



LARKSPUR NEWS

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FROM MAYOR GERRY BEEN

We all look forward to working with our new Council members and are confident their positive attitudes and enthusiasm will benefit our Town. Best of luck and sincere gratitude to our former Council members for their contributions!

COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN MARCH

Regular Council Meeting, March 1, 2018, @ 6:00 pm @ Town Hall
Planning Commission Meeting, March 12, 2018, 2:00 pm @ Annex
Parks & Rec Board Meeting, March 13, 2018 @ Town Hall
Regular Council Meeting, Marh 15, 2018, @ 6:00 pm @ Town Hall
Planning Commission Meeting, March 26, 2018, 2:00 pm @ Annex

Deborah Moore and Jesse Trueblood will no longer be accepting any scrap metal or refuse of any kind to be stored on their property.

There were three council seats up for election and three successfully completed petitions were received by the deadline. Therefore, in accordance with State Statutes, and only one eligible candidate for each seat, the candidates can be declared elected and sworn in without holding an election.

There is one incumbent, Jeremiah Holmes, who retains his seat on the Council and two new Council members, Tabitha Parks and Paul Bowers, who will replace outgoing Council members, Sandy McKeown and Matias Cumsille. The incumbent and new Council members will be sworn in and take their seats on Council at the first Council meeting in April, on April 5th, 2018.

Congratulations to Tabitha, Paul and Jeremiah

Council Meeting Motions & Votes, February 1, 2018

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

- Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes for January 18, 2018. Passed 6/0/1.
- Motion to approve the Town's participation in Bridgestone Tire Company's Tires4ward Program. Passed 6/0/1.
- Motion to approve \$500 for the Larkspur Elementaryh School - Parent Teacher Organization (LES-PTO) Boot Scootin' Boogie. Passed 6/0/1.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 6/0/1.

Council Meeting Motions & Votes, February 15, 2018

Present: Mayor Gerry Been, Heather Sanchez, Jeremiah Holmes, Isaac Levy and Sandy McKeown

- Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes for February 1, 2018. Passed 5/0/2.
- Motion to approve a sign permit for Elevate Construction. Passed 5/0/2.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 5/0/2.

2018 FIRE SEASON IS COMING

**COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP
(FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC)**

**SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
(9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM)
(Weather reschedule date: Saturday, April 21, 2018)**

STATION 161, 9414 SPRUCE MTN. RD., LARKSPUR

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 Town of Larkspur working with the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce is currently booking summer concerts in the park. This will be the second season of our Music in the Park festivals and it promises to be even bigger than last year. We are scheduling six concert dates -- two in June, two in July and two in August. Stay tuned for more information. We are working to provide enjoyable entertainment for our entire community. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Bill Kramer, Coordinator, Parks & Recreation Dept., Town of Larkspur 303-681-2324 Work, 303-501-2674 Cell

If you are interested in the Sandstone Ranch purchase. Look at the Douglas County Open Space website: <https://www.douglas.co.us/douglas=county-acquires-2038-acre-sandstone-ranch-preservation-open-space/>

Douglas County residents who need help with winter heating costs may apply for energy assistance through the State of Colorado's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP).

The program is seasonal and help is available now through April 30. While the program will not pay for all winter heating expenses, if you are eligible, the program will pay a minimum of \$300. For information please visit www.douglas.co.us and search for LEAP.

All LEAP applications are processed by Discover Goodwill of Central and Southern Colorado, one of the County's community-based partners. Completed LEAP applications and questions should be sent via email to LEAPHELP@discovermygoodwill.org

If you also need help with furnace repair or home weatherization, Discover Goodwill also processes the separate application for Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC). To be considered for EOC funds, applicants also need to apply for LEAP. For general information about EOC please visit www.energyoutreach.org

Utility customers of Black Hills, Xcel, Atmos, or Colorado Natural Gas applying for LEAP or EOC will also have to complete a consent form. Your signed consent form allows Discover Goodwill to talk to your utility company. Applications and consent forms (if applicable) may also be emailed to LeapHelp@discovermygoodwill.org

LEAP and EOC applications may also be obtained from the Department of Human Services, 4400 Castleton Court in Castle Rock; Douglas/Elbert Task Force, 1638 Park Street in Castle Rock; and Parker Task Force, 19105 Longs Way in Parker. Please do not return your applications to any of these sites, as this will delay processing.

A postage paid envelope will be provided or you may email the application and other required documentation to LeapHelp@discovermygoodwill.org



Fraud Alert

Warning: New IRS Refund Scam is Gaining Traction

There is a new IRS scam that's spreading and is playing off of the more widely known tax imposter phone scam that claims money is owed to the IRS. This newly hatched, very intricate scam involves criminals who are processing and sending tax refunds directly to consumers and then calling and scaring them into returning the funds. Prior to late January when the IRS began accepting 2017 tax returns, criminals brazenly infected the computers of tax preparers and stole tax information on clients. Now they are using this data to process actual tax refunds. Once the refunds are sent, the crooks will call, text, or leave phone messages claiming to be agents or debt collectors from the IRS, and threatening victims with scare tactics if they don't send their 'fraudulent' refunds back. There are obvious *red flags* with this scam, the most notable being that crooks are demanding payment using a wire service, or are instructing their victims to load a pre-paid card with money, then calling in a code, *instead of instructing them to send the refund directly to the IRS*. This tactic of requesting funds through round-about means is the hallmark of a typical phone scam. The second red flag is that the IRS won't call you, even if you owe them. If your caller ID shows up as "IRS", or "U.S. Department of Treasury", it's a scam, and don't respond. Although the IRS won't call you, crooks will try to make it look that way by "spoofing" the information that appears on your Caller ID.

Steps to take if you are concerned, or have already received a refund:

Immediately contact your tax preparer if he/she has not notified you of this scam, especially if you've already received a refund, or a refund you weren't expecting. Usual turnaround time on a refund request is ten days, so any quick return of a refund should be questioned.

In truth, fraudulent refunds must immediately be sent back to the IRS so they can take measures to correct and restore the client's account to good standing, then process an appropriate refund. If you received a mailed refund check, void it and send it back to the IRS, along with a copy of the return and explanation as to why the check is being returned. If the check was automatically deposited, call the IRS to explain what happened (800-829-1040 for individuals or 800-829-4933 for businesses), then notify your bank so they can return the money. Finally, if you've already spent part or all the refund, you will need to write a check to repay the IRS. Send your check to your local IRS service center, along with a note explaining you were a victim of this scam. Make certain you have the correct IRS return address. Your tax

preparer will have this information and should be able to guide you through these steps. For more information on this scam, contact the IRS at:
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>

18th Judicial Consumer Protection Line: 720-874-8547

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be an Open Public Meeting on the CDOT I-25 Gap Proposal on Tuesday, March 20, at the Larkspur Fire Station from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. It will be held in the Community Room, 9414 Spruce Mountain Road. If you have questions or comments now is the time to have them addressed!