

- morning hours. Guns, computers and various other items have been stolen. We are working with both El Paso Sheriff and Colorado Springs Police, as they have been hit also. We have also done a number of public announcements to "lock your car door."
- Planning Department: We have a submittal for a Pilot Travel Center at Baptist Road and I-25.
  - The plat and the site plan for the Jackson Creek Senior Living facility will be recorded in anticipation of the Land Use Permit/Building Permit to follow.
  - Water Department: Pre-construction meeting for Well 9 Water Treatment Plant treatment modification project for radium.
  - Upgrade of chemical feed to Well 8 in progress.
  - Received the proposals for on-call engineering. Thirteen companies are now under review.
  - Met with WWSD and Tetra Tech regarding water reuse plant.
  - Public Works: New equipment installed in skate park.
  - Human resources: Attorney Alicia Corley will begin work on June 5.

### Kids' ideas on how to improve Monument

Lowe shared artwork from students at Prairie Winds Elementary School showing some of their ideas, which included:

- Add water features to the parks.
- Take care of homeless people, pets, and the elderly.
- Provide a petting zoo that elderly people could visit.
- Make a zipline!

"This is a town with a lot of talent and a lot of intelligence," Lowe said.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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The Monument Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. Call 884-8014 or see [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org) for information about live video streaming. To see upcoming agendas and complete board packets for the Monument Board of Trustees or to download audio recordings of past meetings, see <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com> and click on Board of Trustees.

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### Palmer Lake Town Council, May 11

## Council debates bridge design

By James Howald

In May the Palmer Lake Town Council met once, on May 11. Most of the meeting was devoted to a presentation from architect Bill Fisher, who designed the bridge that will span the railroad tracks and connect the Palmer Lake Recreation Area to the town of Palmer Lake. The council also approved a special event permit.

### Bridge design sparks debate

Fisher gave the council some background on his bridge design, which will make use of shipping containers modified to suggest boxcars. The design has generated controversy over the last two months as some council members questioned the design's esthetics and practicality. Also, some council members felt there was insufficient communication between the

Awake the Lake group, which is managing the bridge planning and construction, and the council.

Fisher pointed out that cost was an important factor in using storage containers for his design. According to Fisher, there was an \$87,000 gap in funding, which Awake the Lake has been working to fill. Some extra costs derived from requirements demanded by the railroad, Fisher said.

In his final analysis, Fisher believes the use of storage containers in the design saved about \$48,900.

Council members raised a number of objections to the design. Trustee Paul Banta said he did not think storage containers would look good, and argued many members of the community agreed with him. Trustee Bob Mutu felt graffiti and snow might be problems.

Trustee Glant Havenar, on the other hand, found the design attractive.

The discussion concluded with Fisher pointing out that the design has already been submitted to the railroad—some

changes were made to accommodate railroad requirements—and with Trustee Richard Kuehster asking for more frequent communication from the Awake the Lake group.

### Special event permit approved

The council voted unanimously to approve a special event permit to the Tri-Lakes Lions Club for a fishing derby to be held at Palmer Lake Recreation Area on June 3. The fishing derby, which is free to all children in the community, has been an annual event, and 300 children participated in 2016.

The Tri-Lakes Lions Club made a \$2,500 donation to the town to show its appreciation for the town's support.

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The two meetings for June will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 8 and June 22 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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### Forest Lakes Metropolitan District and Pinon Pines Metro Districts 1, 2, and 3, May 1

## Forest Lakes Citizens Advisory Committee forming; change in management practices requested

By Lisa Hatfield

Board members of the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) and Pinon Pines Metropolitan Districts 1, 2, and 3 (PPMD 1, 2, and 3) met jointly May 1 to discuss the requirement to try to form a Citizens Advisory Committee, and District Counsel Russell Dykstra specified necessary changes in district management practices to achieve proper Title 32 procedures regarding approval of unbudgeted expenses. Board members also raised the public infrastructure fee (PIF) for the PPMD 3 commercial area to 2.5 percent and made more plans to use water from Bristlecone Lake for irrigation of district parks. The May 1 joint meeting was the first since December.

FLMD, west of I-25 at the end of West Baptist Road, is a Title 32 service district in El Paso County established in 1985. FLMD is the half-acre operating district responsible for the public infrastructure and utility and general governmental services for the residents of PPMD 1, 2, and 3, which actually collect the property taxes. PPMD 1 and 2 are not part of the town of Monument, but the

commercial section PPMD 3 is within the town limits. FLMD holds joint board meetings with PPMD 1, 2 and 3, which were established in 2004.

**Note:** FLMD has no relationship with the separate Forest View Acres Water District in the foothills west of Monument.

Board members for all four boards are President George Lenz, executive vice president of finance of Classic Homes; Secretary James Boulton, vice president/project manager of Classic Homes; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Doug Stimple, CEO of Classic Homes; and Assistant Secretary Joe Loidolt, president of Classic Homes. One board member vacancy exists now.

Ann Nichols is the manager for all four districts. District Counsel Dykstra and Tom Blunk of CP Real Estate Capital, representing Forest Lakes LLC and Forest Lakes Residential Development, also attended the May 1 meeting. *For more background on the history of FLMD, see [www.ocn.me/v17n1.htm#flmd](http://www.ocn.me/v17n1.htm#flmd), [www.ocn.me/v3n7.htm#epcpc](http://www.ocn.me/v3n7.htm#epcpc), [www.ocn.me/v3n8.htm#bocc](http://www.ocn.me/v3n8.htm#bocc), [www.ocn.me/v4n12.htm#triview](http://www.ocn.me/v4n12.htm#triview).*



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