



LARKSPUR NEWS

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FROM MAYOR GERRY BEEN

The Town wishes to thank the Colorado Renaissance Festival owners, entertainers, vendors, and staff for another great year and looks forward to future years event. Safe journey to all and see you next year!

COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN AUGUST

COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING, SUBDIVISION & REZONING, AUGUST 3, 2017 @ 5:30 PM, TOWN HALL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 3, 2017 @ 6:00 PM, TOWN HALL

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING, SUN-JELLY CAMPGROUND, AUGUST 14, 2017 @ 2:00 PM, ANNEX

COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING, SUN-JELLY CAMPGROUND, AUGUST 17, 2017 @ 5:30 PM, TOWN HALL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 17, 2017 @ 6:00 PM, TOWN HALL

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AUGUST 28, 2017 @ 2:00 PM, ANNEX

Lost and found items from the community park and around Town, are still waiting to be claimed at Town Hall.

***Save the date September 16 & 17—
Larkspur Area Arts & Crafts Fest. Booths are filling up so make sure you get yours reserved! This is the big family-oriented event in its 6th year with over 70 booths and 2,000 attendees. Enjoy the music, the food and refreshment booths, the helicopter visits, the free hayrides and so much more!!***



'Music in the Park' event coming August 4th. The music will begin at 6:30 pm on Friday. The July event was a rousing success so plan to attend. 'Kantankerous' will be providing the entertainment. Hamburgers and brats provided by Peoples Bank. Adult beverages provided by Hops and Vines.

Council Motions & Votes 7/20/2017

Present: Jennelle VanGorder (Acting Mayor), Isaac Levy, Heather Sanchez and Jeremiah Holmes

Council Meeting

- Motion to adopt Resolution 17-09, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to approve regular Council Meeting minutes for June 15, 2017. Passed 2/0/2.
- Motion to approve payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$35,939.54. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to approve payment of Water & Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$32,181.85. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 17-10, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES WITHIN THE 2017 AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to set a Council Public Hearing on the Sun-Jelly Campground Site and GESC plans for August 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to set a Council Public Hearing on parcel of Town property to be subdivided and rezoned for August 3, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible., Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to approve a Deed Restriction Covenant of Dedication for certain parcels of Town property as presented to Council with corrections and pending Department of Fish and Wildlife acceptance. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for Moltz Constructors Site Plan and approve the Plan as submitted, without conditions. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to approve a variance request for properties at 9170 and 9140 Frank Road to waive the ten percent (10%) fee in lieu of land dedication for proposed subdivision. Failed 0/4/0.
- Motion to approve use of the Town's mobile stage for a private memorial service in the Town Park on July 21, 2017, subject to having acceptable liability insurance supplied by the Colorado Renaissance Festival. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 5.33, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LARKSPUR TOWN CODE BY ADDING DIVISION 5 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 13 ADOPTING A BACKFLOW PREVENTION AND CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR. Passed 4/0/0.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 4/0/0.

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.

The Planning Commission will be holding a Public Meeting on the Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town of Larkspur on August 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex at 9524 Spruce Mountain Road. If you have questions, call Sherilyn West at (303) 681-2324. A copy of the draft proposed Compressive Master plan can be obtained at the Town Hall or found on the Town's Website under the planning page. All comments are encouraged and welcomed.

Town Manager's Comments:

- Construction on the new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at 9260 Douglas Blvd., will begin soon. When completed, the Town's water will have less iron, manganese, and radium resulting in cleaner, safer water. Monthly hydrant flushing will no longer be required. This WTP is being funded through grants and low interest loans from Peoples Bank and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Loans will be repaid from current tax revenues and TAXES WILL NOT BE INCREASED pending voter approval of a revenue change to repay this debt as required under Tabor Law. A mail ballot will be sent to each registered voter in the Town in October for the November 7, 2017, local municipal election. Your vote approving the revenue change for repayment of this debt is critical to the success of this project and financial stability of the Town.
- Campground, Travel Center, and other development projects on the north end of Town are still in the early stages of the "site plan process" and Town staff is working closely with the developers to assure full compliance with Town regulations and procedures. Contact Town Hall for more information.
- Town staff and I welcome your questions, comments and feedback on any topic and strive to be as responsive as possible. Call (303) 681-2324 or stop by Town Hall anytime.

Larkspur Public Meeting 07/25/2017 Greenland Ranch Water Meeting Summary

The Town of Larkspur (Town) hosted a public meeting on July 25, 2017, to discuss the groundwater extraction plans from the Greenland Ranch Open Space. Kevin Rein, State Engineer with Colorado Division of Water Resources and Tricia Bernhardt, local resident, made presentations.

Ms. Bernhardt reviewed the milestones (shown below) for an understanding of the history of the issue. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations and the referenced documents may be viewed at the Larkspur Town Hall with an appointment with Linda Black. Copies will also be available on the Town of Larkspur website, www.townoflarkspur.org.

*HISTORY:

- 1995 - Groundwater rights obtained by Sun Resources through District Court, Water Division No. 1., Case No 94CW038 (38,789 AF) and 94CW037.
- 2000 - Retained Easements were signed with Douglas County and Sun Resources providing legal access for well development on Douglas County public open space.
- 2009 - Water right offerings were made publicly available by Deepwater Holdings, LLC for the Greenland Ranch Water.
- 2012 - Surface Use Agreement signed between Douglas County and Sun Resources for placement of test wells on Douglas County open space.
- 2012 - 2013 - Test wells and monitoring wells were installed into all four aquifer layers of the Denver Basin at the northwest corner of the I-25 and Greenland Interchange. Office of the State Engineer issued the well permits to Sun Resources; physical well development was completed by Schlumberger Water Services.
- 2017 - Water Pipeline Planned- Neighbors in Larkspur, Castle Rock and Louviers have been contacted by representatives of Front Range Water, LLC asking for easements on their property adjacent to the UP railroad. Land agents verbally stated that a 24-inch water pipeline would be installed in the railroad right of way, and that the water was running from Greenland Ranch up to northern Douglas County. Recent correspondence with Sterling Ranch and Highlands Ranch Metro district indicates that neither are purchasing Greenland Ranch groundwater.

Ninety three (93) people attended the meeting. Forty (40) attendees were Town of Larkspur residents. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend this meeting, and for contributing to a lively and informative discussion.

A special thanks to our presenters, Kevin Reid, State Engineer, Colorado Division of Water Resources, and Ms. Tricia Bernhardt. It must be noted that Ms. Bernhardt completed the bulk of the research for this project and brought the issue to the Town's attention.

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