

es will be provided by employees of the Cork 'N' Bottle and Pikes Peak Brewery.

The board unanimously approved a special event liquor license from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 15 for the annual Historic Monument Merchants Association Chili Cook-off on Front Street from Second Street south to the entrance to the Mountain View Medical Group building at 192 Front St. Liquor sales services will be supervised for the association by Shawn Morris, owner of the La Casa Fiesta Restaurant and president of the association, and Vicki Mynhier, Monument's director of Downtown Development.

The board also unanimously approved annual liquor license renewals for:

- The Safeway Store at 624 Highway 105
- The 7-Eleven Store at 283 Highway 105

**Financial report**

The board unanimously ap-

proved two disbursements over \$5,000:

- \$140,463 to the Triview Metropolitan District for June sales tax (\$133,970), June motor vehicle tax (\$140), July motor vehicle tax (\$6066), and July Regional Building sales tax (\$287)
- \$13,292 to AFD Pavement Marking LLC for restriping town streets following the 2012 programmed asphalt repairs

During the annual "Town Hall" portion of the agenda for public comments or questions of the board, former Trustee Tommie Plank noted that town plants and potted flowers looked wonderful although "it's been a rough summer" for many businesses and residences that have lots of weeds "knee-high or more. It's time for a gentle reminder to some of these people that they need to mow."

Town Clerk and former

Town Code Enforcement Officer Cynthia Sirochman stated that during the recent fire ban season the town was prohibited by the county and the Tri-Lakes fire marshal from issuing weed citations. Now that the fire ban has been lifted, it takes 30 to 45 days for Laura Hogan to complete the code enforcement warning and citation cycle leading to actual enforcement and abatement. If distressed properties are sold, the 30- to 45-day cycle must be started over with the new owner.

Resident Cheryl Rogers, the owner of Chayann Pet Care and

Styling, thanked the town for cleaning up the asphalt pile at the south end of Limbach Park. She asked if there was another location that could be used for storing inert debris cleaned up by the town's street sweeper. Green replied that the original plan for Limbach Park calls for a dog park in that area. The town is looking at purchasing a machine that would recycle asphalt debris.

Trustee Becki Tooley invited all in attendance to participate in the numerous town activities scheduled for the La-

bor Day weekend. The meeting adjourned at 7:36.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 4, due to the Labor Day holiday, in Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are normally held on the first and third Monday of the month. Information: 884-8017.

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*Palmer Lake Town Council, Aug. 9*

# Group explores vacating Lucretia Vaile house

*By David Futey*

Members of the Palmer Lake Art Group (PLAG) discussed their possible interest in vacating the Lucretia Vaile house at the Aug. 9 meeting of the Palmer Lake Town Council. It was previously reported in OCN that PLAG was leaving the house at 118 Hillside Rd., but the PLAG is only exploring the idea within the group and with council at this time.

PLAG representative John DeFrancesco said there has been "some discussion within the group about vacating the location because of the prohibitive cost in maintaining it." He said they cannot use the house in the winter due to mud and ice issues and many of their members are elderly and have difficulty getting into the house due to those issues. Lately, PLAG has been mostly meeting at the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts.

If PLAG does vacate the property, it would revert to the town. The group's exploratory proposal to the council contained these items:

- PLAG requested it be allowed to use the Town Hall one day each month for meetings without charge.

Scheduling of the meeting would be coordinated with the town clerk.

- The deed stipulates if the property is sold the proceeds would be used to benefit the Palmer Lake community. DeFrancesco said PLAG feels it is a benefit to the community and that it should share in the revenue from the sale. PLAG proposes that one-third of the sale proceeds go to the group.

PLAG President Margarete Seagraves said the group has met in the home since 1968 and has maintained it. PLAG has done some renovations, including doubling the space to accommodate a larger meeting room for their group.

Seagraves said that if the property is sold, the requested funds would go into the group's scholarship fund. This fund awards graduating School District 38 high school seniors with scholarships toward continuing their art education in college. PLAG awarded \$3,000 in 2012.

Seagraves said, "Now that we have two high schools, there is a need to raise more money for the scholarship fund." The group

now raises funds for the scholarships through an art and craft show and their annual member show. Seagraves said, "The students and schools really appreciate our efforts."

Mayor Nikki McDonald said, "The property was willed to PLAG, and in the deed the money from a sale of the home must be used to benefit the entire town of Palmer Lake." Water Trustee Michael Maddox commented on the benefits of the scholarship program. He said that Carrie Ann Baade was awarded a PLAG scholarship and is now a professor of art at Florida State University.

DeFrancesco reiterated that PLAG is only investigating vacating at this time. He said a vote "would need to go to the entire membership and receive a three-fourths approval" for PLAG to proceed and "the membership may decide to decline vacating." DeFrancesco said, "We are looking for council's acceptance of the proposal to go back to the membership" for a vote.

Town Attorney Larry Gaddis said, "Council cannot do an advisory opinion. The board can indicate a present inclination but it does not bind the board in the future as there is not a specific proposal." Gaddis continued that with board turnover, sentiment regarding the proposal might change. He said there is not a specific proposal until PLAG returns and wishes to proceed with the sale, so the board cannot vote on it.

Roads Trustee Jerry Davis said, "It sounds like a great cause, but I cannot support providing PLAG with the requested percentage of the sale as it is unclear how much of the community PLAG benefits. It appears dedicated to one specific use." Maddox said he thinks "the 33 percent is minimal given the benefits to the students." PLAG would continue the scholarship program if the sale does not proceed or they do not receive the requested funding.

Gaddis told DeFrancesco and Seagraves that "based on the feedback heard from council members, the board has given



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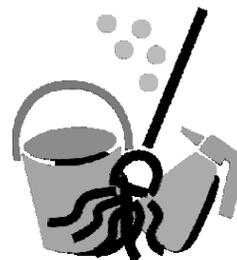
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