

com and they will email you the link the day of the meeting. Join the growing group to learn about volunteering and supporting the park for safety, trails, trees, education, more. Meets 4th Thu. each month. Info: marlenebrown@ocn.me.

- **Myasthenia Gravis Association** of Colorado Support Group. Location varies. Info: Carolyn, 488-3620, www.4-mga.org, 303-360-7080, 4mga@4-mga.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), Family Day**, Sat., Apr. 10, 10-3 p.m., numerous indoor and outdoor events will be available, no cost for outdoor events, food for purchase will be available, see www.wmmi.org or ad on page 20 for details.
- **Monumental Impact's Internship Symposium**, Mon., **Apr. 12**, 55 Adams St. (email for virtual link alternative). 4 p.m. For high school students. Monumental Impact will share their internship opportunities for students in technology, engineering, and entrepreneurship. Pikes Peak Workforce Center will be presenting job hunting tips and highlighting jobs in the area. Register: monumentalimpact.org/internship-symposium/. For info and remote link: enable@monumentalimpact.org.
- **Grace Best Master Plan Steering Committee**, Wed., **Apr. 14**, Community Dialogue on future plans for the Grace Best facility. For more information on this project, www.lewispalmer.org/GraceBestPlan or contact info@lewispalmer.org or (719)785-4223.
- **Ham (Amateur) Radio License Class, on Zoom**, Sat. **Apr. 17**, Sun., **Apr. 18** & Sat., **Apr. 24**, plus one in-person test session Sun., **Apr. 25** in Monument. Sponsored by Tri-Lakes Monument Radio Association. The worldwide excitement of amateur radio and the very best emergency communications capability available. No Morse code required. Students must buy text book. To register, https://w0t1m.com/radio-classes/tech-registration. Contact Bob Witte KØNR bob@k0nr.com.
- **Career Pathways Explorer Program**, Mon., **Apr. 19**, Mon., **Apr. 26**, Mon. & **May 3**, 55 Adams St. (email for virtual link alternative). 4 p.m. For high school students. Sessions presented by Pikes Peak Workforce Center: Career Options, Resumes and Applications, Rock the Interview. Register: monumentalimpact.org/career-pathways-explorer/. For info: enable@monumentalimpact.org.
- **Earth Day**, Thu., **Apr. 22**, theme – Restore Our Earth – learn how to help, www.earthday.org sign up to work locally and globally.
- **Earth Day Event with Friends of Fox Run Park**, Thu., **Apr. 22**, 6-8 pm. Trails Etiquette Talk and monthly meeting. Hybrid (zoom or in-person) meeting on location TBA. Fun Monument venue for more information and to reserve your spot email FriendsOfFoxRunPark@gmail.com.
- **Help Friends of Fox Run Park**, Sat., **Apr. 24**, celebrate Earth Day with combo in-person and Zoom talks at Southwinds Fine Art Gallery (16575 Roller Coaster Rd.) at 1p.m. Learn about the history of Fox Farms (the park's namesake) in northern parts of El Paso County by Julie Haverluk, local teacher and historian. Then join Janet Sellers, local artist and writer, for a sneak preview of mindful forest and wildlife walks at the park. The event will be from noon to 3 depending upon the weather. For more information and Zoom link, email friendsoffoxrunpark@gmail.com or janetsellers@ocn.me
- **Purge the Spurge**: Exchange your spurge for FREE groundcover, Sat. **Apr. 24**, 1 to 3 p.m. The more (bagged!) myrtle spurge you bring, the more plants you get. Colorado State University Extension – El Paso County, 17 N. Spruce St., Colorado Springs. Myrtle

- spurge is a highly invasive Colorado A List Species noxious weed. This plant exudes toxic, milky latex, which can cause severe skin irritations; wear protective gear when digging and bagging it up. Free tickets are available at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/purge-the-spurge-tickets-137366399599.
- **Black Forest Arts & Craft Guild sale**. Wed. **Apr. 28** – Sun. **May 2**. Thousands of handmade craft items, baked goods, etc. Hours and more info, www.bfacg.org.
  - **Arbor Day in Town of Monument**, Fri., **Apr 30**, 10 a.m. Waterwise Garden demonstration and tree planting. For more information, http://townofmonument.org/ and social media.
  - **Our Community News mailing days**, Thu. -Fri., **Apr. 28-30**. We need your help for an hour or two. Email editor@ocn.me for slots available to help count and prepare 21,500 newspapers for the USPS mailing.
  - **Colorado Springs Walk to Defeat ALS—Walk Your Way**, Sat., **May 1**, 10 a.m.-noon. You choose where you and your team walk! Enjoy your day filled with love, community, and support. We need your help in fighting ALS on all fronts—fundraising, advocacy, and research. http://web.alsa.org/coloradospringswalk, Nicole Hebert, 303-832-2322.
  - **Ready Set Go! - Wildland Fire Prevention/Mitigation Day**, Sat. **May 15**, 9 am - noon, on grounds of Lewis-Palmer Elementary School 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr, Monument. See before & after demonstrations of wildfire vegetation risk reduction. Dave Root Colorado State Forester, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, and the El Paso County Sheriff's Department Wildland Crew. See www.tlmfire.org or jbumgarner@tlmfire.org for details.
  - **Join Friends of Fox Run Park for HollyDay**, Sat., **May 15**, Holly Williams, county commissioner District 1, will be at Fox Run Regional Park from 11-1 p.m. Bring your lunch and walk and talk with Holly. Bring your concerns about the future of the park, traffic, and any other questions you might have for our commissioner for Northern El Paso County. For more information, contact marlene.brown@ocn.me
  - **Woodmoor Neighborhood Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **Jun. 25-26**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Register as a seller by June 18 at woodmoorgaragesale.com. Claire Garlick (719) 332-8360.
  - **EPC Community Engage, "What Can Code Enforcement Do for You?"**, June 2021, online. Want to learn more about what El Paso County's Code Enforcement can do for you, what constitutes a violation, and how to submit a complaint? See https://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com/epccommunityengage/ .

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- Limit your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
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