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Equipment and Decontamination Refresher Courses.

The El Paso County Wildland Team in conjunction with El Paso County Parks recently offered chainsaw refresher courses in Black Forest, to include Fox Run Park in the fall for TLMFPD firefighters on a company rotation ba-

sis. Bradley explained, "We cut some trees for them, they get some mitigation done, and we get our folks refreshed on chainsaw training."

Open house

Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner announced that a TLMFPD Open House will be held at Station 1, 18650 Highway 105, on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more details, visit <http://tlmfire.org>.

Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Highway 105. For information, contact Jennifer Martin at (719) 484-9011. For upcoming agendas, see <http://tlmfire.org/board>.

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El Paso Board of County Commissioners, Aug. 7, 21

Gleneagle golf course redevelopment moves forward

By Helen Walklett

The El Paso Board of County Commissioners approved two items in August relating to the infill development on the site of the old Gleneagle golf course. Other decisions

made concerned The Dunes at Woodmoor development and the liquor license application for the 7-Eleven, which is being built on the corner of North Gate Boulevard and Struthers Road.

Golf course redevelopment

At their Aug. 7 meeting, the commissioners dealt with two items relating to the Gleneagle golf course redevelopment project. The first approved a resolution that releases the restriction on the sale and development of lots 23 to 44, which was used as collateral for completion of required improvements. Instead, the developer will post a letter of credit as substitute collateral for the improvements that are still to be completed.

The commissioners also approved the first partial release of a letter of credit for grading and erosion control for \$207,927 relating to lots 1 to 22 at the development. This is in acknowledgment of the completion and inspection of 30 percent of the required public improvements.

Other decisions

- Aug. 7—The commissioners granted a 3.2 percent beer off-premises liquor license to Dhindsa3 Inc. and 7-Eleven Inc. for the store under construction at Gleneagle Gate View on the corner of North Gate Boulevard and Struthers Road. This is part of the Academy Gateway project.
- Aug. 7—Approved issuing two ambulance permits for the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District. Both permits are effective Aug. 1 for a one-year period.
- Aug. 21—Approved the final release of a letter of credit for \$38,743 following the completion and inspection of all the grading and erosion control work at The Dunes at Woodmoor Filing No. 2.

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Woodmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors, Aug 22

Owners speak on Walters property, Brookmoor Estates gate, and Hidden Pond

By Jackie Burhans

The Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board met August 22 to hear owners' ideas on the development of the Walters property, to discuss the Brookmoor Estates request to allow residents to use the emergency gate, and to continue discussing the future of Hidden Pond.

The board announced the appointment of Bert Jean to the vacant position of Secretary and Director of Community Outreach.

Walters Property

South Woodmoor residents appeared before the board to suggest ideas and ask for support for preserving open space in the recently-listed Walters Property northeast of Higby and Jackson Creek. The 134-acre property is zoned for one-half-acre residential lots and has recently been listed for sale for \$4.7 million. *See the listing at <http://bit.ly/walters-sale>.*

Chris Williams, who lives near the property, suggested that residents band together to buy the land to maintain the desirability of Woodmoor. He estimated that with 3,000 residents paying \$300 per year, it would take five years to pay it off. He asked if the board would support a volunteer group working on this effort.

President Brian Bush noted that the board is aware of the situation and had been negotiating for an easement for a trail. He said the board has instructed its attorney to express concerns. Bush said he personally has no objections to residents working on this. He noted that the covenants limit increases in WIA fees to three percent a year and require two-thirds of all home owners to vote on changes. Another resident suggested the possibility of a special assessment. Bush noted that there are state laws and reporting requirements that apply if dues

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