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Local Events

See pages 24-27 for details of these and many other local events.

- Tri-Lakes Cruisers 15th Annual Benefit Car Show, Sun., Aug. 7, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua, Sat., Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- SunDance Studio Olympic Day Celebration, Sat., Aug. 6, 2-6 p.m.
- Bethany & Rufus Concert at TLCA, Sat., Aug. 7, 7 p.m.
- Foot Care Clinic, Wed., Aug. 10
- Free Concert at Fox Run Regional Park: George Whitesell, Wed., Aug. 10, 6-8 p.m.
- Free Movie Night: The Princess Bride, Thu., Aug. 11, 7 p.m.
- King's Deer Community Garage Sale, Fri.-Sun., Aug. 12-14
- Lang 19th Annual Pig Roast & Client Appreciation Event, Fri., Aug. 12, 5:30-8 p.m.
- Friends of Fox Run Volunteer Day, Sat., Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-noon
- Church Yard Sale Hop, Sat., Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- USAF Academy Band Blue Steel Free Concert, Sat., Aug. 13, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Chip Dolan Trio Concert at TLCA, Sat., Aug. 13, 7 p.m.
- Art Hop, Thu., Aug. 18, 5-8 p.m.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Aug. 19
- Tri-Lakes Y Back to School BBQ, Fri., Aug. 19, 6-8 p.m.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Aug. 26
- Black Forest Community Service Opportunity, Sat., Aug. 20
- Chuck Girard Concert at TLCA, Fri., Aug. 26, 7 p.m.
- Tri-MOOR Triathlon, Sun., Aug. 28, registration begins 6:30 a.m.
- Free Opening Reception at TLCA, Thu., Sep. 2, 6-8 p.m. ■

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Above: The Tri-Lakes Views sponsored public artwork, *Aspen Grove*, a colorful, metal kinetic sculpture, was installed at the Baptist Road roundabout on June 30 and is the first roundabout public art on the I-25 corridor. The artist, Reven-Marie Swanson, describes her sculpture in this way: "The Aspen Grove brings to life the interaction of light, wind, and color highlighting one of our cherished species of trees. The intent is to draw upon the powerful images provided by the backdrop of Pikes Peak, Rampart Range, and rolling grassland." *Photo by Sky Hall.*

Triview Metropolitan District, July 12

Remington reports "20 to 30 million gallon" leak; future budgeting discussed

By Lisa Hatfield

The July 12 regular Triview Metropolitan District board meeting was held in a Fairfield Inn meeting room full of residents who asked questions and made comments about the many weeks of emergency water restrictions imposed on Triview residents. This meeting followed an emergency community meeting held outside Bear Creek Elementary School on July 9, and the subsequent discovery of the huge Triview water leak that was found after 36 days. This July 12 meeting lasted over five hours and also covered a new water restrictions policy and fine structure, an emergency agree-

ment between Triview and Donala Water and Sanitation District, and initial future capital projects and budget planning.

Triview, on the east side of I-25, includes two-thirds of the population of the town of Monument and is still growing at a rapid rate. Triview was created as one of the first Colorado Title 32 developer special metropolitan districts within the Regency Park development and was annexed into the town in 1987. Triview provides roads, parks, and drainage maintenance, as well as water and sanitation utility services to the residents of Jackson Creek, Promon-

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Donala Water and Sanitation District, July 21

Triview emergency support summarized; Snyder selected as new director

By Jim Kendrick

At the July 21 Donala Water and Sanitation District board meeting, General Manager Kip Petersen explained Donala's role in providing emergency water supply assistance to Triview Metropolitan District during its water crisis in June and July. The board conducted interviews of two Donala residents to fill the vacant director seat of the late Bill Nance. The board also awarded a \$1.38 million construction contract for a new water pipeline extension.

The planned out-of-town absence of Vice President Ken Judd was unanimously excused.

Synopsis of Triview's water emergency

Petersen advised the board on June 23 that he had been contacted by Triview District Manager Valerie Remington on June 17 regarding unprecedented Triview potable water consumption that may have been caused either by high customer use or a large distribution system leak that her staff could not find. Remington said water levels in Triview's single water tank were dropping and Triview may need Donala's assistance in providing potable water to Triview water customers. This problem began on June 3.

He told Remington Donala would provide emergency water to Triview if it was physically possible, but Triview would have to ban all outside irrigation and preserve emergency fire flows from Triview fire hydrants. Petersen further advised the board that there are two existing potable water interconnections between Donala's and Triview's potable water distribution systems along Baptist Road—at Struthers Road (the lowest elevation in the Triview service area) and at Gleneagle Drive. There are no meters at either the Struthers or Gleneagle interconnections, Petersen said, because a former Triview general manager refused to pay Triview's share of the meter installation costs. (<http://ocn.me/v8n1.htm#tmd>, <http://ocn.me/v7n1.htm#tmd>, <http://ocn.me/v6n8.htm#dwsd>)

Petersen also told the Donala board on June 23 that comparative pressure measurements showed that Donala could not pump water through the Struthers interconnection due to gravity creating a much higher inline head pressure on Triview's side. Triview's distribution system components are generally at a higher elevation than Donala's, causing higher internal downhill Triview water main head pressures, especially at Struthers Road, (Continued on page 2)