

Our Community News

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Local Events

See pages 28-31 for details of these and many other local events.

Free Monday Movie Matinee at the Tri-Lakes Senior Center, Mondays in April, 1-4 p.m.

Palmer Lake Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., Apr 4, 9 a.m.

Monument Community Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., Apr. 4, 2 p.m.

Lewis-Palmer High School Blood Drive, Thu., Apr. 9, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

D38 parents' coffee with the school board, Tue., April 14, 9-9:30 a.m.

Palmer Lake Historical Society: "Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region," Thu., Apr. 16, 7 p.m.

Palmer Ridge High School Theatre Production: *The Boys next Door* by Tom Griffin, Thu. - Sat., Apr. 16-18.

Protect your Home from Wildfire Community Event, Sat., Apr. 18

Monument Library: AARP Smart Driver Course, Sat., Apr. 18, 12:45-5:15 p.m.

Amateur Radio W0TLM (Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association), Mon., April 20, 7 p.m..

Lewis-Palmer High School Theatre Production: *The Odd Couple*, Wed.-Sat., Apr. 22-25.

Track the Trash: New Santa Fe regional Trail, Sat., Apr. 25. 9 a.m.

Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 51st Annual Spring Show & Sale, Thu.-Sun., Apr. 30-May 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Palmer Lake FireWise May Day, Sat., May 2.

Pine Forest Show: Antiques, Home Décor, and Garden Sale, Sat., May 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., May 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ☐



Above: Staff from Colorado Springs Utilities demonstrates the dangers of high voltage at the WMMI Science Day. *Photo by David Futey.* See also the photo on page 25.

Monument Board of Trustees, March 16

Town manager finalist introduced; Regency Park zoning amendment approved

By Lisa Hatfield

On March 16, the Monument Board of Trustees approved the Feb. 26 version of Sixth Amendment to the Regency Park Development and Rezoning Plan, heard from two sides regarding the bulk water station on Wagon Gap Trail, heard from one finalist for the town manager position, gave input on an initial master parks plan, and approved street closures for this year's July 4 parade. The meeting did not adjourn until 12:45 a.m. due to two executive sessions.

Regency Park amended zoning approved

Rick Blevins of Vision Development Inc. had first addressed the Board of Trustees

on Feb. 2 with the Jan. 27, 2015 version of the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Regency Park Development and Rezoning Plan, a 253-acre sub-area of the 1,757-acre Regency Park development, annexed into Monument in 1987, which also includes Jackson Creek and Monument Marketplace. The proposed Sixth Amendment was continued to March 16 so that more input from the applicant and from neighbors could be considered, including a meeting with them on March 3. See www.ocn.me/v15n3.htm#mbot0202.

On March 16, Blevins presented the Feb. 26, 2015 version of the Sixth Amendment Development and Rezoning Plan,

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Palmer Lake Town Council, March 12

Awake the Lake project encounters new snag

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met on March 12 to hear an update from Jeff Hulsmann on the status of the Awake the Lake project, to consider a request to vacate a portion of Hermosa Avenue, to vote on new business licenses, and to hear a resident's thoughts on how to make the council's work more transparent to the town's citizens.

State designates Palmer Lake a reservoir

A decision by the State Water District commissioner designating Palmer Lake to be a reservoir, not a natural lake, has complicated the plans of the Awake the Lake effort, according to Hulsmann, the organizer of the project to refill the lake. The decision was made because the original boundaries of the lake have been altered, Hulsmann re-

ported. Because it is now classified as a reservoir, the state requires any water that fills the lake from natural springs must be replaced for downstream claimants, Hulsmann said.

The Awake the Lake team plans to ask the state to reverse this decision, which would remove the requirement to replace the water that naturally fills the lake. Hulsmann believes recent sediment removal done by the Awake the Lake committee restored the lake to its original size, and said the project committee has provided the state with photographs of the lake taken between 1840 and 1855 that show the dimensions of the lake at that time. According to Hulsmann, the railroad that owned the lake previously did alter its boundaries.

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WIA Board, March 25

WPS proposes safe zone to complete online transactions

By Jackie Burhans

On March 25, the Woodmoor Improvement Association board discussed an online transaction safe zone proposal, the idea of formalizing relations with Monument, and actions to be taken to collect delinquent fees and fines. Treasurer Tom Shoemaker's absence was excused.

Safe zone service for online transactions

Woodmoor Public Safety (WPS) Chief Kevin Nielsen proposed the creation of a safe zone where Woodmoor residents could meet and complete online transactions arranged through services such as Craigslist. Referencing the recent tragedy in Longmont and the creation of a similar zone by the Weld County Sheriff's Office, Nielsen suggested offering to have a uniformed WPS officer present for transactions at the Barn parking lot given reasonable notice by a resident. WPS would only be providing physical security rather than verification of goods. After some discussion, the WIA board unanimously approved the proposal

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Monument Planning Commission, March 11

Sanctuary Pointe proposals approved

By Kate Wetterer

Classic Homes, represented by Andrea Barlow of NES Inc., presented proposed plans for the Sanctuary Pointe housing development Phase 1 at the March 11 Monument Planning Commission (MPC) meeting. These proposals relate to sketch plans approved in 2006. All four proposals were approved unanimously by the Planning Commission.

The proposed development would be built north of Baptist Road and Fox Run Regional Park, about one mile east of the Promontory Pointe subdivision. The March 11 MPC meeting dealt with Phase 1 of the Sanctuary Pointe Development plan, encompassing 125 lots—51 homes planned in Filing 1, 40 homes planned in Filing 2. The 40 homes noted in the Carriages proposal are attached single-family homes, set up to provide a sense of living, open space without difficult-to-maintain yards. Multiple public meetings have been held to discuss the potential development and answer citizens' questions.

Specific titles for the propositions approved by the MPC are: Sanctuary Pointe

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