

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

Although we strive for accuracy in these listings, dates or times are often changed after publication. Please double-check the time and place of any event you wish to attend by calling the information number for that event.

Wednesday Senior Lunch at Big Red

Nov. 11: Chicken Caesar salad and garlic bread.
Nov. 18: BBQ pork sandwich, beans, coleslaw.
Nov. 25: No lunch, Happy Thanksgiving!
 Rolls and butter are served with each meal except sandwiches. Dessert is also provided.

Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at 146 Jefferson St., Monument (the School District 38 Administration Building). \$3 voluntary donation. Entertainment follows lunch. For more information, call Judy, 487-9067. An activity of Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership. Meals are provided by Pinecrest Catering, Palmer Lake; Nikki McDonald, executive chef, 481-3307.

Black Forest Road closed at Kettle Creek

Heavy rain in the Black Forest area has prompted the immediate closure of Black Forest Road at Kettle Creek for safety reasons. Two critical stormwater culverts along Black Forest Road over Kettle Creek were heavily damaged during summer flash flooding. Heavy rain has accelerated the erosion problems underneath the roadway, forcing the immediate closure of the road between Swan and Shoup Roads. Weather permitting, construction is expected to begin in March with completion in July. Approximately 5,000 cars per day travel over this area of Black Forest Road and will be routed over an approximate three-mile detour using Swan, Herring, and Shoup Roads. For more information contact Dave Rose, 520-6540, cell: 337-9239, DaveRose@elpasoco.com.

Work to start on I-25 bridge near Larkspur

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin work **Nov. 6** to repair the northbound I-25 bridge over Upper Lake Gulch Road, just east of Larkspur. Work includes milling, erosion control, upgrading the bridge surface, and repairs to the deck and piers. The project is scheduled for completion in spring 2016. Drivers can expect lane shifts, a reduced 45 mph speed limit, and possible delays through the work zone. For project updates, email UpperLakeGulch@gmail.com or call the project hotline at 303-582-1812. To receive updates about road conditions, visit www.codot.gov and click on white envelope icon at the bottom of the page. Information about weekly lane closures is available at <https://www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html>. Updated road conditions can be found at www.cotrip.org, by downloading the CDOT Mobile app or by calling 511 from anywhere in the state.

Black Forest Together (BFT) needs volunteers; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

BFT is searching for team leads, work team members, volunteer work groups, resource center office volunteers, and donations so that they can help residents of burned areas of Black Forest do cleanup and mitigation of their properties. Workers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays through **Nov. 21**, weather permitting. For more information, please contact Donna, 495-2445, BlackForestTogether@gmail.com, or come by the Resource Center at 11590 Black Forest Rd., Suite 30, in the Forest Plaza Center Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Volunteers needed for County's Citizen Review Panel, apply by Nov. 13

The El Paso County Board of Commissioners is seeking community-minded citizen volunteers to serve on the Citizen Review Panel, an advisory board for the County Department of Human Services. Applications are due by Nov. 13. The volunteer application is located at www.elpasoco.com. Click on the "Volunteer Boards" link. For more information, call 520-6436 or visit www.elpasoco.com.

Forestgate Theatre Auditions, Dec. 1, 3, 5

Forestgate Theatre will hold auditions for Disney and Cameron Macintosh's Mary Poppins **Dec. 1, 3, & 5** (by appointment only). Audition workshops will be available **Nov. 19 & 21**. Actors of all ages and dancers are needed. Performances are scheduled for Apr. 7-23. For more information, call 216-3192 or visit www.forestgatetheatre.org.

Donate new unwrapped toys for Santa on Patrol, by Dec. 18

Each year Chief Jake Shirk plays Santa with the help of elves from the local Fire and Police Departments. This year they will deliver toys **Dec. 19**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can help by donating new, unwrapped toys and gift cards by

Dec. 18, 5 p.m., to the Monument Police Department, 645 Beacon Lite Rd.; Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Department (TLMFD) stations 1, 2, & 3; or the TLMFD Administration building at 15455 Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs. For more information, contact Chief Shirk, 481-3253.

Grow Smart Monument group forming

Grow Smart Monument is dedicated to preserving open space and trails, recreational opportunities, natural resources, and community character. Across the U.S., access to parks and open spaces has become a measure of community wealth; a tool for attracting businesses and residents by guaranteeing quality of life and economic health. This group invites collaboration with developers and civic organizations in creating a path to smart growth in our beautiful town. For more information, see the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/growsmartmonument/ or email growsmartmonument@gmail.com.

County warns of phone scam

The scam going around is not new. The caller claims to be a deputy from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. The caller informs the victims they have active warrants for their arrest and need to mail a money card to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office reminds citizens that no one from that office will ever call anyone to clear up a warrant. A warrant can only be cleared by turning yourself in at the Criminal Justice Center after showing proper identification. If you receive a phone call of this nature, please call the Sheriff's Office, 390-5555, to report it.

Election judges needed

El Paso County needs registered voters to serve as pollworkers on Election Day. For more information, visit elpasoco.com/Election/Pages/ElectionJudgeInformation.aspx.

Mens' a cappella singing group forming

Singers are wanted for a unique men's singing group that will feature close harmony, a cappella singing, somewhat in the style of the Four Freshmen and Vocal Majority. For more information, call John Hobson at 368-7833, or Phil Zara, 481-3197.

Monument School of Fine Arts, enroll now

Art and movie classes for kids and adults, every skill level. Join award-winning art classes for traditional art and painting instruction. For more information, contact Janet Sellers, 387-1890, www.JanetSellers.com.

SunDance Studio Fall registration is open

Register now for dance and fitness classes for toddler through adult, gymnastics, tumbling, cheer, and more. 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. For more information, contact 481-8208, www.thesundancestudio.com.

Monument Academy enrolling

Waitlists are moving, some seats are still available in this free public school of choice. For more information, contact 481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net.

St. Peter Catholic School enrolling

The school offers full and half-day preschool, academics, athletics, and more. NCA accredited, state licensed, financial aid available. Call or visit: 124 First St. Monument; 481-1855; www.petertherock.org.

SafeCare Colorado now in El Paso County

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFS) now provides SafeCare Colorado Services in El Paso County. SafeCare Colorado offers proactive in-home, voluntary services that support at-risk families in understanding the health, development, and safety needs of young children. LFS home visitors will deliver the SafeCare curriculum to parents through weekly visits over a four- to five-month period. The curriculum covers: Infant and Child Health, Home Safety, and Parent/Child Interaction. The goal of SafeCare is to build parental skills and consistently reinforce positive communication and problem-solving skills—helping to prevent child abuse. For more information, contact 303-217-5854, www.lfsrm.org.

Mountain View Electric Association Essay Contest, apply by Nov. 18

High school juniors can win an all-expense-paid trip to either Washington, D.C., or a week at Leadership Camp in the mountains. "What does having electricity and the 'cooperative difference' mean to you?" is this year's topic. For more information, contact 494-2670, www.mvea.coop/community/essay-contest/.

Volunteer drivers needed

Help transport cancer patients to and from medical treatments. The American Cancer Society provides free rides through its Road to Recovery program. For information about the Road to Recovery program or to volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

Bustang & Park-n-Ride improvements

Bustang, the new interregional express bus service from the Colorado Department of Transportation, has begun. Along I-25, there are seven round trips per day, Mon. to Fri., from Colorado Springs to Denver, with a stop at I-25/Monument Park-and-Ride. Single ride tickets from Monument to Denver's Union Station cost only \$9, \$7.50 for seniors. Each coach is equipped with restrooms, bike racks, free Wi-Fi, power outlets and USB ports. Parking lot improvements include new asphalt paving, lighting, striping, signing, and new shelters equipped with lighting and infrared heating units. For information or to buy tickets online, visit www.ridebustang.com, or phone 800-900-3011.

Become a CASA volunteer

Become a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). CASA offers a volunteer opportunity like no other. As appointed representatives of the court, CASA volunteers are empowered to make a lifelong difference in the lives of abused and neglected children. Learn more at <http://www.casappr.org/volunteer-colorado-springs/> or contact Kelly at 447-9898, ext. 1033 or kellyp@casappr.org.

HAP needs volunteers

The Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that serves and supports seniors in our community. HAP currently needs volunteers, three hours a week; and active board members,

Snowplowing
 Commercial & Residential. 20 yr. experience
 Call Jeff at Sharpest Cut 491-4811

HELP WANTED
THRIFT STORE MANAGER
 Full time. Retail experience req'd, preferably thrift stores. Lifting up to 50 lbs req'd.
 Send resume to admin@TriLakesHAP.org.

Furnished Studio Apartment For Rent
 Totally clean and neat. Great quiet location in the woods near Fox Run Park. North end Colorado Springs near I-25 and Baptist Road. Separate entrance, kitchen, and bath. New bathroom and kitchen. Laundry in the garage. N/S. N/P. Single adult only. Available now. \$995/month includes utilities and laundry. One-year lease. \$800 deposit and full background check required. On-street parking. Call, Text, or Email:
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