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- Sanctuary Pointe development is under internal review right now and has extensive water issues to work through.

**Public Works report**

Tharnish's comments included:

- Paving on Old Denver Road at Teachout Creek is almost done.
- Gazebo project material has been ordered for Lavelett Park.
- Water production for October was 19 percent more than in October 2013.
- Water gauges below the dam spillway are being changed from U.S. Geological Survey to Colorado Department of Natural Resources gauges, which will save money on maintenance costs.

**Police Department report**

Police Lt. Steve Burk's comments included:

- All officers have done additional Taser training and night fire range training.

- On Nov. 7, two pedestrians were struck and injured by a vehicle in a hit-and-run accident on Jackson Creek Parkway near Lyons Tail Drive. The case has been turned over to the Highway Patrol.

Burk said Chief Jake Shirk hoped to get back to work soon. Dominguez explained that Shirk broke his leg riding on an ATV, "so we are harassing him."

**Town manager's report**

Smith's comments included:

- Planner Morgan Hester has updated information on the town website regarding the zoning map and the comprehensive plan map.
- Receptionist Shannon Lacey has updated over 700 cemetery files over the last year.
- Trustee John Howe was thanked for his work on town cemetery files and history.

**Road safety questions**

During public comments, resident Arlene Padilla said the street lights on the curve of the I-25 southbound exit 161 were hardly ever lit and that this was a safety issue. Thar-

nish said he has already contacted CDOT due to numerous complaints about those malfunctioning lights.

Padilla also said that the intersection of Baptist Road and Old Denver Road near the trailhead is very dark and unsafe for pedestrians crossing the road using the Santa Fe Trail. Pesicka said that county plans to convert the intersection to a large roundabout, and he will ask them what they propose to do about pedestrian safety in their design plans.

The meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

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The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15 at Town Hall, 845 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are usually held the first and third Mondays of each month. Check <http://monumenttownco.minutesondemand.com/> to see future meeting agendas and packets. Information: 884-8017.

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*Palmer Lake Town Council, Nov. 13*

# ProTerra development water plan augmented

*By James Howald*

After tabling two agenda items relating to marijuana and a third relating to property inspections on Nov. 13, the Palmer Lake Town Council went on to approve the water augmentation plan requested by ProTerra Properties for its proposed residential development on Highway 105. The council also heard a report from Holly Schuler on the efforts of the Noxious Weed Eradication Team, and a report from Judith Harrington on the town's fire mitigation grant.

**Wells approved for ProTerra development**

At the Town Council's meeting in October, ProTerra Properties asked the council to allow additional wells to be drilled for its development of 15 5-acre lots near the Mennonite Church on Highway 105, the water being needed to support outdoor applications. Mayor Nikki McDonald pointed out that if the council denied the request, ProTerra Properties would have the option to de-annex its property from Palmer Lake and then request the wells from El Paso County.

ProTerra Properties worked with town water attorney

Harvey Curtis and reached a tentative agreement to proceed with wells that would tap the Denver and Dawson aquifers. A representative for ProTerra explained that septic flows from the houses to be built would replace the water pumped from the aquifers so that prior water rights would not be affected. Under the plan, each residence would have its own well, and each well would be limited to 1.5 acre-feet of water per year.

The council voted to authorize the town to sign the agreement with ProTerra. Only Parks and Recreation Trustee Cindy Allen voted no on the motion.

**Noxious weed problem addressed**

Holly Schuler, co-chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee and leader of the Noxious Weed Eradication Team, updated the council on the team's efforts to eradicate hemlock, thistle, hounds tongue, teasel, mountain spurge, and knapweed in the Palmer Lake area. To date, her team has removed 4,032 pounds of the weeds, which drive out native plants. Because seeds are present, eradication efforts need to be ongoing or the weeds will quickly return. The wet weather caused the weeds to flourish more than

usual over the summer. The team hopes to introduce bio-controls, such as insects, to slow down the noxious weed's proliferation, but needs to find funding to purchase them.

**Fire mitigation not a one-time effort**

Judith Harrington reported on the current state of the fire mitigation project. The town has spent \$100,000 on mitigation work. Harrington emphasized that cutting once is not enough, and that mitigation must be maintained to be effective. The Coalition for the Upper South Platte, which allocates funding for mitigation work, wants to maintain its relationship with the town. Limbaugh Canyon, which is private property, and Lindo Road are next in line for mitigation. See related article on page 19.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 9 in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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*Donald Wescott Fire Protection District, Nov. 18*

# Board receives offer to buy Station 3

*By Nancy Wilkins*

At the Nov. 18 Donald Wescott Fire Protection District board meeting, the board considered selling Fire Station 3, celebrated the district results from the firefighter challenge, announced the Dec. 6 Santa Patrol, and reviewed the draft 2015 budget.

**Proposal to purchase Wescott's oldest station**

Director Greg Gent presented a written proposal from a local developer to purchase Fire Station 3. Located at 15000 Sun Hills Drive, the station is currently used for storage. Gent said the developer would like to renovate



**Above:** Firefighters from the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District compete in the Scott Firefighters Combat Challenge in Arizona and break the district record. From left are Dillon Misenhimer, Brian Kirkpatrick, Mike Forsythe, Aaron Nokia, and Curt Leonhardt. *Photo by Assistant Chief Scott Ridings*

## Help Wanted

Hope Montessori Academy is currently hiring **ECT-qualified teacher (Group Leader)**

Current positions available are full-time in our preschool program. Candidates must have flexibility in scheduling - working until 6 pm may be required. If you are not sure if you are ECT-qualified, please visit this website to review requirements: [www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ChildYouthFam/CBON/1251583638954](http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ChildYouthFam/CBON/1251583638954). Click on "Early Childhood Teacher Eligibility Chart" on the top right.

Candidates must be enthusiastic, warm, nurturing, kind, creative, individuals who have experience working with age groups 3 to 5 years. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs, stand for 30-40 minutes at a time, and sit on the floor with the children. Position is available for working with all age groups. Compensation is competitive and based on education and experience.

Full-time employees receive health and dental benefits, sick pay, two weeks of paid vacation after 1 year of employment, and much more!

Please email your resume to [monument@hopeacademy.com](mailto:monument@hopeacademy.com), go to 18075 Minglewood Trail to fill out an application, or call for more information.

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