

# Our Community News

Volunteers reporting on community issues in Monument, Palmer Lake, and the surrounding Tri-Lakes area



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## Local Events

See pages 27-31 for details of these and many other local events.

**Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua**, Sat., Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Ice Cream Social**, Sat., Aug. 1, 1-2:30 p.m.

**D-38 Homeschool Enrichment Academy Open House**, Thu., Aug. 6 and Mon., Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-noon

**WMMI National Tiny House Jamboree**, Fri.-Sun., Aug. 7-9

**Monument Board of Adjustment Methadone Clinic Zoning Issues Hearing**, Mon., Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m.

**Foot Care Clinic**, Wed., Aug. 12

**Free Community Pig Roast**, Fri., Aug. 14, 5:30-8 p.m.

**King's Deer Community Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sun., Aug. 14-16

**Black Forest Festival**, Sat., Aug. 15, 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Harvest Brew at Peak Ranch's Alpaca Boutique**, Sat., Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**AARP Smart Driver Course**, Sat., Aug. 15, 12:45-5:15 p.m.

**Peter Yarrow in Concert at TLCA**, Sat., Aug. 15, 7 p.m.

**Words with Wine at Catriona Cellars**, Sun., Aug. 16

**Palmer Lake Historical Society: Monument Tree Nursery**, Thu., Aug. 20, 7 p.m.

**Art Hop**, Thu., Aug. 20, 5-8 p.m.

**Heartsaver CPR/First Aid Class**, Sat., Aug. 22, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Volunteers needed for weed removal**, Sat., Aug. 22, 8-11 a.m.

**Monument Parks Plan Open House**, Thu., Aug. 27, 4-7 p.m.

**Foot Care Clinic**, Fri., Aug. 28

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**Above:** The Lake is a lake. Water returns to Palmer Lake as the town gets permission to divert water from the reservoir and the weather cooperates with plenty of rain. Photo by James Howald.

Palmer Lake Town Council, July 9

## Town begins to fill lake; fire chief requests tax hike

By James Howald

The Palmer Lake Town Council met on July 9 to hear announcements about the effort to replenish the lake with water and to develop the park adjacent to it, to consider a proposal to increase the town's mill levy to fund its volunteer Fire Department, and to hear a presentation from the

Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corp. Fire Trustee Rich Kuehster and Roads Trustee John Russell were not present at the meeting.

### Palmer Lake receives water from reservoir

Parks and Recreation Trustee Paul Banta announced that the town received per-

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"No Methadone in Monument" Community Meeting, July 23

## Organization discusses strategy, raises funds, solicits volunteers

By Jackie Burhans

On Thursday, July 23 the No Methadone in Monument organization hosted a community meeting at 6 p.m. in Si Sibell's barn in downtown Monument. Over 200 attendees listened to Tom Allen of Woodmoor, Father Gregory of St. Peter, and others discuss the plan to fight against the Colonial Management Group's (CMG) ([www.methadonetreatment.com/Home.aspx](http://www.methadonetreatment.com/Home.aspx)) opening of a methadone clinic in the heart of historic Monument.

The meeting's host, Allen, introduced the speakers. He is a resident of Woodmoor with his wife Barbara. Their daughter Jamie Fenley started this movement against the Methadone clinic, having been

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Mon. Board of Trustees, July 6

## "Our hands are tied" on methadone clinic

By Lisa Hatfield

At the July 6 Monument Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees heard public comments about the methadone clinic, and presentations about Mountain Community Senior Services, mosquito abatement, and teens' responses to the parks master plan survey. They also approved a new set of rules for Monument Lake, a commercial property's replat and final PD site plan on Jackson Creek Parkway, and a handful of other ordinances and resolutions.

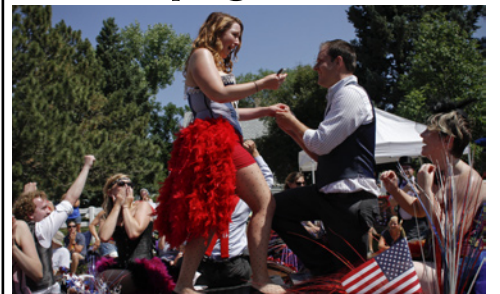
### Methadone clinic could open in next few months

Mayor Rafael Dominguez summarized the situation as of July 6 regarding the methadone clinic planned for 192 Front St. His comments included:

- I was notified by company representatives that the methadone clinic was scheduled to open in the next few months, possibly August or September. Operating hours may be from 5 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- I don't like the location, but we have legal obligations to meet. The zoning in place permits that type of use (a "clinic"). Our hands are tied right now.
- We were caught a bit off-guard. The only prior notification was a permit for interior finishes, which the town did not question. The applicants have now spent over \$250,000 on interior finishes.
- We have received petitions with 300 signatures and 800 online signatures from business owners and residents who are not happy with the situation.

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## July 4th photos, see page 25-26



**Above:** Adam Crawford asks Meghan Flynn to become his bride during the Fourth of July parade in Monument. They met on Meghan's first day of employment at Pikes Peak Brewing Co. on last year's Fourth of July. Both are still employed at PPBC. Adam and the PPBC staff had to keep this all a secret for the last several months. Photo by Laura E. Graham.



**Above:** Dede Laugusen, an activist working with the No Methadone in Monument group, hands out flyers with information about the organization and how to donate and a form to fill out with donation information and a volunteer survey. Photo by Jackie Burhans.