

The foundation will use the proceeds of the bonds to construct the new school, which will be leased to Monument Academy for the operation of its new combined middle and high school, and to the YMCA, which is also a nonprofit. Part of the bond proceeds will be used to establish a bond reserve fund, fund any capitalized interest on the bonds, and meet the costs of issuing them.

The location of the new school was approved by the El Paso County Planning Commission at its May 7 meeting. See www.ocn.me/v19n6.htm#epcpc, www.ocn.me/v19n5.htm#ma.

Struthers Road/ Gleneagle Drive roundabout plans

At the June 18 meeting, the commissioners took on a number of decisions relating to the planned roundabout at the intersection of Struthers Road and Gleneagle Drive. They approved a memorandum of agreement, a special warranty deed, two non-exclusive permanent easements, and two temporary construction easement agreements concerning property owned by GB Ridgpointe LLC at a total cost to county of \$58,000. This sum includes the cost of planned landscape improvements.

Work to construct the roundabout is due to begin imminently. It is being built in three phases with

the first phase affecting the northeast side of Struthers Road. The intersection will remain open, but drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes.

Monument Hill Road closure expanded

Work on safety and drainage improvements along Monument Hill Road is ongoing—the road has been closed from the intersection of Woodmoor Drive to the south entrance of the Monument Hill Church since mid-October. In the interest of shortening the remaining construction time, work on the second phase will begin in early July before full completion of the first phase.

This means that Monument Hill Road will be closed from Woodmoor Drive to the south entrance of Palmer Ridge High School, eliminating access from Monument Hill Road to Deer Creek Road. The primary detour route will be Woodmoor Drive, Furrow Road, and County Line Road, and alternate access to Monument Hill Church will be provided.

The county expects the project to be substantially complete in August but warns that the schedule remains dependent on weather and resources.

Highway 105 widening project

At their June 11 meeting, the commissioners approved a contract amendment request from the Department of Public Works relating to its contract with

HDR Engineering Inc. for the Highway 105 Project A. The contract was originally awarded to HDR in April 2011, and the amendment allows for supplemental final design services at a cost not to exceed \$412,908. Project A is the segment of the project from Woodmoor Drive to Lake Woodmoor Drive. Construction is due to begin in fall 2019.

Other decisions

- June 6—The commissioners approved the appointment of Tim Trowbridge as an associate member of the Planning Commission for one year. Trowbridge previously served on the Planning Commission from 2010 to 2017.
- June 11—Approved the preliminary acceptance of parts of Lake Mist Drive, Lakes Edge Drive, and Channel Island Drive in the Forest Lakes Filing No. 2B into the county road system following the completion and satisfactory inspection of public improvements in the subdivision.
- June 18—Approved the application by Black Forest Diversified Services LLC, doing business as Firehouse on the Run 2 at 12480 Black Forest Road, for a fermented malt beverage off-premise liquor license.

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Woodmoor Improvement Association, June 26

Board directors provide reports

By Jackie Burhans

The Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board met June 26 to hear updates from board directors. Board members Brad Gleason, Lee Hanson, Bert Jean, and Tom Smith were absent.

Board highlights

- President Brian Bush reported for Community Outreach Director Jean that the board is developing scholarships for students and adult residents to use for educational and community service purposes; more information will be available at the July meeting.
- Bush reported for WIA Treasurer Hanson that the budget is in good shape and thanked the staff for holding down expenses. He noted that 30 residents who have not paid dues will have

liens placed on their properties, and the WIA attorney will address those with older debts for dues, covenant fines, etc.

- WIA Administrator Denise Cagliari reported for Covenant Director Smith that there were 16 violations in May with four adjudicated as unfounded and one hearing that reduced the fine. There were 16 homeowners' association checks which found no issues.
- WIA is working on a high volume of complaints about dead and downed trees, tall grass, and weeds.
- WIA has started the first mowing of common areas and is aware that this is a tough year for grass but reminds residents they are responsible for maintaining their property up to the edge of the roadway and that, besides being unsightly, the tall grass will become a fire hazard when it dries up.
- Kevin Nielsen, Woodmoor Public Safety (WPS) chief, noted that after a period of declining contributions, by adding a reminder that WPS accepts donations on its post-vacation check reports, donations have increased by 48% including 28 new donors and one longtime resident who provided a sizable donation to make up for 20 years of not donating. Typical donations for a one-week vacation check service range from \$15 to \$25.
- On July 20, the Ascent Church will host a Run for Hope color run in Woodmoor from the Church on Woodmoor and Deer Creek to White Fawn then south to Knollwood before looping back. The organization will apply for county permits for temporary closures but will try to ensure maximum access to residents and will provide notices to homes along the route. All proceeds

will be donated to local schools for the prevention of suicide; more information is available at <http://run4hope5kforschools.com>.

- Forestry Director Ed Miller reported that 102 loads were processed on the first chipping day despite the weather. The next chipping day will be held on July 13 at the Lewis-Palmer High School parking lot.
- Common Areas Director Rich Wretschko reported that the county has approved the location for the Barn expansion for WPS offices; flower planting and a new fountain with LED lighting has been installed; the sprinkler system is now running normally; the mandatory sewer line testing was successful; and bids are underway to replace windows in the downstairs offices as part of the reserve study process.
- Common area noxious weed spraying was done on June 15 using an environmentally friendly herbicide called Milestone that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has assessed to be substantially below all levels of concern for non-target organisms. The work was done by a state and federally licensed technician who provided daily reports.

The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next regular meeting will be on July 24.

The WIA calendar can be found at <https://www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/>. WIA board meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/> once approved and posted.

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June Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

June was another month of below-normal temperatures and above-normal precipitation. In fact, until the last week of the month we failed to reach the 80-degree mark, with temperatures consistently below normal every day through the 26th. Then summer made a quick entrance and we skipped from cool and wet to warm almost overnight.

The month started with a period of unsettled weather from the 1st through the 4th. Around an inch of rainfall accumulated, with temperatures in the low 70s each afternoon and low 40s overnight.

Temperatures remained below normal through the 12th, but drier conditions were prevalent during that time. The exception was on the afternoon of the 7th when brief heavy rain and areas of hail developed. The coolest day during the period was associated with an area of low clouds and fog on the 9th. Highs only reached the low 50s that afternoon, with low temperatures dipping down to the mid-30s

Another period of unsettled weather returned

from the 14th through the 22nd. Periods of rainfall and thunderstorms were a daily occurrence in the region most every day, with 1-2 inches of new rainfall. The most unusual aspect of the period was a strong area of low pressure that moved over the region right at the start of summer. This produced significant snowfall in the mountains and cool temperatures for us. This included highs only in the upper 40s on the 23rd and low temperatures in the mid-30s.

However, after this storm moved out, high pressure began to build in from the west/southwest. This was a sign of change, and true summer-like conditions were moving into the region. Temperatures reached the mid-70s on the 24th and 25th, then 80s from the 26th through the 30th. Highs peaked in the upper 80s on the 28th, reaching 89 degrees that afternoon. This warm weather was welcome for most of us after such a long, cold winter and spring and called for some good old Colorado outdoor activities.

A look ahead

July can be an active weather month around the re-