

ing can be made to CPW at 719-227-5200. Anonymous reports can be called into Operation Game Feed at 877-267-6648.

Coyotes are active from dusk to dawn, and 70 percent of their diet consists of small animals. Hurwitz said hunting is the best method to control coyotes and instill a fear of humans. However, discharging a firearm (including BB guns and crossbows) is illegal in Woodmoor and could result in a ticket and fine. Sheriff's officers will consider each case individually, based on immediate danger to a person.

Claude Oleyar of AAC shared coyote attack statistics and recommended that homeowners associations have a coyote management plan that includes education and a coyote watch hotline. Every plan should have a lethal option, but the Colorado Constitution prohibits certain methods with exemptions for human health and safety. AAC could shoot coyotes if it could get a permit through an exemption from the El Paso County Health Department.

Kevin Neilsen, director of Public Safety, suggested that WIA might be able to collect data from residents and

provide the information to CPW.

EPSO representatives Sgt. Shane Mitchell, Deputy Keith Duda, and Mikel Baker gave an update on the 12 recent burglaries in the surrounding communities. Six members of a burglary ring were arrested in part due to leads from the community. Mitchell thanked residents for providing descriptions of suspicious individuals and vehicles. He encouraged people to continue to stay vigilant and call if they have concerns.

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Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, March 26

Woodmoor Drive traffic problems

By Jackie Burhans

Traffic issues on Woodmoor Drive were discussed at the March 26 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA).

The absences of Vice President Kirsten Reimann and Secretary Jeff Gerhart were excused.

Kevin Nielsen, WIA Public Safety chief, met with

the Lewis-Palmer School District representatives to discuss traffic issues near the middle school, including flashing light placement and traffic caused by parents lining up to pick up their kids after school. The district hopes to address both issues over the summer and is looking into changing the entrance and egress to the parking lot to move traffic off of Woodmoor Drive.

President Jim Hale participated in the county Highway Transportation Commission for county District 1. The meeting focused on tumbleweeds and speed bumps. Hale said the WIA needs to gather information from its area about problems with county roads such as the situation on Woodmoor Drive with parents who line up to pick up kids and block traffic.

Hale said anyone who sees problems such as potholes, curb issues, and berms that are safety hazards should let him know.

NEPCO hears WIA plans

Eric Gross, director of Forestry, attended the meeting of the Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Organizations (NEPCO) on March 8. There were 32 homeowners association (HOA) representatives from around the area at the meeting. He presented WIA's slash/disposal plans and invited other nearby communities to participate. Three communities signed up to get more information to provide to their boards for approval to join.

Gross reported that Kip Petersen of Donala Water and Sanitation wants to work with surrounding HOAs to provide education on water conservation. There will be two free workshops on May 10 and 17 at the Donala facility on Holbein Drive in Gleneagle.

Gary Kujawski, Colorado HOA information officer under the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), said his office has no regulatory authority at present. Its purpose is to provide education and to take all HOA complaints and report to the Legislature.

Other matters

HOA manager Matt Beseau and Secretary Gerhart continue to work on plans to update the WIA website to clean up outdated information and improve usability. Per Suhr, director of Public Safety, reported the first burglary in Woodmoor. It was not known if it was related to other

similar burglaries.

Forestry Director Eric Gross has submitted a proposal for a \$30,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources to reduce wildfire fuel, with an expected response in early April. Gross is also working on a Slash Removal/Chipping Day with a target date of May 17th and has set the Firewise date for June 21.

Mark Ponti, director of Common Areas, made a motion to approve funding of up to \$65,000 from the reserve funds for a parking area repaving project to include landscaping, paving, and irrigation. This would cover project funding with the final plans to be approved by the Architectural Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The board will update the WIA Rules and Regulations document and will issue a call for committee members in the upcoming newsletter. This will be an opportunity to ensure consistency with the Project Design Standards Manual (PDSM.)

WPS Chief Nielsen recapped the recent informational meeting on coyotes. He has been researching coyote management plans from HOAs outside of El Paso County and has begun drafting a proposed plan. President Hale suggested that the plan should go beyond coyotes and talk about general wildlife management.

Tom Schoemaker, WIA treasurer, made a motion to approve the five-year capital reserve expense plan. After a discussion of some of the items in the expense plan and a second motion to approve the 2014 insurance payment, both motions were passed unanimously.

The WIA Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the association's Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting will be on April 23 and will feature District Manager Jessie Shaffer, who will be available to discuss questions on tap fees, irrigation fees, rate and grid structure, as well as the Woodmoor Country Club.

Official minutes of the WIA board meetings can be found at <http://www.woodmoor.org/content/admin-bod-meeting-minutes.html>.

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March Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

March was a little drier than normal, with temperatures that were about normal overall. Last year, March was much colder than normal. Winds were gusty on several

days during the month, as several strong storm moved just to our north, leaving us with strong west to northwest winds but not much moisture.

It was typical March weather for the first few days of the month, with wild swings in temperature. The first day of March was cold, with a little snow, but the bigger story was the persistent fog and rime ice. This covered all exposed surfaces, making for some beautiful scenery. High temperatures only managed to reach the mid- to upper 20s as a shallow layer of Arctic air covered the region. However, as that layer of cold air thinned out the next day, sunshine returned and temperatures warmed to the low 40s. The cold air was fully scoured out by the 3rd, and mild Pacific air moved in on westerly winds. High temperatures jumped quickly to the mid-50s that afternoon, moving to above normal levels.

The roller coaster ride of weather conditions continued for the next few days, and we saw wild swings between winter and spring conditions. Sunny skies and seasonal temperatures in the 50s were common on the 4th. However, the next quick-moving cold front pushed through during the early hours of the 5th, accumulating 1 to 2 inches of snow and producing slick roadways. This was because the road surfaces were warm to start with, melting much of the snow initially, which quickly froze as

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