

**PALMER LAKE**  
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into capital improvement.”  
Two audience members  
asked if rates would go

down again once the capital improvements are done, and Berreth agreed that this would be a possibility, but the “loan payment (on

the filter plant) is there for 25 years.”

Further discussion and action on the plan are expected at the next Town Council meeting on Dec. 6.

**Club volunteers to repair trail**

The council unanimously approved Colorado Mountain Club’s (CMC) proposal to improve the Ice Cave Creek Trail above the reservoir, and “work will

begin by June 2013 at the earliest,” said Tom Mowle, Project Leader. CMC will get advice from trail architect Paul Mead on how to reroute the first one-third mile of this trail, which is eroded and dangerous. The new section of trail would be built to bypass the steep slopes, and the current steep portion would be blocked with plantings and rock placement to deter hikers and bikers from using it. The resulting new trail “will be safer and easier to maintain in the future,” he said.

**Christmas Home**

**Decorating Contest**

Palmer Lake residents can decorate their homes for a chance to win prize money donated by the Palmer Lake Restaurant Association, group representative Jeff Hulsmann said. Judges will announce the winners of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest the weekend before Christmas. See [www.PalmerLakeDining.com](http://www.PalmerLakeDining.com) for information.

**New vision sought for parks**

Hulsmann, also a Parks Committee member, said that the parks master plan

made about six years ago needs updating.

“Some things are not going to work. We can’t do a swimming beach ... but there are things we could do to improve the lakeside park,” said Jeannine Engel, Parks Committee member. Bill Fisher, committee co-chair, added, “We need a parking lot to make (the west side of the lake more) accessible. ... It’s not just for visitors ... it’s also for those of us who live here.” Trustee Davis suggested creating a list of community service opportunities, and Berreth said the town is looking for grants. Engel reiterated the need for a new town Parks and Recreation trustee.

**Community emergency classes suggested**

Resident Dave Bresnahan described free Community Emergency Response Training run by the El Paso County Sheriff that provides community members with “basic knowledge on how to take care of themselves” before first responders arrive and how to “be an asset when the professionals show up. ... It can save huge amounts of time and lives.” Mayor Nikki McDonald said she will have information put on the town website and see how much interest there is in this training.

**Trustees tour Fire Department**

The Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD) hosted a walk-through of their facility for trustees. The PLVFD displayed the First Responders Award given to them Nov. 7 by the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau. The volunteer firefighters advised the trustees that they appreciate volunteers who donate time and materials to improve the fire station.

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