



The Perry Park Sentinel

JUNE 2019

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY, LARKSPUR!

Decorate your dogs and children, bikes and golf carts and prepare to march (or ride)!

The Perry Park Metropolitan District, in partnership with the Perry Park Country Club, will once more be presenting a Fourth of July celebration for the entire Larkspur area.

There will be the usual festivities, starting with the annual Perry Park Parade. Please note the parade route has changed this year. It will still be around the Big D in the heart of Perry Park Ranch, but the parade will stage down Delaware Street off of Red Rock Circle, and the parade route will circle the Big D on Red Rock Circle, ending at Osage Road.

All participants (and spectators!) are welcome. As with previous years, all participants are asked to line up starting at 10-10:30am. The parade will begin promptly at 11 a.m., ending at Red Rock Circle and Osage Road.

Later in the evening, the Denver Concert Band is returning to play a concert on the green. The band will perform between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the practice green at the Perry Park Country Club. The club will also be selling hamburgers and hot dogs at the south end of the parking lot for hungry residents.

Fireworks are scheduled to start over Lake Wauconda at PPCC somewhere around 9 p.m.





BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, July 16, 10 a.m. at the home of Mary Ann Fonken, 8174 Inca in Perry Park Ranch. The book for discussion is *The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig, story-teller of the American West. The novel is

about a father and son and the impact of new people and ideas on their lives in Gros Ventre, Montana, 1960. The book for August is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, a novel set in post-Civil War Texas. All books read by the group are part of the DC libraries' Book Club Express program, so copies are available. For additional information contact Carrie Murdoch at carriejeanmurdoch@gmail.com.

LARKSPUR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: With luck and good weather, a family movie night will be brought to Larkspur Park by the efforts of Jenn Grubb and other resident volunteers. The plan is to have a movie in the park the 3rd Friday of the month as long as the weather holds. Although rain cancelled the June event, a movie night is planned for July 19 at dusk. Bring your own blankets and chairs; food trucks are planned. Watch the Larkspur Facebook pages for additional information.

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CASTLE ROCK SUMMER JAM, Saturday, July 13 at the Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller Park. Doors open at 3 p.m., and the fun will last until 10 p.m. This is an opportunity to enjoy an all-day music festival close to home, complete with local food and beer vendors, while making a positive impact in the community. A portion of the proceeds from 2019 jam will benefit the Douglas / Elbert Task Force. A number of Castle Rock Summer Jam scholarships, created in 2018, will be incorporated to benefit local high school students who participate in music programs. Tickets online: <http://www.crgov.com/2618/Summer-Concert-Series>

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CASTLE ROCK WINEFEST: Sat-

urday, July 20, 2-8 p.m. at Butterfield Crossing Park, 3952 Butterfield Crossing Drive in Castle Rock. Tickets and additional information are available at <https://castlerock-chamber.ticketspice.com/2019-castle-rock-winefest>.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO PARADE kicks off county fair events on Saturday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. in downtown Castle Rock. The activities culminate August 1-4 with the rodeo and open fair. For a complete schedule of the events, see <https://www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com/events>.



In Memory of Dorothy Lynn Campbell (January 1, 1953 - June 13, 2019) of Perry Park. Condolences to her friends and family, particularly daughters Katie and Sara. Dot will be missed.

SCOUTING FOR ALL

Did you know Scouting provides experiences that prepare boys and girls for their future? It helps develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.



How does Scouting do this? Scouts do stuff. They build things. Play with purpose. Make friends and work together. Set goals and achieve them. These life experiences form a foundation a Scout can stand on with confidence to embrace opportunity, try new things, provide service to others and overcome obstacles in life.

Scouting is also the perfect way to bring the family together. Scouting helps parents make the most of the little time they have to impact the lives of their children. It gives parents the gift of seeing their children reach their full potential by challenging them in ways they may not otherwise experience.

Ready to start your adventure? Cub Scout Pack 260 is based out of Castle Rock and welcomes boys and girls entering kindergarten – 5th grade to join our group! Low fees, high impact, and a ton of fun! Visit www.pack260.net or call/text Lisa Clark at 410-258-3385.

Does your future Scout have a friend they want to share their adventures with? Bring them along too!

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CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

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HONORING OUR LARKSPUR KIDS...



Alexander William Lindahl, 14, was confirmed at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Castle Rock on May 19th. He wood burned The Ten Commandments in Hebrew onto 2 slabs he cut and shaped. Congratulations from his family and friends.



Micah John Lindahl, 12, took part in the Hex track event earlier in May with the Larkspur Elementary team and discovered he loves the Long Jump. Way to go Micah!

LILAH AND JOB ARE GETTING READY FOR THE COUNTY FAIR!



Lilah McQuate loves spending time with her steer, Holy Cow. She enjoys singing to him while doing her chores. Lilah will be showing her steer, almost 20 times her size, in the junior class at the Douglas County Fair.



Job Knight has been learning a lot about livestock management his first year raising a steer. He is excited to see his hard work pay off when he shows his steer at the Douglas County Fair.



LARKSPUR KIDS LOVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

All kids are welcome on Spray Days in Larkspur Park. LFPD supplies the spray—the kids supply the laughter (with a little help from their parents). Sponsored by the Larkspur Moms' Group, Spray Days will be between 2 and 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in July and August (and maybe September). There will also be a bounce house and several food trucks!

LEAVE THE FAWNS ALONE!!!



Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials are again telling the public to leave baby deer alone after seeing several fawns orphaned.

In the past month, several people have found fawns they believed had been abandoned. Wildlife officials say they routinely get calls about people finding fawns.

In one case, officials were able to reunite a fawn with its mother after people in Colorado Springs wouldn't leave it alone by returning the fawn to where it was found so its mother could find it. A fawn that cannot be reunited with its mother after some human kidnapped it is in trouble because according to local wildlife rehabilitator, Sarah Heckathorn, the closest rehabilitator for fawns is on the Western Slope.

Officials say when healthy fawns are found alone, their mothers likely are close and plan to return. They try to hide the fawns in a what they consider a safe place. Sometimes it's tall grass; sometimes it's the shady side of a house; sometimes it's someone's front porch! Sometimes it's for an hour, and sometimes it can be half a day. Do not approach or touch the fawn. Monitor from a distance for at least 12 hours before getting concerned. Chances are, in that 12-hour period, the fawn will disappear because its mother will have come back for it.

This fawn is fine. It has not been abandoned. It is faithfully staying where its mother put it for safety. Leave it there so it will stay safe!

WADE'S WHAT'S GOING ON Wade Frary...



More often than not, on social media I see negative comments regarding the expansion and development of Castle Rock, Larkspur and surrounding communities. Unfortunately for those nay-sayers, change is both inevitable and predictable, given the increase in the population of Douglas County. There are opportunities to participate in the planning process and give your input to government officials. The Castle Rock Town Government and Larkspur Town Hall are always looking for volunteers to serve on commissions, advisory committees and councils to participate in the community and economic development process. Anyone who has the time and talent might want to consider becoming an active volunteer to positively impact these changes within our community.

My goal in this monthly column is to inform our readers about current and planned changes going on around the Town of Castle Rock and Larkspur without making judgements or editorial comments

Downtown Castle Rock's Newest Eatery:

Much like the trend happening in metro Denver, our town has a new, upscale eatery housed in a former church turned indoor

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food market and bar named Ecclesia Market. This new venue feels like a combination of a trendy artistic vibe combined with an urban community meet-up. When this space recently became available, David Schutte, co-owner, quickly realized that Castle Rock was screaming to have a place like this in our town, "so we brought it in." Schutte along with his wife Michele and two other couples own Ecclesia, while vendors lease their space. They recently hosted a grand opening, and it has already become a popular meet-up spot for the community and visitors alike. It is located directly across from the Barn at 221 Perry Street, hours posted on their website. This indoor food market concept is becoming popular in many locations including Denver with the Central Market and The Stanley Marketplace. The idea is to offer choices of types of food within one location. Ecclesia has a full bar upstairs with open space seating, a food hall downstairs, an arcade, bookstore and a specialty foods store and record vendor. The bar is named Sinners & Saints which goes back to the building's religious history. There is a huge hand-painted mural on the central wall, created by artist Tony Achilles, his version of Dante's Inferno. The arcade has foosball tables, pool tables and numerous arcade games. Directly across the hall from the game room is Farmgirl Foods Market and Café which sells all types of condiments, bloody Mary mix, meats, eggs, produce and other specialty food. The food hall currently has four vendors; however only two have opened. Romo's Street Tacos serves tacos, burritos, burrito bowls and enchiladas. The second vendor is Lante Brau-Casa serving German food such as Brats, knackwurst, bierocks, pretzels with bier-cheese. Two other vendors are slated to open early summer. When you're exploring downtown, consider stopping by Ecclesia and experience what they have to offer!

Free Concerts Larkspur, Music in the Park:

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Larkspur Community Park, S. Spruce Mountain Road

Bring your own blanket or camping chairs

Food vendors will be on site

July 12th Rascal Martinez – 50s-60s blend of folk & rock

July 26th Wirewood Station – Country

Aug 16th Kantankerous – Bluegrass

Aug 23rd Lookinback – 70s, 80s to Top 40

First Fridays at Festival Park:

You don't have to drive all the way to Denver or Colorado Springs anymore to find live entertainment, family-friendly music and fun activities. Throughout this Summer, the Town of Castle Rock and the Chamber of Commerce is hosting First Fridays in Festival Park. The first event was held on June 7th and it was a huge success! Music was provided on-stage by Howl at the Moon, a dueling piano/singing act which sang a variety of popular songs. They have several food trucks, vendors, adult beverages, and games for the kids. First Fridays are perfect nights to bring the entire family or out-of-town visitors downtown. Check out CRgov.com/FirstFridays for details

about upcoming entertainment and happenings.

Tunes For Trails Perks for Parks Concert Series:

During the summer, there will be FREE concerts at Miller Park. Brought to you by 8Z Real Estate, this free concert series has something for everyone with yard games, bounce houses, and free music. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Beginning June 20th, the feature music act will be That Eighties Band. They will play your favorite tunes from the 1980's and will likely get you clapping and out on the floor dancing! Performances are from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Miller Park Amphitheater. Check out www.crgov.com website for more details about Tunes for Trails concerts coming to Castle Rock.

Summer Concert Series at Philip S. Miller Park:

Throughout this summer, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation will host several high profile, family-friendly concerts offering a variety of genres for all types of music lovers. One of the most beautiful concert settings in the country, The Amphitheater at Philip S. Miller park has hosted some of the greatest musical acts of our time. Acts have ranged from Thompson Square, The Little River Band, Big Head Todd and the Monsters, to the Denver Pops and more to come! On June 15th, Everclere with Special Guest Tonic played to an enthusiastic crowd at Miller Park Music Amphitheater. Complete information about these concerts and ticket prices can be found at: <http://www.crgov.com/2618/Summer-Concert-Series>. The lineup for the remainder of the summer is:

July 13th Castle Rock Summer Jam

July 21st Clay Walker

Aug 11th The Guess Who

Aug 24th A Beatles Tribute, Denver Pops Orchestra Featuring Mike Masse and The Rubber Souls

Free Concerts at Butterfield Park in the Meadows:

Once again, there will be several great concerts during Summer 2019 in the Meadows, Butterfield Park. Did I mention that these concerts are free? Here is the lineup:

July 11th	Little Moses Jones	Variety
July 25th	New Sensation	80's Music

A Note on Parking at Butterfield Crossing:

If you've been around the neighborhood for the summer, you know that parking can be a bit tight. Due to current construction projects, it's a little tighter this year, so be wary of current conditions. Parking at Meadow View Elementary and along Butterfield are **NOT** options this year because of construction. You **CAN** park in the Butterfield parking lot, but that will fill up very fast, so get there before 6. You can also park along the streets and neighborhood on southwest side of Butterfield Park. Your **BEST** bet for parking is at The Grange. You can park and take the free shuttle with your neighbors to Butterfield.

Promenade at Castle Rock

The long-awaited Cuba Cuba Café and Bar is now open. It is located at 6375 Promenade Parkway, just east of the new 7-11

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store. This eatery offers full table service with a rum bar and more. The menu offers a variety of popular Cuban plates and a list of innovative rum drinks. They serve up Tapas, Ensaladas, and sandwiches with a side salad. They are famous for their tasty mojitos served by the glass or by the pitcher. There are several other Cuba Cuba restaurants around the Denver-Metro area including Highlands Ranch.

Next issue I will provide information about what other stores and eateries are coming to Castle Rock. There is a lot of construction activity going on this summer in the Promenade. Whole Foods is coming to Castle Rock and construction is well underway. The Promenade project, once completed, will have over 900,000 square feet of commercial space and 320 multi-family units on approximately 166 acres of land. "Build it and they will come"

Stores and Restaurants at The Promenade:

Recent Openings:

Black Rock Coffee
Starbucks Coffee
Del Taco
7-11
Chick Fil A

Fuzzy Tacos

Soon to open:

Premier Credit Union
American Family Urgent Care

Currently Under Construction:

La Loma restaurant, Opening fall 2019
Xfinity, Opening fall 2019
Whole Foods, Opening 1st Quarter 2020

SENIOR ISOLATION

Karie Erickson, Executive Director for Aging Resources of Douglas County

It's an exciting time to be aging! So many new technologies and services are emerging, from robots that help seniors communicate with family members who live across the country, to wearable devices that monitor health conditions. There have been great strides in improving the quality of life as we get older. But sadly, in the middle of all these innovative designs, isolation is one of the biggest threats to the health of America's seniors. And, although this health risk is not often discussed, at least 25

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percent of seniors over 65 are impacted. The devastating effects can be felt physically, mentally, and emotionally. A study done by AARP revealed that social isolation is as detrimental to your health as smoking 15 cigarettes per day.

Being isolated means you may be cut off from certain benefits and resources that you are eligible for, and that would greatly benefit you. If you can't drive, you can't get to the organizations that can help. Isolated seniors may not visit their doctor regularly or get to the grocery store as often as they'd like due to lack of transportation. Recent Medicare studies show that isolated seniors have an increased risk of high blood pressure, depression, dementia, malnutrition, and other harmful health issues. Loneliness carries a higher overall risk of mortality for both men and women in their older years.

How can you help combat isolation? Reach out and ask; there are many wonderful organizations right here in Douglas County that serve the older community.

Connect with your local senior center; we have one in Castle Rock and another in Parker that host a wide range of activities. If you need additional services or don't know who can help with a specific issue, Aging Resources of Douglas County (ARDC) is a resource center that provides not only programs and services for seniors but, information on aging issues and referrals to other professional agencies. The mission of this nonprofit is to help seniors stay independent, in their homes, and engaged in living. Recently ARDC has partnered up with the nonprofit, SECOR Cares, to bring a mobile food market to the rural parts of the county. Rural outreach efforts also include providing education and information on aging issues, while meeting seniors where they are. Not everyone has access to get into the urban centers where most services are located. And with 82 percent of Douglas County being rural, this outreach has been very well received.

One of Aging Resources' newest projects surrounding senior isolation has been to develop an intergenerational program that connects homebound seniors with elementary school classrooms. Teachers sign up to have their students receive a presentation on what it means to get older, and afterward, the children write letters, cards, and send artwork to seniors throughout the school year. And the seniors are writing back and forming penpals!

Kelsey Thiessen, ARDC's Program Manager, states, "Human connection is one of the most important services we provide. Having a friendly voice on the phone when you call our office for assistance and having the opportunity to form new friendships goes a long way to battling senior isolation."

For more information, to volunteer or become a "neighbor" helping others, please visit <https://www.agingresourcesdoug-co.org/home.html> or call 303-814-4300. The office is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All ages and abilities are encouraged to find out more. Additional information on senior resources can be found at <https://www.douglas.co.us/community/senior-adult-services/senior-resources/>.

UPDATES FROM THE PERRY PARK METRO DISTRICT

Sean King, Secretary...

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.



There will be the usual festivities, starting with the Annual Perry Park Parade.

New Perry Park Parade Route: Please note the parade route has changed this year. The parade will stage down Delaware St off of Red Rock Circle, with the parade route going around Red Rock Circle and ending at Osage Road.

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Fireworks are scheduled to start somewhere around 9:00pm. Please reference the following map for parking directions and viewing areas:

July 4th Parking and Viewing Areas: Please note that the parking lot is reserved for Perry Park Country Club members. A map of parking and viewing areas can be found here: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/3/viewer?ll=39.25908323932253%2C-104.98673618544006&z=16&mid=1sx4TCyXKInqis2YsCOh8FmVjr30WMSdo>

More updates are likely to come as we get closer to the event. Keep your eye on the PPMD Update, the Perry Park Country Club website, and social media for the latest information.

SLASH PICKUP STARTING LATE

For those new to the area, the Perry Park Metro District facilitates a twice-yearly program to collect "slash" -- short dry branches and tree trimmings -- to help mitigate against wild-fires. The program usually takes place during June and October each year according to a schedule, locations and rules posted here:

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

Due to all of the unexpected moisture this spring, the slash

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pickup program has been delayed until the end of June and into July. 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 info@perrypark.org with any questions.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 11TH

The next Perry Park Metro District Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 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)

JUNE NEWS FROM THE WATER DISTRICT Jim Matchett...



The June regular board meeting of the Perry Park Water & Sanitation District was held on the 19th with four directors present, as Director Maras had received an excused absence. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. and the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the May 15th regular board meeting, which was unanimous.

Next, disbursements totaling \$204,342.02 were unanimously approved. Eric Barnes of Fiscal Focus Partners, LLC, was in attendance and reviewed the 2018 audit of the district. He advised the board there were no adjustments to the district's financial statements.

The board then reviewed and unanimously approved a Broadband Easement Agreement with Thrive Broadband, LLC. The board also reviewed and unanimously approved a Crossing Agreement with Thrive Broadband LLC. Finally, the board reviewed and approved unanimously a Complimentary Services Agreement with Thrive Broadband LLC.

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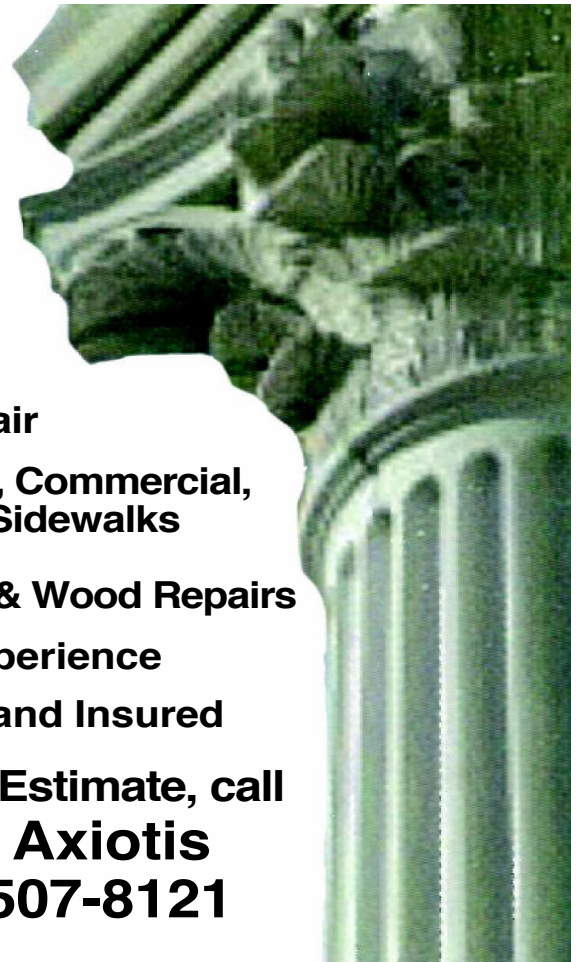
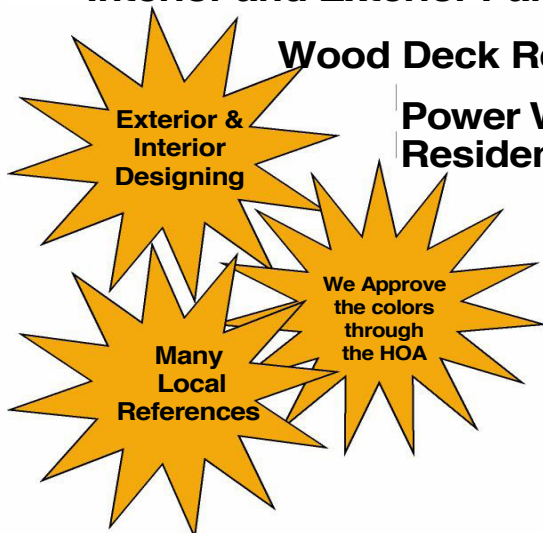
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Next, the district had received a request from a lot owner on Perry Park Boulevard to allow a service line connection across an adjacent lot to the sewer main in Echo Valley Road. The board unanimously approved this service line connection pending receipt of the finalized easement agreement registered with the county.

The board then continued to discuss the noise complaint item arising from the Wauconda Wastewater Treatment Plant operation which had been carried over from the regular May meeting. Further study was recommended and will take place with particular regard to noise measurements in that immediate vicinity. The results of such measurements and options to mitigate will be further discussed at the next regular meeting.

For some time now, district personnel have been working on updating the Standards and Specifications Manual that provides controls for the Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Systems. That manual was presented for review by the board and received unanimous approval. The District Systems Report for May as submitted by Semocor was then reviewed. It was noted that water usage in the District was down 14 percent in May due no doubt to the cool, wet weather of that month.

The Monthly Staff Report as submitted by District Manager Diana Miller was then reviewed. As in 2018, fourteen permits have now been issued year-to-date. Finally, work has been completed on the Sage Port Waste Water Treatment Plant and commencement of work on both the Sage Port Water Treatment Plant and its well capacity will begin shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. As always, further information is available on the District website, www.ppwsd.org.

NEWS FROM THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Cindy Applegate, Secretary, Board of Directors

The State of the District presentation will take place on Saturday, July 13th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the main station in Larkspur. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide our citizens with relevant, accurate, and evidence-based information concerning the operations of the District. The topics will include:

- *Social media posts: how accurate are they?
- * The recently approved local ballot measure 6B
- *The relationship of mill levies to your property taxes
- *Budget overview
- *Personnel staffing levels



Call Review

Between May 1, 2019, and May 31, 2019, LFPD had a total of 98 calls compared to 80 calls for the same time frame in 2018, an increase of 18 calls (18.4 percent).

FIRES: Total of 1 call: Passenger vehicle fire: 1 (in-district)

EMS: Total of 45 calls: Medicals: 26 (23 in-district, 3 mutual aid)

MVA's with Injuries: 19 (12 in-district, 7 mutual aid)

ALARMS: Total of 5 calls: Fire alarm system malfunction (5 in-district)

OTHER: Total of 47 calls (44 in-district, 3 mutual aid)

Reducing your risk in the wildland-urban interface by modifying the home ignition zone (HIZ)

Jack Cohen, retired research physical scientist with the Rocky Mountain Research Station's Fire, Fuel and Smoke science program, is renowned for his research on wildfire and home ignitions. Findings from Cohen's research using modeling, experiments, and wildland-urban interface case studies shows that a home's ignitability depends on the characteristics of the home and its immediate surroundings.

The threat area around the home is called the home ignition zone (HIZ). The HIZ includes the home and vegetation, outbuildings and neighboring houses in the immediate surroundings within 100 feet of the home. Research shows that most home destruction is associated with burning embers [firebrands] and low intensity surface fires contacting the home, not the big flames of intense wildfires. It is more likely that a shower of firebrands lofted into the air ahead of the wildfire and landing on/in homes or surroundings results in home destruction.

Reducing ember ignitions and the intensity of fire within the HIZ is the most effective homeowner action for preventing home destruction during wildfires. Is your HIZ in good shape? Call the LFPD Fire Marshal for a no cost wildfire hazard/risk assessment of your HIZ at 303-681-3284. Together, let's make our properties and our communities resilient to wildfire!

Our next scheduled board meeting is Thursday July 11, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Station 161. The meetings are open to the public.





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“THERE’S A MOOSE IN OUR YARD!” So posted Annette Briner on the Larkspur Wildlife FB page on June 21 — and a few minutes later she posted the proof! The Briners live near the Perry Park Country Club.

BEAR WISE

Happy 4th of July. Beary Bear here. Hope you are enjoying the warm summer season in our beautiful neck of the woods.

This is the time of year when we bears are actively searching for new dining experiences. If you don’t want your property to be the new grub hub for bears, take these steps now to discourage us.



If you spot one of us near your home or outbuilding, make a lot of noise (banging metal pans is my favorite) from a safe distance to scare us away. Think of us like an adult child who needs encouragement to leave the nest. We are cute, but it’s best for all if we don’t hang around.

- Lock your vehicle doors.
- Keep garage and storage shed doors closed and secured.
- Use bear proof trash containers.
- Don’t leave traditional garbage cans outside overnight.
- Don’t leave pet food outside.
- Move barbecue grills into the garage when not in use.

- Bear proof your bird feeders – position them 8 feet up and 8 feet out from any climbable object. Bring bird feeders inside at dusk.
- Lastly, never feed us intentionally – it’s against the law for a good reason. This single act of human foolishness can have dire consequences to you and us when it is allowed to continue. Report all violators to the authorities immediately.

Bears in The News

Fortunately, it’s been a slow news month for us Colorado black bears. This is the way we like it. As a fine representative of the Colorado black bear species, I can tell you first paw (hand, to you) that our natural state is to be like that mysterious guy or gal you knew in high school - shy and evasive. When bears make the news, it’s most likely because we have lost our instinct to fear people.

Ask Beary Bear

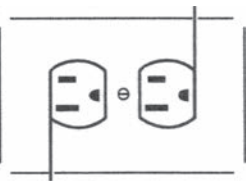
Folks ask me all the time why we bears lose our natural fear of humans and end up becoming nuisances who may eventually have to be destroyed to protect public safety. My answer is always the same one-word response: FOOD. Human food to be specific. Accidentally and intentionally feeding us bears is the sole reason we lose our fear of people, which reduces the safety margin that separates you from me.

We bears are known to be fast learners and have long memories. We quickly begin to associate an easy meal (garbage, pet food, bird food, people food) with the people that provide it. Your presence around food sources becomes an obstacle between our insatiable appetites and the low hanging fruit of substance – your garbage. When you try to chase us away, we become annoyed that the provider of the food is now trying to keep us from eating it. Is this some sick idea for a food game?

Fact: Once we learn to associate an easy meal with people, it’s very hard for us to unlearn this behavior.

By choosing to live in nature, you are endowed with a responsibility to protect and preserve the wildlife you moved here to enjoy. People, not the bears themselves, create bear problems. If you secure all doors and windows to your house, we stop breaking into the refrigerator that you made accessible to us. If you lock your car doors, you won’t wake up to find your car interior shredded because we know how to open closed

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but unlocked car doors to get the french fry left on the floor mat. If you spend a few dollars of your kid's future inheritance and buy a bear proof trash container, you will be amazed how trash day will no longer entail picking up your garbage remains from the street or neighbor's yard.

Bad Habits Are Often Learned From Others

The cute, young bear dude with two yellow tags (strikes) in his ears spotted throughout Perry Park if not already killed, is destined to be destroyed. He did not have a mother (raised in rehabilitation) to teach him the ways of the wilderness, so to him, people are the source of easy meals. And alas, the young adult has lost his fear of people. This is why he is reluctant to run when you try to chase him away. In his mind, people = food source. It's only a matter of time until this unsafe conduct seals his fate. Hopefully, no human or domestic pet gets hurt beforehand.

Most People Are Good, So Are Most Bears



As I wander around our community, I see many great examples of humans and wildlife living in harmony with each other. If we all do our part, we will be safer for it. Take another look at the list of bear safety "dos" listed earlier in this article. Then ask yourself, "Is there some-

thing else I can be doing to make my home and our community a healthier and safer place to live and play?"

Send your comments, pictures and questions to me at wisebeary@gmail.com.

Until next time, be safe, be happy, and always be bear wise.

Yours truly,
Beary Bear

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

Susan Peters...

At Last...Hummer Tidbits...Short Takes...

Indeed, At Last

After a miserable spring with a number of snow storms in May and a really cold, wet June, the warmth of the sun has broken through for summer.



Mother Nature skipped spring again. How rude. This has been the latest that we have started our gardens and put out the flower pots for over 20 years living here. Does this mean we get to

have an extra long summer to enjoy the flowers and vegetables from our gardens? Don't count on it!

You would think that animal life would continue on with no effect. But the insects were set back a bit. We have just now started seeing butterflies, and the water striders that were in the koi pond during an almost forgotten warm spell in spring have yet to return.

I don't know about other areas, but the hummingbirds seem to be unusually low in numbers.

Hummingbirds – How do They Do It?

So, these mini birds are amazing. Their wings beat up to 90 times a second. They eat every 10-15 minutes and visit 1000-2000 flowers a day, feeding on their nectar. Researchers believe that they take mental pictures of the flowers they visit to keep track of which are the best flowers, just like bees do. An experiment with Rufouses in Canada was telling. They took a string of artificial flowers, each filled with sugar water except one. That one had a weak solution of sugar water in it. One taste and they avoided it, knowing which flower it was.

Their chest muscles comprise one-third of their body weight while other birds' chests are only about 15-18 percent of their bodies. It takes a lot of muscles to beat their wings that much and to have the breath to sustain that activity. They also have specialized wings and an extraordinary brain. They are the only true hovering birds, able to fly in multiple positions and stabilize themselves.

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Human beings are also multi-directional in movement, but it is primarily forward and to a lesser extent, backwards and sideways. All four-limbed vertebrates move on a back-to-front axis versus hummers which move at ease in all directions.

It was found that an area of the brain called *lentiformis mesencephalic* – got that? – that responds to visual stimuli does not have a strong back-to-front preference in hummingbirds, unlike other animals. In fact, they had no preference at all, moving in all directions equally as required to hover or flee from predators.

Further, their brains are tuned to respond more strongly to fast movements than to slow movements. Studies showed that an Anna's hummingbird can move at 385 body lengths per second while in mating flights. An F15 fighter jet goes at a top speed of 45 body lengths per second or Mach 2.5. Now, that is whiz bang fast, if you ask me.

Now why is all this significant? With this knowledge better robots and Artificial Intelligence capabilities can be developed. The hovering in particular would be useful to drone maneuverability. Who knew?

Short Takes

Well, it is buckle your seatbelts time, again, folks! The rufous hummingbirds are about to arrive for their annual sojourn in between mating in the northwest and hitting the spa in the south during the winter months. They come into town like clockwork July 16-17th and cause all kind of hell at the hummingbird feeders with their bullying ways. The adults leave first a few weeks later, leaving their bratty kids to hone their intimidation skills.

Well, “do as I say, and not as I do” seems to apply to me. One day, in a hurry to transition vehicles and get on to our next appointment, we left the SUV outside the garage and unlocked with, get this, a bag of dog treats inside a day pack. One yearling bear showed his prowess by opening the car door and dragging out the pack with the treats. He tore a hole in the pack to pull the treat bag out. Something must have spooked him, as he dropped everything and vacated. And he wasn't even considerate enough to close the car door! He was seen later coming back to scrounge for more goodies.

Are you ready for your moment of pure baby cuteness? Check out these photos courtesy of the Audubon Society.



All of the summer birds have checked in just as it is almost time for some of them, like the brown-headed cowbird, to start leaving. That includes the Evening Grosbeaks and the Tree Swallows. It has been too cool for the high-flying Night Hawks' high insect requirements.

What a banner year at the suet feeders for the Western Tanagers – male, female, and young ones. Sometimes as many as 15 crowded around to feed!



Once again, I encourage you to catch the episodes of Nature on PBS. Recently they had an excellent show on moose with footage in Canada and Colorado. It pointed out that the moose are on a huge decline mainly due to loss of habitat.

Yikes! Hubby Dave just came in with a snake skin at least five feet long! It must be a bull snake's.

That's all, folks, for this month. Gotta run – one audacious young bear needs a swat or two on the butt with a broom.

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