

be available by Thanksgiving.

- Principal and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Elizabeth Davis reported that the middle school is adopting a new house system that has been well received. There will be eight houses named after character traits that include kids from sixth to eighth grade, geared to creating peer relation-

ships and fostering leadership opportunities for older students.

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The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Monument Academy library at 1150 Village Ridge Point. The Monument Academy usually meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Meet-

ings are adjusted as needed to avoid conflicts. Information on the MA School Board, including schedule, minutes, committee and finances can be found at [www.monumentacademy.net/school-board](http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board).

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Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) cap. If voters approve the measure, the revenue would be used for three specific purposes, and the El Paso County TABOR cap would be reset to reflect actual 2017 revenue, providing long-term funding for infrastructure maintenance and repairs.

Of the \$14.5 million, the proposal is that at least \$6 million be used to create a pool of local matching funds to accelerate the widening of the I-25 from Monument to Castle Rock. A further \$6 million would be used for maintaining and repairing heavily-used county roads and bridges. \$1.5 million would go in one-time funding for specific parks and trails projects and could be used as local match funding to secure additional state and federal grants. Approximately \$1 million would be used to match \$4 million in state and federal grants for flood repair and mitigation projects resulting from the September 2013 flooding.

"These are excess funds that we are asking citizens to let us invest in infrastructure," said Commissioner Stan VanderWerf. "During hard times when revenues were down the county deferred infrastructure maintenance projects so now we really need to get to work on these infrastructure projects when the economy is strong."

The BOCC's first reading of the resolution was unanimously approved. The second reading at its Sept. 5 meeting was approved 4-1. Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez voted against, explaining that while there were many merits to the proposal, he wished to honor his election campaign pledge to do everything possible to address road priorities such as the I-25 and safety through the normal budget process and that he had not yet had a chance to do so.

If voters reject the proposal, the excess revenue would go to real property owners in the form of a one-off credit. For a typical single family home valued at \$250,000, this would amount to around \$40.

Commissioner Charles Waller is also urging voters to support a separate ballot question that would add I-25 expansion to the voter-approved list of projects for the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA).

**Forest Lakes plat approved**

On Sept. 26 the final plat for Forest Lakes Filing 2B was unanimously approved with 11 conditions and three notations. The application had been recommended for approval by the El Paso County Planning Commission at its Sept. 19 meeting.

Forest Lakes Filing 2B is located within a portion of the Amended Forest Lakes Filing 2 PUD (Planned Unit Development) Development Plan which authorizes the development of 160 single-family residential lots. The development area is located on the south side of Forest Lakes Drive approximately one mile west of the intersection of I-25 and Baptist Road.

The owner, Forest Lakes Residential Development LLC, requested approval of a final plat to create 45 single-family lots, rights-of-way, and five open-space tracts.

The BOCC also approved a request from Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) to transfer to it parcels of county land adjacent to Forest Lakes Drive and a piece obtained as part of the PPRTA-approved Baptist Road expansion. For the latter piece, FLMD is paying \$1,465.44 directly to PPRTA. A subdivision entry sign and associated landscaping will be constructed on a portion of the transferred land.

**More approvals**

Other items unanimously approved by the commissioners:

- Sept. 26—the final release of letter of credit for public improvements of Misty Acres Filing 2C for \$8,989 following completion and inspection

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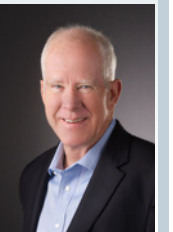
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