

- Glenway Street (only at Palmer Lake Elementary School playground)
- Upper Glenway between Dixie Street and High Street (adjacent to Palmer Lake Elementary School)
- Columbine Road from Pie Corner to Page Street
- Oakdale Drive

In the south half of the town, Dosch listed these streets where parking would be allowed:

- Suncrest Road, Durango Way, and Platte Lane
- Second Street
- Third Street
- Wheatridge Street
- Douglas Avenue and Forest View area
- Vale Street area
- Westward Lane
- Meadow Lane
- Circle Road

Parking would not be allowed on all other streets, Dosch said. He stressed his list was preliminary and said the restaurants' need for parking had been a factor in his recommendation.

Town Administrator Dawn Collins suggested the parking recommendation be posted on the town's website to solicit feedback. She also pointed out town staff had been given direction to develop the first parking lot adjacent to Highway 105, which would provide 50 additional parking spots for restaurant patrons.

Trustee Nicole Currier asked that a map documenting proposed street parking be created.

At the board meeting following the workshop, Bass said he wanted to implement the staff recommendations. He asked for public feedback, and for a map to be developed and posted on the town's website.

Parking kiosks to debut at reservoir trailhead

At the March 25 workshop, Parks Commission Chair Reid Wiecks summed up for the board the research done on parking kiosks by the commission. The commission chose a kiosk made by T2 Systems that takes credit and debit cards only, is solar powered and uses a Wi-Fi connection. The kiosk chosen is cheaper and more secure than kiosks that also take cash, Wiecks said. The Parks Commission recommended putting the kiosk in the north parking lot close to the trailhead.

Wiecks said the commission suggested a fee of either \$5 or \$10 for the day and believed the parking revenues could total about \$30,000 annually with the fee set at \$5. He suggested the revenue raised could be spent on an employee who would maintain the reservoir trail, the trailhead and Glen Park. Wiecks mentioned that the parking lot by the playground in Glen Park might be a suitable location for a second kiosk.

At the board meeting following the workshop, Trustee Karen Stuth raised the issue of charging residents \$5 to park and visitors \$10. A resident pointed out that a higher fee for visitors made the town seem unwelcoming to visitors who provide revenue to the town in other ways.

Trustee Jamie Farr argued that Manitou Springs charges residents the same fee that visitors pay.

The board voted unanimously to purchase the recommended kiosk and set the fee later.

Re-drill of town well approved
The board voted unanimously to re-drill Well D-2R, which pumps from the Denver aquifer. The Palmer Lake Water Department (PLWD) requested bids and selected Hydro Resources Rocky Mountain Inc. to do the work at a price of \$477,470, which includes drilling, construction, and testing the well. The

project should be complete 70 days after the agreement is signed.

Low water level in lake a concern

Collins told the board that the Parks Commission had recommended cancelling activities at the lake because of its low water level. She said there were safety issues caused by the lack of water, citing the possibility children might get stuck in the mud or be injured by fishhooks. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) would not stock the lake with fish in its current state, she said. She asked for Bass, water consultant Dave Frisch and Certified Water Supervisor Steve Orcutt to discuss the issue with town staff.

Collins said the town had rights to 64 acre-feet of water for the lake, but that the reservoirs could not supply that amount. She also said the maximum rate at which the town could divert water to the lake was eight acre-feet a month.

Kirk Noll, vice chair of the Parks Commission, said it was a painful decision for him but he recommended cancelling activities on the lake for the remainder of 2021. Noll said a representative of CPW had inspected the lake and was concerned about stocking the lake with fish. Another inspection would be done two or three weeks before the planned stock date, and if it looked bad, CPW would not stock the lake.

Bass suggested a meeting with staff to discuss this issue in the next few days.

Storm water ordinance amended

At the March 11 meeting, the board voted unanimously in favor of Ordinance 3-2021, which amends sections 16 and 17 of the town's Municipal Code to align with the most recent changes to the stormwater quality measure and access templates in El Paso County's Engineering Criteria Manual.

Gap project on budget and on schedule

CDOT Project Director Paul Neiman gave the board an update on the status of the I-25 South Gap Project, which is in the third year of its expected four-year duration. The northern portion of the work is substantially complete, Neiman said, adding it was easier than

the southern portion because no bridges needed to be rebuilt in the northern portion. The express lane has not yet been implemented, he said.

The portion of the project adjacent to Greenland is more complex, according to Neiman, since it contains four bridges and is close to the railroad. The entire project contains nine bridges—five existing bridges that will be rebuilt and four that will be newly constructed.

Neiman emphasized the scope of the project, which includes many basic construction tasks such as paving, constructing walls and medians, managing drainage, and upgrading and building bridges. The paving aspect will require 822,000 tons of asphalt, Neiman said. The project is expected to cost \$419 million.

The project includes four wildlife crossings intended to allow deer and elk to cross the freeway safely. Two of the crossings are 60 feet wide and two are 100 feet wide and were placed where collisions with wildlife are most common. Nineteen miles of fencing will be installed to direct wildlife to the crossing points.

Sixty percent of the paving is complete, and the rest will be done between May and October of 2021. Neiman said fiber optics used for camera systems, tracking devices, and other future technologies will be installed.

Neiman concluded with information about work that has started on the County Line Road bridge. Left-turn lanes and 12-foot shoulders will be added to the bridge, as well as a deer guard.

Trustee Glant Havenar asked Neiman if the impacts of closures and detours on Palmer Ridge High School had been considered. Neiman said CDOT was coordinating with many groups including the school district and that access through County Line Road should always be possible. The northbound on- and off-ramps on the east side of I-25 will be shut down for six weeks. There will also be a four-day complete closure of the interchange after the new ramps are built and some overnight closures of the bridge, Neiman said.

There will be more communication from CDOT as the project goes forward, and Neiman invited the community to read additional details via an online open house at <https://bit.ly/25CountyLine>. The link contains a feedback form.

Chamber of Commerce serves community

Terri Hayes, president and CEO of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce (TLCC), told the board her organization provides three resources to the community: a visitor center, an economic development corporation, and a



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