



LARKSPUR NEWS

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FROM MAYOR GERRY BEEN

Many thanks to all who made the Craft Harvest Festival possible and to all the vendors who provided items and services. We appreciate your participation!

COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN OCTOBER

PUBLIC MEETING ON SIGN CODE, OCTOBER 5, 2017 @ 5:30 PM, TOWN HALL
 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 5, 2017 @ 6:00 PM, TOWN HALL
 PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING, OCTOBER 9, 2017 @ 2:00 PM, ANNEX
 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2017 @ 6:00 PM, TOWN HALL
 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2017 @ 2:00 PM, ANNEX

Be sure to join us at the Medical Information Forums (flyer enclosed). There will be refreshments and prizes and we can all benefit from the health information presented. The first Forum is Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at the Larkspur Fire Station Community Room at 6:00 p.m.

NEW TOWN SIGN CODE

A Public Meeting to receive input and discuss the DRAFT Sign Code will be held on October 5, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. before the regular Council Meeting. A copy of the DRAFT Sign Code can be found on the Town's website www.townoflarkspur.org.

ELECTION NOTICE TO Larkspur Registered Electors and All Larkspur Town Residents:

The Town of Larkspur is holding a "Special Election" on November 7, 2017 to obtain voter approval to incur additional debt and apply new/additional tax revenue to complete construction of a new and first ever Water Treatment Plant for the Town which will remove minerals including iron, manganese, and radium to provide improved water quality and safer, healthier water.

Construction of this plant along with the new well drilled in 2014, the new water storage tank completed last year, and newly installed pipelines assures the Town will have sufficient (PLENTY) water to serve the needs of the residences, businesses, and property owners for generations to come.

No more monthly hydrant flushing, rusty and/or discolored water, reduced water outages and the ability to control water flow during water line breaks, means more reliable water for drinking, cooking, doing dishes and laundry, etc.

This has all become possible through a combination of grants and loans obtained from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE),

Colorado State Revolving Fund, and the US Department of Agriculture's Colorado Rural Water Association.

New and additional revenues and debt limits exceeding thresholds as defined by the States' Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) can only be used to pay for infrastructure improvements with voter approval. This means your vote on this very important matter is crucial to finishing this Project and providing sufficient clean water now and in the future. PLEASE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017.

NOTE: THIS ELECTION IS NOT PART OF THE GENERAL ELECTION BEING CONDUCTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATE BALLOTS FROM THE TOWN IN THE MAIL BY OCTOBER 16, 2017. THESE BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO TOWN HALL BY MAIL OR DROPPED IN THE BALLOT BOX INSIDE TOWN HALL. DO NOT USE THE OUTDOOR 24/7 DROP BOX FOR TOWN BALLOTS.

Town of Larkspur Press release 22 September 2017

The Larkspur Town Council is shocked and appalled at the recent vandalism in the form of messages spray painted on the Town Hall windows and doors that occurred around 3:20 a.m. Thursday, September 21, 2017.

The Council views this senseless conduct as an outrageous criminal act that was intended to intimidate. The Town Council will not be intimidated. The public should rest assured that the Council will continue to perform its duties and make decisions that it deems to be in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

The Town Council encourages anyone who has any information regarding who committed this crime to contact Captain Darren Weekly at the Douglas County Sheriff's Department at 303-663-7722. The Town is offering a reward in the amount of \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator of this crime causing destruction of public property.



Council Meeting Motions & Votes 9/7/2017

Present: Mayor Gerry Been, Matias Cumsille (Mayor Pro-Tem), Isaac Levy, Heather Sanchez, Jeremiah Holmes, Jennell Waggle, and Sandy McKeown

Council Meeting

- Motion to approve a variance request from Paul Bowers, 9103 Frink Road, to allow construction of a two-car garage on the same site as a barn, which has been removed, and which is located less than 10 feet from the adjacent property line at 9095 Frink Road, with the adjacent property owner's written concurrence. Passed 6/0/1.
- Motion to approve Council Public Hearing minutes for August 3, 2017. Passed 5/0/2.
- Motion to approve Regular Council meeting minutes for August 3, 2017. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve Special Council Meeting minutes for August 22, 2017. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to enter into Executive Session. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to come out of Executive Session. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve Subdivision of Lot 4 Douglas Valey Estates, Parcel C and Ordinance 3.123, AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM OPEN SPACE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AND AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to set a Public Hearing on the Sun-Jelly campground site plan for September 21, 2017, at the Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 17-13, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO, PLANNING GRANT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND ENGINEERING FOR THE BOBCAT TRAIL PROJECT. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 17-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 17-12, WHICH AUTHORIZED A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017, FIXED A BALLOT TITLE AND QUESTION, AND SET FORTH OTHER DETAILS RELATING THERETO. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to approve a request from the Larkspur Elementary School (LES) Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) for a donation of \$300 to support their 2017 Fall Festival. Passed 7/0/0.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 7/0/0.

Council Meeting & Public Meeting Motions & Votes 9/21/2017

Present: Mayor Gerry Been, Matias Cumsille (Mayor Pro-Tem), Isaac Levy, Heather Sanchez, Jeremiah Holmes, and Jennell Waggle

Public Hearing

- Motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the Jellystone at Larkspur campground site plan without conditions. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Passed 6/0/0.

Council Meeting

- Motion to have Town Staff issue a press release tomorrow, Friday, September 22nd, addressing the vandalism to Town Hall. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to approve regular Council Meeting minutes for September 7, 2017. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to approve payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$50,031.93. Passed 6/0/0.

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.

Council Meeting Motions & Votes 9/21/2017 continued:

- Motion to approve payment of Water & Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$47,650.25. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 17-15, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES WITHIN THE 2017 AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE TOWN OF LARKSPUR, COLORADO. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion directing Town Staff to purchase additional security cameras for Town Hall and have them installed to provide improved surveillance and recording capability as soon as possible. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to approve a bid from Elevate Construction in the amount of \$20,403.00 to repair/replace wood as needed, sand, power wash, and stain Town Hall building and deck. Passed 6/0/0.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 6/0/0.

The Town of Larkspur invites you to join our Facebook group, Volunteer Larkspur. There are many opportunities for volunteering in the community of Larkspur. From special events to daily operations with town government, and storm or disaster clean up, the opportunities for volunteering are endless. A Wikipedia article on volunteering references the book *Where's the Learning in Service Learning?* by Janet Eyler and Dwight E. Giles, immersing oneself into service learning and serving others has many positive effects both academic and personal. Not only does surrounding oneself with new people and learning how to work together as a group help one improve teamwork and relational skills, it reduces stereotypes, increases appreciation of other cultures, and works to allow young people to find others that they relate to. That same article talks about the health benefits of volunteering and states, "volunteering has the ability to improve the quality of life and health of those who donate their time and research has found that older adults will benefit the most from volunteering. Physical and mental ailments plaguing older adults can be healed through the simple act of helping others; however, one must be performing the good deed from a selfless nature. There are barriers that can prevent older adults from participating in volunteer work, such as socio-economic status, opinions held by others, and even current health issues. However, these barriers can be overcome so that if one would like to be involved in volunteer work they can do so. Volunteering improves not only the communities in which one serves, but also the life of the individual who is providing help to the community." The problem is, getting the word out that volunteers are needed, providing updates on events, and just good old PR work to generate excitement so that people want to volunteer. So, with that in mind, the Town of Larkspur is creating this Facebook group, Volunteer Larkspur, to help spread the word and gather names of individuals who want to help. You are invited to join this group to receive information on events and other volunteer opportunities with the Town of Larkspur. Nothing can bring a community together faster and heal past hurt feelings better than working together with other community members and those who work for the town. Please consider joining this group, and start watching for ways you can join in and help.

SAVE THE DATES: The 2017 Tree Decorating at the Community Park will begin November 18—this will be the tree decorating date. The Tree Lighting will be on December 2 and the lights will stay up until the last week in January. Watch for information about these events posted throughout the town. Bill Kramer will be heading up this effort and volunteers will be appreciated.

