

# *The Perry Park*

# *Sentinel*

NOVEMBER 2018

## **November, November...**

That time of year thou mayst ... behold  
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang  
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,  
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.

WShakespeare



*Photo by Lois Lennox*

Ah, but here in these United States we celebrate Thanksgiving in November—a chance to look back over the year—or a decade—or a life—and count our blessings. Among the blessings here in the Larkspur area are the wild creatures we share our land with, including many turkeys. I put out a call for great turkey pictures from the Larkspur area. I got a lot. Good thing, because when they appeared in my yard last week I couldn't find my camera!

So Happy Thanksgiving—from all the turkeys who still range free!





**LARKSPUR TREELIGHTING:** 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 1 at the Larkspur Community Park. Tree sponsors decorate their tree(s) the Saturday before Thanksgiving. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, contact

the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce, <https://larkspurchamberofcommerce.com/>.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY CASTLE ROCK CRAFT SHOW EXTRAORDINAIRE,** Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Douglas County Events Center at the fairgrounds in Castle Rock. The first 1000 families through the doors will receive a 25th anniversary shopping bag. This free and even better-than-ever show features 150+ vendors, bake sale, book sale, silent auction, decorated wreath auction, "Grandma's Attic," free door prizes, and raffles for a quilt and an Apple Watch. Usher in the holiday season at the show where you'll surely find something for everyone on your shopping list. Proceeds from this show benefit area senior citizens through the Castle Rock Senior Activity Center

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN DOUGLAS COUNTY?** Knowing the answer is as simple as visiting <https://www.douglas.co.us/?s=votes>. Here you may register to vote, check voter registration status, update your mailing address and verify or update your party affiliation. You will also find important dates and deadlines pertaining to the November 6 General Election. You may register on line in Colorado up to Election Day. You may also register and vote at the fire station in Larkspur. It is an official voter service and polling center and will be open until 7 p.m. on November 6.

**HONORING VETERANS FOR 17 YEARS AT LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY:** Larkspur Elementary School is proud to announce that its 17th Annual Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Friday, November 9th, 2018 from 10-11 a.m. in the school gym. All veterans and active duty personnel are invited to join us, along with their families, as we honor their service at this beloved event. The program will include patriotic songs performed by our students in Grades 1-3, a flag folding ceremony by Mr. Dale Erickson of the American Legion Harry C. Miller Post 118, and interviews with veterans. After the assembly, veterans and their families are encouraged to stay for lunch which is generously provided by our parent community. For more information on the event, please contact Sally Erickson, 303-519-4251.

**CASTLE ROCK STARLIGHTING:** Saturday, November 17, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. The Starlighting ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00 pm and the lighting of the Star will be at approximately 5:30 p.m. (or earlier) it may be earlier. Santa will be available for visits at the PS Miller Library 2-4 pm and at the Fire Station 4-6 p.m. The Starlighting ceremony will begin promptly at 5 p.m. and the lighting of the Star will be at approximately 5:30 p.m. This year's celebration will again include hot chocolate, nonprofit booths, strolling entertainers, and live entertainment.

Santa will be available for visits at the P.S. Miller Library 2-4 p.m. and at the Fire Station 4-6 p.m. This event is presented by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce.

**OPENING DAY AT THE RINK** in downtown Castle Rock: Saturday, November 17, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at 414 Perry Street. The skating rink will be open from Star Lighting (November 17, 2018) through President's Day (February 18, 2019). The Rink at the Rock is a community recreational skating rink offering open skating during normal operating hours. Rental of the Rink at the Rock is permitted before and after normal operating hours.

**PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, November 20, 10 a.m., at the home of Margitta Franklin, 6556 Perry Park Boulevard in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is Fredrik Bachman's novel. *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, a funny and heartwarming story of seven-year-old Elsa. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa sets out to deliver them and her great adventure begins. The novel for December is *The Wives of Los Alamos* by Tara Shea Nesbitt. Both books are Book Club Express from the DC library district and copies are available locally. For additional information, see the Book Club website: [http://applelane.com/Perry\\_Park\\_Book\\_Club.html](http://applelane.com/Perry_Park_Book_Club.html).

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2 A.M. WE GAIN AN HOUR!**



## THE PERRY PARK BLANKET BRIGADE



*Left to Right: Shannon McQuery, Cindy Hotaling, Gwen Underwood, Nancy Duvigneaud, Jean Smoot, Sharon Harrington, and Ginny Sanders. Photo by Terry Wages*

The Blanket Brigade has been busy making Christmas quilts for the Castle Rock Hospice and the Douglas County Sheriff's office. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10am at the Perry Park Country Club to tie our quilts. Consider joining our great group--we would love to have you! We are a 501(c)3 and we operate from donations of fabric, batting and thread. If you have questions or would like to contribute any items, just contact Gwen Underwood at [gwenspur@icloud.com](mailto:gwenspur@icloud.com), 303-681-2125, or Cindy Hotaling at [cjaspsjr@yahoo.com](mailto:cjaspsjr@yahoo.com), 303-681-0374. We give our quilts to many organizations and individuals experiencing challenging circumstances.. If you know of someone who needs a little extra comfort, just contact us and we will get a quilt to you. ~GSanders



*And they came willingly to the Thanksgiving celebration...  
Photo by Steve Lechner*

## WALT'S WORDS Walt Korinke...

*Life is short; smile while you still have teeth.*



## CASTLE ROCK – Last May we had



a false start on the new Starbucks that would replace the long-closed gas station on Wolfensberger at I-25. The activity

involved the environmental clean up and then stopped. In October, thanks to Tony Perconti (M R Hauling), the old station was knocked down, and now they can progress with the 2,000 square foot Starbucks at this prime I-25 access location. Could be open in six months if they get rolling and don't stop. Thanks, Tony.



The **Riverwalk** is really progressing with the bone façade of the building nearly complete and ready for occupancy early next year. The second building is near topping out and should be ready for tenants by the end of next year.

Kicking off the commercial leasing, Emmy Award-winning production company, **Dorsey Pictures** is in negotiation to move its headquarters



from Jefferson County to the Riverwalk, pending an incentive package based on job creation. Dorsey Pictures is a full-service television production and marketing solutions company specializing in television programming suitable for cable, broadcast, broadband, and video. The eighteen-year-old company says all of its employees are in favor of the move, and another 10 to 15 new positions are anticipated as a result of the move. Ninety percent of their staff are millennials earning an average salary of \$81,358. Key draws were the town's quality, standard of living, and their existing internship partnership with the University of Colorado at Boulder which they plan to extend to the Arapahoe Community College Collaboration Campus under construction next to the Adventist Hospital. Their occupancy would add a business vibe to the retail, restaurant and expanding residential character of the central business district.

Four years following the ground breaking, another Castle Rock project proceeding well is the **Promenade** which is currently

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at the 80 percent mark when including completed and operating retail as well as future signed leasing. One of those signed, but not built yet, is the new 20 year lease with **Whole Foods** which is scheduled to open by the first quarter of 2020. At the top of the hill, Sierra Trading Post has just opened, Del Taco and

7-Eleven are about there, and the Chick-fil-A is under construction. Soon to start at the top, are a credit union and the La Loma Mexican Restaurant. Fuzzy's Taco will open in the shops across from the new carwash in November. About 60 businesses are in occupancy in the planned 900,000 square foot development, and the 300-unit luxury apartment project is complete and well leased. Discussions are being held for a potential hotel across from the Sam's Club. The very observable retaining wall water breach has been corrected (no structural issues) and the large parcel retained by the wall is enjoying the commencement of ground work and will include the Whole Foods in its section. Target date for the final completion is 2021.



pay stations are now at both ends of the store and order pickup lockers at the north end doors as Walmart celebrates its fresh new and somewhat industrial look. The layouts have been changed and more shelving added. Come and see it at the **OPEN HOUSE** planned for November 11th. The store actually looks bigger, and is definitely fully stocked (for a change).



al are outstanding.



Old tiles gone and polished concrete corridors and wood appearing linoleum are just a part of the remodeling nearing completion at the Castle Rock **WALMART**. Self-



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Nearly a year following the announcement, The **Miller's Landing** (Plum Creek @ I-25) remediation plan has been approved for the old landfill site, and heavy equipment has started the removal of 100,000 cubic yards of tainted soil at an estimated cost of \$12 million. Plans for the 65-acre tract include a large resort hotel, retail, office and restaurants approximating 900,000 square feet. Build-out is anticipated to take from five to eight years which allows time for completion of the I-25 south lane expansion.



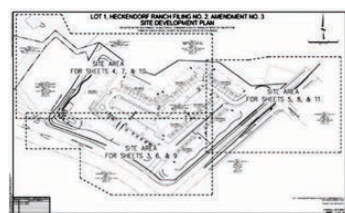
**MONUMENT** – Monument will expand its southwest boundaries with the **Willow Springs** annexation request in process. The Polo Brown Company of Canon City plans to have Monument annex its 219-acre parcel located on the west side of I-25, just west of the Old Denver Road with its southern boundary on Baptist/Forest Lakes Drive. About one half of the parcel (104 acres) will

be designated open space and will include trails and two park areas. A 5-acre parcel not included in the total will be dedicated to the school district. One hundred acres goes to three forms of residential development with 16 acres divided into two Estate lots with equestrian rights, 19 acres with 77 attached or patio residential units, and 65 acres with 317 single family homes.

**PERRY PARK** – Two Large land parcels at the foot of Echo Hills Road just east of the Country Club, totaling 36 acres have been sold



to David and Stacy Kohm of South Lake, Texas, for



Apartment activity arrives on the south side of Castle Rock with the planned 155-unit, age-targeted multi-family project to be located on the northwest corner of **Plum Creek Blvd. and Crystal Valley Parkway**, just east of the new fire station. The 10.7 acre parcel will have both townhomes and apartment units. Public meetings and formal approval are outstanding.

Development continues to fill in the missing Castle Rock pockets. Head east on Plum Creek Parkway, past the fairgrounds to the stop light where South Lake Gulch Road crosses; a new **7,200 square-foot, multi-tenant commercial building** will

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\$1.250 million. Kohn is a personal injury attorney serving the Metro Dallas area. The parcels lie on both sides of Echo Hills Road, making it unlikely for ranch use – is this the next major development sector for the Park?

The five remaining vacant parcels along Echo Hills Road (total – 70 acres) are all owned by DGKS (Tom Smith) of Omaha.

**CASTLE PINES** – The pressures of residential growth have reached the historical Daniels Park Road. In the 1860s the road served as the location of a stagecoach stop along the Plum Creek/Divide Wagon Road. Now, the 55-acre parcel with the address of **7007 Daniels Park Road** has received



approval to continue with the rezoning process. The change is from Agricultural-One to Rural Residential which will permit 11 home sites along with open space and equestrian facilities. Still preserved is an existing residence, equestrian facilities and historic structures including the Pretty Woman Ranch, a historic DC landmark. Looks like the buffalo will be getting company.

**COLORADO SPRINGS** – **Flying Horse North** gets the for-

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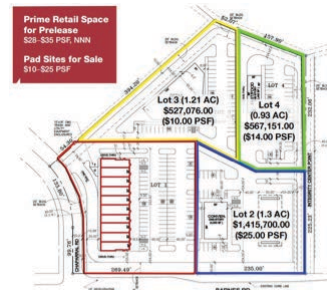
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mal go ahead to start the first (80 lots) of three phases of new homes sites. The entire project will consist of a 283 custom home community on about 1,400 acres southwest of Hodgen and Black Forest Roads, along with an 18 hole golf course. The general location is just east of Colorado Route #83 about 5 minutes north of the existing Flying Horse development. Two large open space parks will be controlled by the Homeowner's Association, and restricted from any future development. The individual lots will range in size from 2.5 to 5.4 acres with lot pricing ranging from \$170,000 to \$495,000. One of the selected custom builders, Jayden, is offering three lots, 2.7 acres for \$180,000, 2.5 acres at \$190 and 2.9 acres at \$170,000.

**The Powers Road** corridor is "The" retail corridor today in the Springs and the latest new development is at the busy corner of Barnes and Powers (5660 Barnes Road) where a 15,500 square-foot retail center to be called **Barnes West** and a four-



story, 96 room **Hampton Inn** have started construction. Two signed tenants for the multi-tenant development include Duca's Pizza, Erickbertos (Mexican Restaurant) and a dental office along with a breakfast restaurant in the discussion stage. Completion is scheduled for the first quarter of 2019. The Hampton, on a similar schedule, will be the fourth new hotel in the immediate area.

After 25 years in business, the **Short Stop Burger Restaurant**, has lost its ground lease in the parking lot of the Tower Plaza (Platte and Circle Drive) where a new 12,900 square foot CVS Drug store will be built.



Packing its pots and pans, Short Stop will join the growing Powers Road corridor with a new +700 square-foot building in the Powers Shopping Center and will operate temporarily in a mobile Short Stop Unit until the new building is completed. The building will mimic the design of the original building and will include 24 patio seats. The menu will be similar to the original menu featuring burgers, brats, hot dogs, etc.

Another well-known local hamburger restaurant, the **Skirted Heifer** (2-4 N. Tejon), is also coming to the corridor at Dublin

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Commons III (Powers and Dublin). This expansion will be double the size of the downtown store or approximately 1,400 square feet. Your choice of grass fed beef, turkey or veggie burgers on four bun types including garlic focaccia to whet the appetite. Opening planned for first quarter 2019.

Continued efforts to make downtown Colorado Springs a 24-hour city includes the new **Casa Mundi** Apartment project under construction on the west side of Tejon Street, between Costilla and Cimarron.



Completion is anticipated for the first quarter of next year. The twenty seven studio, one and two bedroom units will be located on the 2nd through 4th floor with 6,000 square feet of retail/commercial on the ground level and with paved parking on the lot. Rents will range from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a month.

**DENVER** – One hundred and twenty-nine years ago, the The Denver Cable-Car opened its doors. For the past 40+ years, The Old Spaghetti Factory occupied the building but that time has come to an end. Now, the building continues on with architectural changes restating



some of the old character while bringing the structural aspects up to today's standards. In an effort to keep up with changing demands in this popular Mission District location, the new tenant will be Urban Putt, a 4-year old San Francisco-based concept geared to a younger crowd while still maintaining the historic character of the building. Urban Putt is a combination bar with craft beer, cocktails and chef-inspired food along with indoor two nine-hole miniature golf courses. Give it a try at 18th and Lawrence Street when it opens in the first half of 2019.



*Photo by Lisa Warteman*

## PET TALK FROM PILAR Pilar Starman, DVM...

### We are thankful.



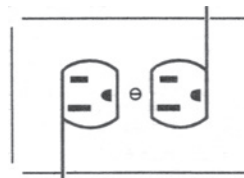
This time of year brings color change, cool evenings, and thoughts of our how fortunate we are. We are very grateful for the happy lives we have and that we are able to live in this beautiful environment. We are incredibly thankful for the warm welcome Larkspur has given us, for the wonderful clients we have, and their pets we have the pleasure of serving. Thank you, Larkspur.

A word from Frankie, the Aussie Cattle Dog: *I am thankful that I have friends that come to visit me at the hospital, a meal at least twice a day (although I tell Mom it should be more like 10 times a day), and walks after work.*

As we are cooking for our annual feast, it is very easy to slip those sweet brown eyes extra food. I find it nearly impossible to resist Frankie's sideways ears and dipped head as she begs. It is ok (for most normal, healthy pets that do not have underlying disease) to allow our pets some of our Thanksgiving foods. These include the meat of the turkey (not bones, skin, or fat) if it has not been seasoned too heavily, plain mashed/sweet potatoes, green beans, pumpkin (not the sweet mix, just the pumpkin), and apples.

Foods that have been seasoned/sweetened may be harmful. Onions and garlic may cause anemia in cats and dogs. Xylitol, a common artificial sweetener, may cause liver failure. Excess fat/oil may lead to an inflammatory condition called pancreatitis, which causes a lot of vomiting and pain. Bones may lead to obstruction and perforation of the intestine. Generally, rapid diet changes for cats and dogs are more likely to cause an upset stomach and lead to vomiting.

If you have any questions about what foods are ok or are not ok, or if you have any other questions, please call your local Larkspur Pet Hospital at 303-681-3980.



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## **A REPORT FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Cindy Applegate, Secretary-Board of Directors...**

At the October board meeting, Rodger Greer was sworn in for a two-year term to fulfill the vacant board position. The board also approved a new five-year contract for Chief Stuart Mills.



Thanks to all that attended the open house and chili cook off. "A" shift won bragging rights for the best chili!

### **Call Review:**

Between January 1, 2018, and September 30, 2018, the Larkspur Fire Department has had a total of 763 calls compared to 673 calls for the same time frame in 2017, an increase of 90 calls (11.79 percent).

There was a total of 80 calls in September 2018 compared to 93 calls in September 2017.

### **September 2018 Call Review:**

Fires: Total of 4 calls:

Vehicle fires: One (in-district)

Brush/Grass fires: Three (2 in-district, 1 mutual aid)

EMS: Total of 40 calls

Medicals: Twenty-five (23 in-district and 2 mutual-aid)

MVA's with injuries: Fourteen (13 in district, 1 mutual aid)

Rescue/EMS Standby: One (in-district)

Alarms: Fire alarm system malfunction: Seven (in-district)

Other: Total of 40 calls (34 in-district and 6 mutual aid)

On behalf of the entire Larkspur Fire Protection District, we thank you for your continued support. Our next scheduled board meeting is Thursday, November 8, 2018, 7 p.m. at Station 161 in Larkspur.

## **A REPORT FROM THE METRO DISTRICT Sean King, Secretary, PPMD...**

October Board Meeting  
On October 10th the Perry Park Metro District board met the Perry Park Country Club for the monthly meeting. In attendance were:



### **Directors:**

Randy Johnson – President

Craig Van Doorn – Vice President

Linda Black – Assistant Vice President

Vanessa Dao – Treasurer

Sean King – Secretary

Also, in attendance:

Kurt Schlegel; Special District Solutions, LLC

Steve and Loretta Rea

Joe Brickweg

Valerie Durringer

Kent Rooks

Curt Hoff

Dan and Monie Sedestrum

Matt Temme

Bob and Cathy DeWald

Bob and Peggy Payne

The full meeting minutes will be available on <http://perrypark.org/metro-district/meetings/> right after next month's board meeting.

### **Gilloon and Gateway Ponds**

The board held a working session in October to discuss options for future maintenance to keep and/or enhance the quality of the pond areas within the conservation easement guidelines. With great participation from residents, much of the discussion was spent understanding the many conditions surrounding Gateway Pond and the conservation easement, and a potentially easier path to reclaiming Gilloon Pond.

The feedback received was invaluable in helping the board to understand resident concerns. The board has begun searching for a professional advisor regarding Perry Park's open spaces to provide guidance on next steps with the main bodies of water, Gilloon and Gateway ponds.

The board will review proposals at the next board meeting in November and choose a provider. The selected provider will be directed to provide a plan of action for both ponds for the board to review as soon as possible.

### **The New PPMD Weekly Update**

If you haven't seen it yet, there is a new weekly e-mail to help provide timely information regarding Perry Park Metropolitan District matters. If you are not already on the mail list, you can register at <http://www.perrypark.org> by clicking on the registration button on the right-hand side.

### **PPMD Social Pages Launched**

To attempt to get to the broadest audience possible, the Metro District has setup pages on Facebook and NextDoor to publish the same updates we bring you here through the PPMD Update emails. **Please help us spread the word by sharing these links with your Perry Park friends and neighbors!**

You can find the new pages here:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/perryparkmetro/>
- NextDoor: <https://nextdoor.com/groups/20834944/>

### **Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 7th**

The next Perry Park Metro District Board meeting will be held

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on Wednesday, November 7th at the Perry Park Country Club. All Perry Park residents are welcome to attend and participate.

### PPMD DAFFODIL BULB DISTRIBUTION NOVEMBER 3, 9 A.M.



The daffodil bulbs have arrived and it's time for everyone to pick them up. Like last year, we will have residents of Perry Park pick them up at the parking area at the front gate at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 3. This will be a first-come first-served basis pickup. Proof of residence within Perry Park Ranch will be required. Each homeowner is allowed one bag of bulbs for personal planting, but anyone who would like to plant in the common areas (corner, along the road, etc.) can have a second bag of bulbs. Come early as we ran out in two hours last year and expect the demand to be higher this year.

### OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...

The October meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 17th with three directors present. Directors Maras and Peterson had received excused absences.



The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the September 19th regular meeting. The approval was unanimous. Disbursements totaling \$309,286.78 were then unanimously approved. Next, since a 2019 Agreement for Services-Operations with Semocor, Inc. had been introduced and discussed at the regular September meeting, a motion was made and that agreement unanimously approved. A letter from the Staffing Committee was then introduced and discussed. That letter recommended salary and benefit increases for the district staff and was unanimously approved.

The draft budget for 2019 was then briefly reviewed and discussed. The board was advised by District Manager Diana Miller that the next steps were for the board members to receive from her the final draft of the budget before the regularly scheduled November meeting and the Budget Hearing in December. At the Budget Hearing the budget will be fully discussed, finalized and readied for submission to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. All residents of the district are welcome to attend either or both of these meetings and provide their input to the budget process.

A motion was then made to adopt the Colorado Special District Records Management Manual; it was unanimously approved. The District Systems Report for September submitted by Semocor was then reviewed, and operations were noted as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the district manager was also reviewed. There was no audience participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.. As always, further information is available on the district website, [www.PPWSO.org](http://www.PPWSO.org).

### THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL Karen Dale...

When we first moved to Perry Park, there was a public dump in Larkspur. Many people loaded up their pick-ups and disposed of their garbage and trash by driving it to town and paying a small fee. It was like old home week on days the dump was open. And, of course, there was a "swap pile"—other people's junk became their neighbor's treasure.

But the dump closed and the only game for garbage in town was Waste Management. Then about ten years ago, All Bright Sanitation began pickup in the Larkspur area—much cheaper than WM and more amenable to individual requests. They also picked up recycling. Tri-Lakes has also come into the area in the last several years, expanding its routes. It was a thriving competition.

Recently, All Bright went out of business, selling out to Waste Management. Tri-Lakes has apparently abandoned recycling, at

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least in some areas. And no one is sure what the pickup schedules are, including the trash companies. It all seems to be in flux. What to do, what to do?

While the trash guys work out their routes and economic problems, we have had a “REALLY BIG” bear year. Many bears stalk the neighborhoods, all seeking sustenance in garbage cans. One enterprising Perry Park resident, Ken Walker, decided to try out various bear-proof cans. Since they cost a fortune, he talked to some manufacturers and worked with their reps—a smart move. Some of the details he recorded on Facebook, the Larkspur Neighbor to Neighbor page.

The first one was almost immediately invaded. And then: “One of their Executives flew here from Kansas yesterday and drove to my house to see the failed dumpster. They brought me a replacement which was guaranteed to work. It took the bear 11 hours to open it...”



Finally, he found one that worked! The bear, who knew very well it was trash day, couldn't get the thing open—so he hauled it off into the weeds. And there Ken found it, battered and beaten but still locked. So far, so good. Those of us on Facebook look forward to the next tale in the saga—when a smarter bear tries his garbage can! \*\*\*See ADDENDUM below!

Meanwhile, I heard a tidbit on Colorado Public Radio the other day about Durango's continuing struggles with the bear population. Starting this past March, the city began distributing bear-proof containers to residents—and apparently it worked! The city of Durango is planning to spend \$175,000 next year to purchase 600 bear-resistant trash cans for city residents, a step toward making the city less attractive to hungry bears and reducing human-bear conflict. For a fee, of course—and a fine if your garbage gets attacked while NOT in a bear-proof container!

Which leaves people like me in a mess. Those containers are heavy. I'm an old lady. My gravel driveway is 1/10th of a mile long. I put out garbage SACKS—no cans—which I can lift into the trunk of my car. But I soak a paper towel with ammonia—one towel per sack. The only time the bears have attacked my garbage in the last ten years was one of the rare times I put out a can and the one time I ran out of ammonia.

\*\*\*ADDENDUM! On October 21, I sent this essay to Ken Walker for review—since I had talked about his bear/garbage

experience. On October 22, he posted the following on Facebook:

“I'm done. At 12:57 a.m. today, I officially resigned my volunteership for the Great Bear-Proof Dumpster Project (or “GB-PDP”) of 2018. Two different manufacturers and three different prototypes later, all the bear had to do this time was simply knock it over. The force of the fall popped the lid open like an over-pressurized champagne cork.

There is no such thing as a “Larkspurian Bear-Proof Dumpster.” At least, not one cheaper than \$500.”



## BEAR WISE



Howdy, bear lovers. Beary Bear here. As another season comes to a close, we Colorado black bears will soon be heading to our dens and beds for a long winter's nap.

As all you avid *Bear Wise* readers know, we bears have already located our winter sleeping quarters and will be entering them over the next 60 days—depending on outside temperatures and the win/loss record of the Broncos.

Some people are surprised to learn that we don't always pick a cave as our den. Some dens are located in rock crevices, hollow trees, or brush piles. Others may be found under the upturned roots of windblown trees leaning 45 degrees.

In residential areas, a den might be in a road culvert, a storm sewer under a street, or the crawl space under a home. I have heard stories of a bear in Perry Park who chooses to den under different house decks each year. I'll wait here while you go out and check under your deck...Okay, glad you are back.

## Bear News – Three orphaned cubs receiving great bear care



Three orphaned black bear cubs are being well-cared for thanks

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to the good folks at the Frisco Creek wildlife facility near Del Norte, which is in the San Luis Valley. The cubs were orphaned when their mother was killed this fall by Colorado Wildlife officials due to multiple incidents of breaking into homes in the Estes Park area in search of food. The cubs were captured and transported to the Frisco Creek wildlife facility where they will live until they are able to survive on their own.

The rehabilitation center will keep the cubs separated from humans as it tries to prepare the kiddos for winter hibernation. "We are not taking them away. We are not putting them in a zoo. We are not killing them," said Michael Sirochman, Frisco Creek wildlife facility manager. "We are successfully returning them to the wild once they are ready to be self-sufficient."

Bravo. Note: This story was originally published in the *Denver Post* on Sept 6th, 2018.

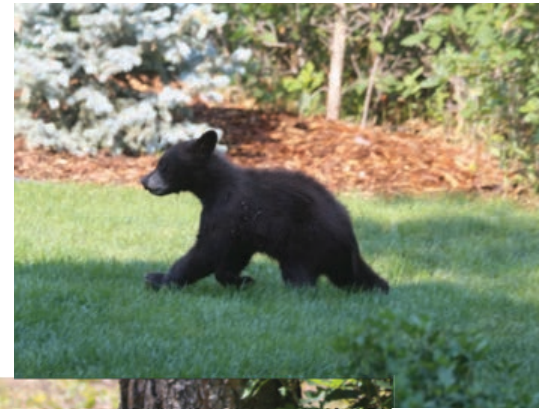
### Big Black Bear Pole Dancer

Check out this video of a huge black bear in East Perry Park as he pole dances around a bird feeder.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHspHPJMgj0>

This dude is the largest black bear I've seen in our neck of the woods.

## Other 2018 memorable pictures:



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## A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters

*Gob smacked! ...A Serious Discussion...More Turkey Talk...Short Takes  
Cold Weather Adjustment Attitude*



A glorious fall it **WAS!** All of about a week. Then **WHAM!** A few nights of light freezes then a few nights of hard freezes with night time temperatures 8 degrees and 10 degrees. One day the high was only 20 degrees. We went from foliage gradually turning into beautiful colors like our Virginia creepers of green turning to red leaves. After a few frigid days, we were left with dull brown leaves to stare at. Blah.

It seemed to come in so fast, that we grabbed the painters re-painting our house stucco and paid them each \$20 to haul in pots of flowering plants and ripening tomatoes. Then some hurry-up harvesting of herbs took place – they make the kitchen smell soooooooo good.

And then the snow...not much, but enough to get our attention. Out come the flannel shirts...looks like the puffed-up outdoor birds could use some...and the mega outdoor bird feeding frenzy including peanuts for the jays. The bird bath feeder was hooked up just in time for the freeze and the birds to take their cold weather Turkish baths. Sorry for the lack of heated towels.

### *Downright Scary*

We have been recently inundated with Info on climate change. This topic is not a political statement on my part, but from a person truly concerned about the raw data being reported and the frightening happenings world-wide: Larger and more dangerous hurricanes and more frequent cyclones, horrific wild fires, significant droughts, the rivers of Colorado running so low this past summer that people were asked not to fish between noon and midnight to help out the stressed fish, higher average temperatures, greatly reduced live coral reefs, sea levels rising not in inches, but in feet, and it goes on and on. Antarctica this week was reported to be losing the equivalent of two Olympic swimming pools of ice **EVERY SECOND**. The earth has a natural wobble and now it is significantly greater due to all the ice melt in the Antarctica.

“Scientists estimate that 150-200 **species** of plant, insect, bird and mammal **become extinct every** 24 hours. This is nearly 1,000 times the “natural” or “background” rate and, say **many** biologists, is greater than anything the world has experienced since the vanishing of the dinosaurs nearly 65m years ago.” I am writing this section through tears. Recently the United Nation’s IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) released its latest report that is beyond astonishing and scary. Now, the IPCC is very conservative on its analysis and conclusions. But this report is truly, “Henny Penny, the sky is falling” spoken in a monotone, nothing hysterical.

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## **WILD SIDE Continued from page 16**

Unless we do something drastic to stem the rise in carbon emissions **IMMEDIATELY** by 2040 or only 22 years from now, we will be at a “no turning back” point and will be spinning out of control. The goal has been to return temperature of the earth to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) but unless every country takes significant action, including get rid of coal, etc., by 2100 the earth will be at 4.5 degrees Celsius or 7 degrees Fahrenheit. And this was announced by the current administration! Which by the way, says do nothing, because it will happen anyway? Great. Even at 2 degrees Celsius, 99 percent of the coral will be gone together with the Arctic ice and polar bears.

Deforestation, particularly in the rainforests, is HUGE. Up to 80,000 acres daily! Much of it grows coffee. I am appalled at the campground project off I-25 north of Larkspur. So many trees were mowed down to give people an opportunity to get to a place to enjoy nature. REALLY?

A child born today will see a significantly different world in 22 years. Food is expected to be a huge issue with the droughts. Much of Colorado is in a significant one now. Despite new technologies and techniques to grow food smarter and in smaller areas, there could be a catastrophic impact. This expectation really got attention when it was announced an upcoming shortage of beer and the doubling of prices due to the lack of sufficient grains to make hops.

On an ecotour in Florida, I asked the ecologist, who is encouraging recycling, how much recycling would make a difference. He said that it may give people another 10 years on earth. Clearly recycling is not enough.

Speaking of Florida, an expert on impacts of rising water said that in many places humans will have to retreat. Like in Florida. There are so many limestone formations there that the water will just leach in. Sooner than later. Already Miami has frequent street flooding now.

Colorado, get ready for an influx of people.

NYC consulted the Netherlands about their dike structure and how they have been able to live in a county under sea level – like to me it is sort of unsettling to sit in an airport setting 12 feet below sea level. Now, the Netherlands are becoming very concerned about their fate with too much water rising too fast.

See the photo of the beach in Hawaii. This trash dilemma is even worse other places.

I look around our beautiful area and its abundance of



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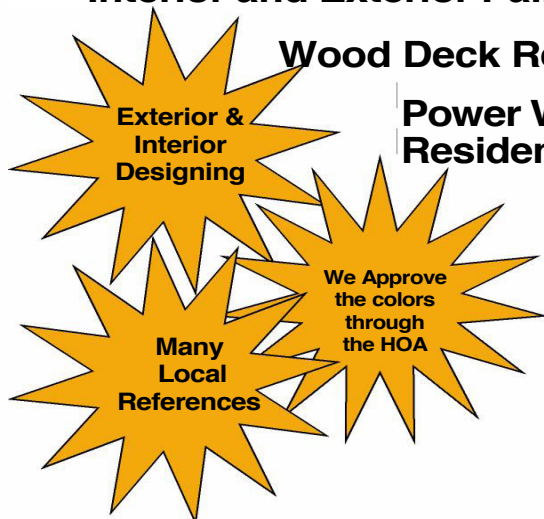
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trees and animals and sob. We will definitely have a higher chance of bad wild fires. Droughts will kill our trees and flora, taking away the food supply for many animals. I am glad that my life will be over before the worst comes. I would not have anything to write about anyway

What can we do as individuals? Of course, be more conscious of conserving energy including more energy-efficient appliances, and when you can, electric vehicles. Try to waste less food including growing your own vegetables. We waste 30-40% of our food annually in the U.S. Eat less beef...a huge environmental impact with all the food they require and their natural contribution of much of the methane gas in our environment. Bad.

Recycle. Join Freecycle for Castle Rock to recycle stuff that you can't take to thrift stores. Of course, buy LESS and buy SMART. Be smart about buying products with less packaging. Lobby your state and federal governments to do more. And the list goes on and on.

Please, folks, let's do what we can do and celebrate the nature we have now.

### **Gobbledygook!**

Well, the local wild turkeys have caught on to our property being a birdy frat house. They graze under the platform feeders for morsels and have learned that there is frequently cracked corn strewn about. But then they became less wary and part of the flock ended up on our deck, and then they hopped up onto the railing and started feeding directly from the platform feeders! And, of course, they left behind souvenirs and calling cards along with some feathers. And then I can tell they are here without seeing them.... they sound like squeaky doors or corroded outdoor faucets.

Our yellow lab Orca has become so used to seeing them that he hardly gives them a glance. I don't think he wants to catch one because he would have to deal with pulling out all of those many feathers. We did see two flocks battling it out with the dominant tom of each group flashing his tail, spreading out the feathers in a large fan. Very impressive. My hubby Dave has never done that for me!

With gun shots ringing out in the Perry Park East area and people bragging about the shooting rights and turkey licenses, these big birds had better take cover so close to Thanksgiving. My understanding is that shooting is not allowed in subdivisions. We were hoping that the Sheriff's Dept. would confirm that, but no word back.

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## Short Takes



We have settled into the winter bird populations with the towhees that have decided to stay along with the returning blue jays, and the large flocks of red-winged blackbirds. There has been no sign of a snake since early September, and the bears seem to have left the area, trundling their fat-laden bodies towards their winter digs of caves.

Now that we can leave the feeders out, we still have to be alert as to racoon and skunk activity. Orca went out the dog door one night to be greeted by a skunk. It is a good thing that he was wearing a t-shirt to protect his recent surgery incisions. The shirt took the brunt of it. I washed it and returned it to his vet still smelling of skunk. She was overjoyed, no less.



And, wow. Some of the hummingbirds remained until September 27th. A record!!!

### **HAPPY TURKEY DAY!!! Or tofu day for others?**

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That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – I have to fill the Trump head squirrel feeder with peanut butter – a friend has a sparing battle with us over political gag gifts. I hope the squirrels think it is funny.

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