

this change to the existing law.

### Replating of Coldwater lots approved

The council heard a request to replat

two lots in the Coldwater subdivision from Jerry Hannigan, who represents the owners of the two lots, Jim Parco and Jim Fitzgerald. The change would move the property line between the two lots, but would not affect the size of either lot, and is desirable because one owner made improvements that are not on the lot he owns. The process to make the change is complicated by the fact that one lot is in Palmer Lake and the other lot is in unincorporated El Paso County, so both the town and the county need to approve the change. Also, the land added to Parco's lot must be annexed by the town and rezoned to R1E use. The land added to Fitzgerald's lot must be disconnected from the town and rezoned by the county to match the rest of his property. The council voted unanimously to approve

this change.

### Reservoir trailhead parking to change

The council discussed how to manage the parking lot at the trailhead for the reservoir hiking trail. Parking laws must be more strictly enforced because on weekends the trailhead is often overcrowded with parked cars, creating a situation where emergency vehicles do not have the required access. No parking will be allowed on Old Carriage Road; signs will direct cars to additional parking on Lover's Lane. Enforcement will include ticketing and towing of improperly parked cars.

### Town changes auditors

The council decided to replace the town's current auditing firm with Green and Associates LLC. The search for a new auditing company was prompted by the high cost of the town's last audit. Switching to

Green and Associates is expected to save the town nearly \$20,000 on its next audit. Green and Associates is able to do the work for less because it is more familiar than the current auditors with the White Mountain accounting software that the town uses for its bookkeeping. The council voted unanimously to use Green and Associates for audits.

### Palmer Lake now a Firewise Community

In January, Fire Chief Margo Hume notified the town it had qualified for Firewise Community status and presented the council with a plaque celebrating that achievement. This designation can reduce insurance costs for residents. Judith Harrington asked residents to consider donating trees to Black Forest residents who are redoing their landscaping after the fire in their community.

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