

with special needs by requesting an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a 504 plan with an

accommodation to provide more time for taking tests.

The Special Education Advisory Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each

month in the district Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St. in Monument. The next meeting will be

on April 9.
Nancy Wilkins can be reached at nancywilkins@ocn.me.

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Fire fuel mitigation and wildfire risk reduction grant

Judith Harrington and Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department (PLVFD) Chief Margo Humes prepared the town's fire mitigation grant application with input from David Root of the Colorado State Forest Service and submitted it on March 11. The community has pledged \$10,000 in mitigation funds to date, to be matched by \$16,000 if the grant is approved. The town's grant will be part of a larger program administered by the Coalition for the Upper South Platte watershed district, or CUSP, which has managed similar large grants in the past.

Residents can initiate an assessment of their property through the Fire Department, and mitigation guidelines are also available. Residents who mitigate their property may qualify for a \$2,500 tax credit to reimburse them for time spent, tools, and other costs. Check the Palmer Lake website (www.ci.palmer-lake.co.us) or call Harrington at 719-229-9636 for the latest on grant opportunities.

Humes sworn in as fire chief

Mayor Nikki McDonald administered the oath of office to Humes, the town's new fire chief. Chief Humes introduced four new volunteer firefighters: Tyler Ruona, Andrew Keene, Logan Noel, and Rachel Shiflet. David Hennessy received a badge, and Salvatori received a certificate of appreciation for his support of the Fire Department.

Application for medical marijuana bakery approved

Salvatori, owner of Palmer Lake Wellness, submitted an application for a (medical) marijuana infused products license to expand his existing business at 850 Commercial Lane to produce edible cannabis products. Salvatori

already is licensed by the state to use carbon dioxide extraction to produce the oil used in infused products such as cookies and candies.

He answered several questions, addressing consistency of dosage in the products, ability of the Police Department to handle any increase in enforcement needs, odors produced by the facility, and water use. Salvatori does not anticipate more need for police enforcement, and Police Trustee Bob Grado commented that Salvatori's existing business is run securely.

Salvatori said he will address any issues about odors from the facility by adding additional charcoal filters, and he noted that his hydroponic operation recycles water, so his water use is very low. His operation is also organic, he said, so there is no danger to the community from the use of pesticides. Salvatori said that eventually, he would like to move his business to the former bowling alley on Highway 105. The council voted to approve Salvatori's application, with two council members voting no.

Troop donates funds for canine mask

Girl Scout Troop 41815 from Monument Academy, donated \$95, raised through cookie sales, to the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department to purchase

an additional canine oxygen mask, known as a Breath of Air Recovery Kit. The troop was represented by scouts Madison, Morgan, Annalese, Avalon, and Ashley.

A more efficient Palmer Lake Star

Student Tommy Riggins addressed the council on behalf of Project Green Panthers, a group of students at Palmer Lake Elementary that has joined with the Fire Department to make the Palmer Lake Star more energy efficient and easier to maintain. The Green Panthers plan to replace the 91 incandescent bulbs currently in use with highly efficient and longer-lasting LED bulbs. Riggins invited the community to support this project with donations of money or Cree brand 40 watt 450 lumen LED bulbs, which are manufactured in the U.S. Bring your donations to Palmer Lake Elementary School at 115 Upper Glenway or call 719-488-4760.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. April 10 in Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

James Howald can be reached at jameshowald@ocn.me.



Above: Margo Humes (right) was sworn in as Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department chief by Mayor Nikki McDonald during the March 13 Palmer Lake Town Council meeting. Photo by Jackie Burhans



Above: Tommy Riggins, on behalf of Project Green Panthers, presented the group's plan to refurbish the Palmer Lake Star during the March 13 meeting. Photo by Jackie Burhans.

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Traci Burnett - Parent, D38
Other Panelists - TBD

Monday, May 5, 2014: 6⁰⁰ - 8⁰⁰pm

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