

September 2014 Weather Statistics

Average High **73.5°** (+1.5)
 100-year return frequency value max **77.5°** min **63.5°**
 Average Low **43.5°** (+3.5)
 100-year return frequency value max **46.7°** min **36.1°**
 Monthly Precipitation **1.24"** (-0.27")

100-year return frequency value max **4.34"** min **0.40"**
 Monthly Snowfall **0.2"** (-0.6")
 Highest Temperature **84° on the 19th**
 Lowest Temperature **28° on the 12th**
 Season to Date Snow **0.2"**
 (-0.6", 75% below normal)
 (the snow season is from July 1 to June 30)

Season to Date Precip. **8.13"**
 (+0.34", 5% above normal)
 (the precip season is from July 1 to June 30)
 Heating Degree Days **201** (-68)
 Cooling Degree Days **6** (+4)
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Letters to Our Community

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Disclaimer: *The opinions expressed in Letters to Our Community should not be interpreted as the views of OCN even if the letter written is an OCN volunteer.*

Thank you to our community



Above: District 38 students are pictured with Playaway books purchased by a teacher whose classroom was adopted. *Photo provided by Georgina Gittins.*

Thank you to businesses, families, and individuals for supporting the students and teachers of Lewis-Palmer School District. In September, four years after the Adopt D38 program debut, more than 485 adoptions of teachers, grades, teams, departments, and schools have occurred with over \$100,000 in donations. Teachers received 100 percent of the donations and purchased educational items for classrooms throughout our school district.

Some of the items purchased with your generous donations are: books, iPads, apps, computers, listening centers, Playaways (audio books), calculators, magazines, smart boards, a motivational speaker, headphones, rocket kits, weather cycle model, ceramic paints, and musical instruments.

We would love to recognize all the supporters of Adopt D38 but will just mention a few: Dr. Angela Delmorme of Delormco Business Development Inc., First Bank, Gleneagle Dental by Dr. Wonnacott, Kimmy's Therapeutic Massage & Bodyworks, Monument Vision Clinic, U.S. Taekwondo Center, Verizon Matching Incentive Program gifted by the Cade family, the Barber family, the Biggs family, the Bjurstrom family, the Ferguson family, the Fowler family, Tom Gregory, the Hopper family, the Horton family, John and Jane Kerr, the Safold family, the Schiappi family, and the Simpfendorfer family. Please check each school's Adopt D38 web page for the complete list of donors and more information on how to support education with your tax-deductible donation. See www.lewispalmer.org.

Volunteers have made Adopt D38 possible, so a special thank you to Jen Mueller and Deb Stumpf. Also, thank you to the Lewis-Palmer Education Foundation for sponsoring Adopt D38, thus allowing 100 percent donation.

Georgina Gittins
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Vote wisely on marijuana petitions

Reasons to vote "no" on Citizen Petition 300:

- Surrounding communities opted not to have retail marijuana stores (Manitou Springs is voting to remove their stores)
- Costs to the community as already experienced on the state level:
 - o Increased police personnel
 - o increased drug counseling personnel
 - o increased drug education in our schools
- Do we want a gigantic retail marijuana store located

in the old Pinz bowling alley to be the first image people see visiting our town?

- Potential massive congestion with individuals trying to enter and exit
- Insufficient data available to predict long-range ramifications to a town of our size
- Concerns held by local school personnel
- Owner of the potential retail marijuana store lives in Golden—no vested interest in the repercussions of his store (By the way, Golden voted down a marijuana retail store in the town, citing we want to be known as a "healthy town")
- Perceived revenue is unknown (when lobbying for a medical marijuana facility, large numbers of revenue were cited when in fact we receive only \$1,000 a year in sales tax)
- Potential devaluation of housing value based on a reputation of being a "pot town"
- Uphold the constitutional rights of voters who voted "no" to a retail marijuana store in April election
- Very divisive to our town
- We need revenue but prostituting ourselves with something that has so many negatives. True revenues are an unknown factor.

Reasons for "yes" vote on Citizen Petition 301

For three years:

- No ballot issue regarding marijuana
- Allows review of the effects of retail marijuana store on a small community
- Allows accurate revenue figures generated from a store in a small community
- Allows accurate data on the challenges created by having a retail marijuana store located in small towns
- Please note that voting "yes" on this ballot issue is not prohibiting anyone from using marijuana or growing it and does not affect the sales of medical marijuana

Meredith "Kit" Bromfield

Let's keep Palmer Lake healthy

On Nov. 4 the citizens of Palmer Lake will have the choice to keep the town a healthy, growing, quiet corner of the world, well-known for its hospitality, art, and beautiful scenery. Or it will sell its soul for promised proceeds from retail pot sales.

There are many organizations who, after diligent research, have taken positions against the sales of retail marijuana, including the Drug Enforcement Agency, the American Society of Addictive Medicine, the New England Journal of Medicine, the White House, the Justice Department, the Congress of the United States and many others. Are we somehow smarter than the doctors, psychologists and lawyers who comprise these organizations? Do we think they "just don't get it"? They're not hip or behind the times?

Many who are residents in our community have already voted "No, not in our town" in April of this year but this issue once again is coming up. We have put forth Citizen Petition 301 which calls for a three-year ban on the sale of retail marijuana, and then legalization only by a vote of the population. We don't want the citizens of our town to have to continue to face this issue, and we want the people to continue to decide for ourselves, not have this right taken by the Town Council or the mayor.

We respect the rights of those who think the money from sales of retail marijuana will help the town, but we think there are more social costs than financial benefit. Our town has ample revenue and is solvent. So please, consider our kids, our property values, the health of our town and your own long-term interests and vote "no" on 300 and "yes" on 301. Visit www.calmpalmerlake.org for more information.

Chris Amenson

How much tax revenue could come from retail marijuana?

Our Palmer Lake community has been misled by the pro-

marijuana lobby that simply wants to get the law passed for their own personal gain. The real truth is that marijuana sales provide very little income for towns and have many negative impacts on our communities.

Even though there are taxes of 27.9 percent on it, almost all of it goes to the state or school construction. The Colorado Department of Revenue explains that each local government only receives 15 percent of the 10

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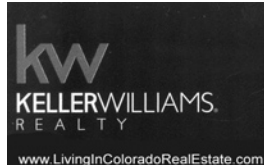
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