

to 2019 sales tax revenue revealed a decrease of about \$15,000. Directors speculated about potential reasons for the decrease. At least one business was known to have dropped in sales in December 2019. McGrady mentioned that the 2019 JCP construction may have deterred shoppers as well. Looking at the district's longer sales tax revenue history, McGrady expressed that the current difference was relatively minor.

Sales tax revenue is the sole source of funding for Triview's road repair and maintenance as well as parks and open space upkeep.

- Public works and utilities**
- Bateman reported that snowplowing and pre- and post-snowstorm activities from at least 10 February snowstorms kept the district's road crews busy. On warmer days, the district's parks and open space work included winter cutbacks of perennials and winter watering of new and previous-year plantings.
 - The district's utilities crew repaired a 12-inch water main break at Monument Marketplace near the U.S. Taekwondo Center. The break caused a water loss of about

- 15 gallons per minute, estimated Water Superintendent Shawn Sexton. Well rehabilitation and water plant preparations for summer are part of the winter schedule. A well casing was restored to like-new condition due to a new acid cleaning process.
- Drilling for wells A-9 and D-9 recently began in Sanctuary Pointe. McGrady estimated that the drilling phase of constructing the wells would take about 60 days.
- At 6:20 p.m., the board entered executive session §24-6-402(4)(b)(e)(f) legal

advice, negotiations, personnel.

The next Triview board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 18. Check the district's event calendar at www.triviewmetro.com/home or call 488-6868 for meeting schedule updates. Board meetings are held at the district office, 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. See also "Triview Metropolitan District" on Facebook, or [Twitter.com/@TriviewMetro](https://twitter.com/TriviewMetro).

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Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, Feb. 18

Wescott board hears grant request, receives donations

By Allison Robenstein

During the Feb. 18 Donald Wescott Fire Protection District (DWFPD) meeting, the board heard about a recent grant request and received a chief's report of two donations to the district.

Treasurer Joyce Hartung was excused.

Grant may pay a portion of new defibrillator costs

Lt. Jason Chavez told the board he re-

cently requested a grant to purchase a new defibrillator used on a rig. The manufacturer notified the department their current unit will be discontinued in June. The new LIFEPAK 15 model costs \$35,000. The grant, requested through Colorado Public Health and Environment, will cover 50% of the costs if approved. Money will be available in August for the purchase.

The LIFEPAK 15 monitor/defibril-

lator is a cardiac care response system designed for basic and advanced life support.

Chairman Mark Gunderman asked about purchasing the replacement now and getting refunded if the grant is approved so that the current defibrillator could be put out of commission. Chavez said he would discuss it with the vendor and get back to the board.

Chief's report

Chief Vinny Burns read several thank you cards the Fire Department received. One included a donation in memory of recently deceased William Bo McAllister, who was chairman of Wescott's board. Another card thanked the Wescott district with a donation of \$5,000 to be used for personal protective armor for firefighters. Burns said, "We do have some armor, but it's coming to the end of its life." During the New Life Church shooting in 2007, Wescott firefighters were first on scene and found themselves assisting victims with police protection, so the district purchased armor in case of a similar event in the future.

Assistant Battalion Chief Scott Ridings said there were 74 calls for service in January. The average time to arrive on scene was seven minutes and 27 seconds, and it took them only one minute and 10 seconds from the time the call came in to leaving the station.

Lt. Brian Ackerson said volunteer training will begin shortly for six new recruits. There will be three EMTs, one firefighter, and a husband and wife who have 10-15 years of firefighting experience willing to volunteer.

Resident Shannon Garrett asked if volunteer and full-time firefighters re-

ceive physicals. Ridings said this year, a doctor will be onsite to provide extensive physicals to all members, which will all be paid for by Wescott. Burns said the physicals are geared toward their profession and will include cancer and cardiac risk screening "to make sure we are fit for duty and ready to go to work," he said.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next Donald Wescott Fire District meeting is scheduled for March 17 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For information, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 488-8680 or see www.wescottfire.org.

Corrections

Some information was incorrect in the Donald Wescott article published Feb. 1 in OCN. Here is the correct information:

- Capt. Sean Pearson and Lt. Shannon Balvanz will be promoted to battalion chiefs.
- Drivers Roger Lance and Wayne Krzemien will be promoted to lieutenant positions.

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Above: Lt. Shannon Balvanz takes the oath of office in his promotion to battalion chief. Capt. Sean Pearson was also promoted to battalion chief. Drivers Roger Lance and Wayne Krzemien were promoted to lieutenant positions, and Matt Gibbs was promoted to driver. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*



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You're Invited

The Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration

Friday, March 20
10:30 a.m.

Local firefighter and former Antarctic research station worker Scott Brock will discuss the history of the Antarctic continent, highlighting Shackleton's Endurance Voyage and the attainment of the South Pole.

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