



# The Perry Park *Sentinel* APRIL 2018

## THIS IS THE PERRY PARK SENTINEL

Not long ago, I suggested someone write up his concerns about a local issue for the next *Sentinel* edition. “I didn’t know we could do that,” he said. As far as the *Sentinel* is concerned, “we” can do just about anything we please. It has always been a free, community newsletter supported by donations and local advertisers and produced by volunteers.

Several years ago, we had to go digital because printing and mailing costs had become prohibitive. These days, the biggest expense we have is paying Gari to do the layout and create the PDF. We are still supported only by donations and local advertisers, and, believe me, we are still decidedly non-profit! When it was mailed, the newsletter reached about 1800 homes. These days, we have no idea how many people it reaches—maybe six? Maybe sixty? Maybe 600? I guess 6000 is a stretch! Feedback would be nice. Do you read it? Do your neighbors? We really would like to know!

So who owns the *Sentinel*? We do. All of us who read it and produce it. I am currently the default decision maker because there’s no one else around willing to do it. In years past, we had associate editors who could step in and take over, who helped (over coffee or a glass of wine!) decide what went in and what didn’t, how we handled complaints about advertisers, etc.

The last involved associate editor moved away several years

ago. No one else stepped forward. These days we have some really good proofreaders—probably more important in the long run than decision makers!—and some long-time columnists. We also have some reporters who keep us apprised of what goes on in various areas, LFPD, water district, the Lark-

spur Moms’ group, etc. Historians and hikers have published in these pages. In the last several issues we’ve had articles from local wildlife rehabilitators who are trying to educate us about all the wildlife babies being born in our area! Beary Bear drops by for part of the year to explain living in bear country—check out his return from hibernation in this issue!

These are simply people who have something to say that they want to share with the community. Surely there are others of you out there with something to say that might be of interest to your neighbors, so why not share your thoughts with *Sentinel* readers? Be factual or be creative. Poems print just as easily as reports. Photographs are welcomed as well—though I do keep stealing them from the Larkspur Facebook pages!

Submission is easy. Write it up; email it to [Sentineleditor10@msn.com](mailto:Sentineleditor10@msn.com). And don’t worry about where the commas go and how to spell “schism.” Getting that stuff right is

my job—and I have several really good helpers who are adept at such things! Your job is communicating with your neighbors—entertain, educate, share. All participation encouraged!

~KDale





**LARKSPUR VOLUNTEER FIRE AUXILIARY:** The LVFA would like to thank the supporters of the food drive held on Saturday, March 10. Lots of food and donations came from caring residents. The weather was not

great but the collection went very well and we are grateful. Proceeds are nondenominational and distributed locally by the church pantry in Larkspur. Don't cook! Please join us instead at the Larkspur Fire Station on Saturday, April 21, for our annual "all you can eat" Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m. The tradition of multiple prize drawings continues again this year. Come visit with your neighbors and pick up a "fire sale" logo T-shirt for the summer season. ~Larry Sutton

**BOOK CLUB** will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, at the home of Barbara Dotson, 8190 Inca Road in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *Without You, There Is No Us: Undercover Among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* by Suki Kim, novelist and journalist, who recounts her experiences teaching English to Kim Jong Il's sons during the last six months of his reign. The book for May is *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Ruth Ware's suspense novel set at sea. Both books are Book Club Express so copies will be available. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome. For additional information on the Book Club, see the website: [http://applelane.com/Perry\\_Park\\_Book\\_Club.html](http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html).

**MACARONI KID DOUGLAS COUNTY SUMMER CAMP & ACTIVITIES FAIR** is a one-stop "shop" event designed to give families the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the best camps, summer activities, and more in and around Douglas County. We'll have camps for all ages up to 18. When: Sunday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: CU South Denver, 10035 S Peoria Street in Parker. <https://highlandsranch.macaronikid.com/>

**9 NEWS HEALTH FAIR**, Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m. – noon, at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital, 2350 Meadows Boulevard. For additional information, see the Health Fair website: <https://www.9healthfair.org/>

**THE SENIOR LIFE EXPO** will be Thursday, April 19, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Douglas County Events Center in Castle Rock at the Fairgrounds. This free event is where Douglas County seniors and their family members will be able to speak with 70+ senior related businesses and organizations from throughout the county, hear seminars of interest, and go home with plenty of giveaways and a wealth of knowledge about the services available to them. More information is available at [www.castlerockseniorcenter.org](http://www.castlerockseniorcenter.org) on the events page or by calling 303-688-9498.

**THE LARKSPUR FREE LIBRARY, AKA BOOK EXCHANGE**, is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m. The Exchange is located at 9524 Spruce

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**PET AND LIVESTOCK OWNERS CAUTIONED ABOUT RABIES:** The Colorado Department of Agriculture and Tri-County Health Department have confirmed that an alpaca in Douglas County has died due to a rabies infection. Pet owners are urged to check records to ensure rabies vaccinations are up-to-date. Livestock can also be infected with rabies and owners are encouraged to discuss the risk of rabies exposure with their local veterinarian.

**PERRY PARK RANCH JUNK DUMP:** Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m.-noon (or until the dumpsters are full). Location: Gravel pit. Forbidden items: TVs, tires, electronics, chemicals. Proof of residency required. Start collecting—additional information in the May *Sentinel*.

## PERRY PARK EAST HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 10th, 7 p.m. at Bear Dance Golf Club is the upcoming annual meeting for the Perry Park East Homeowners Association! Come to learn local developments, meet new neighbors, and enjoy free snacks and beverages.

Annual dues of \$50 should be mailed to Perry Park East HOA, P.O. Box 161, Larkspur CO 80118. Paid membership includes one free chipping of slash annually

The board passes along information of a new company planning fiber optic, faster internet service in the area that members may want to explore: [THRIVEbroadband.com](http://THRIVEbroadband.com). There is no association with or recommendation of the service.

Members are reminded to use limited exterior, residential lighting to better preserve our natural surroundings. Questions or suggestions on any topic are always welcome at: [PPEHOA@yahoo.com](mailto:PPEHOA@yahoo.com). For addition information, visit the Perry Park East home page at <http://www.perryparkeast.org/>

## HELLO LARKSPUR AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY!

Dust off your boots because you don't want to miss the Best Hoe-down in Town! The 21st Annual Boot Scootin' Boogie will be held on Friday, May 4th, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., at the historic Spruce Mountain Ranch in Larkspur.



This adult-only event includes dinner by Rocky Mountain Catering, desserts provided by our wonderful community and parents, drinks, photo booth, wine wall, games, live and silent auctions and much more!

There's still time to buy your tickets! **Tickets are available until May 1st, and NO tickets will be sold at the door.** Tickets can be ordered online at [www.larkspurboot.org](http://www.larkspurboot.org).

The LES PTO would like to thank our valuable sponsors, generous donors, amazing volunteers, and our fabulous community, parents, LES teachers and staff who have supported our event over the years! Check out [www.larkspurpto.org](http://www.larkspurpto.org) for links to our sponsors and event donors and please try to patronize these businesses who are supporting this year's Boot. You can reach the LES PTO via email at [larkspurpto@gmail.com](mailto:larkspurpto@gmail.com) with questions, comments or if you would like to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who is attending this year's Boot and helping us celebrate our 21st year! See y'all there!

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## CLEAN UP PERRY PARK!

**Pati Palumbo...**

What started out as a beautiful day ended in sheer disappointment. As I rode along the undulating hills and streets on my bicycle, I savored the beauty around me: the clear, birds-egg blue skies without a cloud anywhere to be seen, the warm gentle breeze coming from the chinook winds cascading down the slopes of the nearby foothills, the pungent smell of the crisp, clean Ponderosa Pines and the majesty of the ancient rock formations that lie in the heart of the serene valley we call Perry Park .... Now, who wouldn't want to live in a superlative location like that ? THEN I LOOKED DOWN!



Everywhere I looked, the roadsides were littered with trash: cigarette stubs, beer cans, food wrappers of all kinds, plastic water bot-

tles, etc.. It put such a damper on my spirits that I decided that something needed to be done about it. I only hope that many of you out there feel as I do and recognize the need and desirability for a litter-free community!

Twice a year a group of members of Perry Park Country Club walk along Hwy. 105 from Tomah Road to the entrance of Perry Park Ranch, picking up trash as part of Douglas County Adopt-A-Roadway program. The Adopt-A-Roadway Program has been established for civic-minded volunteer organizations to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free roadways.

But once you enter the boundaries of Perry Park Ranch, you will find unsightly roadsides and ditches filled with TRASH!

We need caring residents to come out and volunteer to help make our community beautiful and appealing to not only those who abide here in our gorgeous valley, but also to potential residents hoping to make this their home. All this beauty surrounding us is spoiled by the unsightly litter on our streets.



So please join your neighbors in this worthwhile endeavor to Clean Up Perry Park! I would like to declare April as "Clean Up Perry Park" month. I

*Photos by Pati Palumbo*

see lots of residents and their pets walking along our streets and back-country roadways, enjoying the fresh air and exercise. We would like to ask all residents to grab a recyclable green litter bag and take a walk along your street and pick up trash; then when you get home, deposit it into your trash receptacles. This would be a great activity for families, to teach our youth the importance of how littering can destroy the beauty of our community, state and country.

There will be a receptacle at the entrance to the Draper's Ranch on Perry Park Boulevard starting April 1st. There will be a sign on the container. Please take a few bags with the intent of beautifying our community and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same

## PET TALK WITH PILAR

**Pilar Starman, DVM...**

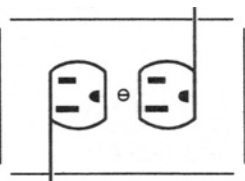
### BUGS THAT BUG US ALL

As the temperatures warm up and (if) precipitation increases, we will see an increase in parasites. These parasites include both internal (heartworm, intestinal parasites) and external "bugs" (fleas, ticks, mites, mosquitoes). These parasites can cause our dogs and cats (and other pets) significant illness and discomfort. These parasites may even cause humans (mostly children under the age of 5) medical problems, which can be as severe as blindness. Tapeworms may cause cysts to develop in the liver/brain (or other organs) and can lead to serious illness. It is much better to prevent disease than to have to treat it when it happens.



In our semi-rural environment with so much wildlife and other dogs around, intestinal parasites are common and may be a year-round problem. The heartworm prevention we recommend protects not only against heartworms, but also treats for roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, and tapeworms. Due to the harm of intestinal parasites to pets and people, all dogs should be on year-round heartworm prevention (unless there is a specific reason it is not appropriate for that dog). If cats go outside or live near a significantly wet area they should also be on heartworm prevention. To start your dog on heartworm prevention they need a heartworm test first (if they are over 6

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months of age). That test requires one drop of blood and takes about 10 minutes to perform.

Fleas and ticks take a much longer period of heat and humidity to be a threat.

### INTERCEPTOR PLUS PROTECTS AGAINST 5 THREATS

#### Heartworm disease

Treatment is difficult, costly and may cause complications. Symptoms include coughing, sluggishness and difficulty breathing, although some dogs may show no signs at all.

#### Hookworm (*A. caninum*)

Transmitted through ingestion of infected soil or feces, or by microscopic larvae penetrating the pads of a dog's feet. Symptoms may include bloody diarrhea, weight loss and anemia.

#### Roundworm

Nearly all puppies get roundworms from their mother. Symptoms may include diarrhea, vomiting, stunted growth and bloated belly.

#### Whipworm

Contracted by dogs ingesting infective eggs. Dogs can also acquire whipworms from infected manure where infective eggs are found. Symptoms may include bloody diarrhea, dehydration and weight loss.

#### Adult Tapeworm

Typically acquired by ingesting tapeworm larvae residing in a host such as rabbits, rodents or fleas. White or cream-colored segments can show up in a dog's feces or under its tail; dogs may bite anal area to relieve irritation.

Ask your veterinarian or visit [InterceptorPlus.com](http://InterceptorPlus.com) for more information.

For that reason, I typically recommend prevention from about April through October in Colorado. The precise time to start and discontinue this prevention depends on our weather and the pets' exposure (if they travel to warm/wet places or in

high-contact environments they may need prevention at times I would not typically recommend in Colorado. The prescription flea/tick products like Bravecto, Simparica, and NexGard are much more effective and safer than the over-the-counter options. Fleas can carry disease like plague (the Black Death) that affects both people and cats severely. Ticks can carry many diseases. One of the more fascinating, but negative results, of a bite by the Lone Star tick is the transmission of a sugar called Alpha-Gal that may make the human permanently deathly allergic to meat.

Prevent these parasites (intestinal worms, fleas, and ticks) from accessing your home by treating your pets; prevention protects humans and keeps that pet healthier.

Please call your local Larkspur Pet Hospital at 303-681-3980 if you have any questions.

## WALT'S WORDS

Walt Korinke...

*My doctor asked if any members of my family suffered from insanity, I replied, no, we all seem to enjoy it.*



**PERRY PARK** – 2017 was an excellent year for Stone Aspen's

### Retreat in Perry Park.

They completed and sold out their first phase of hillside, expansive-view condominium units from the mid \$500,000 to mid \$600,000

range. For this year they plan a March kick-off of another eight units with new designs, including six two-story units with rooftop decks and two ranches, to be built across from the initial



phase. In addition, eight units have just commenced construction in the fourth sector on Echo Butte Drive by *Gabriel Development* which will be building a modified version of the original developer's plan. Units range

in the upper 2,000 square foot size with high quality finishes and provide owners with a low maintenance life style and hill-top views. Last year, Perry Park had a record residential sales year totaling nearly \$40 million, including 22 new completions and 40 resales as the base of homes nears the 800 mark. No longer a hidden secret, the Park is sharing in Colorado's very active growth surge. Besides the new condos under way, 22 single family homes are in various stages of construction and the remaining number of buildable lots has become very slim. Lot sales in the currently unbuildable areas without finished streets and utilities are spiking and will probably produce expansion of services sooner than we think, especially along Bannock and Mohawk.



It may look like the same old Club as you drive up, but you are in for a pleasant surprise this spring as the major upgrades are finished. The golf course is always a joy, but the many modifications to the **Perry**

**Park County Club** building will warm your heart. While preserving the wonderful and greeting exterior, inside the new dining room, expanded grill and new bar are well planned and nearing completion. The old exterior uncovered deck is gone, being replaced with a larger, covered deck which should see heavy use as the golf season rolls around. Great cross of historical preservation combined with a well needed updating to the interior areas. Can't wait to taste the new menu, which includes PIZZA!



**LARKSPUR** – The Town of Larkspur and Chamber of Commerce are expanding the **Music in the Park** program for 2018,



booking double the number of concerts. The six concerts are scheduled for two a month, June through August. Free entertainment in an old-country-style format with a little culinary flair will continue to make for a wonderful summer evening.

Watch for announcements of this summer's performers.

Gilad Shwartz has opened the new **Edward Jones Financial**

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**Advisors** office in the Creek Ridge Building located in Larkspur's commercial core at 8520 Spruce Mountain Road. His suite #106 is adjacent to the town's favorite dentist, Dr. Brittany of Pineland Dentist. The 96-year-old investment service company has almost \$20 billion in assets, 43,000 employees and over 14,000 offices spread across the U.S. and Canada. Edward Jones is owned by its employees and is not publicly traded. They provide financial advice and offer commission-based and fee-based financial products with your relationship based on a personal level with an individual advisor.



Many thanks to one of Larkspur's historians, **Dana Hamling**, who has just retired from many years of volunteer service to the *Larkspur Historical Society*. Dana is a piece of our history herself, and without her diligent efforts along with the other Society members, we would have little memories of our area's quite interesting history. Many thanks Dana! Go to <http://larkspurhistoricalsociety.org> for information on their monthly meetings and historical events held during the year.



**CASTLE ROCK – King Soopers** has announced plans to roll out “SCAN, BAG, & GO” in 34 of its 142 Colorado stores this year. Hopefully the new Castle Rock store is among the early selections. The intent is to provide a quicker and more convenient way to buy groceries. The initial effort allows customers to use a handheld device to scan products as they shop; the total is calculated and you pay at a self-checkout station. The longer term plan is to make the service available from your cell phone to both scan and pay, completely bypassing the checkout lines. Add this to their current system that lets you buy your groceries on line and pick them up outside the store and the time savings go together to make your grocery shopping almost a joy.

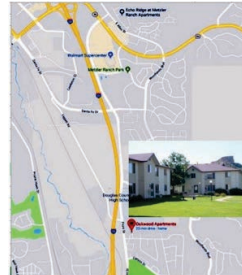


at 2575 Meadows Blvd. Last June, they acquired the former **Steele Tire**

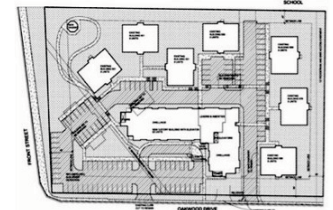
A start-up church, **Eternal Rock Evangelical Lutheran Church**, has been holding services in the Castle Rock Middle School located



**building** for \$1.6 million. The 8,500 square foot, 1-story, steel sided building built in 1978 is about to undergo renovations to serve as the new home of the Church. Located across from the Douglas County Library, the building at 2 Phelps Street has received town approval for the new façade that will compliment the Library and Town Hall architecture with a fresh contemporary look which far exceeds the appeal of the existing service building's aged appearance.



The **Oakwood Senior Apartments** are located one block south of the Douglas County High School at Front Street and Oakwood Drive. The 33 year old project consists of seven two-story buildings with sixty-four one and two-bedroom units that rent to seniors for \$650 to +\$1,200 per



month. Acquired by Douglas County Housing Partnership in 2006 for \$3 million, the owners are seeking an amendment to double the density to 109 units. If approved one of the seven buildings (eight apartments) would be removed and a new three-story building containing 53 units would be added to the 2.6 acre site. Public hearings are required.



The Crystal Valley Development Company has applied to Castle Rock planning for an expansion of Crystal Valley, adding 70 acres on the southern boundary between Bell Ranch and the Sellers Creek Ranch, to be known as the **Ridge Estates**. Subject to public hearings, the company wants to build

52 single family units along with adding more open space.

Currently in the permitting stage, the **Premier Members Credit Union** is planning its new building at the Promenade, top of the hill next to the 7-11 and Chick Fil-A which are in the ground work stage of construction. With 11 Colorado locations, Premier was formed in 2015 by the merger of two +50 year old credit unions with over \$850 million in assets and 65,000 members. The Promenade continues to grow as a financial center with the inclusion of several new banks (B of A, Chase) and the recent opening of the ENT Credit Union.



The slab has been poured for the construction of a new 4,500 square foot **Sherwin**

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**Williams Paint Store** on the southwest corner of Meadows Boulevard and Ambrosia Street. The site is adjacent to the two office buildings located across the street from the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital.

**CASTLE PINES** – Efforts to make the closed **Safeway** into a cannabis grow operation led the city to pass Ordinance 13-05 prohibiting cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, testing and retail stores within the city with the caveat “the operation of marijuana establishments within the city would not be in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the city’s residential and business community.” The city also adopted Ordinance 17-07 which tacks on the state’s limitation of 12 marijuana plants in a residence with the exception of 30 plants to marijuana patients and primary caregivers.

**PALMER LAKE** – The third try to get the right restaurant operation in the old Palmer Lake Gas Station (56 S. Colorado - #105) is a winner. Darcy and Greg remodeled **Dex’s Diner** brings you three meals a day, six days a week (closed Thursdays) with a menu that tops out at \$7.75. Start your morning at 6 a.m. and finish dining by 8 p.m. on a menu that features Dex’s Dog made of slow-smoked pork, tangy cole-

slaw and sweet bourbon bbq sauce or try the Frito Pie, a variety of egg dishes for the morning and a pastry cabinet with your choice of muffins, cinnamon rolls, quiche and pies. This is my kind of down-home food in a small town that runs the gamut of restaurant types and prices.



**COLORADO SPRINGS** – Foreclosure and tax liens brings the end to Trapper’s Rendezvous restaurant and saloon – no more steaks and seafood in the rustic old western cabin atmosphere. It only lasted three years in this building that has housed many restaurants over the years, i.e. New South Wales, the Mason Jar and Zane’s Steakhouse. Built in 1993, the 6,077 square foot building will become available for another try once Central Bank & Trust becomes the owner.

The University Village Shopping Center (Nevada and Garden of the Gods) gets another tenant as the **Duluth Trading Co.** prepares its 125,500 square



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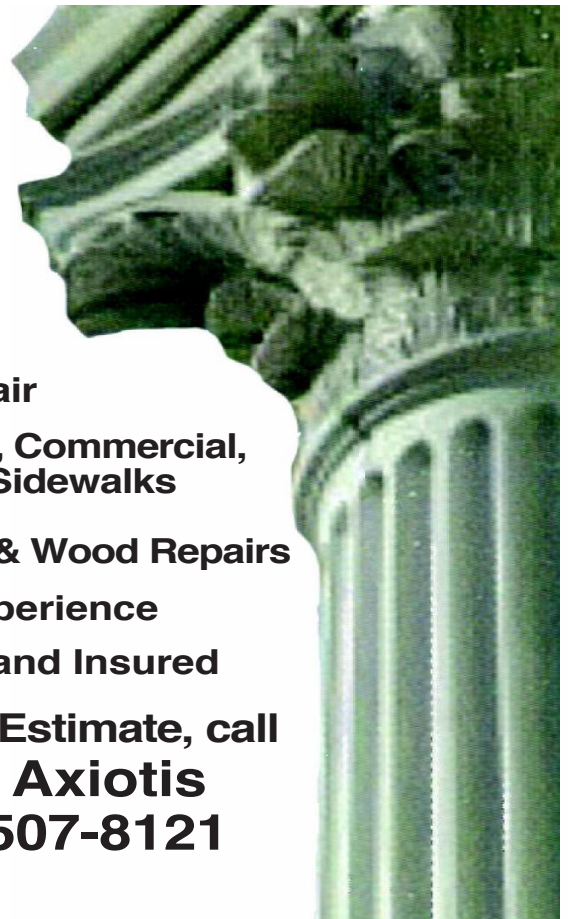
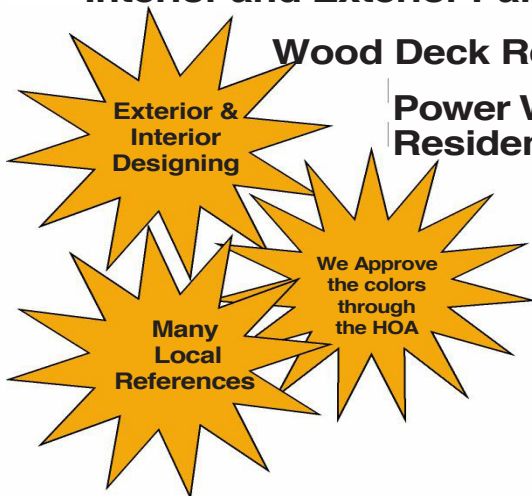
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foot store next to the Stein Mart, expected to open this month with its stock of casual and work clothing for men and women. With 30 stores nationwide, it will add a different touch to the existing Costco, Kohl's, and Trader Joe's in the complex.

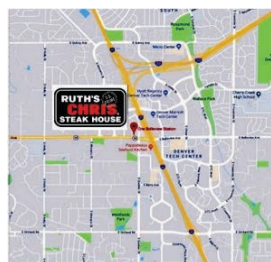
If Denver's Southtown Shopping Complex is out of your way, the **Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar** is planning its 27th store (two in Denver) to be located in Colorado Springs. The former My Big Fat Greek Restaurant building at 7605 Academy will be torn down and replaced with an 8,409 square foot Lazy Dog along with a 1,668 square foot patio. As the name implies, it is DOG FRIENDLY – bring Fido to the table. A rustic décor, and menu that ranges from burgers and pizzas to steaks and seafood. Probably a late fall opening.



**DENVER** – With RidgeGate's Montecito phase of new homes located adjacent to Cabela's virtually built out, the next phase located in the canyon behind Cabela's has begun construction. **The Retreat at RidgeGate**, con-



sist of 50 single family residential sites on 50 acres, preserving a lot of the natural slopes, vegetation and wildlife of the canyon. The rapid growth of office, commercial/retail, multi-family rental and condos continues to expand on the sections closer to and along Lincoln Avenue; and the FastTraks expansion past the hospital and ending across I-25 is almost ready to open for service. RidgeGate is becoming a small town of its own.



In 1965, **Ruth** Fertel mortgaged her home in the amount of \$22,000 to buy **Chris** Matuhel's New Orleans steak house and started the **RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE** journey to today's +160 chain of internationally famous steakhouses. A downtown franchised steakhouse was replaced with a corporate

owned restaurant in 2014, and based on its success, has just opened their suburban location in the recently completed **One Belleview Station** building just west of I-25 on Belleview. Known world over for its fine selection of steaks, they accompany other fine dishes like Chilean Sea Bass, Blue Crab Cakes, stuffed Chicken Breast, and more. Think I will go out for dinner tonight.



With six locations in the Springs, **DUTCH BROS. COFFEE** is making its entrance to Denver with its first drive-thru to be located in front of the well-known Casa Bonita Mexican restaurant located at 6715 W. Colfax. Dutch Bros., the country's largest, privately held drive-thru coffee company, was founded in Oregon in 1992 and currently has 290 blue and white drive-thrus located in seven western states. The Boersma brothers sold their dairy cows, bought a coffee brewer and started their business in their barn, preferring the smell of coffee to cow manure, which led to where they are today. Very popular in the Springs, they should quickly become a fixture in the Denver market as they quickly expand across the City.



*Lisa Warteman says she's been waiting all winter for a picture of a turkey in the snow. Well worth the wait! Shot with Canon Powershot, telephoto lens.*



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## NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**Mike Grill, Board of Directors  
for the LFPD...**

### *LFPD Mission Statement*

*Dedicated to our community through quality services, compassion, and excellence.*



### *Calls for Service Summary*

*LFPD Call Statistics - January 1 thru Feb 28, 2018*

Fires	0
EMS	28
Alarm Activations	2
Other	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

### *Upcoming Events*

### **IMPORTANT! LFPD Board of Directors Public Meeting on April 12**

At the next LFPD board meeting the public is urged to attend to meet the candidates for the upcoming May 8th election to the Board of Directors. The next LFPD Board meeting will be **Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Station 161, located at 9414 Spruce Mountain Road.** During this meeting the community will have an opportunity for new candidates to meet the sitting Board, ask questions, and respond to questions from residents attending the meeting.

If you're interested in serving as an election judge for the May 8th election please contact election official Jodi Warner at 303-681-3284. Participants will be compensated for their time.

On behalf of the entire Larkspur Fire Protection District family, we thank you for your continued support – and please stay safe!

## **LIVING IN LION COUNTRY**



*Photo from Jim Collier*  
line families!

That being the case, we need to learn to live with them. We need to learn to protect animals and small children—as well as

There was a video on MSN's news page not long ago about "rare sighting" of a mountain lion family, mom and three half-grown cubs, in southern California. Huh. Check out some of the pictures our local, Larkspur area mountain lions. Nothing rare about our local sightings. It is obvious that we share our rocks and woods with a number of lions, including our own large-feline families!

adults. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has put a brochure on line that you can print and share with your family. It is available at <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Education/LivingWithWildlife/LivingWithLions.pdf>.

Parks and Wildlife has an extensive discussion of mountain lions in our state in two parts and includes a printable chart designed especially for teaching children what to do if they encounter dangerous wildlife. Part one of the mountain lion discussion is at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Living-withWildlifeLion1.aspx>.

In fact, you need to explore the entire CPW site and bookmark it. Bears are coming soon, if they're not already out. ~KDale

## **MARCH NEWS FROM PERRY PARK WATER**

**James Matchett...**



The March regular Board Meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 P.M. on the 21st with three Directors present. Director LaCrosse and Director Peterson had both received excused absences, and the Director quorum of minimum three was met.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes as amended of the February 21st regular meeting and that approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$121,944.80 were then unanimously approved.

A Water and Sewer Service Feasibility Study for a Poncho Road development had been completed and was unanimously accepted by the board. Following this, the Tenderfoot Gulch Project was conditionally accepted by the board. Next, the district had received an unsolicited proposal from Thrive Broadband LLC regarding an easement to accommodate a Fiber Hut and related fiber optics network components on district property. Given the present number of projects in work in the district, the district manager was instructed by the Board to advise Thrive there was no interest in doing so at this time.

The District Systems Report for February submitted by Semo-cor was then reviewed and operations were noted as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by District Manager Diana Miller was also reviewed. The District Manager further advised the Board that four bids had been received for the Sage Port Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements and the low bid of \$498,000 will be accepted.

While there were no specific comments from the audience of two residents in attendance during the time set aside for audience participation, at several points during the preceding meeting discussions, questions from them were raised and answered by district and board personnel. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. As always, additional information is available on the district website, [www.ppwsd.org](http://www.ppwsd.org).

## PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT (PPMD) UPDATE

On March 8, 2018, the PPMD Board met at the Larkspur town hall for the monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.. There was a quorum with the following board members in attendance:



### Board Members

President	Randy Johnson
Vice President	Derek Meredith
Treasurer	Vanessa Dao
Secretary	Linda Black

In addition, Kurt Schlegel, from Special District Solutions, LLC was present.

Three community members were present: Steven Rea, Walt Korinke and Nicole Tahmindjis

### Meeting Schedule

The regular meeting place, the Perry Park Country Club is being remodeled and the meeting room is unavailable during the first quarter of 2018. The April 2018 PPMD Board meetings will be held at the Larkspur Town Hall, 8720 Spruce Mountain Road. The meetings will be start at the regular time, 6 p.m. The PPMD Board greatly appreciates the support and assistance from our partners at the Town of Larkspur. A big shout out to Mayor Gerry Been, and Matt Krimmer, Town Manager, for their flexibility and willingness to work with the PPMD Board.

The remaining 2018 meeting schedule is below:

Date	Meeting Type	Location	Start Time
04/07/2018	Special Meeting	Larkspur Town Hall (8720 Spruce Mountain Road, Larkspur, CO 80118	3:00 PM
04/12/2018	Regular Meeting	Larkspur Town Hall (8720 Spruce Mountain Road, Larkspur, CO 80118	6:00 PM
05/10/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM
07/12/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM
08/09/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM
09/13/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM
10/11/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM
11/15/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM
12/13/2018	Regular Meeting	PPCC	6:00 PM

We thought that the old format for this report was boring. To help you know what's going on in our community we will report upcoming events. All meeting agendas and minutes are available on the PPMD website: <http://perrypark.org/metro-district/meetings>.

Here is a snapshot of upcoming community events:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO	COMMENTS
03/24/2018	PP Mother's Group Easter Egg Hunt	Big D	Sarah Bretz	10:00 AM to 12:00 AM
04/21/2018	Shred-a-thon	Red Rocks Dr & Hwy 105	Nicole Tahmindjis	10:00 AM to 12:00 AM
06/01/2018	Slash pickup start			
05/12/2018J	Junk Dump	Gravel Pit		PP Ranch residents only. proof of residence required
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration Parade	Big D		Participants arrive at 10:30a.m. Parade starts at 11 a.m. Free ice cream and water
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration	Denver concert band		7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Food in the country club parking lot
07/04/2018	Independence Day Celebration fireworks			Start at dusk

The PPMD applied for a fire mitigation grant, but this project did not receive funding. This project was designed to complete additional wildfire mitigation. We will apply again in 2019.

This does not impact the Mitigation & Resident Grant program. Each year the Metro District implements mitigation efforts to our surrounding areas using both procured grants as well as District funds.

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The PPMD Board applied to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for a Planning grant to complete the design, engineering and planning for Wauconda Park. Unfortunately, this project was not funded. We will continue to pursue grants and other sources of funding to complete this project.

To encourage Perry Park residents to better prepare their property and community for a wildfire event, the PPMD is making funding available to all PPMD residents and property owners through a residential mitigation grant program.

This program has a total of \$25,000 in funding made available to the **FIRST 50** successful applicants and will help defray resident mitigation costs billed by third party contractors (see specifics in the PPMD website for details: <http://perrypark.org/resident-information/resident-mitigation-grants/>).

### Committee Reports:

The Social Committee has had its first meeting and is putting together a list of ideas for social/community events.

The Parks & Rec Committee is planning its first meeting on April 8, 1 p.m. at 6465 Perry Park Blvd (Linda Black's house). If you are interested in this committee please plan on attending or contact Linda for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Black, Secretary  
Perry Park Metro District

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## THE SEASON FOR BABY BUNNIES IS HERE!

Kathy Meyer, LVT...

Licensed Colorado Wildlife Rehabilitator  
303-726-789

It's wildlife baby season and we will be seeing more and more cute little things in our neighborhood. Some of these cute little things will be baby bunnies (eastern cottontails) and mom is not picky about where she builds her "nest." I put "nest" in quotes because you may not even see a nest. You may find these little guys in a hole in your favorite flower pot on the deck, in a pile of mulch next to your house, under your front porch and hidden right in the middle of your front lawn in the grass, just low enough so you can't see them.

First of all, if you do find a nest of baby bunnies, leave them alone! Mama bunny is around. She will only come to feed them dawn and dusk and does not stay there as she knows her presence will attract predators to the babies. She will stay just close enough to watch the nest and chase a predator away or get the predator to chase her instead. She can be very elusive. You could sit and watch for her all day, but I guarantee you will miss the few minutes she comes to the nest to feed and is gone again. If you haven't seen mom and are concerned that she is not caring for the babies, a simple trick is to spread cooking flour around the nest area so mom has to walk through it to reach them. You will see that the flour has been disturbed or tracked around and know that she is caring for them. If after 24 hours you do not see signs of mom it is ok to call a rehabilitator for advice. Do not try to feed the babies as they have a very sensitive gastrointestinal system that can be upset very easily. The babies grow very fast and will usually be gone and on their own in a few weeks. If you see a baby in your yard about the size of a tennis ball, it is old enough to be out on its own and does not need any help at all. Any smaller than that, it will need to be cared for until it is self-sufficient.



So what if your cat or dog disturbs the nest or brings you a "present"? If you know where the nest is or can follow your cat or dog back to the nest (they'll most likely go back for another

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when you're not looking) you can safely place the baby back in the nest, as long as there are no injuries, and then keep the cat or dog away for a while.

Cottontails can be injured very easily by a stray cat or dog, other wildlife and, unfortunately, humans. Window wells are also a danger especially if uncovered. Babies can fall in breaking legs or backs which cannot be fixed. They could sustain a laceration, puncture wound or more seriously head trauma. And of course they are trapped so they cannot get out to feed and will most likely starve and die. If you do see a bunny in your window well and there are NO injuries you can safely pick it up and set it free. They will not bite but can scratch with their nails, and they are pretty tricky to catch.

If you do find an injured rabbit (baby or adult) it is ok to put them in a box with a towel to secure them, place in a quiet area, then seek help from a rehabilitator. Be sure to use gloves and wash your hands afterward. The rabbit will not want to eat if injured so no need to worry about any food or water. The rehabber will take care of that.

One of the best ways to find help is to go to [www.ahnow.org](http://www.ahnow.org).

You'll need to enter your address and the type of wildlife help you are seeking. This will provide you with a list of rehabilitators that can help with specific species. I live here in Larkspur and have been a cottontail and jackrabbit rehabilitator for 14 years and you are welcome to call me with any questions. 303-726-789. Please be aware that I do work full time and may not be able to get back to you right away. I try to return calls on my lunch hour and after work. Thank you in advance for caring and I look forward to a safe and happy spring for all our wildlife.

P.S. Check your grass BEFORE you mow!!!

Some rabbit facts:

- Rabbits are not rodents, they are lagomorphs.
- Gestation period is 26-28 days and litter size is usually 1 to 9 babies.
- Their eyes open at approximately 6-8 days of age, leave the nest at about 13-16 days and are fully independent at the age of 15-18 days.
- It is not unusual for the babies to be unattended for long periods of time.
- Stress is the biggest cause of death in wildlife.



## BEAR WISE

Greetings, fellow forest dwellers! Yes, yours' truly and approximately 12,000 of my Colorado colleagues are waking from our winter hibernation even as you read this newsletter. Our annual great awakening is triggered by the temperature gauge and not the traditional alarm clock that you use to start your day.



Depending on seasonal weather trends, our actual awakening can vary from year-to-year. It's also not uncommon for us to wake up, leave our dens for a short, then return for some additional ZZZZ time before hitting the floor on all fours. When the thermometer rises enough to signal the end of freezing temps, so do we.

As you may know, winter hibernation is Mother Nature's way of protecting us black bears from starving to death due to diminished food sources during the cold, long winter months. And you thought your pesky brother-in-law who has been camped out all winter in your basement den was just lazy. Maybe he's actually conserving his energy since you stopped feeding him.

Speaking of diminished food sources, we need your help to keep our primary diet limited to what nature provides rather than what you provide via accessible garbage cans, bird feeders and intentional feeding. With the extremely dry weather, what nature offers as a menu of natural food choices has decreased over the past couple of years. This makes your cooperation even more crucial to help keep us healthy and safe from the dire consequences of eating food you provide.

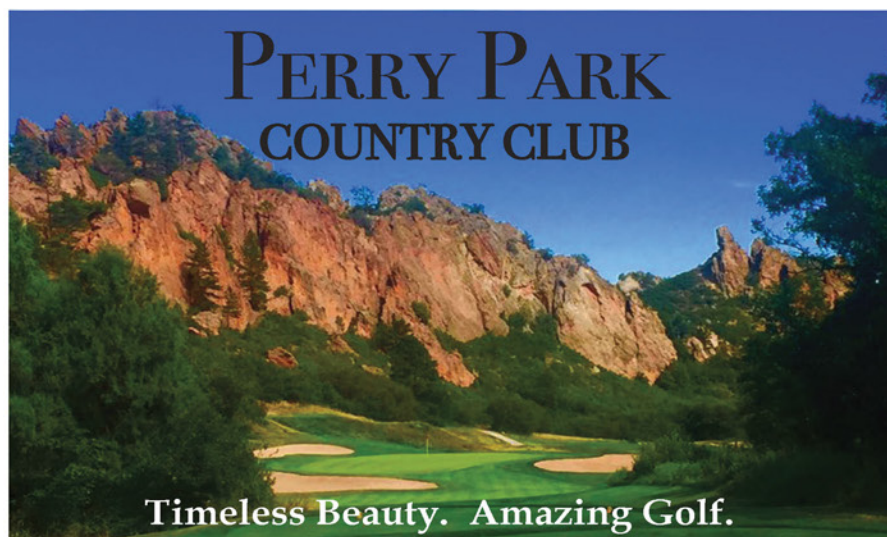
Deliberately feeding us black bears is not only unethical; it's illegal and if reported to local law enforcement will result in a fine – for the human not the bear. Some intentional bear feeders explain that they do so because they feel sorry for us or want to befriend us like a pet. Do yourself and us a favor: if you want a pet, rescue a needy dog or cat from the local Humane Society. We bears are not petable, and we are very unpredictable. Once we lose our fear of people due to associating humans as providers of an “easy” food source, we soon become a nuisance and, more importantly, a physical danger to you and your neighbors. Twenty-seven area bears were euthanized by the Colorado Department of Game and Wild Life in 2017 for this reason. Bottom line: If you really care, don't feed the bear.

Let's make the month of April Bear-Care Month by taking the following actions:

- Never intentionally or inadvertently feed us!
- If not already done, make this the season you purchase a “bear proof” garbage can. This small investment amortized over your

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Membership Contact: Amy Morrow Phone: 303-681-3305, ext 4  
Email: [amorrow@perryparkcc.com](mailto:amorrow@perryparkcc.com)



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lifetime costs just pennies a day and will pay huge bear safety dividends for years to come.

- Keep garage, storage shed, and vehicle doors and windows closed and locked when you are not occupying them.
- Bring all bird feeders inside by dusk each day. Observe the Clint Eastwood movie "Hang Em High" rule: Hang all feeders at least 8 feet up from the ground and 8 feet out from any climbable objects. Remember: just because you can't climb it doesn't mean we can't.
- Don't leave ground level house doors and windows open when you are absent. Door and window screens may keep insects out, but we laugh at such a sally.

Email your wild life pictures stories and questions to me at: [wisebeary@gmail.com](mailto:wisebeary@gmail.com)

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*Photo from Ramona Hineline*

**[Editor's Note:** From April issue of Harper's index:

- Minutes for which food-storage containers must resist mauling to be designated "bear resistant: 60
- Portion of containers tested by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee that bears are able to open: 2/5]



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Half Page (7 1/2"x 5")	\$62.50
Full Page (7 1/2"x 10")	\$87.50

Typesetting is available for a nominal charge.

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