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Monument Hill Club

K-News

May 2, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Monument 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Dan Ungerleider



Past President Greg Bielanski called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Larry Vliet, Barrie Town, Gov Vaughn, Marlene Bizub and Donald Johnson.

Dave Bailey was Sergeant at Arms.

Bryan Hardesty led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Dave Bailey was this week's Scribe.



Member Concerns


Rich Hicks led member concerns.

RF Smith told us that Larry Young is recovering from elective surgery and should be back with us next week.

Greg Bielanski gave us an update on John Spidell. John is still recovering from his neck injury in Glenwood Springs. Last weekend, a group of eleven card players, including Greg drove through the weather to Glenwood Springs to play bridge with John. John is doing quite well - he still has some balance issues so will stay out west for a while. He says hello to everyone.

Please keep Larry and John in your prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Heavenly Father, Bless the work we have done so far, and the unseen work that we will do. We are grateful that we have been guided here in this fellowship to make a positive difference in our community. Continue to guide us and fill us with enthusiasm and a willing spirit. Amen.





Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Scott Ross introduced two Kiwanis guests, Andrea and Deb Weule. Andrea is the Governor-Elect of the Rocky Mountain District and her mother-in-law Deb is Lt. Governor for Colorado Division 6. After our meeting they were headed to help fix and clean up the Ronald McDonald House playground. Welcome to you both!

Our guest speaker was Dan Ungerleider, Planning Director for the Town of Monument. Welcome!

From the Lewis Palmer Elementary School K-Kids Club, Mark Anderson introduced Club President, Maeven Kennedy and Sergeant at Arms, Marlowe Patz and her mom, Ashley. Maeven's Mom, Dad, and her sister joined us, too. Their LPES faculty advisor, Kris Scarsbrook, led the group. Thanks for joining us!



Upcoming Programs

- May 9 - Emergency Incident Support - Dana Frazen & Gary Nelson
- May 16 - Denver Transplant Games of America - Mark McIntosh
- May 23 - TBD
- May 30 - Member Bios

Membership Minute

Upcoming events:

- May 2 - Rocky Mountain District Foundation Service Day, Ronald McDonald House (Cleanup)
- May 5 - Golf at Pine Creek Golf Club (weather permitting)
- May 6 - RMD E-Club zoom meeting 5-6 pm.



- May 12 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery, 4-6 p.m.
- May 14 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery
- May 15 - D38 Last Day of School
- May 16 - Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club Car Show in Falcon
- May 19 - Graduation for Lewis Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools



K-Kids Club at Lewis Palmer Elementary School

Mark invited the LPES faculty advisor, Kris Scarsbrook, Maeven Kennedy and Marlowe Patz to talk to about their K-Kids Club. Mark thanked Kris for the tremendous job she does as faculty advisor.

Kris said the 60 strong K-Kids at LPES are absolutely amazing. It is very encouraging to see how many kids want to be out there to help – they have such good hearts. As a group, they meet every other month, and officers meet more often to prepare for the large meetings. Kris gave a shout out for the extra hard work these officers do.

President Maeven said her favorite project this year was the Harvest of Love food drive that supports Tri-Lakes Cares. She likes to see members of K-Kids working together and having fun. This was her third year in K-Kids and as President, she has become a better public speaker and has more confidence in herself.

Sergeant at Arms, Marlowe said her favorite project this year was making bedding and cat toys for the Humane Society because it helps dogs and cats in need. This was her first year in K-Kids.

Also, Lewis Palmer Elementary School (LPES) K-Kids are collecting shoes for a project called **Wholly Kicks**, which is an effort to collect new shoes for kids in need. Since 2019, Wholly Kicks, has collected over 40,000 pairs of shoes. We had a collection box at our meeting this week and will collect again on May 9th to support this effort. Mark asked us to consider picking up a pair of new shoes to donate next week.

Mark finished things up saying that these kids are fantastic – ready to work and he is really proud of them! Kris thanked Mark for helping with meetings and the energy he brings and support has been amazing.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration Deadline: May 1, 2026
- Practice Day: June 6, 2026
- Final Inspection: June 6, 2026
- Race Day: June 7, 2026



Soap Box Derby

We'll have one entry for the upcoming soap box derby this year, and the warm ups are set for Saturday, June 6th with the finals scheduled for Sunday, June 7th. The event will be held in Pueblo this year because Higby Road is under construction this year. Greg Bielanski told us he is looking for a truck that could be hitched to a trailer to transport the soapbox car. Contact Greg to help (719-761-1875).



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“CHECKERED FLAG CHARITY CAR SHOW”



SATURDAY
May 16, 2026
10:00-2:00



Metcalfe Park-Fountain, CO
704 E. Ohio

CLASSES:

Antique (1981 or older)/Classic
Sport
Other
Awards given for each class



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Coskiwanis.org/event-6151275

Colorado Springs Club Car Show

Scott Ross reminded us that the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Car Show on May 16th at Fountain’s Metcalf Park. Scan the QR code above to register your car in the show.



Humor

Courtesy of Steve Sutherland

What car does a golfer's assistant drive?

A Caddie-lac.

Who do you get when you cross a nightmare with a golfer who scored one over par?

The Bogey-man.

Did you hear about the golfer whose clubs burst into flames?

He had several irons in the fire.

Fresh Coffee



A man goes into a restaurant and orders a cup of coffee. The waiter brings it out to him. The man takes a sip and immediately spits it out. He turns to the waiter and says, "Waiter! What is the meaning of this? This coffee tastes like mud!" The waiter, looking surprised, turns to the man and says, "But, sir, you ordered fresh ground!"

Happy Bucks



Andrea Weule thanked us for inviting her to our meeting and for all that we do in our community. She attended the Stars of Tomorrow event in March and it was absolutely phenomenal.



Ted Bauman was happy for the Lewis Palmer High School musical production of *Crazy For You*. He saw it on Thursday - it is a wonderful musical and the kids did a phenomenal job. Ted was also happy for all the people that will be on his lineup crew for the parade. He said Frank Delalla did a good job on Wednesday in a meeting with the Town of Monument, so we are all set up for the parade this year.



Scott Ross was happy to have Kiwanis colleagues, Andrea and Deb at our meeting. He has gotten to know them over the last couple years and he is looking forward to the next year together.



RF Smith was happy that he has 16 of the 45 Marshals needed to run the parade safely. On parade day, you can be a Lineup Marshal and then become a Parade Marshal after those duties are done - just need strong legs.



Deb Weule said she was happy to be here and to get to know your club which is festive. Like Scott said, we got to know each other better during our training and so hopefully he and I will be great working together.



Greg Bielanski had a happy buck for when they went to Glenwood Springs to visit John Spidell, and afterwards when they took a very nice side trip to Hanging Lake.

Weekly 50-50 Drawing

The chances this week were one in three with \$152 in the pot, but Dean Snow couldn't make it happen. So next week this will be a true 50-50 drawing.

Program

2040 Plan for the Town of Monument

Dan Ungerleider, Planning Director

Scribe: Dave Bailey

Dan Ungerleider gave a really engaging and easy-to-follow presentation on the Town of Monument's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He has been a city planner for 36 years. With experience in regional planning and homebuilding in Chicago, he brings a practical, business-minded approach to the job — and it showed throughout his talk.

He explained that the 2040 Plan is basically the roadmap for where Monument wants to go over the next 10–15 years. The last plan was done in 2017 (and, as Dan joked, didn't predict flying cars), so this update is a chance to rethink things with fresh eyes. The new plan is being built in three phases:

Phase 1: Engage and Assess

Understanding Monument's current conditions — who lives here, how the land is used, what the infrastructure looks like, and what the community values. This phase ends with the State of the Town Report.

Phase 2: Envision

This is the idea-testing phase, looking at housing, economic development, downtown improvements, open space, mobility, and how Monument should grow.

Phase 3: Plan and Implement

This is where everything gets pulled together into a draft plan, refined with input from the Steering Committee, and eventually presented to the Planning Commission and Town Council.

Dan also walked through the **eight pillars** guiding the entire planning effort:

- **Thriving Local Economy** – supporting growth and business development
- **Community Character & Identity** – preserving Monument’s small-town feel
- **Vibrant Downtown** – improving the downtown experience and activity
- **Resilient Neighborhoods** – strong infrastructure, mobility, roads, and utilities
- **Positive Growth** – clearly defining and guiding responsible development
- **Health & Natural Environment** – protecting trails, open space, and managing stormwater
- **Regional Relationships** – collaborating with Pikes Peak regional partners and pursuing grants
- **Plan Implementation** – ensuring the 2040 Plan guides future government decisions

In the wrap-up, Dan highlighted Monument’s commitment to responsible growth and keeping the community involved. He talked about the challenges around affordable housing, the ongoing work on stormwater management, and updates to road design standards. He also covered progress on the Master Transportation Plan, the town’s first 5-year Capital Improvement Plan starting in June, and a new Development Story Map that lets residents track major projects.

Overall, the presentation was clear, thoughtful, and very community-focused. Dan made it easy to understand how the 2040 Plan will help shape Monument’s future while staying true to what residents value.

Here is a link to the TOM page for the plan

<https://www.townofmonument.org/395/Comprehensive-Plan---Monument-2040>

Here and here is a link to the 2040 Master Plan page.

<https://www.monument2040.com/>

The video of today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/AFvRv766MDk>

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