

staff and a rolling brush truck to patrol Black Forest during the afternoon and evening hours of the Fourth of July holiday celebrations.

Note: The following fireworks are still illegal in El Paso County: Bottle rockets, mortars, Roman candles, fountains/ground spinners, and any firework that flies or explodes. Violators may be punished by a fine of up to \$750 and/or imprisonment for up to six months. See www.epcsheriffsoffice.com, the article on page 21.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at BFFRPD Station 1, 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 21 at 7 p.m. For updates, agendas, and minutes, visit www.bffire.org.

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Monument Board of Trustees, June 7

Monument approves land ordinances, hears presentations

By Allison Robenstein

The Monument Board of Trustees met June 7 to approve several land use ordinances. The trustees also reviewed the results of a survey to judge residents' support for a potential ballot issue that would increase taxes to create revenue for the Police Department.

Ordinances

The board approved three land use ordinances. A final plat and rezone for Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Filing No. 1 was approved. The 15.89-acre lot is rezoned from Planned Industrial Development to Planned Development and will be used for a planned expansion of the existing fire

station. The Planning commission approved the request during its May 12 meeting. See www.ocn.me/v21n6.htm#mpc.

Next, the final plat for Jackson Creek North Filing Nos. 3-6 was approved unanimously. The development is south of Higby Road and north of Leather Chaps Drive. The 165 acres will include 378 single-family detached lots that range in size from 7,150 square feet to 29,215 square feet. A 10.2-acre park and 34 acres of open space will be included. Zoning will change from Regency Park Residential District-Estate, which allows two dwelling units per acre, to Planned Residential Development District Single Family. This zoning allows four dwelling units per acre. The Planning Commission approved the request during the May 12 meeting. See www.ocn.me/v21n6.htm#mpc.

Resident Lisa Hatfield expressed concern over the additional traffic this development will generate on Higby Road, but Town Planner Debbie Flynn said the town plans to annex the roadway into Monument and will create roundabouts to accommodate the additional trips.

Finally, new land development codes and the associated rezoned map were approved. The map has been updated to reflect new and renamed

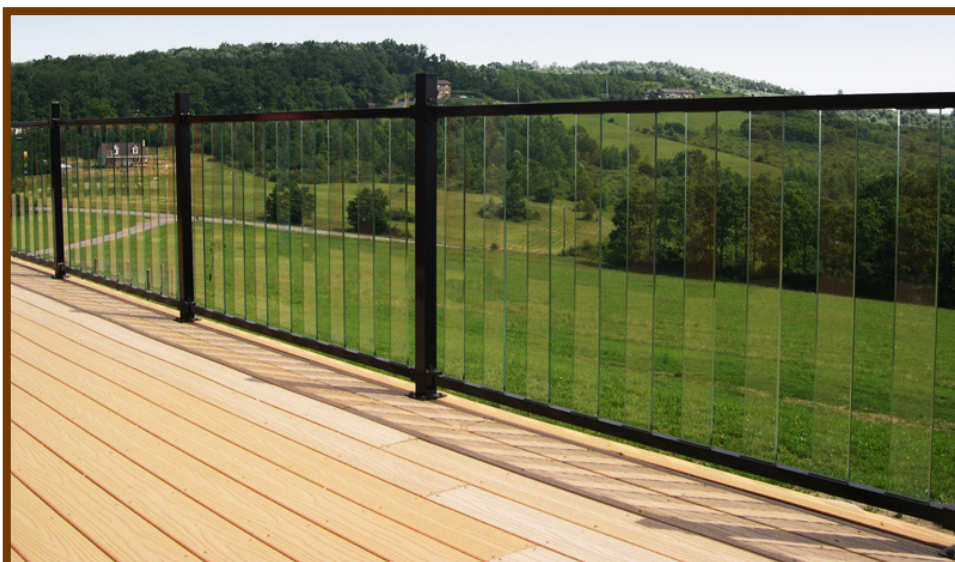
zoning districts. The town hired Plan Tools LLC to assist with the new codes that resulted in the repeal of municipal codes in Title 16 and 17, subdivisions and zoning respectively. The new zoning has been incorporated into Title 18 of the codes. To see project information, go to <https://www.plan-tools.com/Community/Home.asp>.

David Flaherty of Magellan Strategies presented the results of a survey to the board that had been intended to measure residents' support of a tax increase to support the Police Department. Last year, town residents did not approve a similar tax increase. See www.ocn.me/v20n12.htm#mbot1109 and www.ocn.me/v20n8.htm#mbot0720. Flaherty said 84% of respondents have a favorable opinion of the Monument Police Department, and 86% approve of the job the department does for the town. The survey shows 64% of respondents will support a 0.5% sales tax increase if it benefits the police.

The Girls of the West and the Pikes Peak Range Riders promoted the Pikes Peak or Bust rodeo, which is scheduled for July 14 to 17 at the Penrose Event Center. For tickets see <http://www.pikespeakorbust.org>.

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