



Above: Nathan Asiu was recognized as August employee of the month for his initiative in gathering data. Public Works Director Tom Tharnish said Asiu is collecting data to create a water-system distribution map that will be available to town staff and the public. From left are Tom Tharnish, Mike Foreman, and Nathan Asiu. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*



Above: Senior Planner Jennifer Jones announced the recognition of Theresa Rust in the Planning Department as September employee of the month. Rust handles administrative tasks and all planning permits and has led a cooperative effort with the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. Town Manager Mike Foreman said she is a great example of improved customer service. From left are Jones, Foreman, and Rust. *Photo by Allison Robenstein.*

neath the development that had been deeded to the town in the 1980s. See <https://www.ocn.me/v19n3.htm#mbot0219>.

Trustee Jim Romanello made a motion to instruct the town manager to cause the town to enter into a stipulated dismissal under terms discussed in executive sessions, but he did not elaborate.

I-25 Gap project updates are positive

Paul Neiman, resident engineer for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), gave an update on the I-25 Gap project.

Neiman delivered two new pieces of information. First, the southbound truck acceleration lane will extend up and over Monument Hill all the way to the port of entry. This will require the current County Line Road bridge to be removed. Next, he said an addition to the project will be redesigning that bridge to include four lanes with protected left-turn lanes. Town Manager Mike Foreman asked if the town could have input into the design of the bridge since it's an entry point into the town of Monument. Neiman said he would request architectural improvements.

Neiman said during large snow events, CDOT will stage equipment where possible, and speeds through the gap will be reduced using portable variable speed limit signs.

Neiman said a big goal of the project is to increase the size of the shoulders on either side of driving lanes to provide access to emergency vehicles. The left shoulder will be 15 feet wide and the right will be 12 feet wide. He said buses will be allowed to use the express lanes to improve their chance of on-time arrivals.

He said 8-foot-high deer fencing has been installed along 24 miles of roadway to funnel wild ani-

mals to one of four wildlife crossings that go below the road rather than having them cross over the roadways.

To install one of the four 100-foot-wide spans for wildlife crossings, portions of Monument Hill Road near Palmer Ridge High School will be inaccessible for six months starting in 2020.

Trustee Laurie Clark asked if more cameras will be added to the interactive maps. Neiman said the area is very well covered, and anyone can access them through cotrip.org, so only two new cameras will be installed.

Romanello said, "I understand the toll lane, but as a businessman and a citizen, I think it's absolutely ridiculous there aren't three full lanes."

For more information on the Gap Project, text I25Gap to 21000 to get alerts or visit their Facebook page @I25SouthGapProject.

Stormwater drainage fees updated

Planning Director Larry Manning asked the board to impose higher stormwater drainage fees to replenish the Stormwater Impact Drainage Fund, which was established to make improvements to the drainage systems. Background: See section on decaying drain-

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Clark asked if developers with previously approved annexation agreements should be grandfa-

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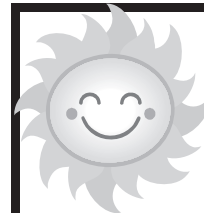
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