



LARKSPUR NEWS

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From Mayor Gerry Been:

Many thanks to Larkspur Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Department, LVFA and all those who attended the Christmas Tree Lighting and special thanks to Susan Dukat and Bill Kramer for their participation!

COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN FEBRUARY

JOINT COUNCIL-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

COUNCIL WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 16, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Reminder: We have lost and found items at Town Hall that were found in the Park.

The book exchange is open each Saturday and you are invited to visit the Annex from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 20, 2017 for Presidents Day.

LVFA is having an 'All You Can Eat' pancake breakfast at the Larkspur Pizzeria on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 7 am to 11 am.

OPEN HOUSE

**Please join us at the Town of Larkspur Open House
THE LARKSPUR POSTMASTER WILL BE HERE**

**On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 11:30am-1:00pm
At Town Hall - 8720 Spruce Mountain Rd.
ALL 80118 RESIDENTS and BUSINESSES ARE WELCOME**

Meet Town staff

Ask questions

Discuss events, development, trails, and more

Review the Town's Master Plan

Visit with your neighbors

Refreshments provided

Town Council Motions & Votes 1/19/2017

Present: Mayor Gerry Been, Mayor Pro-tem Matias Cumsille, Heather Sanchez, Isaac Levy, Jeremiah Holmes, Jennelle VanGorder and Sandy McKeown

Council Meeting

- Motion to approve the Town's new website design and functionality to have the new website go live no later than February 1, 2017. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve regular Council Meeting minutes for December 15, 2016. Passed 5/0/2,
- Motion to approve payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$38,496.28. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve payment of Water & Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$17,425.48. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve \$895.00 for Angry Squirrel to remove wind-damaged trees and branches at the Town Hall Annex. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 17-01, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO HAVE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOAN/GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 17-02, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE OSI AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2014. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve purchase of the Screen Beam Action Tec TV Interface which provides WiFi computer connectivity to smart TVs for \$250.00. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 7/0/0.

The scheduled meeting for January 5, 2017 was cancelled.

VISION STATEMENT

Larkspur, a small, friendly town. A town that works together by:

Fostering a

Government of

Integrity that

Responds to its

People,

Directing

Future Growth

within

Larkspur's

small Town

Values,

Providing

Community

Facilities and

Activities for all

ages and,

Preserving the

Natural

Environment

that is unique to

the Larkspur

area.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017, FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM TO DISCUSS AN UPCOMING FIRE MITIGATION PROJECT ON THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROPERTY. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LARKSPUR FIRE STATION (9414 S. SPRUCE MOUNTAIN RD., LARKSPUR, COLORADO 80118).

MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION, EMPLOYEES OF THE LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, TOWN OF LARKSPUR AND THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO TAKE COMMENTS.

WE WILL ALSO BE RECRUITING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME, CONTACT ELAINE PHELEN AT (719) 661-8301 OR LINDA BLACK AT (303) 681-2324 TO SIGN UP.

DUMP INFORMATION

Dump cards not renewed by November 30, 2016, were shut off, effective Friday, December 2, 2016. If your card was shut off, you will need to come to the Town Hall to fill out a renewal form and purchase a new dump card for \$10.00.



District Attorney's Office • 18th Judicial District

George H. Brauchler, District Attorney • Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert & Lincoln Counties

Consumer Alert

Good and Bad News about Phone Extortion Scams

Good news: there has been a noticeable drop-off in harassing, "*you owe the IRS, so pay up or else*" calls that have been circulating in recent years. Last fall, criminals behind IRS imposter scams were busted for running the scheme out of illegal call centers in India, and in the United States. Consumers who reported suspicious IRS phone numbers to law enforcement and to the Federal Trade Commission were instrumental in helping to identify these thieves. But while there is reason to breathe a sigh of relief, this particular "extortion" scam is likely to pop up again. This is true for most scams. Presently, several common extortion scams are making the rounds, and the criminals behind them are using increasingly nasty scare tactics, e.g., threats of arrest; or the threat of harm to a loved one to trick victims into sending money. Many local residents are falling victim to these scams.

Extortion scams to be on the lookout for:

Law enforcement agencies in Arapahoe and Douglas counties are reporting an uptick in 'kidnap' extortion scams, whereby families are called by an alleged emergency responder to report that a family member has been badly injured in an accident. The caller is interrupted by another person who exclaims the injured party has been kidnapped and will be harmed if money isn't immediately sent. "Screams" can sometimes be heard in the background. Sometimes, caller ID's are "spoofed" to display the name of a local hospital in an effort to scare potential victims into picking up the phone. Common extortion scams include *missed jury duty*, *non-payment of debt* and *grandchild in trouble*.

Prevention tips:

- Don't answer the phone, especially if you aren't able to verify the name or number on caller ID, and never send money to the scammer. Extortion scams typically instruct victims to wire money, or load money on a pre-paid card and call in the code. These methods are red flags that are associated with most scams.
- Government agencies such as the IRS or courts **never** call individuals, even if there are concerns. Depending on the agency, they will send written documentation that supports the concerns so that consumers can reasonably and fairly address them.
- For phone threats involving family members, grandchild in trouble, etc., immediately call the person who is allegedly hurt or in trouble to verify what's going on. Keep phone numbers of family members handy at all times for easy access. And if your caller ID shows a name or phone number of a hospital, call the hospital's emergency room after validating the correct number from a credible source, such as an official phone book or on-line directory.
- Report all telephone scams to the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357 or www.ftc.org

