

- The Colorado General Assembly Joint Budget Committee reduced the State Water Plan Implementation funds from \$30 million to \$10 million. This translates to fewer water project grants being available through the Colorado Water Conservation Board.
- The 2020 Residential Assessment Rate, in response to the Gallagher Amendment, will drop from 7.2 percent to 7.15 percent. See a more detailed explanation in the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District article on page 14.
- Staff members were scheduled to work at Willow

Creek Ranch to clear ice and expedite thawing around flumes, and the snowpack was above average.

- Beers Construction was expected to begin phase two of the Gleneagle water main replacement project soon after the board meeting. Beers anticipated a completion date of July 15, pending weather delays.
- Donala resident Phil Book asked about restoration of landscaping in the district. Petersen confirmed that it is ongoing and will be completed by Pate Construction Co. Inc.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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The next board meeting will be held May 16, 1:30 p.m. at the district office at 15850 Holbein Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. The directors meet in the district office conference room. Board meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. More information is available by calling (719)488-3603 or accessing [www.donalawater.org](http://www.donalawater.org).

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**Woodmoor Improvement Association, April 24**

# Board discusses liens for unpaid dues, possible forestry grant

By Jackie Burhans

The Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) board met on April 24 to discuss the process for handling owners with unpaid dues and hear about a possible grant from the Forestry director. President Brian Bush thanked board members for filling in while he was out. Board members Tom Smith and Lee Hanson were absent.

**Unpaid dues**

Homeowners Association administrator Denise Cagliaro reported for Lee Hanson that there are still 209 homeowners with outstanding annual dues. Reminder letters will be sent. If the dues are not paid, the next step the board may take is to place a lien on the property, which will be removed upon payment at a total cost of \$300 for the lien processing. The board noted that that amount exceeds the annual dues cost.

**Forestry report**

Forestry Director Ed Miller reported that WIA was contacted by the Forestry Service to participate in a grant request that could yield \$250,000 over three years. It would be a matching grant that could be used

for a fuel break and other work in the common areas as well as matching grants for residents to do fire mitigation. The grant request is currently in process.

WIA is working with Lewis-Palmer School District 38 on setting up chipping days at the middle school and at Lewis-Palmer High School. There will be a FireWise day on June 5 at The Barn. A number of trees were blown down during the recent blizzard, and there has been a high call volume of people seeking permission to remove them. (See <https://www.woodmoor.org/forestry-firewise/>) New fire danger signs have been ordered and will be placed around the community to alert residents to fire danger levels.

**Board highlights**

- Bush asked about the uncategorized expenses in financial statements; Cagliaro replied that they were all related to the new ADA-compliant bathroom.
- WIA worked with its IT provider to correct an error in billing that includes sales taxes on services which are not taxable.
- Woodmoor Public Safety (WPS) officers will at-

tend their bi-annual CPR and first aid training as well as quarterly firearms training.

- The WPS office addition plans have been approved by the architect and engineers and will be reviewed by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department before construction begins.
- WPS did an annual survey of roads during the week of April 29, reporting any issues to the El Paso County Department of Public Works.

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The WIA Board of Directors usually meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Barn at 1691 Woodmoor Drive, Monument. The next regular meeting will be on May 22.

The WIA calendar can be found at <https://www.woodmoor.org/wia-calendar/>. WIA board meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.woodmoor.org/meeting-minutes/> once approved and posted.

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## April Weather Wrap

By Bill Kappel

After a winter of snow and cold, April turned out to be a relatively quiet month with below average precipitation and above average temperatures. This was a little surprising given that April is usually one of our snowiest months of the year.

The first week of the month saw temperatures hover right around average, with highs ranging from the low 50s to the low 60s. Warmer conditions moved in from the 7th through the 9th, with highs topping out in at 70 F on the 9th. This was the first time we hit the 70-degree mark since Oct. 29 and definitely gave a feel of spring to the region.

Just as unusual as the mild weather was the fact that no measurable precipitation fell during the first week of the month, with only a few sprinkles occurring during the afternoons of the 3rd and the 5th. However, this mild and dry period was quickly interrupted by unsettled conditions over the next few days.

The first signs of the change were felt during the early morning of the 10th as a strong cold front moved through around 7a.m. Similar to the storm that blasted the region a month ago, a strong area of low pressure developed over the eastern plains of Colorado as the day progressed. This pulled in moisture that combined with the cold air to produce snowfall. As the area of low pressure deepened, the pressure gradient between the center of the low and an area of high pressure to the north increased. This resulted in strong winds developing across the region. As the day progressed, snow intensified and when combined with the strong winds once again produced blizzard conditions. However, unlike the March blizzard, this one moved out quickly, with blizzard conditions only lasting for a few hours that evening.

Unfortunately, the threat of extreme weather conditions was enough to cause cancellations in the region and at DIA. The snow and wind combined to produce significant drifting of snow that made travel difficult that evening and again the next morning. Most of us accumulated 3-6 inches of wind-blown snow. Temperatures remained below normal as well, with highs only reaching the low to mid-30s on the 11th.

After this storm departed, we only had a short window of respite as another round of snow and cold was heading our way. This began to affect the area during the morning as upslope conditions and cold air allowed fog, low cloud, and freezing drizzle to form. Then deeper moisture moved in that afternoon,

with a period of heavy snow occurring from 2-4 p.m. Three to five inches of snow quickly accumulated with this round of snow, causing some slippery driving conditions.

The weather pattern was very quiet through most of the remainder of the month. Temperatures were generally at or slightly warmer than normal from the 14th through the 28th, with the warmest temperatures being recorded on the 20th as low 70s were common throughout the area. Several afternoons showed the more summer-like pattern of afternoon cumulus clouds building over the mountains and moving over the area during the midafternoon. A few of these were strong enough to produce brief rain showers and even a few claps of thunder. This period of quiet weather saw a few brief intrusions of colder air, with the coldest day occurring on the 22nd. This was accompanied by low clouds, fog, and areas of drizzle as temperatures stayed in a very tight range between the mid-30s and low 40s.

The month ended with unsettled conditions and areas of rain and snow showers. These were heaviest during the afternoon and overnight hours from the 29th to the morning of the 30th, when 1-3 inches of wet snow accumulated. Windy conditions cause some blowing snow and icy conditions as well, especially during the early morning of the 30th. All the moisture in the air and the shallow cold air also led to dense fog in the region on the 30th, making for hazardous driving conditions at times as well. During this period, temperatures were well below normal, with low in the 20's and highs in the 40's each day.

**A look ahead**

May often brings a wide variety of weather conditions in the region, from warm, sunny days to severe thunderstorms and hail, and even some snowfall. May 2007 was snowy, with over 20 inches accumulating for the month, while other times very little snow falls during the month. In general, we can usually expect warmer conditions to finally settle in, with temperatures reaching above 80 F likely to occur on several afternoons.

**April 2019 Weather Statistics**

Average High	57.2° (+0.7°)
Average Low	29.7° (+2.3°)
Highest Temperature	73° on the 22nd
Lowest Temperature	10° on the 11th
Monthly Precipitation	1.06" (-1.90", 67% below normal)
Monthly Snowfall	12.8"



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