

nity aware of what is happening in nearby locales and communities.

Stensland then reviewed the income and expenses for 2015 and provided year-end summaries of covenant violations, architectural control requests, and forestry.

2016 goals

Firewise is always a priority and mitigation work is ongoing. The board is working with the water district to move the water line and meter from the street to the building. The board plans to improve the parking at Toboggan Hill by paving and increasing the size. The Covenants and Rules & Regulations documents will be revised. The goal is to bring these 40-year-old documents up to date. Any changes must be approved by 66 percent of the lot owners.

The board continues to digitize WIA files so they can be backed up offsite in case of a fire. Community events such as Slash Days, an Aspen Tree seminar, and other educational and fun activities will be planned. The board also intends to remain involved with the Country Club at Woodmoor to keep informed on any plans that may impact the community.

Vincent Elorie and other awards

Woodmoor Public Safety chief Kevin Nielsen recounted the history of Vincent Elorie, an outstanding citizen and former member of the Woodmoor Police Department. The WIA Board of Directors created an outstanding citizen award in 1995 and Elorie was the first recipient. The hand-

painted statue is given each year to an outstanding citizen who is nominated by the community. This year's nominee was Amy Smith, who moved to Woodmoor in 2000 and has had a long involvement with the WIA, recently redesigning its new website.

Also, the Best Christmas Lights and Good Neighbor Awards were announced and raffle prizes from local vendors were given to attendees.

The WIA annual meeting is held each year in January at Lewis-Palmer Middle School. The WIA calendar can be found at: <https://www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/>. WIA board meeting minutes can be found at: <https://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/> once approved and posted.

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Right: Board member Erik Stensland presents the Vincent Elorie award for outstanding citizen to Amy Smith. The hand painted statue honors Elorie who was Woodmoor Police Chief from the late 70s to mid-80s. Smith, a former Forestry director moved to Woodmoor in 2000, programmed the WIA/WPS database, and designed the new WIA website ([woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org)), which has received numerous compliments. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*



Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, Jan. 27

Board appoints directors, urges residents to sign up for emails



Above: The newly formed 2016 Woodmoor Improvement Association board meets in the first regular meeting of the year. From left to right:

Richard Wretschko, Mark Ponti, Robert Benjamin, Brian Bush, Jennifer Cunningham, Erik Stensland, Peter Bille, Alan Bassett, Per Suhr along with WPS

Chief Kevin Nielsen and HOA Administrator Denise Cagliaro. *Photo by Jackie Burhans.*

By Jackie Burhans

In the first 2016 regular meeting of the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board Jan. 27, positions were assigned to each member of the board.

New board positions set

The following board positions were assigned:

- Erik Stensland – President
- Peter Bille – Vice President
- Jennifer Cunningham – Secretary/Community Outreach
- Brian Bush – Treasurer
- Mark Ponti – Director of Architectural Control Committee
- Rich Wretschko – Director of Common Areas
- Alan Bassett – Director of Covenants
- Robert Benjamin – Director of Forestry
- Per Suhr – Director of Public Safety

Residents urged to sign up for email

With the new website operational, the board recommends that residents sign up for email announcements. This will let residents get important announcements and keep in touch with important information. Even if you have previously signed up, it would be good to re-confirm your email. After you sign up, don't forget to confirm your sub-

scription through the link sent to your email.

Residents will receive emails on security concerns, Woodmoor Public Safety dispatch reports, WIA annual board elections, educational events on fire mitigation and growing aspen trees, the annual Woodmoor Garage Sale, and more.

Board report highlights

- There is a revitalized Tri-Lakes Land Use Committee that is forming to make sure the communities voice is heard in the various organizations that decide on area development. For more information, contact Jerry Hannigan at hannigan.and.assoc@gmail.com. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 8 at the Chamber of Commerce building at 166 Second St. in Monument.
- The Palmer Lake Cowboy Chili Cookoff will be held on Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. at Palmer Lake Town Hall. This event is free to the entire Tri-Lakes community. Get to know your neighbors offline. Prizes for best cowboy/cowgirl costume and, of course, best chili trophy. For more information, see <http://www.palmerlakechili.org>.
- Chief Kevin Nielsen has updated the Woodmoor Public Safety Standard Operating Procedure docu-

ment and Training Manual for review. Nielsen will bring it to the board for approval next month.

- The director of the Colorado HOA Forum (<http://www.coloradohoaforum.com>) visited WIA to discuss the organization and its upcoming event. The Colorado HOA Forum is an organization consisting of HOA homeowners from Colorado Homeowner's Associations (HOAs), property managers, and others dedicated to improving Colorado HOA governance and living. They are working on legislation for transparency of HOA transfer fees. The board is considering having a couple of people attend an upcoming town hall meeting on Feb. 13.

The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next meeting will be on Feb. 24. The WIA calendar can be found at: <https://www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/>. WIA board meeting minutes can be found at: <https://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/> once approved and posted.

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Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority, Jan. 8

CDOT will reimburse BRRTA \$12.5 million

By Jim Kendrick

At a special 1 p.m. meeting on Jan. 8, the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority (BRRTA) board unanimously approved a resolution for Amendment 2 to intergovernmental Contract #08 HA200049, Project IM 025341, eBRRTA and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for a final CDOT payment of \$12.51 million to complete full state reimbursement of all direct I-25 Baptist Road interchange expansion construction contract costs of \$15.5 million. The BRRTA directors unanimously approved the size of this second CDOT reimbursement payment on Dec. 28, 2015.

BRRTA voters approved a \$21.5 million sales tax

revenue bond issue financed by a temporary 20-year one-cent sales tax within the BRRTA service area in the Nov. 6, 2006 election. CDOT previously made one other reimbursement of \$3 million with Amendment 1 in May 2011, which BRRTA used to redeem some of these BRRTA revenue bonds early. This \$12.51 million CDOT reimbursement coupled with BRRTA's existing debt service fund balance of about \$2.38 million is large enough to pay for all costs for early redemption of all remaining revenue bonds. The timing and final total costs for principal, interest, and administrative costs for early redemption have not been determined. For more details see <http://ocn.me/v16n1.htm#brarta1228>.

The board postponed the Feb. 12 BRRTA quarterly meeting to March 18 to ensure having all required 2015 budget and audit information available.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 2:30 p.m. in the Academy Conference Room of Citizen Service Center, 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road. Meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the second month of the quarter. Information: 520-5547 or 520-6386.

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