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By Ken Jaray

Happy New Year, Manitou Springs. It is an exciting time for me and hopefully for all of you who live, work or play in and around Manitou Springs. We are blessed with wonderful natural surroundings and people who care deeply about our community. In particular, thank you to Nicole, Coreen, and Randy for your dedicated service on City Council.



I am looking forward to working with community members and city staff.



2018 will bring some changes to our government, while retaining our core values and principles. Over the past months, I have heard many of you express your desires to have an inclusive, transparent and respectful community engagement process. I am looking forward to working with community members and city staff to strengthen our culture of collaboration and community participation.

A good starting point will be to make sure that all voices are heard, valued and respected. That does not mean that you will always agree with the outcome, but it does mean that all ideas have been understood and fully considered.

There are lots of continuing projects in the works and many more on the drawing board. Some will be more visible than others and some cause more inconvenience. With all of the construction work going on, it will be critical to keep those

affected informed about the timeframes, traffic alternatives and be open to changing things if needed.

Although I expect our government to be focused, efficient and responsive, I also believe that we can take

time to celebrate and have fun.

One event that the city has fully supported is the upcoming Manni Awards on Jan. 25. This community potluck brings together our city government, school district, Chamber of Commerce, Pikes Peak Bulletin, Manitou Springs Collaborative and the arts community to honor citizens and staff who have demonstrated the ability to engage, collaborate and connect with others. I do hope you can join us for this inspiring evening.

Over the coming year, I am hoping that the Bulletin will publish a City Council Corner with features from all of our Council members. As you know, we come to this job with different outlooks



Photo by Rhonda Van Pelt

Mayor Ken Jaray stands in City Council chambers on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

and backgrounds. It would be good to hear from all of us to help give better perspective and share new creative ideas.

I look forward to a wonderful year and truly thank you for giving me the privilege of serving our community.

Finance Department

By Rebecca Davis, finance director

It is my honor to serve the city of Manitou Springs as its finance director.

2017 was an uneventful year for the city of Manitou Springs Finance Department, which is the ideal condition for a finance department.

However, our utilities clerk was out for almost two months on medical leave, and our deputy finance director had to step in to fill the breach.

Nicole Ortega cheerfully juggled two full-time jobs, without complaint, for approximately 55 days. It was a herculean effort requiring many hours of overtime on her part. Thank you, Nicole, for your valuable service to the city.

Below, we'll examine more closely Manitou's sales tax, property tax and water/sewer rates.

Sales tax:

Sales tax for 2017 is on track for being the highest the city has ever received. This will enable the city to provide to the Urban Renewal Authority Special District funding in excess of \$1 million. As per the URA Development Plan, which City Council approved by resolution in 2007, the city will give the URA all regular sales tax over the amount collected in 2006 in the URA area, specifically Manitou Avenue east of U.S. Highway 24 to the arch.

The additional sales tax also allowed the city to provide grant matches for numerous grant-funded storm drainage projects, for bridge repair work, retaining wall repair and an additional \$270,000 for street overlays over the originally budgeted amount of \$508,600.

Property tax:

El Paso County collects property taxes for the city. If you have a question concerning your property tax, please call 520-6600. The office is at 1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road, Suite 2300.

The mill levy for the city of Manitou Springs is 13.072 mills. This is broken out as follows:

Purpose:	Mill levy amount:
General Fund general operating expenditures:	10.594
Capital Improvements Fund:	.556
Open Space & Parks	.800
El Paso/Beckers Park maintenance:	1.00
Refunds/abatements	.122
Total:	13.072 mills

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City Clerk/Human Resources Department



By Donna Kast, city clerk/HR director

It's a new year and exciting things are happening in the City Clerk/Human Resources Department. For quite some time, staff has been working on ways to improve efficiency and transparency while disseminating information to the public.

Our first major improvement in this area occurred a couple of years ago, when we added a link to searchable city documents to the city website's homepage (www.manitousprings.gov.com). By accessing

this link, the public can search, review, download and print city documents dated as far back as 1879.

Our latest effort in this regard is just as exciting. We're pleased to announce that our website has been updated to include a user-friendly, cloud-based software application that provides easy access to City Council meeting agendas and packets. Since the application is cloud-based, the public is now able to access these items from most popular devices, including PCs, Macs, Apple and Android.

The application is very easy to navigate. When you open the webpage, a list of meetings is

displayed. The default view shows the most recent meeting at the top of the list. If you're interested in viewing information on another meeting, you can sort the list by meeting date, meeting type and meeting location.

Two icons are next to each listed meeting. Clicking on the first will open the meeting agenda. Once opened, you'll see that most agenda items are also hyperlinks and, by clicking on an item, you can access the packet handouts associated with it.

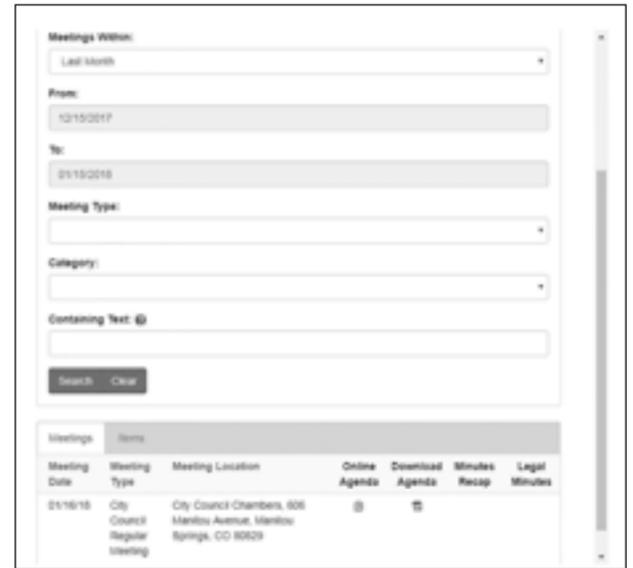
The other icon allows an entire meeting packet to be downloaded to your device. This feature serves many

purposes. Since the application is cloud-based, an internet connection is required when using it. The option to download the packet allows you to view the packet offline.

Once downloaded, you can scroll through the packet or navigate to specific items by clicking on bookmarks. Comments and notes can be added using a third-party PDF annotator.

Another application element that we anticipate will be popular: the search feature. You now can search all future agendas and packets for specific items of interest.

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Courtesy image

For example, if you're interested in reviewing meeting minutes to learn what was decided about parking, the word "parking" can be typed into the search box and all items related to parking will be displayed. This will help you locate items of interest even if you can't recall the date it was discussed.

You may access the application directly from the city site's homepage by clicking on Council Meetings under the Popular Links section or going to www.manitousprings.gov.com/government/council/council-meetings.

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The total mill levy for a Manitou Springs property is approximately 77.858 mills. This number is not exact, due to my currently knowing the city's mill levy for only 2018. The other mills are based upon the percentages established for 2017 collections. The various taxing authorities break out as follows:

Tax authority:	Mill levy amount:
El Paso County	7.589
El Paso County Road & Bridge Share	.165
City of Manitou Springs	13.072
El Paso County-Manitou Springs road & bridge share	.165
Manitou Springs School 14 — General Fund	47.132
Manitou Springs School 14 — Bonds	4.868
Pikes Peak Library	3.957
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy	.940
Total:	77.858

A mill levy of 77.858 means a house with a market value of \$400,000 would be assessed at \$28,800. That is then multiplied by .077858 for a total property tax of \$2,263.04. Of this number, \$376.47 goes to Manitou Springs and is divided up as shown in the above chart.

A mill is defined as 1/1,000th of the total net assessed value of the city's residential and commercial properties, as determined by El Paso County, and it changes from year to year. So, a percentage established by the taxing authority is multiplied by the "assessed" value of the property to determine its property tax.

For 2018, for Manitou Springs, a mill is \$66,525. The total assessed value of the property within city limits, for 2017, per the El Paso County's assessor office, is \$67,502,110. But because Manitou

has an Urban Renewal Authority, the total assessed value is reduced to \$66,525,270 and that is what the mill is based upon. The URA receives the property tax on the difference between the two numbers.

Commercial and private property are taxed only on the property's "assessed value," not the "market value." The assessed percentage rate is established by the state Legislature.

- The residential assessed rate for 2018 has been lowered to 7.2 percent from 7.96 percent, the percentage used in 2017. Please note, the RAR is maintained at a 55/45 ratio to the commercial assessed rate. The Legislative Council (nonpartisan fiscal staff to the Colorado General Assembly), is forecasting that the RAR will decrease again in 2019 to 6.11 percent.

- The commercial/agricultural/industrial assessed rate remains at 29 percent.

For example:

- A home with a market value of \$400,000 has an assessed value of \$28,800. One mill (expressed as .001) for the \$28,800 assessed value home would mean \$28.80 in yearly tax.

- A business with a market value of \$400,000 has an assessed value of \$116,000. One mill (.001) for the \$116,000 assessed value commercial property would mean \$116.00 in yearly tax.

Water/sewer rates:

For 2018, water rates will remain the same, but sewer fees will be increased. This is due to the city's water/sewer rate study performed in 2012 that applied a 10-year step-increase plan for the funds.

\$6 per 1,000 gallons	Up to 7,500 gallons
\$8 per 1,000 gallons	From 7,501 to 15,000 gallons
\$10 per 1,000 gallons	15,001 gallons and above

Residential water volume charges will remain at the above tiers.

The commercial consumption water use fee will remain at \$7 per 1,000 gallons.

Water flat fees are based on meter size; most accounts have three-quarter-inch meters. The fee for this size of meter will remain at \$13.75 per account.

The sewer flat fee will increase from \$14.70 per account to \$15.10 per account and the volume charge will increase from \$6 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.20 per 1,000 gallons.

The sewer volume charge for residential (defined by the municipal code as single-family dwelling units) is actually a flat amount based upon the amount of water use measured from mid-January to mid-February. This is to ensure that all the water use is going through the sewer and doesn't include water use for irrigation.

This amount charged to each residential account is set as of the bill mailed out at the end of February and remains the same through the end of January 2019, unless there was no water used during the regular measurement time period. If so, the rate is established by averaging by averaging 12 months of actual water use.

At any time, you can start paying your water/sewer bill through www.xpressbillpay.com, which also allows you to check your account balance online.

In fact, you can sign up to receive your bill online by email. Then you can pay online, come into the office to pay, drop off your payment in the drop box next to the Colorado Springs Utilities drop box in front of City Hall, or set up an automatic bill pay using an e-check or a credit card with Xpress Bill Pay. And yes, you still have the option of mailing your payment.

Public Services Department



By Shelley Cobau, director

Manitou Springs City Council, in December 2017, unanimously approved the Colorado Department of Transportation Intergovernmental Agreement for the Manitou Avenue revitalization project planned from Park Avenue to the Serpentine Roundabout (Phase Vc).

This approval will enable staff to continue moving this project forward into the design phase this year, with construction slated to start in 2019. Staff will coordinate this project with stakeholders including local residents, businesses and affected agencies such as the Colorado Department of Transportation and Colorado Springs Utilities.

Water leaks have been very prevalent with the rapid lowering of ambient temperature (record highs one day, followed by seasonal lows); and staff works tirelessly — often through the night — to restore water service to affected areas at the earliest opportunity.

Manitou Springs, like the rest of the nation, is challenged by aging infrastructure. To ensure we address

our infrastructure needs, staff continues to coordinate the preparation of a Wastewater Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

When combined with the Water Distribution System Master Plan and the Flood Control Master Plan, to be completed in May 2018, this will ensure responsible infrastructure maintenance and replacement using a whole-system approach.

The current Capital Plan for Street Improvements has been used in planning improvements to ensure that, before we replace streets, sound infrastructure is beneath the surface.

The new year brings new challenges, with increasing needs to

address system maintenance, which had been deferred for many years due to lack of available funding, and with many upcoming improvement projects.

This year will bring systematic infrastructure repair, with water mains and sewer mains replaced before streets are improved. Annual crack sealing and striping programs, as well as annual masonry repairs and bridge inspections, will be continued.

These recently added programs will extend pavement and wall life, and bridge inspections will ensure we are aware of issues long before a bridge fails. Protecting the city's historic assets is a paramount goal.

Upcoming projects include completing 2019 pavement maintenance tasks. They are:

- Via Escondido and upper Pawnee Avenue (paving using Community Development Block Grants-Disaster Relief 3 funding);
- Ute Trail, East Fountain Place, South Path and Manitou Place (mill/overlay with Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority funding, water main replacement with Water Enterprise Funding).

We're also working on Schryver parking lot improvements, which will include a state-of-the-art water-quality pond, parking for electric vehicles paid for with a grant from Tesla



Courtesy graphic

The Schryver parking lot, near the Manitou Aquatic & Fitness Center, will undergo a facelift.

Motors and additional parking spaces and a bus pullout. The Schryver pedestrian bridge, which has girder and abutment issues, will be replaced. Both projects will incorporate community values and criteria established in Plan Manitou.

Staff will endeavor to honor community values while still providing an improved level of service in city parks, on city roadways and below the city's surface via improved infrastructure maintenance approaches.

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Manitou Springs Police Department



By Joe Ribeiro, police chief

The guiding principles for the Manitou Springs Police Department continue to be those of community policing. For us, this means building and maintaining strong relationships with community members, businesses, visitors and other city departments. These relationships are the key to solving problems and improving the quality of life for all.

The department continues its tradition of 141 years of dedicated service to Manitou Springs. In 2017, the MSPD improved upon our downtown walking beats to expeditiously handle calls for service in the downtown core, develop stronger relationships with businesses and interact in a positive way with our transient and homeless population.

We proudly continue our partnership with SP+ in addressing

the city's parking and traffic congestion.

The department's supervisory team investigated seven professional standards cases in 2017. Of those cases, three resulted in disciplinary action, three were found to be unsubstantiated and, in the remaining case, the officer received a departmental award.

In 2017, officers responded to more than 9,300 calls for service, investigated 1,043 cases, made 431 arrests and issued 1,046 traffic citations.

While conducting their official duties, officers were met with force or resistance 12 times in 2017. In only one case, officers were found to not be in compliance with policy, resulting in disciplinary action as noted above.

To maintain our skills, members of the MSPD participated in more than 1,472 hours of professional development and training.

Other highlights include:

- The chief's regular participation in emergency planning with our partners at El Paso County and the city of Colorado Springs Offices of Emergency Management;
- Collaboration with local partners to address issues along the Manitou/Colorado avenues corridor;
- Continued work on the LEEP (Locate Enforce, Eradicate, Prevent) program to address illegal camping within city limits; and
- Cooperation with the city's Event Review Impact Group and the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce to safely host major events.

We accomplished much in 2017, but there is still more to do in 2018.

We are excited about implement-



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A Manitou Springs Police vehicle is parked at the police station in May 2017.

ing the city's Pay for Performance Plan, acquiring body worn cameras, working to identify and target suppliers of illegal drugs leading to overdoses and those who have potential to enter area schools, and continuing to enhance community outreach regarding crisis intervention and mental health issues.

Finally, I want to thank the community, the City Council and my partners on the city's leadership team for helping the Manitou Springs Police Department succeed.

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Planning Department



By Wade Burkholder, planning director,
and Karen Berchtold, planner

Code Enforcement frequently encounters work going on without permits and, when property owners or contractors are contacted, one of the responses may be, “I don’t have to get a permit for this work from Regional Building.” That may be true, but all property improvements in Manitou Springs require the city’s Property Improvement Permit and payment of the 3.8 percent use tax on the cost of materials.

Some of the types of work that are frequently overlooked in regard to Manitou Springs’ permitting are:

- Window replacement (a particular issue in the Historic District);
- Fence repair and installation;
- Deck repair and installation;
- Stucco and siding installation;
- Gutters and downspouts; and
- Interior remodeling (even if not moving or changing walls, electrical or plumbing).

Property owners may work on their own residence, but are not exempt from permits. Work on residential rental property or commercial property generally requires contractors to obtain permits and perform the work, with some minor exceptions. Staff at the Planning Office and the Regional Building Department are always available to answer questions about permitting.

Failure to obtain a permit can hurt the wallet in several ways:

- Penalties can be imposed on after-the-fact permits;
- Unpermitted work may have to be removed or redone; and
- Unpermitted work may not be included in the value of your home when sold, or require permits and inspections in order for a purchase to go through.

Don’t get caught in a situation that will jeopardize your hard work or hard-earned money! Make sure permits are obtained from Manitou Springs, and Regional Building when applicable.

A few updates: The Park Avenue bridge rehabilitation will be finished before the end of January and work on the Cañon Avenue bridge will start the beginning of February, after Park Avenue is reopened.

The bridge projects have been funded by the Colorado Department of Transportation, the State Historical Fund and John Smischny’s bequest to the city for its historic bridges.

If you’re planning new construction or an improvement to your property in 2018, keep in mind the city has passed expanded site plan requirements. Hand-drawn site plans will no longer be accepted for work that requires a city permit.

Improvement location certificates, which are drawn by a surveyor, may be used for fence permits and for reconstruction of existing features — such as a deck — that show on the ILC. All new construction, including expansion of a building or deck, requires the site plan be based on a survey of



Photo by Rhonda Van Pelt

The Park Avenue bridge rehabilitation project, shown in mid-January 2018, hit snags along the way.

the property and drawn up by a licensed surveyor, engineer or architect.

For the Planning for Hazards project, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs is providing technical assistance to the city to assess zoning and subdivision codes and recommend updates to reduce hazard risk and protect people and property. In November, the project work group considered the proposed project approach, which the Planning Commission and City Council subsequently endorsed.

Planning staff is coordinating community outreach, including updates to boards and commissions, outreach to targeted stakeholder groups, citizen surveys and a project information sheet. We held a Community Open House on Jan. 11.

In March, the first draft of the proposed code updates will be presented. Staff will seek broad community feedback on the draft and host focus groups with specific stakeholder groups.

Planning staff is working with Rootspring Studios to update the Plan Manitou website. The Plan Manitou Citizens Advisory Committee has provided input and will convene to review updates in February.

Some key objectives: more interactive features;

specific pages for planning topics; facilitating involvement by community partners; access to educational resources; and a portal for future updates and amendments.

Also, planning staff is working with Colorado Geologic Services staff to update the city’s geologic hazard mapping. CGS staffers have been conducting fieldwork and applying updated modeling methods to improve this mapping, which will inform application of recommendations from the Planning for Hazards project and other city projects, and be a resource for property owners.

Planning staff will convene the Wildland Urban Interface Map steering committee in late January to review and confirm a WUI map for the city. The map will be used to define applicability for wildfire standards for the Planning for Hazards project, and is a component of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan the fire department is developing.

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IF YOU GO

A community meeting to meet the Cañon Avenue bridge contractor and project manager, and to learn about the project and the traffic management plan, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Building permits: www.manitousprings.gov.com, click on Government, then Departments and Planning, then scroll down to FAQs.

Code or property-related complaints or concerns, or permitting in Manitou Springs: Code Enforcement Officer Cy Cushenberry: ccushenberry@comsgov.com or 400-9040.

The city’s site plan requirements: Go to the Planning Department page on the city’s website and scroll down to the information on Ordinance 4517.

The Planning for Hazards Project: Go to the Planning Department’s page on the city website, then scroll to the bottom and click on the link to the project page.

Manitou Springs Fire Department



By John Forsett, fire chief

Happy New Year and welcome to the winter of 2017-2018! As this newsletter goes to press, I'm hoping that the planets have aligned and we have significant snowfall on the ground. If not, you're still looking out at barren ground and wild grasses that have not yet been pushed down.

Please be careful with your outside use of fire, heating appliances and spark-producing devices. The dangers of wildfires are as worrisome as ever for our area.

A recent nighttime fire with chilly temperatures burned about one acre in Green Mountain Falls before crews from Green Mountain Falls, Cascade, Manitou Springs and El Paso County Wildland were able to put containment lines in place. A single day with our local Foehn winds, called Chinook winds, could easily produce progressive fires like those in California.

Staying with the theme of wildfires, one of the fire department's primary goals this year is to work closely with our collaborators to complete our city's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This effort is well underway and will soon be combined with our efforts to produce meaningful mapping that will define the level of wildfire risk each property parcel poses to the community.

This mapping will provide the community with data that individual homeowners and neighborhoods can use to proactively mitigate properties and lower wildfire risks through efforts such as vegetation control and fire resistive construction materials.

The fire department also will continue to work closely with the Manitou Springs Planning Department to develop the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan. In both of these efforts, I cannot applaud enough the dedication of time and work done by Karen

Berchtold of the planning department, and Lt. Brad Dorris and Capt. Bobby White of the fire department. These are the type of folks who make our community strong and resilient.

Again, this year, the fire department will continue efforts to consistently provide and participate in the highest quality training possible to protect the lives of our firefighters and, ultimately, our community's lives and properties.

Unfortunately, in the recent election, the community overwhelmingly opposed a mill levy to



Photo by Rhonda Van Pelt

A Manitou Springs fire truck travels west on Cañon Avenue in 2017.

build a fire training facility. Your volunteer firefighters accepted the community's decision humbly and with integrity, and I was very proud of their response. However, we are still left with a dilemma to try to find suitable facilities to conduct training.

To provide firefighters the knowledge and skills necessary to properly protect the community and themselves, they need consistent opportunities to

practice in and on environments that are similar to what they could face in real-life situations. The fire department simply has nowhere in the city to throw ladders to

rescue victims, drag hose lines, cut roofs, increase confidence in breathing apparatus, etc., and these skills cannot possibly be maintained by scheduling facilities out of town while meeting the needs of our firefighter's schedules, which include work and family commitments.

Without the ability to practice these and many other skills consistently, firefighters should not be placed in positions of great risk. That means saving foundations, not the homes that rest upon them.

The fire department is pursuing a training

facility option that is greatly reduced in scope, a tower-only solution, and has been communicating that option with our new mayor, Ken Jaray, since the election. I don't know if this is something that the community could come together and support, but as your fire chief, I am conveying to you that it is irresponsible to do nothing.

Moving forward, I would like the fire department to be the first to share Mayor Jaray's focus to build a culture of collaboration, and ask the community for help. I don't know what that looks like, but I know many of you could help our fire department paint a picture for this facility to successfully move forward and provide a proper environment for training to its firefighters.

This is as important as any issue facing our community! Firefighters face high-risk, low-frequency incidents that demand proper preparation.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our firefighters for their tremendous efforts and dedication to protect our community and provide so many other services and support. I also would like to thank our community for its support and kindness.

There is a common thread that defines our community's success found in our department's motto, "Neighbors serving Neighbors."

I am honored and blessed to serve you all.

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Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency



By Sara Hartley, director

The Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency team is comprised of two project managers, one construction observer, one grants administrator and a hazard mitigation and resiliency manager. All positions are grant-funded through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency team implements and manages numerous federally and city-funded recovery/resiliency projects, helping

Manitou Springs become a more sustainable and resilient community.

In March 2016, the city was asked to participate in the Veterans Local Government Management Fellowship Program. This was founded as a partnership for transitioning service members between the Department of Defense and Colorado local governments. The program has grown significantly in the past year, and is becoming a nationwide program with participation in states such as Kansas and Texas.

We are proud to say that, in 2017, the city of

Manitou Springs hosted three fellows from the fellowship program, and all three found full-time employment with local government agencies after completing the program.

In the past six months, the Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency Team has completed the Williams Canyon Phase III project, along with the Peakview Water Main and Fire Protection project. Both projects were funded by Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development

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Manitou Aquatic & Fitness Center



By Roy Chaney, aquatics director

In 2017, we saw the completion of our new kiddie splash pool, which was very popular for the younger swimmers — and for the dogs when we held a Puppy Pool Party at the end of the season.

The “old” baby pool was converted to an outdoor adult hot tub and was so popular that we’re keeping it open over the winter. It’s around a balmy 104 degrees, depending on the day’s weather.

We also remodeled the bathrooms and installed new floors, re-grouted tile and replaced the worn lockers from 1970. The Colorado Torpedoes donated \$1,600 to the pool in December and the Manitou Springs Woman’s Club donated \$500.

Thank you to these fine organizations for their continued support of the pool and fitness center.

Participation is very steady for our Star Fish Aquatics Public Lessons, after-school/daycare lessons, Aqua-aerobics, private adult and child swim lessons, weight training and fitness classes, health classes such as CPR, first aid and lifeguard training.

At times, enrollment is so high that we have to waitlist patrons.

In addition, the Manitou High School girls team finished in sixth place at the newly formed 3A state finals. Between the high school girls swim team and the aquatics physical education program, the high school is very active at the facility.

The Colorado Torpedoes swim team has continued its success with 80 to 100 children, most from the Manitou area. They continue to produce some fast swimmers (also do amazing academically), and three graduated from high school and move on to collegiate swim teams.

The Novas Synchro swim team has returned to train at the facility and it is exciting to have the members back at Manitou.

Yoga, core, Aqua-aerobics and weights/fitness



Photo by Rhonda Van Pelt

A lifeguard checks the Manitou pool’s water on Friday, Jan. 12.

programs are very popular, and a new senior chair exercise program began in December. Several classes for beginners through advanced-level participants are offered every week.

In 2017, the weight room received new equipment, including hoist machines, elliptical and

an additional treadmill. Use of the facility has been at all-time highs, and revenues may reach \$200,000 this year, breaking a record.

For more information on any of our programs or pool schedules, please call 685-9735 or visit www.manitoupool.com.

Our numbers for 2017:

Total memberships: 608, with more than 65 percent considered residents (memberships include pass-cards and punchcards)

Total attendance in each area:

Lap swimmers: 13,050

Aqua-aerobics: 8,694

Public swim: 7,862

Programs (swim team, lessons, CPR): 18,922

Weights/fitness/yoga: 8,076

City employees: 327

District 14: 554

Dogs (Puppy Pool Party, which are not included in total): 40

Total usage: 57,485 patrons

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Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program.

These projects were a challenge to complete given the tight budgets, timelines and project locations, but thanks to the outstanding work of our staff and project teams, both projects were completed on time and within the planned and allocated budgets.

The Manitou Springs Raw Water Pipeline Project, replacement of the city’s 120-year-old raw water pipeline, has started and will be fully operational by July 2018. Due to the short timeline and difficult terrain, the project team will work through the winter months to ensure the project schedule is met.

City staff is working closely with

Colorado Springs Utilities, as the property owner for most of the project area, and El Paso County, which maintains the Ute Trail; the trail will

be closed for the duration of the project due to safety concerns.

Lastly, the Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency Department is committed to community outreach.

Although we are transitioning from the recovery process to a resiliency/sustainability path, we understand that this process has been difficult for everyone (residents, business owners, tourists and staff), and we want to make ourselves available to help you understand the processes.

Because we value your input and expertise, and want to include all

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Photo by Rhonda Van Pelt

These walls built at the intersection of Cañon and Park avenues will direct floodwaters into Soda Springs Park.

residents in the recovery and resiliency process, we will continue to hold project-specific meetings and Town Hall meetings to gather input and to keep you apprised of progress on recovery/resiliency efforts.

The public is also encouraged to

attend City Council meetings, as updates are provided in the Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency Department’s monthly report. We are committed to working with the community to continue on a path towards a resilient and sustainable Manitou Springs!