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The next Monument Planning Commission meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at 645 Beacon Lite Rd. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or <http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/> Kate Pangelinan can be reached at [katepangelinan@ocn.me](mailto:katepangelinan@ocn.me).

## Breaking News: Monument mayor resigns

Monument Mayor Rafael Dominguez has resigned his position, according to a town news release dated March 29.

"I have been offered a position of employment that is contingent upon the resignation of

my Mayoral duties for the Town of Monument," Dominguez said in the news release. "This contingency is to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. I have accepted this position. Therefore, effective immediately I resign

my position as Mayor for the Town of Monument. I appreciate the honor of serving as your Mayor and wish the town a prosperous future."

The Board of Trustees has the power to fill the vacancy

by appointment within 60 days of the vacancy or may order an election if the vacancy has not been filled by appointment.

Palmer Lake Town Council, March 10 and March 24

## Election canceled; FireWise day planned for May 7

By James Howald

In March, the Palmer Lake Town Council met twice: on March 10 and on March 24. The March 10 meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Palmer Lake Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Authority (PLLMLA). The PLLMLA consists of the same members as the council, but only addresses liquor and marijuana licensing issues.

On March 10, the PLLMLA voted on a request to upgrade

the business license of Premiere Organics LLC. On the same date, the Town Council canceled its upcoming municipal election, took a final vote on allowing chickens and ducks as pets, began a discussion on raising town fees, and signed off on a subdivision. In her remarks at this meeting, Economic Development Trustee Judith Harrington detailed the town's plans for its FireWise day on May 7.

On March 24, the council

heard a presentation on water quality from Dylan Trujillo, gave the mayor the authority to execute a contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, continued the discussion of town fees, and debated the protocol for lighting the Palmer Lake Star.

### Marijuana infused products license granted

Brenda Woodward, owner of Premiere Organics LLC, asked the PLLMLA to approve an upgrade to the business's existing license

to grow marijuana for wholesale distribution. The marijuana infused products license would allow the business to process marijuana plant byproducts into resin, which could then be sold on a wholesale basis. The process will not use dangerous solvents, according to Woodward. The PLLMLA voted unanimously to approve the license upgrade.

### Election canceled

The board voted to cancel the upcoming municipal election, since there were fewer candidates than there were open offices.

In April, Mayor Nikki McDonald will end her term as mayor and will be replaced by John Cressman, who has served previously as the town's mayor and who was the only candidate who filed for the position.

Paul Banta, who is currently Parks and Recreation trustee, will return to the board. Mark Shuler, the only other candidate to file, will also join the board.

Cressman, Banta and Shuler will serve four-year terms. Three other seats on the board will need to be filled by appointment; the board members appointed to those seats will serve two-year terms. Any vacancies on the board after 90 days will necessitate a special election, according to town lawyer Maureen Juran.

### Backyard chickens get a thumbs up

After a debate lasting months, the board finally voted to approve chickens and ducks as pets within town boundaries. The ordinance specifies no more than six birds per residence, bans roosters, establishes requirements for the construction and placement of coops, and gives 90 days for existing flocks to be brought into compliance.

### Town fees come up for review

On March 10, Town Administrator Cathy Green-Sinnard told the board that many of the town's fees had been set in the early 1980s and had not been reviewed since. Green-Sinnard suggested that all fees be organized into a single schedule that could be amended by resolution, rather than being established in many of the town's ordinances. The fees for business licenses in general and marijuana-related businesses in particular were discussed at this meeting.

The discussion of fees continued at the March 24 meeting. Green-Sinnard said the town attorneys wanted time to read affected ordinances before taking

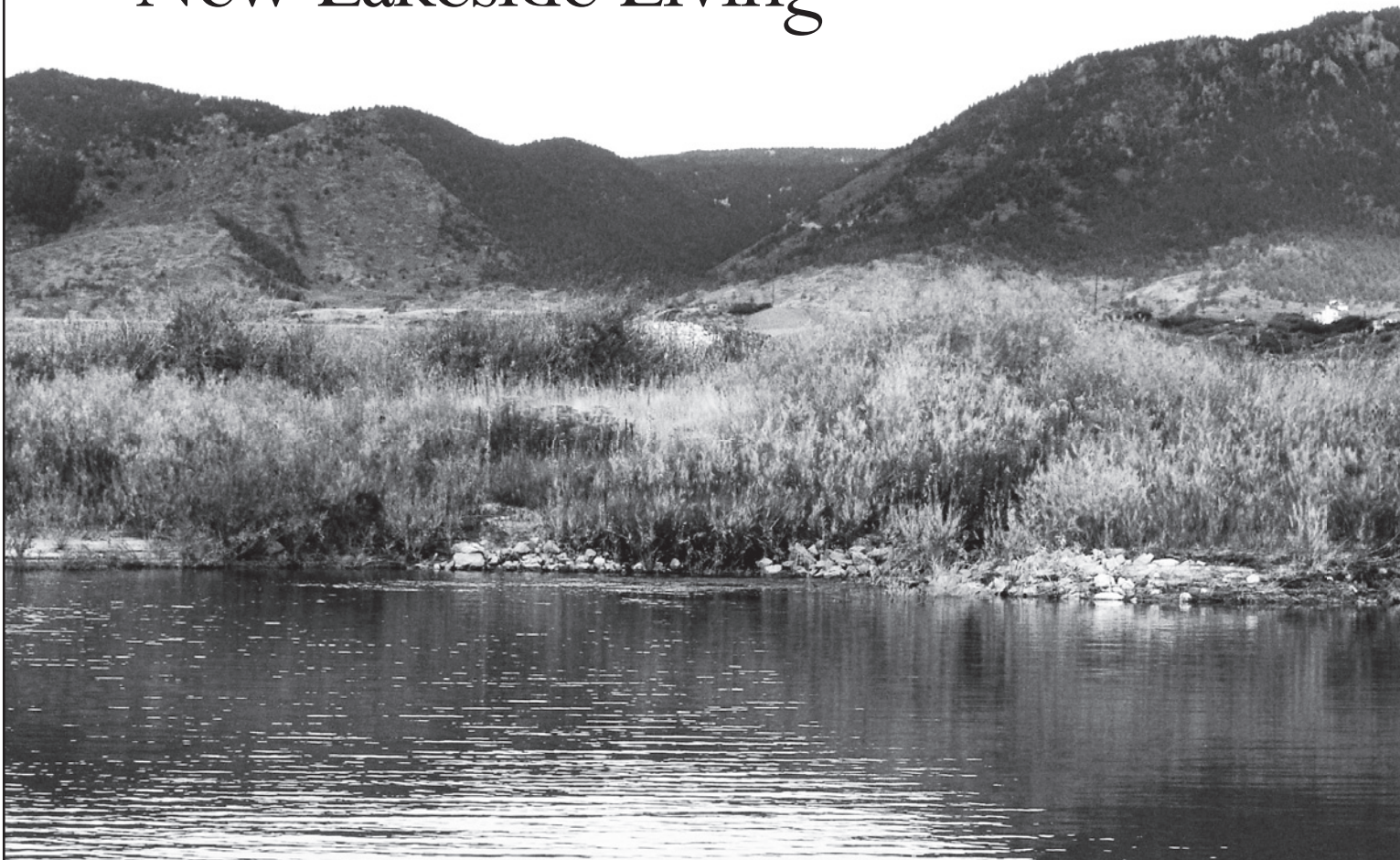


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