

- ice cream, music and car show. Bring lawn chair for the event on the Palmer Lake Town Green, 28 Valley Crescent.
- **What is your jewelry really worth?**, Tue.-Wed., **June 22-23**, by appointment only. Paying top dollar. Free evaluation and immediate payment. www.susanhelmich.com. See ad on page 12.
 - **Woodmoor Neighborhood Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **June 25-26**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Register as a seller by **June 18** at woodmoorgaragesale.com. Claire Garlick 719-332-8360.
 - **Jackson Creek Community-wide Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **June 25-26**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Expecting 200 families to participate. <https://www.trilakesrealestateinc.com/jackson-creek-garage-sale>. 719-200-7387. See ad on page 6.
 - **Front Range Maker's Market**, Sat, **June 26**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Outdoors @ Lewis-Palmer HS, 1300 Higby Road (North parking lot across from YMCA). 80+ vendors (makers, artists, crafters, boutiques, vintage goods, accessories, food & coffee trucks). Free entry. This year marks our 25th year of our annual fall market in Monument. 719-510-1477. www.FRmakersmarket.com. See ad on page 3.
 - **Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds and Waterfalls**, Sat.-Sun., **June 26-27**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Self-guided charity pond and waterfall tour. Visit water feature exhibits throughout Colorado Springs, Monument, and the surrounding area. Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes will match and donate proceeds from ticket sales to The Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region. Ticket books, complete with tour map, addresses, driving directions, and descriptions are just \$5 per ticket. Tickets will be available by June 1 online at www.purelyponds.com/parade-of-ponds. purelyponds.com/parade-of-ponds or 719-896-0038. 719-896-0038
 - **Our Community News mailing days**, Wed.-Fri., **June 30-July 2**. 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 U.S. Postal Service mailing. Box truck driver needed some months, too.
 - **July 3 parking in Downtown Monument** is extremely limited due to road closures. Arriving early is highly encouraged. Additional/alternative parking is available at Lewis- Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Road. Inbound shuttle runs from 7:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Outbound shuttle runs from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. See www.trilakeschamber.com/4th-of-july.html for map.
 - **4-mile Fun Run**, Sat., **July 3**, 7 a.m. Limited in-person option begins at the Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trailhead and ends in Monument in time for the parades. Virtual option as well! <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/CO/PalmerLake/PalmerLakeJuly4FunRun>, july4funrun@gmail.com.
 - **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**, Sat., **July 3**, 6:30 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, and drinks. Proceeds go toward St. Peter school, scholarships to St. Peter and college, and local organizations such as Tri-Lakes Cares and Marion House. St. Peter Catholic Church between the buildings, 55 Jefferson St., Monument.
 - **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club Independence Day Children's Parade**, Sat., **July 3**, 9:30 a.m. Children's Parade. Parents need to plan a meetup point with their children since starting point is at 55 Jefferson St., ending point is Second Street & Beacon Lite Road.
 - **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club Independence Day Main Parade**, Sat., **July 3**, 10 a.m. Registration available soon at MHKiwanis.org. Volunteer to help at monument-hillkiwanis@gmail.com. See Parade, Bus, and Street Fair map www.trilakeschamber.com/Fourth-of-july.html. See ad on page 3.
 - **Tri-Lakes Fourth of July Street Fair and Beer Garden**, Sat., **July 3**. Full day of festivities for the whole family. Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, EDC and Visitor Center street fair 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Second and Washington Streets. Festival foods, arts and crafts merchants, local businesses, nonprofit organizations. Family-friendly beer garden in Limbach Park 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Musicians performing in the park noon-5 p.m., hosted by Town of Monument. www.trilakeschamber.com/Fourth-of-july.html, events@tomgov.org.
 - **Festival on the Fourth at Palmer Lake**, Sun., **July 4**, 1

- p.m.-8 pm. Two band areas, two beer gardens, food vendors, and bouncy castles for the kids. Bands will include Ashtonz, Wirewood Station and 10 others. See https://youtu.be/UXqwh2o_zzs.
- **Community CPR Class Fundraiser to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares**, Tue., **July 6**, 5 p.m. Limbach Park. You will learn adult, child, and infant CPR in an hour. \$10 minimum donation is required. RSVP monumentcommtraining@gmail.com.
 - **Woodmoor Chipping Day**, Sat., **July 10**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to all Tri-Lakes residents. Woody limbs and branches only, up to 8" diameter. Pine needles. (no trash, weeds, junipers, building materials, metal, root balls, or bags of leaves.) Please remain in your vehicle except to unstrap your load or if you have only pine needles. \$5 donation suggested. Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Road. Matthew 488-2693 x4 www.woodmoor.org. (Also Aug. 7).
 - **Color Splash Art Show, Opening Reception**, Fri., **July 16**, 6 - 8 p.m. Runs **July 16 - Aug 13**. Featuring 2021 Art Scholarship Award Artists. Dedicated to memory of Artist Pam Hafemann. Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. BSands56@gmail.com. Palmer-LakeArtGroup.com. See ad on page 8.
 - **Woodmoor Chipping Day**, Sat., **Aug. 7**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to all Tri-Lakes residents. Woody limbs and branches only, up to 8" diameter. Pine needles. (no trash, weeds, junipers, building materials, metal, root balls, or bags of leaves.) Please remain in your vehicle except to unstrap your load or if you have only pine needles. \$5 donation suggested. Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Road. Matthew 488-2693 x4 www.woodmoor.org.
 - **Tri-Lakes Cruisers Annual Car Show**, Sun., **Aug. 29**. Twenty trophies to be awarded. Club membership applications are now being accepted and are available on the website: tl-cruisers.weebly.com on the "ABOUT" page.
 - **Palmer Lake Wine Festival**, Sat., **Sep. 11**, 1-5 p.m. VIP noon. Palmer Lake Recreation Area. A portion of proceeds to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Buy tickets at PLWF2021.com.
 - **Bines and Brews Beer Fest**, Sat., **Sep. 18**. Taste beer, moonshine, gin and mead from Colorado breweries, distilleries and a meadery. Enjoy upbeat contemporary jazz all afternoon. No one under 21 is allowed (not even cute babies or designated drivers; no exceptions). No dogs of any age are allowed. This event will happen rain, shine or snow— this is Colorado! General admission \$25, designated driver \$10, Limbach Park, Monument. www.trilakeschamber.com/bines--brews-beer-fest.html
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 - **Community Business Expo and Job Fair**. Coming in **Oct.** www.trilakeschamber.com/community--business-expo.html.

Content

Articles in Our Community News focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

Unlike papers that try to figure out what the "story" is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the "truth" is, OCN's role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided. By reading OCN, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, "truth" is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

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- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to **Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742**.
- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- 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.
- Submit your letter so we receive it no later than midnight, Friday, two weeks prior to the publication date.

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