

# The Perry Park

# Sentinel JUNE 2019

# JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER!

Okay, no songs this month—but what a month, a summer month. We left snow behind in May. The grass is green; the flowers are blooming. Trail Ridge Road is open. We'll have a stretch of really hot weather toward the end of June and everyone will complain and long for cooler weather. And the week after that you'll have your cooler weather and go back to loving summer.

Lots of outdoor events happen in June. The Renaissance Festival is a big one, but there are many more: music in Larkspur Park, the rubber ducky derby in Castle Rock, bike races that take up a lot of space on 105, farmer's markets, garage sales, concerts... Something for everyone and all outside so we can enjoy our glorious June weather. Check out some of them in FYI.





Father's Day is June 16. Perfect time for a mountain picnic. Take the footballs and frisbees and head west. Lots of picnic spots not too far away. And bring the dogs too. The summer solstice is June 21—another excuse for an outdoor excursion to celebrate the season.

Someone complained to me the other day that the winters in Colorado are just too long. Maybe. But give me the sudden joyful appearance of a Colorado summer any day. I lived in Texas for almost 40 years—no winter, but by June it had already been hot for months and we still had to get through August, the worst month. The summer was no surprise and certainly not joyful. So hush about winter and go have a good time outside because June in Colorado is simply glorious! ~KDale



HORSES FOR HOPE HOE-DOWN: Saturday, June 8, 4:30-10 p.m. at Draper's Ranch, 5655 Red Rock Drive in Perry Park Ranch. Horseback Miracle's annual fundraiser and western fashion show will present Horseback

Miracle's kids modeling the clothes and demonstrating elements of the therapy program. Silent auction, horseback rides for the kids. Ticket price includes a full barbecue dinner. For additional information about the therapy program and ticket purchase, visit <a href="https://horsebackmiracles.org/">https://horsebackmiracles.org/</a>.

LARKSPUR MUSIC IN THE PARK: It's time again for our Music in the Park summer concert series. Sponsored by the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce, the season kicks off on June 14 with ASHTONZ. Here are the remaining 5 concerts: Date Band Genre, June 28; Professor M, Motown to Memphis, July 12; Rascal Martinez, 50s-80s, July 26; Wirewood Station, Country; August 9; Kantankerous, Blue Grass, August 23; Lookin' Back, 70s 80s Top 40. All concerts start at 6:30 p.m. Food is available along with beverages for reasonable prices. Bring your blanket and chair and enjoy a free evening of entertainment at the beautiful Larkspur Community Park. For additional information, contact the Larkspur Town Hall: 303-681-2324.

PERRY PARK BOOK CLUB will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at the home of Carrie Murdoch, 6619 Wauconda Dr. in Perry Park Ranch, email: <a href="mailto:carriejeanmurdoch@gmail.com">carriejeanmurdoch@gmail.com</a>. The book for discussion is Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance. The book traces the experience of his family's move from the rural and isolated Appalachians of Kentucky to the middle class in small-town Ohio. The book for July is The Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig, Montana's great storyteller. Newcomers are always welcome and copies of the books are available through the DC Libraries' Book Club Express.

REGISTER BY JUNE 10 FOR THE PERRY PARK/LARK-SPUR COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES AND OPEN **HOUSES:** Last year we ended up hosting 33 garage sales representing over 40 households. This year we have been asked to expand the area to include Sterling Point, Perry Park East, Sage Port, etc. We are in the planning stages for the advertising and the signs. The event is scheduled for Saturday June 22 and Sunday June 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day. This is turning into a fairly large event so get signed up today. Last year people came from Montana, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri, Utah, Texas, and New Mexico as well as cities here in Colorado. Clear out your house of all of the unwanted items or maybe even sell the whole house or a car. To register contact Craig Van Doorn by text or phone call to 918-697-9751. We are also looking for sponsors from our business partners in the area. We plan on having your advertising on the nearly 100 signs that we will have out as well as many of the sites we will be advertising with to draw more customers to your business.

#### AT LARKSPUR FREE LIBRARY, AKA THE BOOK EX-

CHANGE, the choices are nearly endless. Choose from 10,000 FREE adult books - fiction (ladies' romance to classics) and non-fiction (history, crafts, physics and more); 700 FREE movies (recent and classics); 600 FREE kid's books (picture books, young readers of all levels, and young adult); Dozens of FREE audio books; FREE games, puzzles, and toys. An entire building of gently used books, sorted, categorized and alphabetized for easy browsing. It is a premier resource for our friends and neighbors. Proudly supported by the town of Larkspur, the LFL is open Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No high cost, no lines, no cards, no due dates, no overdue fines. LFL is located at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road on the east side of the road. And yes, it's FREE. Really, actually, honestly FREE!! And no need to bring one to take as many as you can carry, because the LFL has plenty. We'll even give you a box. Come and check out what everyone is talking about. And of course, we always gladly accept donations. For more information, contact Cindy at 303-681-3046 or Krystine at 413-348-3579.

FIRST FRIDAYS: DUELING PIANOS-THE HOWL EX-PERIENCE, June 7, 2019, 5-9 p.m. at Festival Park in Castle Rock. This interactive evening spent with the talented musicians of Howl at the Moon, will have you belting out your favorite tunes and dancing in the park! Request your favorite songs, revel in their hilarious banter, all the while enjoying food truck fare and cocktails. There will be activities and treats for the kids as well.

ROTARY DUCKY DERBY, Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Race at 3 p.m. at Festival Park in downtown Castle Rock, the biggest annual fund raiser for local Castle Rock Rotary Clubs. Proceeds support local Castle Rock charities such as the Douglas Elbert Task Force, Women's Crisis Center and Wellspring. The event features the well-known Ducky Derby race of thousands of little rubber Duckys racing along Plum Creek. Prizes are awarded to Ducky ticket holders depending on the finish position of "their" numbered ducky. For information about tickets visit the website: <a href="https://rotaryclubofcastlerock.org/6872/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=ducky-derby-1&StorySlug=ticket-sales">https://rotaryclubofcastlerock.org/6872/Page/ShowSitePage?ClassCode=SitePage&Slug=ducky-derby-1&StorySlug=ticket-sales</a>

**CASTLE ROCK CAR SHOW, Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** at Wilcox Square. Come downtown for the 10th Annual Classic Rock Cruise-In Car Show, brought to you by Medved Autoplex. This event is brought to you in partnership between the Vintage Car Club of Castle Rock and Downtown Merchants Association. Register a car: Entrants are strongly encouraged to pre-register to enter the show at: classicrockcruisein.com. Parking is available at the Douglas County parking garage located at Third and Jerry streets, on the southwest corner of the event venue. Also, there is parking on Elbert Street between Third and Fourth streets, one block west of the event. TROLLEY: Free trolley service will be available for this event.

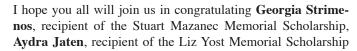
**MONUMENT'S DOWNTOWN ART HOP, June 21**, Third Thursdays through September, 5 - 8 p.m. Special events in local galleries, book signings, live music and more. during these special days dedicated to art.



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and Connor Estelle, recipient of the LES Volunteer Scholarship.

the committee was very impressed and touched by the sense of community our high school seniors feel from living and growing up in Larkspur; their memories of Larkspur Elementary meant a great deal, as did their community service accomplishments and their connection to Stuart and Liz. The strength of character demonstrated in their responses led us all to believe that they will all be assured a successful future; no matter what paths they choose to follow.

On behalf of the Larkspur Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization and the scholarship Committee, we wish all Larkspur graduating seniors all the best for the future!

~ Rebecca Winckler

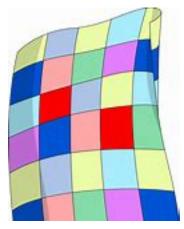
## BLANKET BRIGADE GIVES QUILTS TO THE STEM SCHOOL

Ginny Sanders...

Just hours after the tragedy at the STEM School in Highlands Ranch, the Crisis Manager with Douglas County Schools called asking our Blanket Brigade for help in getting quilts to students coming to the grief counseling the next day. By 10 a.m. on



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Wednesday, May 8th, we had 63 quilts from the Larkspur group and 30 quilts from the Monument group of the Blanket Brigade delivered to the church where the grief counseling was being held. It was such an honor for us to be able to help facilitate the healing process of the students and their families.

The Blanket Brigade gives our quilts to anyone experi-

encing loss, trauma, or poor health. We are a 501(c)3 organization and we make our quilts with donated fabric. If you are doing spring cleaning and would like to donate fabric, batting or thread, please contact Gwen Underwood at **gwenspur@icloud.com**, 303-681-2125 or Cindy Hotaling at **cjaspsjr@yahoo.com**, 303-681-0374.

Please consider joining our group. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Perry Park Country Club at 10 a.m. Most of the construction of the quilts is done at home. When we meet, we tie the quilts, so you only have to be able to thread a needle to join us!

#### DOUGLAS LAND CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES 6TH ANNUAL "CAPTURING THE BEAUTY OF OPEN LAND"

Douglas Land Conservancy is pleased to announce the 6th Annual exhibit of paintings of local artists who participated in the plein air event, "Capturing the Beauty of Open Land." The showing of these paintings will take place on Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23, at the White Pavilion in downtown Castle Rock. Admission is free.

"Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" provides an opportunity for artists to paint on beautiful, private properties in southern Douglas County over the course of one week (June 17-June 21). This unique week of painting will culminate in a gallery exhibit featuring hundreds of works created throughout the week on display and available for purchase.

"We are delighted to bring back such a phenomenal event once again this summer," says Patti Hostetler, Douglas Land Conservancy Executive Director. "We feel this has become one of Castle Rock's anticipated summer events and we are thrilled to bring in new artists this year as well as some favorites from previous years."

These stunning conserved private properties are rarely open for access to the public. In addition to providing a unique cultural experience for Douglas County and the surrounding communi-

ty, "Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" allows attendees and loyal supporters to take home beautiful landscapes of several Douglas County conserved lands they cannot otherwise view on a regular basis.

"We created this event to celebrate the natural marrying of the beauty of the land with talented artists," continues Hostetler. "They will end up producing hundreds of paintings over the course of the week and these gorgeous pieces truly serve as a reminder of why we live in Colorado."

Developed in the mid-19th century, plein air painting is executed outdoors and represents an artist's direct response to the scene in front of him or her. This form of painting is characterized by the luminous effects of natural light., with an airy natural tone versus the artificial light that can be associated with paintings produced in a studio. Literally meaning "open air," plein air was developed among French impressionists including Monet, Pissarro, and Renoir.

"Capturing the Beauty of Open Land" serves as an annual fundraiser for Douglas Land Conservancy, a 501(c)3 nonprofit land trust. A portion of the proceeds from the art sales will support the continued efforts of Douglas Land Conservancy to protect open space.

A full list of participating artists and additional details will be announced at a later date. For more information visit: <a href="www.douglaslandconservancy.org/events">www.douglaslandconservancy.org/events</a>

#### LARKSPUR/PALMER LAKE/ WOODMOOR/ MONUMENT/ CASTLE ROCK CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

We would like to form a cancer support group within the area. We are currently attending one that meets way out east of Colorado Springs. It was the only one that we could find between the Springs and northwest Denver, neither option being ideal as they are at least 1 1/2 hour away. The one in the Springs only meets every two months and not at all in a four-month break for summer. We would like to see if there is interest in starting a group within the area between Denver and Colorado Springs.

The cancer support group would be comprised of cancer patients, their care givers, and anyone else that is interested in supporting the fight with cancer. The way the Springs group meets is have a pot luck luncheon at a church, but we could start out by meeting in a home at first the way they did until the group got too big.

If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Craig Van Doorn Sr at 918-697-9751 or email <a href="mailto:cvandoorn1@comcast.net">cvandoorn1@comcast.net</a>.



#### HONORING OUR LARKSPUR KIDS....

It's brag time for proud parents—but not many of you bragged! This can become a regular monthly feature if I hear from some of you who have been very quiet about your kids' achievements! Brag a little—they deserve it! Just send information by the 20th of each month to <a href="mailto:Sentineleditor10@msn.com">Sentineleditor10@msn.com</a>. Pictures welcome!



On Thursday, May 16th, Sydney Tahmindjis and Eliza Lumaye were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Lewis Palmer Middle School! Great job, girls; your hard work and dedication paid off!



Mya Tahmindjis had a successful 5th grade year at her new school, Monument Academy. She raced in her first track cycle race and performed in several orchestra recitals. Way to go!



Lilliana Fontana, better known as Lilli Bug, is going through a really hard time this month as my mom leaves on the 28th, but Lilli is an amazing kid handling it so well. Even though we've moved to Larkspur for the last two months of school, Lilli has maintained great attendance and perfect grades. She will be getting the principal's list award with straight A's for her third quarter in a row, finishing out her fourth-grade year. She also is working on a local horse farm as trade for riding lessons and of course helping her momma learn the ropes of the business while Mimi [AKA Robin] starts her new adventure. I can't express enough how amazing Lily is and how she is the glue that holds us together every day. ~Lorilee Fontana



Logan Moses won the SCREAM IT OUT contest at Elitch Gardens in October. He's been practicing all year for the 2019 competition.

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#### **CLIENT TESTIMONIALS**



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A Bullock Oriole that thinks it's a hummer.

~Photo by Jessica Garrison in Monument

#### WHAT'S GOING ON HERE

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#### Larkspur:

The Town of Larkspur had a recent special election and, as a result, there is a new mayor. Mr. Marvin Cardenas was elected with 65 votes, and when I interviewed him last week, he had only been in office for about five days. Marvin admitted that he had lots to learn and was currently



learning the administrative details about his new position. I was impressed with the fact that he had already formulated a list of specific goals which he hopes to accomplish during his tenure:

- Downsize the number of support staff and administration working in Town Hall
- Ensure the town government achieves transparency and accountability
- Increase community involvement in all areas
- Implement and empower functioning advisory boards
- Appoint a grant committee to obtain matching grants for town projects
- Improve community relations and generate programs/ activities to involve town and local citizens

Mr. Cardenas has lived in Larkspur most of his life and has a long history of being involved in the town's activities. His family constructed the rustic building which is currently the Town Hall. During my interview with him, he demonstrated a positive attitude and expressed optimism about the future of Larkspur. He understands that one of the largest revenue generators for the Town is the annual Renaissance Festival. His focus will be to discuss with Larkspur business owners ways to advertise and promote during the Festival to encourage folks to buy local. The Town is proud of its new park and all of the improvements, including the new hiking/biking trail which will eventually connect to the Santa Fe trail system from Palmer Lake to Colorado Springs.

Since Mayor Cardenas is so new to the job, he had limited information about the planned Larkspur Travel Center and expansion of the Jellystone Campground. However, he anticipates that these two commercial enterprises will in the future be a major source of tax revenue for the town.

Larkspur Town Hall is currently advertising and recruiting to fill the position of Accounting Manager. A description of this position can be found on the town government website.

I have contacted officials from Sun Community Resorts Head-quarters on several occasions to find out more about the Jellystone expansion project, and I have also attempted to contact the owner of the Travel Center. However, in both instances the officials were non-responsive to my requests for information. I plan to write an update about these two projects for next month's issue. Meanwhile, Sun Community Resorts is currently advertising four new positions for hire at the new Jellystone Campground. They are seeking qualified applicants for several jobs. Here is their career site listing jobs within Colorado: <a href="https://careers.suncommunities.com/search/?createNewAlert=false&q=&locationsearch=colorado&optionsFacetsDD-facility=state">https://careers.suncommunities.com/search/?createNewAlert=false&q=&locationsearch=colorado&optionsFacetsDD-facility=state</a>

Larkspur is currently studying the feasibility of building side-walks in parts of the town. In addition, the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce is working on a project to obtain funding to have lights for the ball fields in the Larkspur Park. They are seeking \$150,000 for a matching grant to pay for this project. They are also looking at ways to fund a permanent concession stand for the park to sell beverages and food. Mr. Cardenas has a vision to create an architectural committee for the town to manage new construction so that future buildings and remodels have a similar rustic appearance consistent with the town's vision.

There is a project under consideration to build new apartments in the town with possible attached retail space.

Cardenas understands the importance and value of having the Larkspur Fire Station located near the center of town. The town of Larkspur is not responsible for the funding of fire and rescue services. However, "they are an integral part of our community and we appreciate their ongoing involvement with our town."

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#### I-25 South Gap Highway Construction Project Update:

As our weather begins to turn for the better, the highway construction project on both South and North-bound I-25 also heats up. As you can see, there is considerable activity along the frontage roads between Castle Rock and Tomah Road. CDOT assures me that there will continue to be temporary lane reductions and closures until they complete installation of the safety barrier rails on the West frontage road. These are being installed for safety reasons to create a buffer between the traffic of I-25 Southbound and those traveling along the West frontage road. Cyclists are prohibited from riding on this frontage road for obvious safety reasons. Now that the guardrails have been installed, there is absolutely no space for a cyclist to travel safely.

CDOT and contractor partner, Kraemer North America, took steps to improve safety along the frontage roads during construction of the I-25 South Gap project. During the month of February 2019, crews also installed vehicle headlight glare mitigation. Along the frontage road at Tomah and Territorial roads, concrete barrier with headlight glare screen mounted on top was installed. Along the frontage road at Crystal Valley Parkway and Bell Mountain Road, fencing with headlight glare slats, which act like window blinds, was installed. The goal is to shade vehicle headlight glare from motorists on local roads facing the highway. Where crews are working – in the northern and southern sections of the project – the interstate speed limit is 65 mph. Speed limits along frontage roads between Castle Rock and Larkspur are 45 mph. In areas where flaggers are present, speeds are 40 mph. Remember - fines are doubled in work zones. Drivers are reminded to be patient and adhere to speed limits during construction.

#### **New Section of Santa Fe Trail System Opens Soon:**

In celebration of National Trails Day, Douglas County will host a **grand opening** for the newest segment of the **Colorado Front Range Trail (CFRT)**. Come to **Larkspur Community Park** Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to noon, for the official opening, live music, an ice cream social and trail exploration.

With the addition of the Douglas County Open Space section between the **Columbine Open Space** trailhead and **Greenland Open Space** trailhead, adventurers are 8.5 miles closer to the possibility of a Front Range hiking journey from Wyoming to New Mexico. The new trail is open for hiking, biking and horseback riding and on-leash dogs are welcome. Live music from Dry Creek Bluegrass Band and the ice cream social will begin at 10 a.m.

For more information visit <a href="https://www.douglas.co.us/event/celebrate-national-trails-day-on-june-1/">https://www.douglas.co.us/event/celebrate-national-trails-day-on-june-1/</a>

#### Palmer Lake:

If you've recently passed through Palmer Lake, you can't help but notice the construction of the new pedestrian bridge which, once completed, will serve as a walkway from town, over the railroad to the lake. This project will be completed early summer, 2019, and should be a positive addition for the town and those who visit. It will also offer excellent access for visitors at the lake to local businesses in town. This bridge brings added safety for pedestrians by not having to cross an active and busy railroad line. If you haven't had the pleasure of eating at some of the local eateries in Palmer Lake, next time you're driving through town, you might want to consider stopping to explore some of the local establishments. You will be pleasantly surprised!

#### **Sturm Collaboration Campus in Castle Rock:**

The new \$40M Collaboration Campus (Phase One), is currently under construction just north of the Castle Rock Adventist Hospital. Classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019. This project got a significant boost when Arapahoe Community College received a historic gift of \$10 Million from The Sturm Family Foundation. There is a \$5 million match opportunity, bringing the full potential of the gift in excess of \$15 million. The funding will be used in its entirety for ACC's new Sturm Collaboration Campus at Castle Rock.

The Sturm Family Foundation was founded in 2000 by ANB Bank owners Donald and Susan Sturm. Their children, Stephen Sturm and Emily Sturm, are currently co-managing directors of the foundation and oversee the family's philanthropic portfolio, which includes the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver, Judaism Your Way, History Colorado and the Denver Art Museum, among others.

The campus will bring together education, industry and the community to create a unique resource for delivering seamless education and work-based learning to Castle Rock and greater Douglas County. It is a one-of-a-kind model that will align applied learning and workforce training with educational offerings in areas such as Cyber Security, Secure Software Development, Business, Accounting, Entrepreneurship and Health Care. The unique model will pair educational and industry partners to provide students the opportunity to learn in a tech-forward environment with a flexible pathway-based schedule designed to make it easier to work while they attend college.

CSU will offer bachelor's degree completion programs at Sturm Collaboration Campus and will work closely with ACC

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Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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and DCSD to create a smooth pathway from high school concurrent enrollment to associate to bachelor's degrees that align to relevant career pathways. The Arapahoe Douglas Workforce Center and two industry partners will also have a presence on the campus.

#### The Castle Rock Prominade Development Project:

The most recent additions to the Promenade include **Blackrock Coffee** which is South of Lowes, and **Cuba Cuba** (soon to open). **Chick-fil-A** is now open and should help alleviate the long lines seen during peak times at the location near Target. These new restaurants have easy access to I-25 in both directions. It won't take long for folks to discover this new, convenient second location for Castle Rock. According to a spokesperson from Alberta Development Partners, there are a few more businesses coming to the Promenade. Soon to open is the **Premier Credit Union** and **The American Family Urgent Care** facility. **La Loma Restaurant** will open in the Fall of 2019. **Xfinity** will have a new store fall, 2019, and **Whole Foods** is currently under construction and scheduled to have its grand opening early 2020.

A new **Encore Project** has been initially approved by the town council. Just south of City Hall on the east side of Wilcox, sometime beginning June/July/August 2019 (subject to final approval and permits), this project will be underway. This is on the site where there is a liquor store, lube shop, muffler shop, all of which are vacated. The plan is to build a multi-story structure with 124 for-sale condos, 30,000 square feet of retail space, and 650 parking spaces. 300 of the parking spaces will be owned by the town of Castle Rock for public use. Confluence also is working on two for-sale condominium projects — **Festival Commons** and **221 Wilcox** — if this project moves forward it will bring a total of 120 units to the city's downtown. All three projects are near Festival Park, which recently underwent a \$7M renovation.

#### **Garage Condos:**

A new and innovated concept has found its way to our everexpanding community. Garage Condos are now available for purchase in Castle



Rock at Hangman's Gulch. These luxury garage units are set up for more than just storage. With power, light, heat and water in every unit, these facilities are all about "the project," whatever that might mean to the individual buyer, from vehicles, to hobbies, to work projects.

The owners' exclusive clubhouse offers additional options for meetings, parties and events even beyond the freedom that your own private garage provides. With a kitchen, restrooms, shower, large screen TV, cable, Wi-Fi, pool table and plenty of space for working, relaxing or entertaining, it is a great amenity.

Up and down the Front Range, you will find over 40 different garage condo facilities, with more than 3,000 units built to date. The doors alone are huge - 14 feet high, and up to 18 feet wide. The units average 1,000 square feet of floor area, and range from 500 to over 1,200 square feet. Rented storage units are usually between 25 and 300 square feet. Current prices range from about \$140 per square foot to over \$200 per square foot based upon location, quality, unit size and amenities offered. The smallest unit at the least expensive location would be \$70,000 and one of the largest units at the most expensive location could be as much as \$280,000. The average price for a nice sized unit that is 20' wide x 48' deep is \$167,000. In Castle Rock, the prices are trending in the middle-to-high end of that range, and the values in terms of location, amenities and access are exceptional. If interested, here is the contact person's email: glenn@garagecondos.com

#### **Monument:**

According to an official from the Monument Office of Planning, there are two major commercial projects near completion. Both are located on Baptist Road and the northeast corner of Jackson Creek Parkway. A new drive-through coffee shop is scheduled to open within the next few weeks. The company has yet to be announced. Additionally, a new auto body repair shop is currently under construction and the estimated completion date is 3-6 months. Preliminary information is that Abbra Auto Body will occupy this space. This will be yet another location where you can take your fender benders and insurance work for repair. There are several residential projects under-

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way in and around Monument. If you've driven to Monument Lake recently, the lake is being surrounded by a nearby new housing development. Along the "Old Denver Road" just south of Monument is a planned residential community of 130 units. Construction will consist of a mixture of patio units, single family homes and attached homes. These are currently under phased construction.

# REPORT FROM THE PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT Sean King, Secretary...

#### Slash Pickup Program Delayed One Month

For those new to the area, the Perry Park Metro District facilitates a twiceyearly program to collect



"slash" -- short dry branches and tree trimmings -- to help mitigate against wildfires. The program usually takes place during June and October each year according to a schedule and rules posted here:

http://perrypark.org/resident-information/slash-pickup-free-mulch/

Due to all of the unexpected moisture this spring, the Slash pickup program slated to start at the beginning of June will be delayed until the end of June. The schedule will go as follows:

- Big D, Country Club, East end of Wauconda June 24-June 29
- Zone 1. July 1-July 6 (not on July 4th)
- Zone 2. July 7-July 13
- Zone 3. July 14-July 20
- Zone 4. July 21-July 27

Please reach out to <a href="mailto:info@perrypark.org">info@perrypark.org</a> with any questions.

#### Perry Park Independence Day Celebration 2019

It's that time of year again! The Perry Park Metropolitan District, in partnership with the Perry Park Country Club, will be presenting fireworks on July 4th.

Details for the day long festivities are still being determined, but you can expect the following:

- The Annual Perry Park Parade
- The Denver Concert Band playing on the PPCC putting green
  - A spectacular fireworks show over Wauconda Lake

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More updates to come during the next month. Keep your eye on the Weekly Update, the Perry Park Country Club website, and social media for the latest information.

#### **I-25** Construction Project Open House

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be holding an open house on Thursday, June 6, from 5-7 p.m at the Larkspur Elementary School, 1103 Perry Park Avenue.

Experts from the project will be available to answer your questions as they start the next phase of the project from Greenland Road to Sky View Lane. You can learn more about the event here:

#### I-25 South Gap Open House Meeting Flyer

#### Sandstone Ranch limited events still available

Douglas County is opening Sandstone Ranch to a set of "Guided Access Events" for the public to enjoy the new open space. The list includes horseback rides, hikes, and even sketching events.

There are still events open for registration. You can find the entire list of events online from Douglas County Open Space website.

#### Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 9th

The next Perry Park Metro District Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, at the Perry Park Country Club. All Perry Park residents are welcome to attend and participate.

#### The Board of Directors includes:

Randy Johnson – President (through May 2022) Craig Van Doorn – Vice President (through May 2022) Linda Black – Assistant Vice President (through May 2022) Vanessa Dao – Treasurer (through May 2020) Sean King – Secretary (through May 2020)

### SLASH PICKUP RULES FOR PERRY PARK RANCH

The Perry Park Metropolitan District's Board of Directors has contracted with the new owners of M. R. Hauling to pick up the slash, but new rules will now be in place. Make sure to read all of the following so that your slash is picked up at no cost to you.



Slash Pickup occurs twice annually. M. R. Hauling picks up Zone 1-4 for four weeks beginning June 1 and again October 1. "Slash" in general is defined as landscape cuttings removed during mitigation to reduce risk of wildfire spread.

#### Slash includes:

Brush, Tree branches, Scrub Oak Cut tree logs no longer than 4 feet long

#### **Slash DOES NOT include:**

Pine Needles
Rocks or Metals
Trash or Furniture or Recyclables
Railroad Ties or Tree Stumps
Construction Materials or Boards
Bagged Material
Home Construction Lot Clearing Debris

#### Piles containing non-slash items will not be picked up!

#### **How To Put Out Slash For Pickup**

- 1. Slash should be placed at the curb side near, but not on, the asphalt road and not on a paved surface.
- 2. Material should be in a single, concentrated pile, stacking the pile HIGH, not long; the higher the better!
- 3. Any piles smaller than two cubic yards should be combined with your neighbor's pile as tiny piles and individual tree branches will not be picked up! Two cubic yards is the size of a large refrigerator, 3 ft X 3 ft x 6 ft.
- 4. One (1) pile of slash per resident. Combine piles with neighbors.
- 5. Please DO NOT place piles directly under power lines, near gas meters, phone and utility pedestals or mail boxes.

Be aware the slash pickup truck must be stabilized at each stop and the truck's loader arm has a limited reach.

A representative of the board will come around about two weeks before your zone's scheduled pick up to check your pile. If the pile does not comply with the rules above, a notice will be given to the resident on what does not conform. The resident has until the truck comes around to make sure the pile conforms. If the pile still does not conform, it will not be picked up. The resident will then have to make arrangements to take the pile to



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the dump (not the community slash pile that the Metropolitan District has). This can cost the resident up to approximately \$500 and still may not be accepted by the dump, depending on what is in the pile. Residents can also contact Craig Van Doorn, (craig.vandoorn@perrypark.org) and ask for a meeting to discuss location of the pile and contents at any time.



Bear with ball: this photo just cries out for a captions contest. "Drat. I thought it was a malt ball"; "You take in your bird feeders; I take your toy." Think of the possibilities!

~ Photo in Woodmoor Mountain by Terri Visosky

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

The May, 2019, regular meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on the 15th with all directors present. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the April 17th regular meet-



ing which was unanimous. However, Director Peterson did abstain as he was not in attendance at that meeting. Disbursements totaling \$128,408.36 were next unanimously approved.

The principals of Hill and Pollack LLC, the District's legal consultants, were in attendance to discuss amended rules and regulations for private wells within the District, and to provide an update on the progress of the Gove Ditch Water Court case. After a full discussion, a motion was made and approved to amend the District's Rules and Regulations to not approve any

new "private wells." With regard to the Gove Ditch case, the board was informed that even though it had become more complicated due to the purchase of the Sandstone Ranch by Douglas County, a trial date in November or December of 2020 is anticipated.

Next, the District had negotiated two easement agreements with Thrive Broadband LLC. Consideration to the District remains to be finalized and the completed agreements will be considered at the regular June board meeting. The board discussed a noise complaint related to the Wauconda Waste Water Treatment Plant, and a number of options were suggested. District Manager Diana Miller will price the options for further board discussion.

The District Systems Report for April submitted by Semocor was reviewed and discussed. Operations were described as normal. The Monthly Staff Report submitted by the district manager was then reviewed. It was noted that the LID for Bannock Drive involving 10 home sites was moving forward. If progress continues as planned, permits for construction could be issued in the fall of 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. As always, additional information may be found on the District website, <a href="https://www.ppwsd.org">www.ppwsd.org</a>.

#### NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Cindy Applegate, Secretary-Board of Directors ...

#### **CALL REVIEW:**

From April 1, 2019, through April 30, 2019, LFPD had a total of 83 calls compared to 72 calls for the same time frame in 2018, an increase of 11 calls (13.25 percent).



**FIRES:** Total of 2 calls: 1. Passenger vehicle fire: 1 (in-district)

2. Smoke investigation, nothing found: 1 (mutual aid)

**EMS:** Total of 30 calls: 1. Medicals: 15 (all in-district) 2. MVA's with Injuries: 14 (11 in-district, 3 mutual-aid)

3. Vehicle accident, nothing found: 1 (in-district)

**ALARMS:** Total of 2 calls: Fire alarm system malfunction (2 in-district)

**OTHER:** Total of 49 calls (42 in-district, 7 mutual aid)

The next scheduled LFPD board meeting is Thursday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at Station 161. The meetings are open to the public.

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- Clear leaves and other debris from gutters, eaves, porches and decks. This prevents embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house. Learn more about the basics of defensible space on the Firewise website.
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Remove flammable materials (firewood stacks, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Because wildfire can spread to tree tops, prune trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Keep your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire. Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- Inspect shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- Cover exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- Enclose under-eave and soffit vents or screens with metal mesh to prevent ember entry. Learn more about how to protect your home and property at <a href="https://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a>.

Call the Larkspur Fire Protection District at 303-681-3284 to arrange a free wildfire hazard assessment of your home and property!

### **LIVING WITH BEARS**Lisa Warteman, Bear Aware volunteer

How You Can Become More Bear Aware? What Does it Mean to Be Bear Aware?

Hi! My name is Lisa and I am a volunteer for CPW (CO Parks & Wildlife) and a member of the Bear Aware Team in Larkspur. What does the Bear Aware Team do you ask? My job is to help reduce conflicts between bears and people, thereby reducing anxiety in the community. Since bears can't read, this is accomplished by educating people on how to be "Bear Aware."

- Bears are currently out looking for food and until late summer, their natural food supply is scarce. Therefore, they will take easy pickings like bird feeders and trash. That's why it is OUR responsibility to prevent this by doing several key things. Keep your trash stored away in the garage or a locked shed and take it out as late as possible on the day of pickup only. Getting a bear-proof can is an even better option.
- While everyone likes to feed the birds in the summer, CPW recommends that bird feeders be taken down from April November. Birds have been surviving for thousands of years before humans started feeding them. A better option (which is what I do) is to plant flowers that attract the birds in pots on your deck. I have an upper deck and it works very well be-

cause the deer cannot eat them. Please do not hang bird feeders from trees as Black Bears are very good climbers. Some studies show that over 80 percent of human-bear conflicts can be traced back to the bear's first encounter with a bird feeder. Bird feeders are usually easy for bears to recognize and reach, and bird seed has lots of calories — over 12,000 in a typical 7-pound feeder.

• Last, but most importantly, please HAZE bears when they are near your home. Hazing simply means making loud noises. You can bang a pot or pan with a spoon, or shake a soda can full of pennies or you can purchase an air horn at Walmart for \$5. We MUST let bears know they are not welcome! A bear's logic: if it's okay to go on your deck, it's okay to go in your garage or your house. If it's okay to eat from your bird feeders, you must have other good food in your car, garage or home. I think I'll take a look and see.

#### Why Can't We Just Relocate the Bears?

We currently have a young 55 lb. yearling bear that showed up in Larkspur. He was tagged (ears) in Cascade for whatever reason (getting into trash, etc.). Then he was taken about 20 miles into the Pike National Forest. About 4-5 days later, he showed up here. Relocation did not work, because he found his way back to more easy food sources because he was likely already habituated to trash and bird feeders in Cascade. If he has to be handled here, he will be euthanized. Relocation rarely works and this is a good example. The bear becomes a problem in another area. Sometimes they find their way right back to where they were removed originally.



I would encourage everyone to read as much as you can about being Bear Aware. More info and helpful videos on bear-proofing your home can be found https://cpw. state.co.us/bears You can email me with any questions or concerns about bears at colorado1006@gmail. **com**. Thank you for protecting yourself and your property and keeping our bears wild!!

[Editor's note: If you have a nuisance bear, do not call CPW. First check with Lisa, or check links and advice on the Larkspur Wildlife Facebook page. Calling CPW is one

strike—one more and your "nuisance" is a dead bear. Now obviously, a threatening bear is another matter—but also very rare. Mostly, they just want your garbage and bird seed!

#### **BEAR WISE**



Greetings, fellow sun lovers. Don't you just love this time of year? The temperature is warming up, the daylight is lasting longer and with the seasonal rains we have been getting, we bears are enjoying an abundance of natural foods to feast upon.

However, as you read the next story, you will learn that we bears desperately need your help to keep us from getting into what can be fatal trouble.

#### Bears in the news

Already this year, wildlife officials have euthanized 12 bears in the state. Last year there were 116 bears destroyed. "It's unfortunately kind of routine at the moment," said Jennifer Standlee, an education specialist with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

And it's also not the bears' fault. "It's more about human behavior, not bear behavior," Standlee said. "People don't lock up their trash cans, or they leave bird feeders out. They keep food in their cars — even just a French fry that fell on the floor is enough to attract a keen-nosed bear."

Anyone who has read this column over the past several years knows that the key to keeping bears alive and well and people safe is your responsibility. Part of living in nature is respecting nature. This means doing your part to keep human food sources out of our reach. If you haven't done so yet, PLEASE purchase bears proof garbage cans. A fed bear is a dead bear. And, a dead bear is a waste of a precious natural resource.

In another story, A black bear was recently reported breaking into an UNLOCKED car overnight in the Estes Park area. The result was a shredded interior. If you don't want to be the owner of a bear-vandalized vehicle, remove all food sources and always LOCK the vehicle doors. In addition to food, some people are surprised to learn that we are also attracted to vehicle air fresheners. If you use them to mask the odor of your teenagers gym bag, keep the windows up and the doors locked when you are not in the vehicle.



#### Bear wise for kids

Hey kid cubs, why do bears have fur coats? Answer: Because they would look silly in ski jackets. Okay, how about this one: What do you call a bear without ears? Answer: B.

#### What to do if you see a bear.

Bears are a natural part of our area wildlife. It's not uncommon to spot a bear if you are out for a hike or just playing outside. If you spot one of us, remember the three "Don'ts."

**Don't panic.** If the bear has not seen you, slowly back away from the area. Head to a safe place like your home or a neighbor's home. Tell your parents or an adult about what you saw.

**Don't run.** In doing so, you might trigger our instinct to chase you. Think of the game "tag" and the bear is it. We may be large, but we can out run you in a flash.

Think you can out climb us? Ahhhh excuse me. We bears are excellent tree climbers. This is how we escape from danger.

If the bear has seen you and does not leave the area: Get big and loud – like when you visit your grandparents' den. Scream the word "Bearrrrrrrrr" at the top of your lungs. We bear hate high pitched, loud voices which you kiddos naturally possess. I remember the first time I heard Freddy Mercury, lead singer of the 1970's rock bank "Queen" sing their famous song, *Bear-hemian Rhapsody*, I almost lost my mind. I still run for the woods when I hear that song or any high pitched noise. Keep screaming the "bear" word until the bear leaves or help arrives.

**Don't play dead.** Acting like you are dead is the advice given if you are attacked by a grizzly bear. Even though some of us black bears wear brown coats, we don't have the same instincts as our cousins - the Grizzly Bear.

In the very unlikely event the bear attacks you, fight back. Kick, punch and keep yelling until the bear leaves the area. Have your parents or a neighbor call 911 immediately.

Ask Beary Bear

This month's question comes from a reader in West Perry Park. Ellen asks: "Why is the fur on some black bears brown or even blonde?"

Great question, Ellen. You might think that bears wear different colored coats as a fashion statement. The real answer is more practical. Light-colored fur reduces heat stress in open sunlight and allows the bears to feed longer in open, food-rich habitats. The lighter colored fur may also camouflage them from predators in open areas.



Send your photos, questions and bear stories to me at wisebeary@gmail.com.

Until next time; be safe, be fun, and always be bear wise.

**Beary Bear** 

#### A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Susan Peters...

Ozzies Crack Down...Splitting Birds...Love is in the Air...Casey... Short Takes...

#### So Long, Kitties

They have been talking about it.

Now it is happening! Australia has laid the law down by mandating the killing of at least two million feral cats by 2020 out of the current population of between two and six million. Since their introduction in the 1700s, the cats have killed off at least 20 species.

Some jurisdictions like Northern Queensland are offering a bounty of \$7 per scalp.

The kitties are thought to kill over one million native birds and 1.7 million reptiles every year.

We visited Kangaroo Island south of Adelaide last year and they were at war. One shop was selling a very large cat skin for \$300!

The Aussie government has put up \$5 million to help in the cat eradication, but I do wish they would use it for neutering the tom cats.

New Zealand is truly at war with a prominent environmentalist advocating for the culling of its feral cats. And many are proposing the reduction or elimination of house cats as well. The felines, along with possums and stoats kill about 25 million native birds every year, many of them are ground dwellers, like the national bird, the kiwi.

#### Splitters

Through DNA testing, scientists have been able to determine new species or when one animal's DNA varies from the original animal species. For example, the Harlan's Hawk split from the Redtailed hawk. It is dark. See the attached photo. There is a dark morph version of the Red-tailed hawk, as well.

Other splitters have been a new Red Crossbill which split from the

Cassia Crossbill, or the division of the Western Scrub-Jay into California and Woodhouse's Scrub-Jays.

#### Love is in the Air

While waiting for me in Lone Tree, hubby Dave witnessed two Northern Groshawks mating. The photos after the tryst and before they enjoyed their cigarettes are out of focus, so here is one of a single bird.

Then one day, we saw two black-chinned hummingbirds having a little afternoon delight, get this, while flying. Can you do that?

I love this time of year when the various male birds are in song, calling out for a true love.



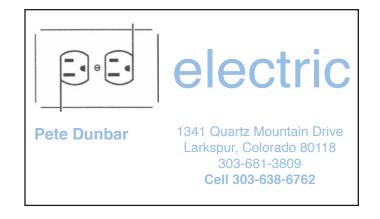
And, Meet the Parents. Bald eagles mate for life, but when one's mate dies, it is quick to find another. Such is the case of the mother of three eaglets along the northern Mississippi in Fulton, Illinois. Not one, but two male bald eagles courted her and moved in. All three help with nesting responsibilities, including nest building. And she does hook up with both. Apparently, this behavior is rare but not unheard of.

In a future article I will tell you the true story of another set of eagles: Hope, Starr, Valor I, and Valor II.

#### Casey at the Bat

Well, sort of. We had the immense fortune of having Casey Westbrook, a wildlife agent for Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife, speak at the Perry Park East Homeowners Association. While he was speaking, a large bear appeared outside the windows at Bear Dance Golf Club. Great timing!

Casey brought along some cautionary advice. He says never to feed turkeys or have bird feeders April to October. Shame. I do both. He says that they bring in predators like bear and mountain lion. In defense of the bird feeding, we bring in our feeders at night. And we have five large dogs (two are foster puppies) at the time who keep the critters away. They can scoot out the dog doors in a jiff to deter any invaders.



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Now, having said that, we returned from Hawaii off our game. We left the feeders out and a bear demolished the thistle feeder and customized some other feeders. The dogs did their job in barking like crazy, but we were too tired to check things out.

Speaking of Hawaii, we were fortunate to need hundreds of small, spinning dolphins and many green sea turtles, along with the beautiful birds and monarch butterflies.

If you have a wildlife issue, you can contact Casey on his cell phone: Casey Westbrook cell 303-810-3141

#### **Short Takes**

Birdy check-in is almost complete. Chipping sparrows, brown-headed cowbirds, bluebirds, black-headed grosbeaks, hummingbirds, and wrens are among the new comers. Yet to join the masses are the tree swallows, and Evening grosbeaks. The Western tanagers are back at the suet feeders. The hummers once again arrived like clockwork after the toadflax began blooming.

And the snakes have emerged. A bull snake over four feet long was stretched across our driveway, daring us to run over him.



And did you see the bees that have been placed on the 16th Street Mall in Denver? Talk about creating a buzz. Ahem.

The news one night featured a man who has honey bee houses. He said that if the Queen bee dies, you cannot introduce another or the drones will kill it. So, what he does is place one in a small box with slits in it and puts it into the house. After a week, when the drones have gotten used to her scent, he takes the Queen out of the nest and by then, she is accepted.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run...I have to do my part for the monarch butterflies and sow milkweed seeds.

*HowtoContactMe:* Emailis bestat susan@larskpurconsulting.com. Alternatively, call my cell phone at 303-725-6868 or send a short write-up to 2255 Quartz Mountain Drive.

#### SUMMER PLANS FROM THE LARKSPUR MOMS

The Larkspur Moms' group has arranged for SPRAY DAYS at Larkspur Park 2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly while weather allows.



Kick off will be June 11. For specific times, check the Moms' website: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1102735986424588/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1102735986424588/</a> or contact Jenn Grubb at <a href="mailto:3princesses4me@gmail.com">3princesses4me@gmail.com</a>.

On Spray Days, the Fire Department graciously turns its massive sprayer on to entertain—and soak—kids in the park. It has become a summer tradition. Beats a plain old swimming pool any day!



The Moms are also planning to arrange movies in Larkspur Park this summer, though logistics are still in the planning stage. For the first movie offering, things will probably be pretty simple—the Moms present the movie and the audience beings its own chairs/blankets, popcorn and drinks! Again, check the Larkspur Moms' website for details.

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My name is Trace, I am 18 and a PP res. I am available for jobs that include yard work, pet walking / sitting, snow shoveling, fire mitigation and more. Sandy Divan can be contacted for reference at 303-681-0132. I also have a 16 y/o brother that can help with big jobs, so call me at 720-420-9767 today!

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I am available for babysitting! I am twelve years old (almost 13), CPR/AED First Aid certified I enjoy spending time with little kids. Please contact me Carissa O'Donnell 303-578-2323 or obevy@aol.com.

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Classified \* \$ 5 / line (min \$10) Business Card (scan only) \$40.00 Quarter Page (3 1/2"x 5") \$50.00 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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Email art to ppsentinel@comcast.net

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