

munity Preservation Specialists Inc. He said this would be the most cost-effective method of replacing a staff position that has seasonal demands and that the level of service could be adjusted based on the town's needs. The trustees voted unanimously to accept the resolution.

Trustee Jeff Bornstein asked Town Attorney Alicia Corley if the town could impose penalties on Triview Metropolitan District the same way it could for residents of the town who have code violations, such as managing weeds in their yards. "What if a metro district is not standing up to its responsibilities?" Corley said she would investigate. Note: Triview is a Colorado Title 32 special district, completely within Monument's town boundaries, mostly on the east side of I-25. Title 32 special districts are local governments autho-

ized by the Colorado Revised Statutes for specific functions, and their activities are subject to strict statutory guidelines. Triview provides roads, parks, and drainage maintenance, and water and sanitation utility services, to the residents and businesses in the district roughly bordered by Old Denver Road, Higby Road, and Baptist Road. See related Triview article on page 12.

Illegal marijuana seized, and more statistics

The police report included in the town manager report said that in June, based upon information from the Fire Department, Monument police wrote a search warrant and seized 153 marijuana plants and arrested two people for illegal cultivation, a felony. The Police Department received assistance from the Vice and Narcotics Task Force on



Above: Local residents are enjoying Monument Lake's new dock. Fishing (with a license) and boating (without a motor) are allowed at both Monument Lake and Palmer Lake. Call the towns for details on lake ordinances. *Photo by Lisa Hatfield.*

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this case.

The report also said that criminal trespass auto cases have dramatically slowed since June based on arrests of most of the suspects.

Later in the meeting, Bornstein reported on the June 29 Joint Municipalities/County Meeting held in Colorado Springs. Besides discussions on the need to widen I-25, and a possible regionalization of city and county emergency management services, Bornstein said Colorado Springs District Attorney Dan May and Colorado Springs Police Chief Peter Carey presented the gathered mayors, first responder chiefs, and other local leaders with information such as:

- 60 percent of Americans want to be able to procure marijuana.
- Colorado is in the top 5 percent of drug use in the U.S.
- Colorado's 12- to 17-year-olds are 74 percent above average marijuana use for that age.
- Opiates and heroin use is rising very aggressively.
- Methamphetamine use is holding steady, and cocaine is coming back.
- Marijuana cultivation consumes 1 percent of U.S. energy supplies.
- 50 percent of babies born in Pueblo have marijuana in their systems.
- Over 50 percent of homeless people came to Colorado because of marijuana availability.

### Fast-food restaurant final PD site plan

Planner II Jennifer Jones presented the trustees with an ordinance for a Final PD Site Plan for a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Monument Mar-

ketplace, at 15822 Jackson Creek Parkway. The Monument Planning Commission approved the plan on June 14 by a vote of 4-2. See [www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#mpc](http://www.ocn.me/v17n7.htm#mpc).

Jones said Triview Metropolitan District had not yet issued a water will-serve letter for the site, but those details would be worked out as a condition of final approval. The trustees asked a few questions about the proposed signage on the building, which will include both earth-tone stripes and red-and-white stripes and a large image of Colonel Sanders. She said the proposed design fell within the town's sign standards, and the signs would be approved separately from this final PD site plan.

No members of the public spoke either for or against the ordinance. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the final PD site plan.

### MVEA substation landscaping amended

Principal Planner Larry Manning presented a major amendment to an approved PD site plan from 2014 for the Anderson Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA) substation on Jackson Creek Parkway. The site is south of a new Triview well and west of a self-storage facility.

Manning explained that the proposal was to remove landscaping requirements for sections of the north and east side of the lot, adjacent to the well site and self-storage building. No members of the public spoke either for or against the ordinance. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

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