

nal investigation is to keep the public's trust and maintain the internal trust of all the officers. The goal of internal investigations, according to the academy manual, is to find the truth. The policy is for the chief of police to make an informed decision before imposing discipline.

Police dog Amp on the case

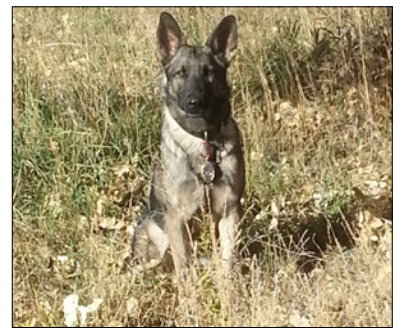
Officer Shane Larsen from Fountain brought Amp to the Citizens Police Academy. Amp is an active 2-year-old German shepherd that, by scent alone, was able to retrieve a set of academy student's keys thrown into a

large field. Amp is also trained to sniff out controlled and illegal substances. Fountain's police department is a "sister police department" and the two share Amp when needed. One academy participant asked what happens to police dogs if they are too old to serve. Larsen said the dogs

usually go home with a police office to retire and spend the day happily on the couch.

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Right: Amp, the police dog. Photo submitted by Lt. Steve Burk.



Palmer Lake Town Council, June 11

Vaile House sold; town attorney to retire

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met on June 11 to vote on a bid to purchase the Vaile House, to begin planning for the retirement of Town Attorney Larry Gaddis, to discuss the status of the Great Outdoor Colorado (GOCO) grant, to hear reports from the trustees, and to review a business license request. Police Trustee Bob Grado was not present at the meeting.

Council accepts bid to sell Vaile House

The Town Council accepted a bid from Curt Erhart to purchase four lots, which include the historic Vaile House at 118 Hillside Road, from the Town of Palmer Lake for \$145,000. Mayor Nikki McDonald, Fire Trustee Richard Kuehster, Parks and Recreation Trustee Paul Banta, Finance Trustee Mitchell Davis and Trustee Judith Harrington voted to approve the bid; Roads Trustee John Russell voted not to approve. The Palmer Lake Art Group will receive one-third of the money from the sale of the property, with the rest going to the Town of Palmer Lake.

Attorney Gaddis announces retirement

Larry Gaddis announced that, after 40 years, he will retire as the town's lawyer. Gaddis will stay until the end of the year to give the town time to find a replacement and to conduct an orderly transition. Gaddis will continue his private practice as an estate planner.

Council reviews progress of GOCO work on park

Trustee Banta told the council that the seeding work and other tasks they had approved for the Palmer Lake Regional Recreation Area in a previous meeting had not been done by the end of May as planned, due to rainy weather. Some electrical work has been completed, according to Banta. Banta commented that the GOCO project team was providing more information about its progress, and he proposed extending the deadline for the tasks the council had approved until the end of the year. Trustees Davis and Russell argued that the GOCO project team should send a representative to council meet-

ings to report on its progress. A motion to extend the deadline until the end of 2015 passed, with Kuehster, Banta, and Harrington voting in favor, and Davis and Russell voting no.

Trustee Russell details plans for road work

In his report, Trustee Russell discussed three road projects planned for the summer. The first is a repaving effort on Glenway Street at Highway 105, adjacent to the Speed Trap Café, that will run new paving west from Highway 105. The second is at Westward Lane at Highway 105. The third, and largest, repaving effort is at Greeley Boulevard. The three projects together will cost \$96,900, and thus will require \$75,000 from the 2015 budget for capital improvement of roads, plus funds carried over from the 2014 budget that were allocated for the same purpose. Martin Marietta Asphalt will do the work. The council voted unanimously to approve these three projects.

Council approves business license

Kris and Dennise Wilson requested a business license for Chop Ware Inc. Chop Ware manufactures and sells ChopStir, a kitchen device that helps cooks ground meat. Manufacturing and shipping are done from a location in Colorado Springs. The council voted unanimously to approve the business license.

The meeting adjourned at 6:

42 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. July 9 at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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What is NEPCO?

By Larry Oliver
NEPCO president

The Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO) was formed in June 2000 to facilitate communication and interaction among

the homeowners associations (HOAs) and residential areas, not yet incorporated as an HOA, within Northern El Paso County. NEPCO exchanges ideas on topics of common interest and develops collective responses

to the county and the Town of Monument on issues affecting its members' quality of life.

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