



LARKSPUR NEWS

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FROM MAYOR GERRY BEEN

\$3000 – THAT’S THE REWARD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, ARREST & CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHOOTING THE ELECTRONIC SIGN IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL. Call the Douglas County Sheriff at 303-680-7500 if you have information.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN NOVEMBER

Regular Council Meeting, November 1, 2018, 6:00 pm @ Town Hall
 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting, November 13, 2018, 4:30 pm at Town Hall
 Planning Commission Public Hearing, November 13, 2018, 6:00 pm at Town Hall for OSI Subdivision
 Council Public Hearing, 2019 Budget, November 15, 2018, 5:30 pm, LFPD
 Regular Council Meeting, November 15, 2018, 6:00 pm @ LFPD

NEW EMPLOYEES IN TOWN OF LARKSPUR

Sandra Mason joined our staff this month as the new Deputy Town Manager. She recently moved to the Larkspur area after retiring from a 31 year career with Chevron. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce-Finance and spent most of her career in Chevron overseeing Strategic and Business Planning functions.

Christina Wagner is our new Accounting Manager. She moved from Southern California a year ago. She is in the process of building a home in Perry Park. Christina has 6 weeks until graduation with a Bachelors of Associates Degree in Business Administration from Arizona State University. She was an Accountant for over 11 years at the Laguna Beach County Water District.

Update to Senior Housing Forum, October 10, 2018 at Pace Center, Parker, Colorado

The Housing Forum was well attended at the Pace Center and included a program on Living in Place with some very good and safe ideas to consider. Following are some modifications that were suggested: **no-step entry** into your home, **42’ to 48’ stairways with handrails that extend** beyond top and bottom of stairs, safe **stairs with contrasting color on edges** of stairs, safe **hallways 42’ to 48’ wide**, safe doors 36’ wide, safe doors **with lever handles angled at end** to keep hands from slipping off, safe **doors that swing away from the room** to keep people who fall from being trapped inside, **safe showers have no steps**, grab bars that resemble fancy towel racks not screwed into studs, safe toilets are seat height, safe showers have easier to reach controls you can reach before going into the shower, more light in kitchens, lower cabinets, access under sink, and handles that won’t catch on clothes. These were some changes suggested that would make your home safer BEFORE an accident occurs. For questions on these and other items and for more information, go to www.LivingInPlace.Institute.

**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, October 4, 2018

Present: Mayor Gerry Been, Mayor Pro-Tem Jeremiah Holmes, Heather Sanchez, Tabitha Parks, Paul Bowers, Isaac Levy and Jennell Waggle

Council Meeting:

- Motion directing Town Staff to have a traffic study performed on Spruce Mountain Road at the Larkspur Station Mobile Home Park entrance and on Perry Park Avenue at Douglas Boulevard to address traffic flow and vehicles speeding through those intersections and propose traffic management and control solutions. Passed 4-0-3.
- Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes for September 20, 2018. Passed 5-0-2.
- Motion to allow a Town staff member to take and record minutes of Town Council Commission, and Board meetings and hearings, as required, transcribe minutes and place minutes on the Town's computer share (S) drive. This duty will be considered part of the staff members normal work hours and will not be subject to overtime pay. Passed 6-1-0.
- Motion to approve a donation of \$300 to the Larkspur Elementary School Parent Teachers Organiation (LES PTO) for their annual Fall Festival fundraiser on October 27th. Passed 7-0-0.
- Motion to approve Resolution 18-15, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BALLOT INITIATIVES 5A & 5B. Passed 7-0-0.
- Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Passed 7-0-0.

Council Meeting Motions & Votes, October 18, 2018

Present: Mayor Gerry Been, Mayor Pro Tem Jeremiah Holmes, Tabitha Parks, Heather Sanchez, and Isaac Levy

Council Meeting:

- Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes for October 4, 2018. Passed 5-0-0.
- Motion to approve payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$39,916.00. Passed 5-0-0.
- Motion to approve payment of bills for Water & Sewer expenditures totaling \$20,674.51. Passed 5-0-0.
- Motion to approve spending funds not to exceed \$3,232 for the completion of a traffic study at two bus stop locations, one on Spruce Mountain Road at the entrance to the Larkspur Station Mobile Home Park and the second at the intersection of Douglas Boulevard and Perry Park Avenue. Passed 5-0-0.
- Motion to adjourn the Council meeting. Passed 5-0-0.

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY NUMBERS

The Douglas County Sheriff's office uses Twitter to send out emergency messages. If you want to receive this information from the sheriff's office, you will need to set up a Twitter account. Since a fire has already hit close to the Town limits, this website might be of use for planning in the event of evacuation.

To help DC families that need back-to-school help.

https://www.douglas.co.us/back-school-supplies-douglas-county-families-need/?utm_source=Douglas+County+Government+-+Colorado&utm_campaign=2cfce981e4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_07_16_02_35&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4eb7e5e3bd-2cfce981e4-69726977

If you want to listen to the scanner for Douglas County fire calls, you can set up this link as a favorite. It times out, so you have to keep hitting play. <https://www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/7356/web>

Here is information to sign up for Douglas County Sherriff emergency notification via reverse calls by CodeRed:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/84B13CCD6B41>

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November 2018 Newsletter Accounting Question

How can we find out about the 2019 Budget process?

- A preliminary budget is established, based on discussions with Town Council about priorities.
- A preliminary budget is based on recent historical financial data, DOLA inflation estimates, and known future events.
- Changes are made to the preliminary budget, as new information become available, up until the Public Hearing date, when a Final Proposed Budget is presented, along with explanations of any major changes from the preliminary budget.
- The preliminary budget is available at Town Hall for your review, as of October 4, 2018. Any changes presented to the Town Council will also be available for your review, prior to the Public Hearing.
- Your budget input and questions are accepted at Town Hall between 9:00 and 4:30 until November 15, 2019.
- The Public Hearing date on the 2019 Budget is November 15, 2019 at 5:30 at the Larkspur Fire Station.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING November 15, 2018 at 5:30pm

The Town of Larkspur's Final Budget for the year ended December 31, 2019, will be presented in a Public Hearing on November 15, 2018 at 5:30pm. After discussion at the Public Hearing, the Town Council will vote on the proposed budget at the regular Council Meeting on November 15, 2018, beginning at 6:00pm. These meetings will be held at the Larkspur Fire Station at 9414 Spruce Mountain Rd, Larkspur, CO.

The proposed 2019 Budget will be available at Larkspur Town Hall at 8720 Spruce Mountain Rd., Larkspur, CO 80118, for public inspection between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm until November 15, 2018. Any elector of the Town of Larkspur, may inspect the proposed 2019 budget and has the right to register any objections in writing with Town Council prior to the time of adoption of the budget.

EXPLANATION OF BALLOT MEASURE 68 FOR LARKSPUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Ballot Measure 68, is not like a mill levy increase. Ballot measures do not arbitrarily increase the overall taxes paid on residential properties above current levels. Instead, it permits a means to stabilize the tax revenue funding at current levels for Larkspur Fire Protection District (LFPD) due to the dilemma created by the required statewide decrease in the residential assessment rate (RAR) mandated by the Gallagher Amendment. Overall, fire district revenues from property taxes will remain essentially unchanged from what they are today if Ballot Measure 68 is approved. This would allow maintaining the current levels of staffing, upkeep of apparatus/equipment, and continuation of excellent rural ISO ratings. Without a means to stabilize funding for the district, it could result in a major decline in fire and emergency medical services and the possibility of increased insurance premiums.

Measure 68 would allow adjustments of the mill levy to compensate for the decreased RAR to maintain current LFPD residential tax revenue at present levels. I want to reiterate, the residential taxes paid with passage of 68 would fundamentally remain identical to the current amount being paid. In 2017 the Colorado Legislature lowered the RAR from 7.96% to 7.22%. Already this has started to erode improvements in the fire district that the In 2015 we approved a mill levy measure for our fire district. Now, Ballot 2015 mill levy provided. Without passage of 68, future anticipated decreases in the RAR required by the Gallagher Amendment, the situation will worsen. To learn more about the Gallagher Amendment and its effect on fire districts throughout Colorado, visit <https://www.larkspurfire.org/> and click on the Gallagher Video Link button.

Please attend one of the Public Meetings sponsored by Citizens for Larkspur Fire Protection District: October 17, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Bear Dance Country Club and October 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Perry Park Country Club. These meetings are a public forum allowing clarification of this specific Ballot Measure 68, primarily in an interactive question/answer manner.

Kudos to Debbie Fischer, Studio 101 Hairstyles!!!

The Town of Larkspur and Larkspur Chamber of Commerce would like to give a big shout out to one of our local businesses, Debbie Fischer the owner of Studio 101 hair styling, for her donation of all her proceeds from haircuts at the recent Autumn Arts and Craft Festival. Proceeds were donated to the Town Parks and Recreation fund for purchase and installation of lights at the baseball field. Let's support Debbie and all our local businesses. They are appreciated!

Anyone wishing to donate to this fund please contact: Bill Kramer (303-681-2324).

Increased Security Measures

With the recent shootings of the Town's electronic sign and other incidents of shooting being reported in various locations throughout the Town, new security safety measures are being implemented on Town property. Additional security cameras have been installed in various locations and more will be added in the near future.

Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex doors will be locked at all times and access will only be permitted by a staff member who will open the door for the customer or by electronically unlocking the door once the new key card entry system has been installed.

Overnight security surveillance by armed patrol is also being considered and an armed security guard will be hired to be present at this years Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 1st in the Town Park.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

What is Happening with Your Neighborhood Watch

Recently, the Town was the victim of three separate acts of criminal mischief. Due to the dollar amount of the damage these crimes are now classified as felonies and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) is actively investigating all leads. The Town has issued a \$3,000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest and/or conviction of the suspect(s). If you have any information please contact the DCSO 303-660-7500.

Several reports of gunfire in Town have been received. If you hear gunfire **immediately** call 911. In addition to being very dangerous for all of us, this type of activity costs each of us to repair the damage and to secure Town owned property.

The 3rd quarter crime statistics are below:

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Burglary	0	1	0	1
Criminal Mischief	1	0	2	3
Disturbance	1	2	1	5
Dog at Large	0	3	0	3
Domestic	3	1	0	4
Drug Offense	1	0	0	1
DUI	0	0	1	1
Fraud	1	1	0	2
Harassment	2	0	1	3
Liquor Violation	1	0	1	2
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	1
Shots Fired	0	0	1	1
Theft	0	2	0	2
Trespass	1	0	1	2
Vehicle Trespass	0	0	3	2

On October 17th, your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Law Enforcement Liaison and Block Captain's held the quarterly meeting. Jim Callahan, the former owner of Hops & Vines resigned from the group. The group decided to recruit a new business owner to represent the Larkspur business community.

Please sign up for **CodeRED** (Reverse 911). You can receive emergency alerts by phone, email or text messaging about emergencies in our area.

Use this link to access Code Red: <https://www.dcsheriff.net/emergency-preparedness/be-informed-and-get-updates/>

Sign up for a Twitter account. This is the primary method for receiving information and updates from the DCSO

True Facts About Water & Sewer Costs

False information about water and sewer costs, monthly rates, and new development impacts affecting the residents and business owners of the Town is being spread throughout the Town by individuals not familiar with the real facts of what Town staff and Town Council have been, and will continue to be, working on. Rumors include:

- the need for a new Wastewater Treatment Plant is due to the Town's commitment to provide sewer services to the Jellystone Campground
- the cost of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant will be around twelve (12) million dollars
- monthly water and sewer rates will be doubled or tripled to pay for the new Water Treatment Plant and planned new Wastewater Treatment Plant
- the new well, water storage tank, additional pipelines, and Water Treatment Plant did not need to be constructed
- the Town property taxes will be significantly increased

Town staff is preparing a presentation for Town's residents, property and business owners, and community citizens which will address all these issues. We encourage your participation at upcoming public meetings to learn more about these projects, ensure you are receiving factual information and, answer any other questions you may have. In addition, Town **staff is available by appointment during normal business hours** to discuss these matters.

If you have other concerns or questions you would like to have addressed at the public meetings, please advise Town staff so that they can be included in the agenda for the meeting.