

Our Community News

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Local Events

See pages 27-31 for details of these and many other local events.

- Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild Fall Show & Sale, Thu.-Sun., Nov. 5-8
- Downtown Monument Holiday Open House, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 6-7
- Foot Care Clinic, Wed., Nov. 11
- Monument Academy Veterans' Day Assembly, Wed., Nov. 11, 9:45 a.m.
- Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corporation State of the Region, Thu., Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Lewis-Palmer High School Musical: "Urinetown," Thu.-Sat., Nov. 12-14
- NEPCO Meeting: Commissioner Darryl Glenn speaks on County Issues, Sat., Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon
- Monument Library: The Life and Times of Gen. Wm. Jackson Palmer, Sun., Nov. 15, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive, Tue., Nov. 17, 3-7 p.m.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society: "Orphan Train," Thu. Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
- Stars Alive: An Evening with the Legends at TLCA, Fri., Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
- Rocky Mountain Music Alliance (RMMA) Concert: Piano Concerto Night, Sat., Nov. 21, 7 p.m.
- Free Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at Rosie's Diner, Thu., Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Foot Care Clinic, Fri., Nov. 27
- Monument Library: Bonfils Blood Center Community Blood Drive, Sat., Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m.
- Western Museum of Mining and Industry (WMMI): The Gold Assay Process, Sat., Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Palmer Lake's Traditional Chili Supper & Annual Star-lighting Festival, Sat., Nov. 28, 4:30-7 p.m., Star-lighting at 7 p.m.
- Monument Hill Kiwanis Club's 10th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair, Sat., Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Small Town Christmas, Sat., Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ■

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Above: Costumed runners participate in the 5k Creepy Crawl Oct. 31 on the path surrounding Palmer Lake. Runners, some with kids in jogging strollers, gave their best as the energetic crowd cheered them on. The event helped raise over \$19,000 for the YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region's Annual Support Campaign, which provides financial assistance for lower-income families to participate in YMCA programs and activities. All funds raised stay in our community. *Photo by Janet Sellers.* See page 26 for additional photos of local Halloween festivities.

Monument Board of Trustees, Oct. 5

New town manager begins work; water rates increase discussed

By Lisa Hatfield

New Town Manager Chris Lowe attended his first Monument Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 5. The trustees discussed proposed increases in water rates and fees and approved funding for a change in scope to the water reuse feasibility study. They discussed the first draft of the 2016 budget, and they went into executive session to discuss the new contract for Pamela Smith's town treasurer contract but did not take action on this item.

New town manager welcomed

The trustees addressed Lowe and expressed their wishes about the "new be-

ginning," as Trustee Becki Tooley called it when she asked for weekly communication from him to the trustees. Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Kaiser said they had a lot of expectations of Lowe. Trustees Jeff Smith and Jeff Bornstein mentioned wanting to help Lowe prioritize what the town needs to do, and the consensus was to wait a few weeks before having a public workshop that could coincide with the public budget workshop discussion that is still to be scheduled.

Jeff Smith read the whole town manager ordinance out loud so that members of the public would understand the role of

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Monument Planning Commission, Oct. 14

New planning commissioners; Monument Heights project advances

Kate Pangelinan

The Oct. 14 Monument Planning Commission meeting was an eventful one, beginning with the introduction of two new commissioners: Ed Locke is a new full-time planning commissioner and Daniel Rathke is a new alternate planning commissioner. Both new commissioners attended this meeting, weighing in on the night's four primary topics—the Jackson

Creek Market Village Lot 3A Final Plat was discussed, along with the Monument Heights Rezoning and planned development (PD) Sketch Plan, the Creekside Commercial Tractor Supply Company Final Plat and Final PD Site Plan, and the Jackson Creek Self Storage Final Plat and Final PD Site Plan. All motions passed and will now be discussed by the Board of Trustees.

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Palmer Lake Town Council, Oct. 8

Subdivision plans questioned

By James Howald

On Oct. 8 the Palmer Lake Town Council met to hear a request to subdivide a property known as Pioneer Preserve, to finalize the sale of an acre of land to a local business, to approve a credit card for use by the town clerk, to discuss an ordinance to allow residents to raise chickens, to hear a progress report on the Great Outdoor Colorado (GOCO) grant, and to approve a business license and a landscape easement.

Pioneer Preserve subdivision request questioned

Representatives of Proterra Properties LLC asked the board to approve their request to subdivide an 82-acre parcel adjacent to the Mennonite Church on the east side of Highway 105. The board voted in a previous meeting to approve a water augmentation plan for the property. Proterra plans to subdivide the property into 15 five-acre lots, each of which will have a septic system and a well accessing either the Denver or the Dawson aquifer. Access to the subdivision will be from Highway 105, and the homeowners association for the subdivision will maintain the roads, according to Proterra's representatives. The land is currently zoned for residential and agricultural use.

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Election Results

This is a summary of some of the final unofficial results of the Nov. 3 election results. Ballot titles have been abbreviated here. See www.EPCVotes.com for full results.

Town of Palmer Lake 2A: Shall town increase mill levy by 10 mills for Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department? **Yes: 483 (58.55%); No: 342 (41.45%)**

Town of Monument 2B: Shall excess revenue go to town parks, recreation, and senior services? **Yes: 1,110 votes (60.69%); No: 719 votes (39.31%)**

D38 District 1, 2-year term: Sherri Hawkins, 4,217 votes (51.44%); Lani Moore, 3,981 votes (48.56%)

D38 District 2, 4-year term: Kris Beasley, 4,074 votes (48.83%); Sarah Sampayo, 4,270 votes (51.17%)

D38 District 4, 4-year term: Mark Pfoff, 4,518 votes (54.57%); Gordon O. Reichal, 3,762 votes (45.43%)

D38 District 5, 4-year term: Dale L. Bastin, 2,154 votes (26.56%); Matthew Clawson, 5,957 votes (73.44%)

D20 Board of Education: The at-large seats of incumbents Tracey Johnson and Glenn Strebe were up for election. Johnson and Strebe were the only candidates to file for the election. ■