Planning Department
Planning Commission Meetings
April 12 | May 10 | June 14

Jackson Creek Parkway Widening Project
www.JacksonCreekPkwy.com

The Town of Monument has contracted with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig to design the widening of Jackson Creek Parkway from SH 105 to just north of the Higby Road intersection. The project will include widening the road from 2-lanes to a 4-lane divided thoroughfare with a raised landscaped median, sidewalks, bikeways and lighting. Be sure to visit the project website to stay informed on project status. A brief presentation to the Planning Commission is planned in April with another presentation to the Town Council in May. A larger Town Hall presentation event later in May will be open to the public. The Town anticipates construction will begin late 2nd quarter of 2024 and run through 2026. In addition to the Jackson Creek Parkway widening project, several other roadways in the area will be getting improvements including: A) SH 105 – El Paso County will be doing improvements to SH 105 starting east of the Jackson Creek Parkway intersection. A roundabout will be installed on Knollwood, north of SH 105; B) Higby Road: Triview Metropolitan District will be doing improvements on Higby Road from the Jackson Creek Parkway intersection, east to Harness.

New Team Members

Luke James Kerr is the new Planner I/Technician for the Town of Monument. Luke is from Oklahoma City and is a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma. At OU, Luke studied Environmental Design and focused on age-friendly and dementia-friendly urban planning. Luke lives in Downtown Colorado Springs, and he’s excited to explore both Monument and Colorado Springs. In his free time, Luke likes to read and hang out with his cat, Kylo.

Jeff Liljegren is our new Planner II. Jeff hails from many places around the country. Born in the south and raised in Kansas City, MO, Jeff has lived in Minnesota, New Mexico, California, and Colorado. Jeff is an avid outdoorsman, an active member of his church, a novice in woodworking, and always busy at home with family and his dachshund, Mr. Higgins. Jeff has over 15+ years of experience in planning, design, and project management. Jeff is excited to re-ignite his planning career here in the Town of Monument and is energized to contribute and help facilitate our growing region. He is happy to chat with anyone in our community.

Public Works

The Colorado Public Works Journal announced the ACEC award winners 2023. The ACEC awards spotlight Colorado Engineering council’s top awards outstanding engineering achievements. The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEA) Engineering Excellence Awards program annually recognizes Colorado consulting engineering firm for projects that demonstrates an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement, and value. Willow Springs Ranch Bridge Design-Build was recognized in the category for small projects. EST Inc. is the consulting engineer firm. The bridge is also in the running for the American Public Works Association award held in October this year.
Police Dept.

Special Units
Monument Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Barraza has graduated from Drug Recognition Expert school and completed his field training with flying colors. This certification will provide valuable insight and training to road units on traffic stops in identifying impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. Monument Police Department takes the safety of our Town and streets very seriously and Officer Barraza’s certification is a leap forward in traffic safety and the apprehension of impaired drivers.

CPR Training
The Police Department training section in conjunction with Monument Fire Department conducted CPR training this quarter, ensuring that all sworn personnel are able to assist anyone in a life-threatening situation. Officer Braaten is pictured below demonstrating the proper hand position for helping an infant clear their airway.

New Faces
We are excited to welcome three new officers to our ranks this quarter. All three of them have prior experience in the field of policing and we are so glad they chose to join our family here at MPD. Upon completion of the Field Training Program Officers Kelly Goodwin, Joe Markarian, and Dustin Williams will be on patrol serving our community.

CPR Training
Officer Kelly Goodwin
Officer Joe Markarian
Officer Dustin Williams

Parks

Fishing Pier Project Update: Thanks to a generous grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Town of Monument will be installing a new floating fishing pier on the northeast side of Monument Lake in late spring or early summer. This will be a similar product to the pier already installed at the lake, but this pier will expand access for anglers of all abilities by more than 40% and connect the eastern and northern shores.

Town Council Update
On January 3 our new Councilmembers were sworn into office. Mayor Mitch LaKind, Mayor Pro-tem Steve King, and Councilmembers Sana Abbot and Kenneth Kimple. On February 6, Councilmembers Marco Fiortio and Laura Kronick were appointed to the Council.

Town Council Meetings
April 3rd and 17th
May 1st and 15th
June 5th and 19th

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