

## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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### Black Forest Slash Mulch program ending

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash-Mulch Program is a wildfire mitigation and recycling program. Slash drop-off ends Sept. 10; mulch pickup ends **Sept. 23** or when mulch runs out. For the schedule and other details, visit [www.bf-slash.org](http://www.bf-slash.org) or call Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024, or the County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

### Apply now for Highway Advisory Commission

The El Paso Board of County Commissioners is seeking community-minded citizen volunteers to serve on its Highway Advisory Commission. Applications are due by **Sept. 15**. The volunteer application is located at [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com). Click on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information, call 520-6436 or visit [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com).

### 2017 Anne Shimek Memorial Empty Bowls Dinner and Silent Auction, Oct. 4

The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club will once again sponsor the annual Empty Bowls Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares Oct. 4, 5-7:30 p.m. at Lewis-Palmer High School. In 1992, Linda Pankratz noticed a magazine article about high school art students in Michigan who sponsored an "Empty Bowl" dinner to raise funds to feed the needy. Pankratz called Anne Shimek, and together with Liz Elliot, Nita Gingerich, and Sharon Williams they organized the first Tri-Lakes Empty Bowl dinner at the Mennonite Church in Palmer Lake. Local artists produced 350 bowls as gifts to the participants. That evening, 250 people raised \$3,000 for Tri-Lakes Cares. After that, members of the community took over the project and made it grow over the years. Four years later, Monument Hill Sertoma (now Monument Hill Kiwanis) stepped up to manage the event along with their D-38 high-school age Serteen Club.

Over the years, the number of bowls donated here has increased to 1,000 per year and attendance has grown to over 800. Patrons enjoy a meal of soup in a hand-made bowl, bread, beverage, and dessert provided by donations from local restaurants, merchants, clubs, and churches. There is musical entertainment and a silent auction of merchandise donated by local merchants. This year's event features a special auction for the last four bowls Anne Shimek was working on before she died. Tickets for the dinner are \$20, \$25 at the door, with one child under the age of 12 admitted free with a paid adult. All proceeds go to Tri-Lakes Cares. You can buy tickets at local Tri-Lakes merchants or online at [www.monumenthillkiwanis.org](http://www.monumenthillkiwanis.org).

### Host families needed for Oct. 3-4

The Kuyasa Kids Choir from South Africa is giving a concert in Black Forest Oct. 4 to raise awareness of the plight of African children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Volunteers are needed to provide housing and meals during the two days the choir spends in Black Forest. If you can help, please contact Kay Stricklan, 495-3873, or [kay@stricklan.net](mailto:kay@stricklan.net).

### Register for Race Series and Kids Fun Runs

The three-race series includes the Creepy Crawl **Oct. 28** on the Santa Fe Trail in Palmer Lake, Turkey Trot **Nov. 23** at the Briargate YMCA, and the Jingle Bell **Dec. 9** at Fountain Creek Regional Park. See ad on page 6. Sign up online at [www.ppymca.org/programs/adult/running-races/ymca-5k-race-series](http://www.ppymca.org/programs/adult/running-races/ymca-5k-race-series).

### Voter information

Is your voter information up-to-date? Do you need to register? The county has an easy-to-use website, [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com). You can also stop by an office to handle your issue in person. The closest office is 8830 North Union Blvd. For more information, contact 575-VOTE (8683) or [elections@elpasoco.com](mailto:elections@elpasoco.com).

### Monthly arts and crafts group forming

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Center is looking for anyone interested in various types of arts and crafts such as needlework, knitting, beading, coloring, or quilting. If you're interested in any of these activities or have a suggestion of your own, contact Sue, 464-6873.

### MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 20

High school juniors, enter to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, or win a stay at the Colorado Electric Education Institute's Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, Colo. Last year's first-place winner was Gavin Hornung from Palmer Ridge High School. To enter, write a 500-word essay on the following topic: "What is the difference between energy conservation and energy efficiency? Do you feel that members should use one method over the other if they want to use less energy?" Essays must be received by **Nov. 20**. For entry qualifications and to complete an online entry form, visit [www.mvea.coop/youth-programs](http://www.mvea.coop/youth-programs).

### County Planning's new website

The county's new Electronic Development Application Review Program (EDARP) allows immediate access to documents, development application processing. This is part of an ongoing county-wide effort to give residents easier access to data and improve transparency. EDARP is an internet-based platform that uses Cloud storage through Microsoft Azure and allows users access to all county development applications dating back to 1947. The public,

consultants, and developers can see and download electronic copies of applications for rezoning, subdivisions, and more. The program also allows electronic submittal of development-related applications, which will reduce costs to applicants and the county. For more information, visit [epcdevplanreview.com](http://epcdevplanreview.com).

### Plant a row for Tri-Lakes Cares

Local gardeners from the Monument Community Garden encourage all gardeners in the area to plant a row in their vegetable garden for the Tri-Lakes Cares food pantry. Find out more at [facebook.com/Monumentcommunitygarden](http://facebook.com/Monumentcommunitygarden). To arrange a time to drop off your harvest when it's ready, call 481-4864.

### Free transportation and handyman services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman services to Tri-Lakes seniors. If you need a ride to a medical appointment, grocery shopping, or the local senior lunches, a volunteer driver will be happy to help you. Call 488-0076 to leave a message for the dispatcher. If you need grab bars in the bathroom, a ramp to your door, or repair of stairs or railings, please call Cindy Rosh, 488-0076, and leave a message or visit [www.coloradoseniorhelp.com](http://www.coloradoseniorhelp.com).

### New hours at Silver Alliance Senior Center

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Citizens Center is next to the Lewis-Palmer High School Stadium (across from the YMCA). With the addition of 16 morning exercise classes, the new hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 8:45-10 a.m.; and Sunday, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. The facility has a lounge, craft room, game room, and multipurpose room. Programs include bridge, pinocle, bingo, national mah-jongg, Zumba, line dancing, yoga, chair yoga, tai chi, Pilates, total body strength, better balance and strength, and many more! There's also ping-pong, Wii video games, puzzles and board games, refreshments, a lending library, computers with internet connections, and an information table. For information about programs for seniors, visit [www.TriLakesSeniors.org](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org) or call Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.

### Senior Beat newsletter—subscribe for free

Each monthly *Senior Beat* newsletter is full of information for local seniors, including the daily menu of the senior lunches offered Mon.-Fri. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. It also contains the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center and senior-friendly library programs. To subscribe, send an email with your name and mailing address to [SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org](mailto:SeniorBeat@TriLakesSeniors.org). *Senior Beat* can also be viewed online at [www.TriLakesSeniors.org](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org). ■

## Our Community Calendar

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### GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Forest Lakes Metropolitan District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 5**, 10 a.m., 6385 Corporate Dr., Suite 200, Colo. Springs. Normally meets 1st Mon. each month. Info: 327-5810
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 5**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 520-6300, <http://adm2.elpasoco.com/planning/agendas/pc/pc-agn.asp>.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 5**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Community Open House**, Sat., **Sept. 9**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105, Monument. Meet the crews. Free car seat checks, hotdogs, and lemonade. Station 3 open house Sep. 16. Info: 484-0911.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 12**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.
- **Triview Metropolitan District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 12**, 5 p.m., 15275 Struthers Rd. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: 488-6868, [www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro](http://www.colorado.gov/triviewmetro).
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 13**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2732, [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **Palmer Lake Planning Commission Workshop**, Wed., **Sept. 13**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 13**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **D-38 Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)**,

Wed., **Sept. 13**, 6:30 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 785-4208, [cpetersen@lewispalmer.org](mailto:cpetersen@lewispalmer.org).

- **Lewis-Palmer Board of Education Meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 14**, 6 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Watch live, [www.ustream.tv/channel/lpsd-live](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lpsd-live). Info: Vicki Wood, 481-9546, [VWood@lewispalmer.org](mailto:VWood@lewispalmer.org); [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).
- **Monument Academy School Board Meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 14**, 6 p.m., school library, 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-1950, [www.monumentacademy.net/school-board](http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board).
- **Palmer Lake Town Council Meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 14**, 6:30 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd & 4th Thu. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **D-38 Community Engagement Seminar**, Sat., **Sept. 16**, 8 a.m. (breakfast) to 3:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. The public is invited to learn about various education topics such as deliberative engagement, conflict management, and much more. See ad on page 8. RSVP & Info: [dsimington@lewispalmer.org](mailto:dsimington@lewispalmer.org).
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Community Open House**, Sat., **Sept. 16**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Station 3, 1855 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meet the crews. Free car seat checks, hotdogs, and lemonade. Info: 481-2312.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Sept. 18**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 19**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 520-6300, <http://adm2.elpasoco.com/planning/agendas/pc/pc-agn.asp>.
- **Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 19**, 6:30 p.m., pension meeting; 7 p.m., regular meeting, Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: 488-8680.
- **Monument Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 20**, 9 a.m., 130 2nd St. Now meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 481-4886.

- **Academy Water and Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 20**, 6 p.m., Wescott Fire Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 481-0711.
- **Palmer Lake Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 20**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 21**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Normally meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 488-2525, [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com).
- **Donala Water & Sanitation District Public Meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 21**, 1:30 p.m., 15850 Holbein Dr., Colorado Springs. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 488-3603.
- **Forest View Acres Water District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 27**, 6 p.m., Monument Sanitation District board room, 130 Second St. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: 488-2110, [www.fvawd.com](http://www.fvawd.com).
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 27**, 6:30 p.m., TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: Jennifer Martin, 484-0911, [www.tlmfire.org](http://www.tlmfire.org).
- **Woodmoor Improvement Association Board Meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 27**, 7 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: 488-2693, [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org).
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Oct. 2**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 3**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 520-6300, <http://adm2.elpasoco.com/planning/agendas/pc/pc-agn.asp>.
- **Forest Lakes Metropolitan District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 3**, 10 a.m., 6385 Corporate Dr., Suite 200, Colo. Springs. Normally meets 1st Mon. each month. Info: 327-5810

### LOCAL LIBRARY EVENTS

- For library events, see the library events column on page 24 and visit [www.ppld.org](http://www.ppld.org). All branches will be closed Monday, Sep. 4, for Labor Day
- The Palmer Lake Library hours are Tue.-Fri., 10