

**PALMER LAKE**  
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town. During public input, resident Paul Banta asked the trustees if they could write a draft ordinance to let citizens know what to expect specifically if the item on the sale of recreational marijuana is approved by voters. Palmer Lake Wellness owner Dino Salvatori voiced the same request, "So that when people vote, they know what they are voting for."

Town Attorney Larry Gaddis said the election is just a "straw vote of the residents," and it will then be up to the new Town Council to follow through and create the ordinance to reflect the people's wishes as reflected in the vote, whether it turns into a permanent ban or an authorization of recreational marijuana sales.

**Lucretia Vaile house to be sold**  
Mayor McDonald ex-

plained that the Lucretia Vaile house at 118 Hillside Rd. and two associated lots associated were now for sale, and the town would accept sealed bids for the purchase of the house. (In the Feb. 1 issue of OCN, it was incorrectly reported that the sealed bids were for renovation of the property.)

Three representatives of Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) asked for clarification from the town on this matter, since

as past PLAG President Margarete Seagraves said, "we were not informed" that the town had decided in January to go ahead with the sale of the property, and new president Meredith Bromfield said there is "40 years' worth of artwork and furniture" to be cleaned out. John DeFrancesco of PLAG had given the keys to Berreth so that the house could be shown to potential bidders, but this information wasn't shared with all the members of PLAG.

PLAG holds the deed to the house, and the trustees decided in March 2013 that it would eventually be

sold and that one-third of the proceeds would go to PLAG for its scholarship fund, but in the meantime PLAG would continue using the house as a gallery, paying all utilities and insurance. See [www.ocn.me/v12n9.htm#pltc](http://www.ocn.me/v12n9.htm#pltc) and [www.ocn.me/v13n4.htm#pltc](http://www.ocn.me/v13n4.htm#pltc) for more information.

Bromfield explained that additional confusion arose this year, because the sign posted at the Town Hall about the bids didn't say, "for sale," or "three-bedroom house," or "1,200 square feet. It didn't look like a regular ad for a house for sale." Berreth

apologized for the misunderstanding, saying this is the first time the town has sold a house and different procedures must be used.

After a long discussion, the consensus between the trustees and PLAG representatives was that Police Trustee Bob Grado would inquire about getting pro bono realtor help from his father-in-law so that the maximum possible sale price could be obtained for the property. The two other lots associated with the property will be retained by the town for now.

**Palmer Lake fire-fighters honored**

Palmer Lake Fire Trustee Rich Kuehster presented the Black Forest Fire Recognition award to Palmer Lake volunteer firefighters Cale Lohman, Phillip Beckman, Chris Downs, Weston Oesterreich, Courtney Dalton, Tyler Ruona, Brent Newton, and Abigail Vierling. The award honored their "professionalism and dedication to duty which were instrumental in the success of the department's mission accomplishment."

**Fuel mitigation grant deadline March 10**

Judith Harrington, who



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