

Drive intersection. However, Higby Road is owned by El Paso County, and construction of the Gleneagle Road extension is contingent upon substantial improvements deemed necessary by the county.

- Installation of pipeline before the expansion work on Jackson Creek Parkway is underway. The 12-inch water main will extend from slightly north of the Leather Chaps-Jackson Creek Parkway intersection to the Jackson Creek Parkway-Higby Road intersection.
- McGrady met with County Commissioner Holly Williams, District 1, and discussed "hot button" issues such as the county's 1041 permit process and responsibilities regarding Higby Road. He expressed confidence in Williams' knowledge of water and wastewater operations and commented that Williams has been meeting with other districts in the area.

- Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton and Bateman reported on recent operational activities and plans to address landscaping and increased water demands with the approach of summer, respectively. The meeting ended at 7:21 p.m. After a brief break, directors entered executive session §24-6-402(4)(b)(e) Legal Advice, Negotiations. McGrady confirmed later that the board made no additional decisions nor votes following the executive session.

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The next Triview board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. April 16. Board meetings are generally scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Information: 488-6868 or visit [www.triviewmetro.com](http://www.triviewmetro.com). See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or Twitter: [com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro).

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*Donala Water and Sanitation District, March 21*

## Commissioner visit a first; water resources prioritized

By Jennifer Kaylor

The Donala Water and Sanitation District board hosted El Paso County Commissioner Holly Williams, District 1, at its March 21 meeting. Directors voted to adopt a resolution pertaining to Donala's participation in the proposed regional wastewater treatment pipeline and award a bid on the Gleneagle water main replacement project. District Manager Kip Petersen presented a position on the care and security of Donala-owned Willow Creek Ranch.

### Commissioner listens to district concerns

Petersen and the directors welcomed Williams and invited her to participate in the meeting, noting that she was the first commissioner to establish a rapport with the district. Williams stated that commissioners have limited authority regarding water since it's regulated by the state but wanted to check on districts and see how they're doing. Having communicated with county engineer, Jennifer Irvine, Williams stated that she is aware of some Donala projects that require coordination with the county Department of Planning and Community Development.

Petersen and GMS Inc. engineer David Frisch summarized their concerns as timing and communication. Petersen emphasized that the construction season is short, so delays created by poor communication, or the often-cumbersome 1041 permit process, generally boil down to added expense. Williams acknowledged that inadequate staffing at the department was part of the problem but added that more effective and efficient communication needed to be explored.

Petersen and the directors also voiced their concerns regarding the county's proposed roundabout for the Struthers-Gleneagle intersection. Pedestrian safety, stalled traffic on connecting streets, and increased traffic on "back roads" were some of the concerns cited. Adding

to the roundabout conversation, Williams mentioned that a "high-speed, double roundabout" at the Highway 83 and County Line Road juncture is being considered. This roundabout would purportedly be suitable for large semi-trucks to navigate.

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### Monument Testimonial

## Meg Edmonds: Legacy Librarian and Assisted Living Founder's Club Member

Margaret Edmonds continues to live an active life with a heart of service, something that has been a part of her lifestyle for decades. She's currently a resident of Bethesda Gardens Monument. She moved into the senior living community in 2017 as the third person to do so after deciding that she wanted a vibrant, cozy home where she didn't have to manage all the daily chores that go into keeping a home and garden.



Meg and her family have spent the bulk of their life in the Tri-Lakes area, which she says she considers home. She and her husband originally moved to Palmer Lake in 1971, and have been here ever since.

Her service in education in District 38 began with a volunteer opportunity at Palmer Lake Elementary, where her children attended school. It wasn't long before Meg's service, talent and passion for library science made an impression, and she was called to begin a career as a librarian in the school district. Until her retirement in 1998, Meg made her mark on the district. Some of her accomplishments include:

- Starting four libraries in District 38 at Lewis-Palmer Elementary, Ray Kilmer Elementary, Grace Best Elementary, and Palmer Lake Elementary
- Working as the first librarian to automate the library systems, beginning in 1987
- Starting Battle of the Books for fifth-graders in 1986, during which children read from a selection of 50 books and then play a Jeopardy-style game, answering questions from knowledge gained by reading the books. The Battle of the Books is still happening today, with participants in over 120 schools in the county.

- Winning the Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Award in 2015 for all of her efforts in District 38

But Meg has far more than just being a wife, mother and school librarian to claim. She was a valued member at Little Log Church in Palmer Lake and a member of Columbine Circle women's group.

Meg retired as a school librarian in 1998, but her service didn't end. She has been sewing comfort quilts for those in need through a group called Palmer Divide Blanket Brigade.

Meg took action when she heard about a new assisted living community being built in Monument. She put her name on the wait list in 2017, when Bethesda Gardens Monument was being built.

19 years into her retirement, and Meg knew that these years could be as fun and active as any other in the right environment. She was ready to give up the daily care of a home in exchange for vibrant social options and many other amenities. In fact, she became part of the Bethesda Gardens Monument Founder's Club as the third person to move into the brand-new community.

When asked about her life at Bethesda Gardens two years after moving in, Meg says, "I love it here. I like that it's a smaller community. I can go to church in my own home. And I don't have to cook or do laundry."

Meg said she's made plenty of friends and always has someone to eat with and something to do. There are always numerous activities going on. One of Meg's favorite is working on puzzles. Meg recalled a recent event and stated, "Wanda and I were working on a puzzle so late the other night that the lights were shut off!"

The light certainly hasn't been shut off on the life of Meg Edmonds, who continues to serve, laugh, love and live in her home at Bethesda Gardens.



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