

AUG 2019



# Larkspur Newsletter

## Mayor

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## Town Counsel

*Paul Bowers*

*Jeremiah Holmes*

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*Tabitha Parks*

*Heather Sanchez*

*Jennelle Waggle*

## Jellystone Park



The final agreement has been executed between Jellystone and the Town of Larkspur which releases the Town from the requirement to provide wastewater service to the campground. Since the Town would have had to build a new wastewater facility to fulfill the requirement, the Town has been relieved from the former \$7 to \$10 million obligation.

Jellystone will build their own wastewater facility and the Town will have no liability for its operation. The Town's current system is adequate to serve the town and the current **BUILDING MORATORIUM has been lifted.**

The Town will be studying the future expansion and update requirement for wastewater and will plan accordingly for future budgeting in order to accommodate Wastewater 2030.



Our Town Librarians Cindy and sister-in-law Cynthia are busy upgrading the free library which is doubling its current space and occupying the former 3 offices in the building's south-

side half. One room will house children's books and have a small sitting area. The other two rooms will be dedicated one to fiction and the other to non-fiction books. The rapidly growing movie library will be assigned wall space in the main library. First comes the painting and upgrading, followed by bookcases and of course more books.

Town of Larkspur

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<http://townoflarkspur.org>

## Larkspur Free Library



Tons of Books and videos

Town Hall Annex  
9524 Spruce Mountain Rd

Thursday 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00 pm

# Water



The water system is formally complete and the outstanding billing issues have been resolved with the exception of the number of reimbursable days for the delayed construction finish. The Town is working with the Dept. of Agriculture to close the long term loan, paying off the construction loan with Peoples Bank.

Testing of the water brought notice from the Dept. of Health that the radium levels were unacceptable. The Town was already working on measures and has corrected the filtration process in order to bring the radium to acceptable levels. Formal DOH compliance acknowledgment is anticipated at their final testing.

## *In Memoriam*



Russell Cramer (71 yrs), husband of our librarian Cindy and brother of our other librarian Christine passed away on June 25th. A long term resident of Larkspur and a veteran who served our country will be missed by his community.



## New Team Members

Larkspur's new Accounting Manager joined us in July. Newly-wed **Heather McCumiskey** has a 25 minute commute from the north side of Colorado Springs as she enjoys the scenic ride to work at the Town Hall each morning. Heather attended Colorado Northwestern Community College and Red Rock Community College where she received her Associate of Science degree in Accounting and Finance. For the past 7 years she has applied her accounting skills in both the hospitality and financial services industries and she comes us know from serving as accountant for the U.S. Figure Skaters in Colorado Spring. Heather is looking forward to meeting members of the community as they drop by the Town Hall and she is looking forward to a long career in her new position managing the Town's accounting system. Welcome Heather.



The Town Council has appointed Brian Cook to fill her spot on the Council for the remainder of Heather's term. Brian currently serves on the Planning Commission and is active in other Town matters.



Also serving the community on a part-time basis performing various administration functions at the Town Hall are Dorothy Hise and Lynn Pfaff.



**Only YOU can prevent forest fires!**

## Council Member Resigns

Heather Sanchez has resigned from the Town Council, having served over three years, and is moving to Missouri where she can assist an ill family member. Heather, thanks for your service to the community.



**September 21 & 22**  
**10am - 5pm**

Over 70 booths, hayrides, music, food & refreshments .

Local medical helicopter fly in mid-day!

## Mayor Marvin's Corner

On a beautiful 100 degree day in Larkspur, I was headed over to the slash pile when I ran into some celebrities visiting our town. The Palmer Lake "Pack Burro Racer's" chose our fine



town to train for their upcoming race in Leadville, which they ended up taking 2nd place. Lead burro, Jake liked our training facilities and said he would

be back again along with his owner Joe Polonsky and training team. The Town hosted a Town "clean-up-day" and Tony Roman and I assisted with a hand's on effort to keep our Town looking good.

FYI, Douglas County is underway with their Master Plan



for the Sandstone Ranch and will be seeking public input soon. The 2,038 acre open space preserve plans to preserve the cultural and historic aspects of the ranch while providing public recreation and educational opportunities.

This year they are allowing guided activities i.e. bird/nature walks, hikes with picnics, horseback rides (bring your own), artist sketching, etc. Until the Master Plan is put in place, everything is guided and requires signing up the month prior to events. On line registration opens the 2nd Wednesday of every month. ==>>>>



## MEETINGS

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**1st & 3rd Thursday**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**2nd & 4th Monday**

To view meeting minutes & motions

[www.townoflarkspur.org](http://www.townoflarkspur.org)

## I-25 GAP Activity

GAP construction activity has shifted to the corridor centered by the Town of Larkspur and both

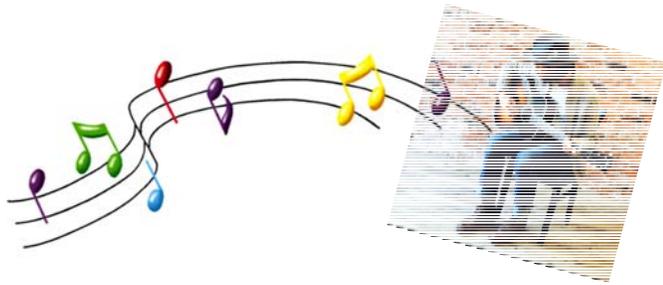


bridges will soon undergo replacement (one at a time). Accidents along the GAP have spiked more than 50% this year with 790 crashes from Sept. of last year thru May 31, 2019. Tighter construction corridors and lack of attention were the primary causes, with the majority of the results being property damage while 59 crashes caused injuries and their were 2 fatal wrecks - **DRIVE CAREFULLY.**

The Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission has begun their study to expand transportation options that include the consideration of rail service from Pueblo to Denver running along the I-25 corridor. The Front Range is forecast to grow 35% from 4.9 million in 2020 to 6.6 million by 2045 and the book is open in order to solve alternative transportation needs.



<https://www.douglas.co.us/dcoutdoors/openspace-properties/sandstone-ranch/sandstone-ranch-public-events>



## TWO CONCERTS TO GO

**Aug 9 Kantankerous**  
**Aug 23 Looking Back**

**6:30 to 8:00 pm**

*3rd Season — 2019*

### Sponsors



Another festive season of fun, food and music in the Park

draws to and end and planning is now under way for the fall season's activities.



The Renaissance Festival bids adieu for another season

## TOWN HISTORY

- Before arrival of the pioneers, the Larkspur area was occupied by the Ute, Kiowa, Cheyenne, and Arapahoe tribes. What began as a stage stop along the Territorial Road soon became a resort and eventually a town.
- On January 22, 1862, a territorial post office was established at what was called Huntsville, Douglas County, Colorado named after Territorial Governor Alexander Hunt. The post office was discontinued on August 29, 1867 and re-established on April 8, 1869.
- The Town was named by Elizabeth Hunt, wife of Territorial Governor Alexander Hunt, for the abundant purple flowers growing in the area.
- Larkspur, rich in lumber, red sandstone, gypsum, and potash, prospered with the railroad and added two sawmills, a blacksmith shop, a hotel, two general stores, a school, and a casino
- In 1916 the American Federation of Human Rights, a Co-Masonic Fraternal Order, purchased land in Larkspur and built their administration building which is still in use today.
- In 1965, Plum Creek, which runs along the east side of town, flooded and destroyed much of early day Larkspur including the Carlson Frink Creamery.
- Larkspur was incorporated in 1979

