

Flags in Gleneagle for July 4



Above: For the past 15 years, Gleneagle Sertoma members and other community volunteers line the 2½ miles of Gleneagle Drive with flags to recognize our national heritage of freedom and democracy. Before most residents of the neighborhood are up on the Fourth of July, 20 volunteers assemble in front of the home of Terry Galloway, "The Flag Lady," for directions on the flag planting procedure. Gleneagle Sertoma (SERvice TO MAnkind) has the primary mission of hearing health, but members also perform numerous "sweat equity" community service projects and support youth programs. See www.gleneaglesertoma.org, or call Jack Beuse at 719-332-6807, or Duane Gritzmaker at 719-649-9220. We can use your help and we will have fun in the process. *Photo courtesy of Gleneagle Sertoma.*

Barn dance, July 3



Above: The Tri-Lakes area opened the Fourth of July festivities on July 3 with the annual Barn Dance. The dance was held at Sibell's Barn as usual but, for the first time, was hosted by American Legion Tri-Lakes Post 9-11. Janet Ferran, Legion member and volunteer organizer for the dance, said "the dance acts as a fundraiser for the post as we will use the proceeds to help fund a permanent home for the post." Post members presently meet at area restaurants and are now seeking a building. Besides food and drinks, attendees enjoyed music from the Kenny Brent Band followed by headliner Ronnie Davis and the Rocky Mountain Outlaws, which brought dancers to floor throughout the evening. *Photo By David Futey.*

Parade, July 4



Left: Toryn and Landen Gessford can barely contain their excitement for participating in the Fourth of July children's parade through downtown Monument. The parade was sponsored by the Monument Hill Kiwanis.



Above: El Paso County Sheriff's Wildland Fire team receives well deserved applause from attendees of the Fourth of July parade in downtown Monument. *Photo by David Futey.* OCN will have additional coverage of the July 4 festivities in our August 4th issue. *Photos by David Futey.*

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.

Slash-Mulch season continues

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) until **Sept. 9**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 8** or when mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit www.bfslash.org or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024; or the County Environmental Division, 520-7878.

Stage II Fire Restrictions issued for El Paso County

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage II Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County, effective immediately.

The following are prohibited:

1. Campfires
 2. The sale or use of fireworks
 3. Outdoor smoking
 4. Public prescribed burning/burn permits
 5. Outdoor cooking and/or fires on private property
- Propane/gas grills on private property are allowed. Violations of Stage II Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$1,000. For more information, visit www.elpasoco.com/stage-ii-fire-restrictions/

Town of Monument water restrictions

For customers of Town of Monument Water, use restrictions are in place through Sept. 30. While restrictions are in place, please adhere to the following watering schedule:

- Even-numbered buildings: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Odd-numbered buildings: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- There is no watering on Sundays.
- Watering is allowed only before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Sod permits are available by calling 884-8037.

If you do not reside within Monument, check with your water district about specific restrictions.

Town of Monument Board Openings

Want to be involved in your community? Apply for a position on the Board of Adjustment or Planning Commission. The Town of Monument is now accepting applications for volunteers to serve in these important roles. Find the application online at www.townofmonument.org. Info: 481-2954.

Register now for Tri-Lakes Y Swim Camps

For children 6-12 years old, Mon.-Thu. sessions through **Aug. 2**, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Financial assistance is available. For more information, call 481-8728, visit www.pymca.org/locations/north/tri-lakes or stop by the YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument.

July events at Tri-Lakes Y, register now

Around the World in Plates, Mon.-Thu., **Jul. 9-12**, 1-4 p.m., ages 5-10; *Fairy Garden Tea Party*, Fri., **Jul. 13**, 5:30-7:30, ages 3-7; *Baking Camp*, Mon.-Thu., **Jul. 23-26**, noon-3 p.m., ages 8-12; *Art Camp*, Mon.-Thu., **Jul. 30-Aug. 2**, ages 9-11; *Acrylics & Popsicle Sticks* (family paint night), Fri., **Aug. 3**. Financial assistance is available. Register at www.pymca.org or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument. See the ad on page 6.

Tri-Lakes Tennis Club classes, Jul. 9-Aug. 3

The club offers one-hour group lessons twice per week Jul. 9-Aug. 3, ages 5 to adult, all levels. Private and family lessons also available. For more information, contact Leslie Scott, 310-1813, tri-lakestennis@outlook.com. See the ad on page 5.

Volunteers needed for county Board of Adjustment, apply by Jul. 16

The El Paso Board of County Commissioners is seeking four community-minded citizen volunteers to serve as associate members on the Board of Adjustment. Applications are due by **Jul. 16**. 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.

Monument Hill Kiwanis annual peach sale

Fresh Colorado Palisades freestone large peaches, hand-picked and specially delivered in two days, are still just \$35 per 18-pound box. Get your prepaid order in by **July 20**. Pick up your peaches **July 28**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. All net proceeds go back to the community through projects supported by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club. Order online at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org or phone Mark Zeiger, 488-5934. See the ad on page 15.

2018 Monochrome Photography Show

Call to Artists, apply by July 23

The 2018 Monochrome Photography Show is sponsored by the Palmer Divide Photographers Group and the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts. Entries for the juried show will be open through **July 23**. Entry forms, rules, and a complete calendar of events for the show can be found at www.pdphotographers.com.

National Night Out Aug. 7, register your neighborhood event

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event on the first Tuesday of August that promotes crime prevention and drug prevention in communities across the country. Turn on porch lights and join neighbors outside to make a show of solidarity and strength, and send the message to criminals that we won't tolerate crime in our neighborhoods. Plan a block party, barbecue, neighborhood walk, or other activity and let the Sheriff's Office know about it. Sheriff's Office employees will travel around the county to attend the neighborhood celebrations. Tips on planning your NNO event and the registration form can be found at www.natw.org. To register your event phone Brent Ambuehl, 719-208-5924, or email brentambuehl@elpasoco.com.

Free firewood in Black Forest

Help residents clear their land of thousands of cords of free firewood, dried out from the fire, already felled, limbed, bucked, and stacked. You need to haul it away, cut it to fire-place length, and split it. For more information, contact Byron, info@hoperestored.org.

Black Forest fire cleanup volunteers needed

Teens, adults, families, and volunteer groups looking for meaningful community service work? Black Forest Together is still looking for volunteers to help families restore their land after the 2013 Black Forest Fire. Also looking for chipper operators, truck driver volunteers, team leads, and administrative help. For more information, contact 495-2445 or email ResourceCenter@BlackForestTogether.org.

Got spare trees to share with Black Forest?

Do you have too many tree seedlings sprouting close together in your yard? Please consider donating them to www.Trees4Tomorrow.com, a new mission of Black Forest Together. Trees that would have been lost to development or mitigation can now be transplanted to devastated areas within the burn scar. For more information, contact 495-2445 or email ResourceCenter@BlackForestTogether.org.

Happy Birthday Monument

June 2, 2018 was Monument's 139th anniversary of incorporation. In 2019, Monument will celebrate 140 years as a town. Volunteers are needed to help plan the main event on June 1, 2019 and for kids' activities, historical walking tours, and reporters to collect stories from longtime residents. Please contact Madeline 719-884-8013 for more information and to join a committee.

Recycle old phones and tablets

Legacy Sertoma is collecting old smart phones and cell phones, and old iPads for recycling. Collection boxes are located at the Palmer Lake Post Office, Serrano's Coffee Company, the Air Academy Federal Credit Union in Monument, and the Community Banks of Colorado (formerly Peoples) branches in Gleneagle and downtown Colorado Springs. This program is not only a fundraiser for Sertoma but is designed to keep all those rare-earth metals out of landfills. Call Denny Myers at 481-4189 for pick up.

County seeks nominations by Aug. 15 for Veteran of the Year

El Paso County is seeking nominations for the Second Annual Veteran of the Year Award. Nominees should have demonstrated exemplary military service, community service, and support for veterans in the community. Full nomination guidelines and forms can be found at www.elpasoco.com/county-seeks-nominations-veteran-year.

Perform with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, enter by Oct. 17

Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association (PPMTA) of Colorado Springs and Gary Nicholson, Colorado Springs Youth Symphony director, have created a new Piano Concerto Competition for students living in the Tri-Lakes, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo areas. The winner will perform with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony in its Winter Concert in 2019 and may be eligible for a \$500 summer camp scholarship to either Lamont School of Music, Denver, or the International Summer Academy of Music in Ochsenhausen, Germany. For more information, contact Barbara Taylor, competition chair, for entry forms, repertoire, and competition information at 648-3844, BarbaraTaylor.PPMTA.President@gmail.com, www.PPMTA.org.

Resources on Living with Tri-Lakes Wildlife

In the Tri-Lakes area, we really do have rattlesnakes, bears, coyotes, mountain lions, skunks, porcupines, etc. in our very own backyards. We also have fawns that do not need rescuing; they are just waiting for their moms to return. Never feed any wildlife! See *Too Close for Comfort* at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlife.aspx> and more at <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeComfort2.aspx> for many ways to educate ourselves. Learn how to react correctly when someone is bitten by a rattlesnake at www.wikihow.com/Treat-a-Rattlesnake-Bite.