Economic Development Department

New Murals at the Skate Park

Last month in celebration of arts month, Sarah Searle was selected as the artist to paint a mural at Monument’s Skate Park. This project was funded by the Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region. The Town is also working with CU Denver’s University Technical Assistance and the Department of Local Affairs to study the use of the Skate Park and create options for improvements.

The community is invited to provide their feedback on the uses of the Skate Park by taking this [SURVEY](#).

Community artists working on the new murals

New murals at Monument’s Skate Park

Holiday Shoppers Encouraged to Shop Locally

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade is running a social media campaign during the holiday season to encourage holiday shoppers to shop locally. We will be sharing this campaign along with the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center’s “Bundle Up for Small Business” campaign to help remind Monument shoppers the importance of shopping locally.

Shopping locally is one of the best ways to help Colorado’s economy during the pandemic. When consumers buy $100 locally, $70 stays in the local community. Shopping local increases employment, the buying power of local workers, tax revenue, and government funds for long-term investments like infrastructure and education. Shoppers also help the environment by reducing transport costs.

Mike Foreman, Town Manager

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Although official election results are still pending, it appears Town of Monument voters passed ballot question 2F, changing our regular election schedule from the first Tuesday of April of each even-numbered year to the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November of even-numbered years. The terms of Mayor Wilson, Trustee Clark and Trustee Stephens will be extended to November of 2022. The terms of Mayor Pro Tem Elliott, Trustee Romanello, Trustee LaKind and Trustee Unruh will be extended to November of 2024. Regular municipal elections will be conducted by El Paso County as coordinated elections moving forward. Should the need for a special or recall election arise, the election may be conducted by the Town Clerk or coordinated with the County if the timing allows.

Regular elections coordinated with the county will be conducted as mail ballot election in accordance with the Uniform Election Code of 1992 (Articles 1-13 of Title 1, C.R.S.). The county clerk will be responsible voter registration and lists, hiring and training of election judges, board of canvassers and staff, securing election supplies, assuring logic and accuracy, preparing and mailing ballots, counting ballots, retaining records, providing public notice, distributing the ballot issue notice, and providing cost estimates to each participating jurisdiction. The town clerk will be responsible for verifying petitions, receiving campaign finance reports, certifying ballot content, ballot proofing, special district voter lists, preparing the language for the ballot issue notice, providing election day support to the county, payment for any statutorily required recount, and payment for the Town's portion of the cost of the election. The town clerk's duties in coordinated elections, along with special and recall elections that are not able to be conducted as coordinated elections, will be conducted as mail ballot elections in accordance with the Municipal Election Code (Articles 10 and 11 of Title 31, C.R.S.).

Town staff is pleased this question passed because it will benefit the citizens in many ways. First, historical data shows far better voter turnout percentages for coordinated elections. In addition, coordinated elections are more cost effective than regular elections because all the participating entities share a proportional cost of the election. Lastly, coordinated election will consume less town staff time because the county has access to equipment and software that assist in ballot counting and signature verification.
Public Works Department

Streets & Parks
Staff have been continuing fall and winter preparations by winterizing irrigation systems and restrooms that will be closed for the season.

New bear-proof trash cans have been installed at the Skate Park and Limbach Park to keep animals from scattering trash.

Christmas lights and decorations have begun to be installed around town.

The grind box at the skate park has been repaired and reinstalled.

Street Department staff have been repairing pot holes and crack sealing.

The maintenance staff have been repairing equipment, such as the Freightliner and street sweeper.

Water Department
Staff continues to train new employees and work on daily operations to include sampling for distribution and compliance as well as working with customers on water audits. In addition, they are prepping Well 4/5 for the Well 10 Project, installing new heaters at Well 7 and at Wells 3/9 and 7 they continue Programmable Logic Controller work. The radium pilot project is progressing and staff have been monitoring the skid. In Downtown, they have been conducting meter pit locates.

Communications & Marketing

Social Media
The following statistics were collected from the Town of Monument’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts between October 1-31:

Account Followers
- Town Facebook: 5,866
- Town Twitter: 1,930
- Town Instagram: 2,127
- Town Nextdoor: 4,413

Website Statistics
The following statistics demonstrate activity for the Town of Monument website for October:

- Website Visits: 9,008
- Page Views: 17,484

Town Hall is open to the public Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm and closed for lunch from 12pm-1pm.

We have safety precautions in place and we ask that the public continue to use our online services to complete town business, if possible.

Did you know you can view the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission Meetings on our new You Tube Channel?

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS IT
Planning Department

If you are curious about how a typical development project timeline, you can learn about the timeline from initiation to project approval on our website HERE and then click Example of a Typical Development Project Timeline.

Land Development Code Rewrite Committee, which consists of Town Staff, two Planning Commissioners, two Board of Trustees and the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs, has reviewed and commented on the following Chapters:

2. Subdivision
3. Supplemental Use Standards
4. Signs

The Committee is currently reviewing and commenting on Chapter 5: Development Standards. Recently, Plan Tools LLC went over the Committee’s comments from Chapters 1-4 with Town Staff. After coming to an agreement with their comments, Plan Tools LLC plans to have their response to comments back to the Committee soon.

On October 1, 2020, Jackson Creek North Filing Nos. 3-6 virtual Neighborhood Meeting was a success. Over 30 residents attended the meeting and were able to voice their concerns and ask questions after Mike Taylor’s (representing Creekside Developers, Inc.) PowerPoint presentation. Approximately 65 acres of the development site is currently zoned PRD-4 (Regency Park Planned Residential District – Single Family) and the remaining 100 acres is currently zoned PRD-2 (Regency Park Planned Residential District – Estate), totaling 390 single-family residential detached lots. Since this project is located in a Regency Park (straight zone), it can be approved administratively. Town Staff is currently awaiting the applicant’s response to comments.

We are excited to announce that after much research and an RFP process completion, we are awarding the RFP for permitting software to a local Colorado company, CASCADE. For more information about the company you may go to their website.

This will enable the Town to provide better customer service to the residents and contractors as well as curb costs to the Town. Currently, we are working on the contracts and timelines but hope to have the software in place by January 2021.

### 2020 Land Use Permits

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Patrol Division:
• James Wader was hired as our newest Police Officer. James is a U.S. Air Force Veteran with experience as a military police officer and a K9 handler. James has two years of Colorado Law Enforcement experience with the City of Golden Police Department. Welcome aboard, James!

• Our two newest officers, Keith Fisher and James Wader, have started their field training, with the beginning being a week-long mini skills program. This week provided them with the basic certifications in the tools needed to successfully complete the Field Training Program. They both were assigned Senior Training Officers.

• Two of our officers attended and successfully completed a week-long police bicycle training course sponsored by Castle Rock Police Department. The class certified our two officers by members of IPMBA (International Police Mountain Bike Association).

• Our Patrol Division officers are still handling calls for service 24/7 while utilizing MPD COVID-19 Directives to keep them and members of the public safe.

Code Enforcement:
• Arranged for TKG (The Kroenke Group) to remove two 40-yard dumpsters of debris that were illegally dumped in the open field directly behind Kohl’s Dept Store. Staff is continuing to work with TKG property management team to secure the entrance and exits of the field to prevent future illegal dumping activity and post trespassing signage.

• Contacted ten businesses in the Monument Marketplace, including TKG, Home Depot, Walmart, Kohl’s and several other stores regarding potholes that are located on their corresponding properties. TKG management has said they are temporarily filling potholes until the spring/summer of 2021, when they plan on 100% resurfacing the parking lot.

• Code Enforcement and the Planning Department have been working with Pikes Peak Regional Building Inspectors in reference to several non-permitted light fixtures throughout the town. Both businesses have complied and are replacing light fixtures that violate the night sky ordinance.

• Code Enforcement and MPD have removed an illegal campground on private property from the TKG property located behind Kohl's Department store.

• Has been working with CDOT in reference to tall weeds/grass and trash located along Highway 105.

• Has removed 26 non-permitted signs from six businesses throughout the town in the month of October.