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As a member of the Kiwanis family of more than 8,000 clubs in 80 countries, our "community" is truly worldwide; however, the primary focus of our 140 members, who annually provide over 15,000 hours of service, is on the Tri-Lakes area, especially our young people, our quality of life, and the preservation of our values as reflected in the Six Objects of Kiwanis (www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/about-kiwanis/ourvalues).

The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club

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We meet Saturdays, 8 a.m. at the D-38 Administration Building, 146 Jefferson Street in Downtown Monument

The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that has been supporting the Tri-Lakes community since 1974. In addition to sponsoring the Monument Independence Day Parade and the annual Empty Bowls Dinner to fight hunger in the community, each year the Club raises and contributes over \$100,000 to worthy organizations such as Tri-Lakes Cares, the Salvation Army, Lewis-Palmer School District 38, Griffith Centers for Children, and the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Foundation.

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- Level 3 – Two nights a week based on Zones A, B, and C: one warning, then fines of \$50, \$500, \$750
- Level 4 – Emergency Irrigation Ban: one warning, then fines of \$50, \$500, \$750

Certified letters would be used to notify residents of violations, and an appeals process was included.

Public comments included:

- How are you communicating with us about what restriction levels are in place?
- You could post notices at the central mailbox areas too so that if people don't leave the neighborhood, they won't miss the electronic signs.

Donala and Triview sign agreement

The directors unanimously agreed to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Triview and the Donala for emergency water system interconnection and mutual aid. It included the provision that Valerie Remington will follow up with Donala about

having Triview pay for half the cost of installing a meter at the interconnection point.

Donala provided emergency water to Triview from July 4-9, and this was the first time the emergency connection had been opened. (See www.ocn.me/v16n7.htm#dwsd-0623.)

The board also directed Valerie Remington to do some preliminary research about connectivity possibilities with the Town of Monument water service district west of I-25 and with Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District north of Higby Road. Triview already has an emergency connection with the new Forest Lakes Metro District west of I-25 that could be used in the future.

2015 audit and budget amendment accepted

Two representatives from the district's auditing firm, Stockman Kast & Ryan, presented their results to the directors. They gave the district an unmodified

or "clean" opinion on the 2015 audit. The district's accountant, Kathy Fromm of Special District Solutions, presented an amendment to the 2015 budget. Both directors and residents asked many questions, and then the board unanimously accepted resolutions on the audit and the amendment.

One resident asked if the details of the resolutions had been posted where the public could see them before the meeting to be able to prepare for the public hearing. Valerie Remington said, "People could have come in to the district office to review it if they wanted to. You just have to come into the office and ask, or send an email requesting specific items." He said he had visited the office several times before the meeting and asked for "whatever was needed to prepare for this meeting," but she had not provided him with either the resolution or the exact numbers for the amended budget. She said notice of the items had been posted as required in legal notices, and that "generally the exact wordings are not posted on the website."

This resident also asked that minutes of previous board meetings be posted ahead of the next meeting. Valerie Remington said those minutes are not approved until the current meeting so cannot be posted ahead of time and that she had gotten behind on some of them.

Budget projections say rate increase will be necessary

In a very lengthy technical discussion, Fromm explained the details of projected revenues and expenditures to consider in the next five years for the district's assorted funds. Fromm's thesis was that current water rate and fee levels will not be high enough to sustain the district even at its current debt, staffing or maintenance levels, and it could not afford capital improvements or increases in staffing.

Then, she said even if rates were increased by 4 percent every year for the next five years, the district would still end up with negative fund balances overall. The board consensus was that they needed to be very transparent with all the details so residents will see clearly why a rates increase is needed and exactly how the suggested new rates are calculated and justified.

Furthermore, none of Fromm's analysis included the adverse financial effects of the recent water leak, Valerie Remington said.

Fromm's comments included:

- Property tax is currently set at 35 mills. This is as high as it can go without amending the Triview district's service plan, which would require voter approval.
- Property tax revenue has increased due to growth, but TABOR rules would require that any monies over the "revenue cap" would be returned to residents in-

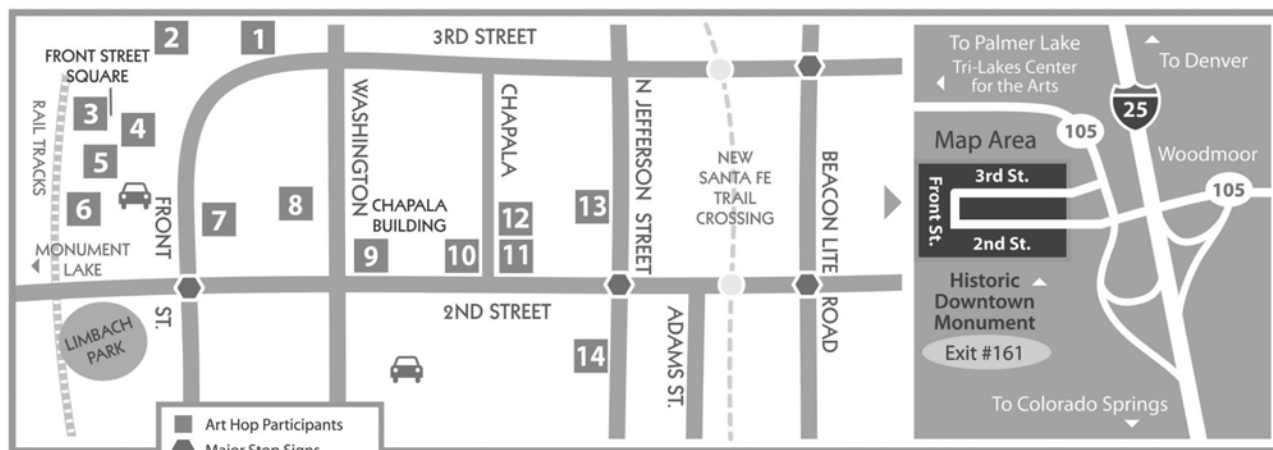
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MONUMENT

ART HOP

Thursday, August 18

The **third Thursday** of each month, May through September, the galleries, restaurants and boutiques of historic downtown

Monument stay open until 8:00PM for a celebration featuring art openings, book signings, great food, live music and other special events.



- 1. Purple Mountain Jewelry**
47 Third Street, Unit C
719.487.0444
- 2. Frog on a Limb Primitives**
341 Front Street
719.481.8888
- 3. Clay N Colors**
251 Front Street, "1"
719.487.2986
- 4. Lillians**
251 Front Street, "4"
719.488.3550

- 5. The Posh Pineapple**
251 Front Street, "9"
719.487.2866
- 6. The Love Shop**
251 Front Street "13"
719.598.3348
- 7. La Casa Fiesta**
230 Front Street
719.481.1234

- 8. Bliss Studio and Gallery**
243 1/2 Washington Street (alley access)
719.244.8992
- 9. Covered Treasures Bookstore**
Corner of Second and Washington
719.481.2665
- 10. The Roost**
135 Second Street
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- 11. Bella Casa**
155 Second Street
719.559.4133
- 12. Santa Fe Trail Jewelry**
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719.481.0250
- 13. Hangers to Hatches**
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