Located at the southeast corner of I-25 and Castle Pines Parkway, The Canyons is a 1,270-acre master planned community comprised of five neighborhoods, featuring 2,000 single and multi-family homes from a variety of builders. The main roadway leading into The Canyons will feature refined land-

scaping that transforms into a natural landscape palette with native plantings. Residents and visitors will then drive through the covered bridge that traverses Newlin Gulch prior to arriving at the community's first amenity building – The Exchange Coffee House and information center. Canyon Village will be the heart of the community. All of the trails in The Canyons will lead to this community hub, featuring gathering spots such as two pools, a fitness center and event spaces for children, adults, young families and everyone in between.



Nearly a third of The Canyons will be dedicated to parks, trails, and open space – including three community parks and more than 15 miles of hard and soft-surface, walkable, bikeable trails. In

addition, the community has set aside 40 acres for a dedicated regional park for the City of Castle Pines, as well as 12 acres for future public schools. The new home collections offered by each of The Canyons five builders: Shea Homes Colorado (from the \$500,000s to \$800,000s), Berkeley Homes (from the upper \$400,000s), KB Home (from the \$400,000s to \$500,000s), Infinity Home Collection (from the upper \$900,000s), and TRI Pointe Homes (from the \$600,000s).



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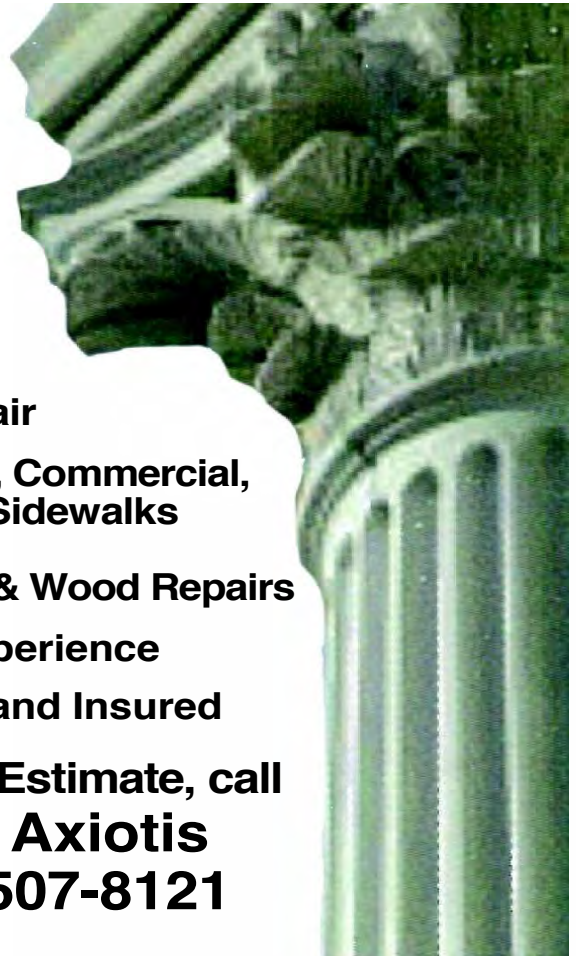
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BE BEAR AWARE: **A SPECIAL SECTION ON LIVING IN BEAR COUNTRY**



There are an increasing number of bears among us. They range from mature (and large!) males to clueless adolescents to moms with multiple cubs. They are all hungry, particularly this time of

year. They are opportunists—any unsecured garbage, any open window, any food left in cars, any birdfeeder is an automatic source of food. Moreover, they have an incredibly keen sense of smell, often following odors for several miles.

We live in a bear habitat. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is not going to move that bear from your property because it is his natural habitat. CPW is either going to kill it as a nuisance—or you are going to learn to deter it from doing damage and becoming a nuisance. The following articles are designed to help you become Bear Aware—and learn to co-exist safely in bear country. ~KDale

THE ANNUAL FALL FEEDING FRENZY **Lisa Warteman, the Bear Aware Team...**

What if you woke up in April and had to gain 100 pounds by November or die? You would do whatever it took to fatten up. So will bears. They have now entered hyperphagia, the Fall Feeding Frenzy. During hyperphagia, bears need to gain 3-5 pounds a day. To find that much natural food, they will forage up to 20 hours per day in order to take in 20,000 calories per day. One pound of chokecherries has 700 calories, but one 32 oz. hummingbird feeder can provide 3200 calories. One pound of black oil sunflower seed bird seed provides 2585 calories. And those are so much easier than picking bushels of berries.

Imagine the bear bounty offered by a street lined with overflowing garbage cans and backyards filled with bird feeders. If we make it easy for bears to fatten up on the leftovers of the human good life, how can we blame them for taking advantage of an easy meal?

Think you have a good sense of smell? Imagine being able to stand on your porch and smell the enticing aroma of a pizza cooking or a hamburger grilling five miles away. A bear's nasal mucosa area is 100 times larger than ours, making it seven times more sensitive than a blood hound or 2000 times more sensitive than a human's. Lured in by the smell of food, the bear overcomes its natural wariness of humans. If it gets the reward it came looking for and goes away with no consequences, it will come back to the all-you-can-paw-through buffet. Bears are opportunistic feeders. They'll try anything once and if it's good, they will check out surrounding areas for more. If they get a

reward from a bird feeder, they will look for open windows or doors nearby. Or perhaps they will check all your vehicles to see if they are unlocked or stroll into your garage for that bag of dog food or barrel of bird seed you have stored in there.

Soon, the bear is labeled as a “nuisance” or “problem” bear. The problem with this terminology is that it puts the blame squarely on the bear. Nuisance bear is a term that needs to be wiped out of wildlife management vocabulary. People must realize that conflicts with wildlife are almost entirely the result of human actions. Only humans can minimize conflicts with bears.

What you can do to minimize conflicts with bears: Lock your vehicles, close your garage door if you are not in it, use a bear proof trash can, take down bird feeders when bears are active and use an air horn or loud noise to “haze” the bear to let it know it's not welcome.

Thank you for Being Bear Aware and Keeping Bears Wild.

[Editor's Note: The Bear Aware team is a group of neighborhood volunteers whose purpose is to educate residents and help them coexist with the bears among us. They are trained for the mission by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. To sign up for future training for the Bear Aware Team—and begin to prepare for the spring emergence of our bear neighbors, contact Lisa at colorado1006@gmail.com.]

PROPOSED LARKSPUR ORDINANCE **ADDRESSES HUMAN/BEAR CONFLICTS**



The Larkspur Town Council is considering an ordinance that requires restaurants and other public entities within its boundaries to use only bear-proof containers for trash and garbage.

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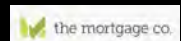
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The ordinance is being crafted with the help of area-residents and Colorado Parks and Wildlife and follows the lead of other communities in bear county trying to control conflicts between the bears and their human neighbors.

The request for such an ordinance was made at the Larkspur Town Council meeting on September 5 by Larkspur area residents led by Sarah Heckathorn, a certified wildlife rehabilitator. She, with Lisa Warteman, trained by CPW as a Bear Aware Leader, Cherron Schotzie Hoppes-Davis and Jim Collier presented the problems with bears and suggested the bear-proof container ordinance as part of the solution. As Jim Collier told the council, 99 percent of the conflicts between bears and humans is over FOOD.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers Matt Martinez and Melanie Kaknes also attended to provide the council with their expertise on living with bears.

Probably the most convincing evidence that something needs to be done was a series of photos presented by Lisa Warteman of bears and overturned dumpsters within the town of Larkspur. Most striking was a picture of a customer strolling through a restaurant parking lot in Larkspur while bears hid out behind him—waiting for an opportunity to chow down on the restaurant's garbage! He didn't even know they were there.

The Council may have the ordinance completed by early October.

BEAR WISE



Howdy, Bronco bear lovers, Beary Bear here, your self-appointed bear advocate for bear behavior education and safety for the unpredictable but adorable coinhabitants of the forest – you.

As we bears continue to consume large amounts of calories as a means to ready ourselves for our approaching big sleep period, this is a friendly reminder to keep the lid on things, especially garbage cans and bird feeders this time of year. Most bear/human conflicts are caused by one common denominator - FOOD. As you may know, we bears often face the death penalty when we cross the public safety boundary even though we are usually just doing what we bears do...hunting for breakfast, lunch, and dinner – and any meals in between.

Bears In the News



Young Black Bear Takes a Bathroom Break

A black bear yearling surprised staff and guests at a Montana lodge earlier this month when she was discovered lounging comfortably on a counter in the ladies' bathroom.

"She came in through the bathroom window," are not just lyrics from a famous Beatles song. After entering through an open bathroom window, this bold adventurer couldn't escape via the same route as the window was too high for her to reach from the floor. So, she hung out on the bathroom counter where it was cool and after a while, literally feel asleep. Come on, admit it, you've done the same thing.

After tranquilizing her and conducting a quick health evaluation, officials from the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department transported the well-rested, healthy young bear to a remote area and released it back into the wild.

Judging from the size of the bear, I'd say this pretty was recently separated from her mother as a normal part of the emancipation process which occurs at about 18 months after birth. Evidently she hadn't yet learned that bathrooms are reserved for paying guests only. Plus she definitely failed the "no shoes, no shirt, no service" rule big time.



Photos courtesy of Buck's T-4 Lodge, Big Sky, Montana



Ask Beary Bear

I've heard some black bears are waking up during their hibernation period. What's up with that?

Although we are often referred to as "hibernators," we bears are not and have never been true hibernators. Our metabolic systems slow to a crawl during winter months so we can conserve energy and expend our stored body fat more efficiently during the long winter food drought. What separates us

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from true hibernators is that we can and often do wake up for short periods of time during the winter. Think of us as hyper-fakers.

In a recent research project involving thirty females adult bears in the Durango, CO area, study editor, Heather E. Johnson, from the United States Geological Survey Alaska Science Center, wrote, "We found that bears that foraged more on human foods hibernated for shorter periods of time. Furthermore, bears that hibernated for shorter periods of time experienced accelerated telomere attrition (aging)." I guess "beauty sleep" is the real deal.

Beary's bottom line: Just like what's happening to your creepy aunt Gilda, a junk food diet is causing us bear to sleep less and age faster!

Have a bear question? Send it to wisebeary@gmail.com for an answer from yours truly.

Until next time, take some advice from singer Petula Clark, "Don't sleep in the subway (or bathroom), darling."

Your friend,



Beary Bear

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Cindy Applegate, Secretary-Board of Directors...

Call Review: From August 1, 2019, through August 31, 2019, LFPD has had a total of 106 calls compared to 88 calls for the same time frame in 2018, an increase of 18 calls (16.98 percent).



Between January 1, 2019, and August 31, 2019, LFPD ran a total of 804 calls compared to 671 calls for the same time frame in 2018, an increase of 133 calls (16.54 percent).

AUGUST 2019 CALL REVIEW:

FIRES: Total of 2 calls: 1. Brush/grass fire: (1 in district)
2. Smoke Investigation (1 in district)

EMS: Total of 53 calls: 1. Medicals: 37 (33 in district) (4 mutual aid)

2. MVAs with Injuries: 16 (14 in district, 2 mutual aid)

ALARMS: Total of 3 calls: Fire alarm system malfunction (2 in district, 1 mutual aid)

OTHER: Total of 48 calls (46 in-district, 2 mutual aid)

Please join us for the Larkspur Fire Protection District OPEN

HOUSE and chili cook off on Saturday October 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Station 161. 9414 S. Spruce Mountain Road. Activities with demonstrations include station tours, an air life helicopter, and Douglas County search and rescue.

October is Fire Prevention Month and is a great time to think about the safety of your home and family. As cool weather approaches and we once again start to heat our homes, fire and carbon monoxide are important concerns to keep in our minds.

Things to do:

- Have your furnace or boiler checked out by a qualified technician to make sure all is in good working order. Check exhaust flues for loose connections, rodent and bird damage, and insect nests.
- Check your fireplace and wood stove chimneys and flues for creosote buildup, blockages, corrosion, and clean as needed.
- Open flues completely when fireplaces are in use.
- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliance inside.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on all levels of your home and in all sleeping areas.
- Test detectors monthly and change their batteries twice a year.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have a life span and it is recommended to replace them every 8-10 years.
- Make sure you have an evacuation plan for your family and your children know what to do if the smoke or carbon monoxide detectors are activated.

Don't forget to take advantage of the program to have a wildfire risk analysis of your property. Call the Fire Marshal at 303-681-3284 for more details and to set up an appointment.

LFPD will now be offering CPR classes for district residents. CPR classes will be offered on the third Thursday of each month and will begin at 6 p.m. Those who are interested should call the station at 303-681-3284 to register for the class and get additional information.

The next scheduled LFPD board meeting is Thursday, October 10th, 7 p.m. at Station 161 in Larkspur. The meetings are open to the public.



REPORT FROM THE PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT

Sean King, Secretary, PPMD...

Information Booth Denied

There was a large turnout of residents at the board meeting this month, most attending to share their opinion regarding a proposal to temporarily allow another resident to place an informational trailer at the front of the park. The proposal was for the trailer strictly to be used as a service to the Perry Park community for sharing information with other residents in the park, not to provide or support any commercial interests. The board had already reached out to the Douglas Land Conservancy for approval to place the trailer at the front of the park for a temporary period of three months to allow for public feedback.

Ultimately the Douglas Land Conservancy denied the application, rendering the issue moot.

The board would like to thank Tony Caterina for bringing forth a thoughtful proposal, with the idea of providing a service to our small community. Based on the public reaction it would not have lasted beyond the trial period, even if the Douglas Land



Conservancy had approved it, but the board salutes any resident looking to improve our community.

The board would also like to thank the many residents who attended, and stayed through the entire meeting to provide their feedback. It is great to receive such a high level of involvement from the community and is a reminder how much everyone is invested in protecting our neighborhood.

Gilloon Pond Reclamation

On the heels of the dredging of Gateway Pond at the entrance to Perry Park, the board is partnering again with the engineers from Douglas County, this time to make plans for dredging and cleaning out the cattails at Gilloon Pond. As Gilloon Pond is not part of the conservation easement that oversees Gateway Pond, we are hopeful that the cattails in the Gilloon Pond location can be managed more aggressively. The Douglas County staff is developing a request to the Army Corp of Engineers to clarify jurisdiction over the waterways. Once complete, a proposal will be developed and presented to the PPMD Board at a future meeting.

Inventory of Perry Park Street Lights

Over the past few months, the board has been working with IREA to inventory all of the street lights in Perry Park. The first goal is to have an accurate accounting and billing of those

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lights so the Metro District isn't overpaying for service. The second goal was for an estimate for removal of lights owned by the district. There have been numerous residents over the past months expressing interest at board meetings in making Perry Park a "dark sky" community, which means removing all of the existing streetlights. To that end, PPMD is gathering the necessary information to understand the cost and timing required by such an action and will be reaching out to the community for feedback, both before and during a future board meeting to make a final decision. At this point, we welcome your input both for and against removing the streetlights. Please reach out to info@perryark.org with your feedback.

Entryway Maintenance

Now that the construction work and pond dredging at the front of the park is complete, the board will begin the process of updating the entryway at the front of the park. This is likely to be a long process with proposals, community feedback, and approvals before any real change will happen to the entrance.

In the meantime, the board has approved for some overdue cleanup and maintenance (gravel, weeding, etc.) to be performed while we work through the process of a larger update.

Fall Slash Pickup

Perry Park Metro District continues its yearly program to collect "slash" -- short dry branches and tree trimmings -- done by PPMD to help mitigate against wildfires.

Pickup starts the first week of October and continues through the month. Please review the rules and schedule for the pickup program online at <http://perryark.org/resident-information/slash-pickup-free-mulch/>. Please reach out to info@perryark.org with any questions.

Remuda Ranch Clarification

Members of the board have spoken to the Douglas County staff confirming that all construction traffic for the coming Remuda Ranch development will move through Dakan road and not through Perry Park. The emergency exit will stay and now will work both ways (meaning Remuda Ranch can come this way in case of emergency). Both Larkspur and Jackson Creek fire departments will have the key for the gate. The expectation is that LFPD may need to get through there for calls (and vice versa for Jackson Creek).

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m.

The next Perry Park Metro District Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th at the Perry Park Country Club. Topics will likely include:

- Gilloon Pond Reclamation
- Street Light Inventory
- Fall Slash pickup status
- Conservation Easement Management Plan Update

A full agenda will be posted and announced a week before the

meeting. The board would like to remind all Perry Park residents that they are invited to every board meeting and that the minutes from prior meeting are placed online at perryark.org once approved for full transparency. For instance, the meeting minutes from September will be reviewed and approved for posting at the October meeting, and so forth.

The Board of Directors includes:

Randy Johnson – President (through May 2022)
Craig Van Doorn – Vice President (through May 2022)
Linda Black – Assistant Vice President (through May 2022)
Vanessa Dao – Treasurer (through May 2020)
Sean King – Secretary (through May 2020)

SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...



The September meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District (PPW&SD) began at 4:30 p.m. on the 18th with four directors present, as Director LaCrosse had received an excused absence. The first order of business was a teleconference with Alan Hill, one of the district's attorneys, regarding the finalization details of the easement and access agreements among the PPW&SD, JSP-GST LLC, The Mountbridge Farm Limited Partnership LLLP, Rite-A-Way Industries Inc., and Remuda Ranch Development LLC entities. After a full discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved to appoint President Gary Peterson and Treasurer Andy Morris to perform the final review of the various applicable agreements and execute them prior to the next board meeting if found to be acceptable.

Next, was the approval of the minutes of the August 21st regular meeting, and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements of \$164,381.26 were then reviewed and unanimously approved. The first draft of the 2020 budget was then reviewed. Over forthcoming 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 Semoor was reviewed, and operations were characterized as normal, while renewable water usage was up substantially versus the previous year. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the District Manager Diana Miller was reviewed; of particular note was the announcement that the Sage Port Water Treatment Plant Improvements project submittal has been approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

There followed a brief board discussion regarding denial of a resident's request for a water heater replacement over a year after previous remediation of water damage to his property was completed. Also, a brief discussion occurred regarding AMR water metering systems during audience participation. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.

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ACTIVITY AT THE FOX DEN: Local friends and neighbors recently helped Sarah Heckathorn build a bobcat shelter at The Fox Den, a wildlife rehabilitation center south of Larkspur. Sarah has been a Colorado state licensed wildlife rehabilitator for almost 19 years, currently specializing in sheltering orphaned foxes and raccoons until they are ready to be released into the wild. And now she is taking on bobcats! Or is it bobkit-tens For additional information about Sarah's activities, see her website: www.thefoxdenwrc.net/index.html. You can also learn more about local wildlife by joining the Larkspur Wildlife Facebook page. She recently posted videos of the six raccoons she fostered being released into the wild—and their scramble for freedom.

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

Winter Warnings ... A Hawk Smorgasbord...Love...Future Talking Point...Short Takes

ATTENTION: SNOW BIRDS AND OTHERS NOT WANTING TO TRUDGE THROUGH SNOW DRIFTS, *STOP NOW*** FEEDING BIRDS.**



Otherwise the birds will die with no expected food.

A hummingbird feeder should be left up for another month to help out some late stragglers, namely young ones that are just trying to figure this whole migration business out.

It is time to bring in and clean your bird feeders with a weak mixture of bleach and water, along with a vigorous brushing. To prevent mold, make sure they are well-dried before putting them away. Then next February-early March you can put them back out for many appreciative returning species revving up for the spring-summer breeding season.

Also, check out the winter shelter boxes available at bird stores and online to provide shelter for many birds during those crazy blizzards. After all, the highly reliable (try 60 percent) *Farmer's Almanac* predicts a hum doozy of a winter. Already there is a chill in the wind.

These Growing Youngsters

One day I happened to hear a huge loud thump against a window in the great room. By the sound of it I figured a Baby Huey (Banded Dove) that was probably lying on our deck and trying to come to its senses. I did not check on it.



But then shortly through the multiple reflective windows, I saw a juvenile hawk on the deck railing staring down. Suddenly it flew down and grabbed the large bird, a crow, that had been knocked out and was much larger than the hawk. Whish! And they were both gone.

But this dude was not finished. I noticed the feathers of a smaller bird, most likely a junco, nearby.

Then minutes later he was back on the railing of the deck and looking down to the ground. Zowie. He scored a banded dove and dropped it on the deck. Then he flew away. Awhile later, he showed up and tried lifting the dove without success. Eventually he dragged the dove down in a secluded area.



Love...Did You Miss It?

The annual tarantula nation-wide migration is winding down.

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The males are searching for love. Once achieved, they die almost immediately. Wow. Maybe Viagra would at least keep them going a little longer.

But the best places to view these guys is while they're thumbing (with 8 thumbs) down the state highways of 109 and 350 near La Junta and 76 near Pueblo.

Speaking of love, did you catch the bugling elks?

Coming Serious Attractions

A recent announcement said that the Great Barrier Reef may be beyond recovery. But then? Maybe a miracle.

And then how about the very devastating news about 7,000,000 birds lost in North America?

Short Takes

For the last few years, house flies have come into the house early in anticipation on an early winter. Last year they were right on track with a hard freeze happening the first day of October, killing vegetation and flowers that had been lasting well into October each year. Here's hoping for a bit longer warm spell with such a crappy spring and summer. Right now, I have flies between my fingers making it a bit challenging to type. So, mixed feelings from moi. But there is a bit of cold in the wind reminding us that fall indeed has arrived.

If anyone can tell me what the smaller black flies are, I would certainly appreciate it. These guys are like yellow jackets, taking bites out of you. One left a guest with a one-inch red swelling on his leg.

And, unbelievable! The yellow jackets were off their game this summer. No regrets from us.

All the hummingbirds left on schedule by late September, definitely leaving it much quieter. Sob. Travel well and safe, our spring-summer friends.

More morphing observations: I could not grab my camera fast enough to a photo of a whitish-gray-necked crow.

The turkeys are now returning daily in very large numbers. Of course, they will depart shortly before Thanksgiving to return a few weeks later. Who says that they are pea-brained?

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – still have to bring in those bird feeders for another month until the bruins are tucked into their caves for the winter. Right now, they seem to be content to strip the shingles off our newly-replaced roof.

HowtoContactMe: Email is best at susan@larskpurconsulting.com. Alternatively, call my cell phone at 303-725-6868 or send a short write-up to 2255 Quartz Mountain Drive.

LARKSPUR, JELLYSTONE REACH WASTE WATER AGREEMENT

The final agreement has been executed between Jellystone and the Town of Larkspur which releases the town from the requirement to provide wastewater service to the campground. Since the town would have had to build a new wastewater facility to fulfill the requirement, the Town has been relieved from the former \$7 to \$10 million obligation. Jellystone will build their own wastewater facility and the town will have no liability for its operation.

The town's current system is adequate to serve the town and the current building moratorium has been lifted. The town will be studying the future expansion and update requirement for wastewater.

Meanwhile, Jellystone Campground has posted notice that it will build a waste water treatment plant on its southeast corner. From the map in the application, it is very close to the intersection of Tenderfoot and Kenosha in Sage Port.

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