

## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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### Slash-Mulch season continues

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) through **Sept. 15**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 21** or until 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](http://www.bfslash.org) or phone the county Environmental Division, 520-7878; Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024.

### YMCA School Supply Drive ends Aug. 12

Donate your supplies at three Monument locations: Tri-Lakes YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy.; YMCA Day Camp at Bear Creek Elementary, 1330 Creekside Dr.; Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St. For more information, call 481-8728.

### D-38 First day of school, Aug. 19

Families are encouraged to check the school website for important information, including school supply lists. Click on the 'Family Resources' tab at [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org) for important details. See ad on page 9.

### County seeks citizen input: Master Plan Survey now online

El Paso County continues to seek citizen input in an online survey as it creates the new county master plan. To complete the survey, go online to [planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com](http://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com). For more information, phone 719-520-6300. See ad on page 12.

### First Step Preschool now enrolling

First Step offers a high-quality educational program in a Christian environment and is operated by Black Forest Community Church. For a tour and more information, call 719-495-0146 or visit [www.thefirststeppreschool.com](http://www.thefirststeppreschool.com). See ad on page 8.

### Early childhood teachers wanted

Hope Montessori Academy's Monument location is hiring early childhood teachers to work full and part-time with children ages 6 weeks through 12 years. For more information, contact 488-8723 or visit [www.montessorichild.com](http://www.montessorichild.com). For details on qualifications, see ad on page 14.

### Sisters' Thrift & Boutique

The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316. For more information and a \$5 off coupon, see the ad on page 10.

### MVEA essay contest, enter by Nov. 14

High school juniors can 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. Essays must be received by **Nov. 14**. Apply online at [www.mvea.coop/essay-contest](http://www.mvea.coop/essay-contest). Info: Erica, 719-494-2654, [erica.m@mvea.coop](mailto:erica.m@mvea.coop). See ad on page 27.

### MVEA Scholarships, apply Sept. 3 to Jan. 15

Each year, MVEA awards \$1,000 scholarships to 14 graduating high school seniors. Applications are due by **Jan. 15, 2020**. Apply online at [www.mvea.coop/scholarships](http://www.mvea.coop/scholarships). See ad on page 27.

### MVEA tree-trimming services

Tree trimming helps prevent storm-related power outages. For more information, call 800-388-9881 or 719-495-2283, or visit [www.mvea.coop/tree-trimming](http://www.mvea.coop/tree-trimming).

### Officiate high school basketball

Make the right call and become a high school basketball official. Email the Colorado Springs Basketball Officials Association, [csboa.aredirector@gmail.com](mailto:csboa.aredirector@gmail.com), for information on training and certification.

### Support Palmer Lake fireworks

Help support a Tri-Lakes tradition. You can still donate to

the fireworks fund at [www.palmerlakefireworks.org](http://www.palmerlakefireworks.org).

### Black Forest Together offers services

Black Forest Together provides the following fire recovery/mitigation services to the Black Forest community summer through fall, weather permitting:

- Volunteer projects: Post-fire recovery includes hauling slash to the slash/mulch site, building erosion control barriers, planting seedlings to reforest the burn scar. Nominal fees may apply to cover equipment expenses.
- Trees 4 Tomorrow: Transplanting of larger local ponderosa pine trees to expedite reforestation of the burn scar. Discount for fire survivors.
- Green Forest Mitigation: Utilizes local tree contractors to mitigate properties to Colorado State Forest Service standards to reduce the risk of another forest fire.
- Community Outreach and Education: Promotion of healthy-forest education and best practices to residents, schools, and organizations to create a fire-adapted, resilient community.
- Phoenix Program Consulting: Consultation and assistance to other fire-impacted communities, providing community leaders the tools to minimize the time needed to implement sustainable recovery operations.

For more information, contact Black Forest Together, 495-2445, or [www.resourcecenter@blackforesttogether.org](mailto:www.resourcecenter@blackforesttogether.org).

### St. Peter Catholic School now enrolling

The school offers academics, athletics, and faith formation for preschool-eighth grade. Call or visit: 124 First St., Monument; 481-1855; [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org). See ad on page 2.

### Free 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 Rush, 488-0076, and leave a message or visit [www.coloradoseniorhelp.com](http://www.coloradoseniorhelp.com).

### Home-delivered meals by Silver Key

If you're a homebound senior age 60 or older, you might qualify to receive meals delivered to your home through Silver Key. To register or volunteer, call 884-2370.

### Meals on Wheels needs substitute drivers

Meals on Wheels in the Tri-Lakes area is looking for substitute drivers. They deliver on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and it usually takes only a couple hours. All volunteers will have to place an application with Silver Key and then go through a background check. If you are interested, you can contact coordinator Sue Cliatt at 481-3175 or by email, [es1070@aol.com](mailto:es1070@aol.com).

### Volunteer drivers needed for seniors' transportation service

Mountain Community Senior Services is a nonprofit, grant-funded organization that provides free transportation to Tri-Lakes seniors 60 and older. The program needs volunteer drivers. For more information, visit the website, [coloradoseniorhelp.com](http://coloradoseniorhelp.com), email [info@coloradoseniorhelp.com](mailto:info@coloradoseniorhelp.com), or call the hotline, 488-0076.

### Silver Alliance Thrift Store needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various tasks. The store is located at 755 Highway 105, Suite N, in the West End Center and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. To volunteer, call 488-3495.

### I-25 MyWay commuting options website

Visit [www.i25myway.org](http://www.i25myway.org) and enter starting and ending ZIP codes for personalized I-25 commuting solutions and savings estimates. The website will help you arrange the details and free test commutes, including carpools, van pools, and the Bustang South Line. The site will run through the end of construction in 2022.

### Free grief group forming

The Church at Woodmoor, 18125 Furrow Road, Monument, is forming a group for people who have struggled with grief for six months or more. This group will meet for six weeks with a trained leader who will provide a safe place to process the grief resulting from the loss of a loved one, or grief

due to a change in health or finances. Participation is limited to 10 individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Rick Jackson, 488-3200, [Rjackson.tcaw@gmail.com](mailto:Rjackson.tcaw@gmail.com).

### Become a CASA volunteer

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. To learn more, contact Uriko Stout, 447-9898 ext. 1060, [urikos@casappr.org](mailto:urikos@casappr.org); or visit [www.casappr.org](http://www.casappr.org).

### Tri-Lakes Talks

There is now a website, [www.TLtalks.com](http://www.TLtalks.com), for local articles, podcasts, and much more. TLtalks.com is dedicated to providing a platform where you can write about what is important to you and where the Tri-Lakes community can exchange ideas, thoughts, and information. Visit [www.TLtalks.com](http://www.TLtalks.com) to see the mission statement, submission guidelines, and terms and conditions.

### Get help if your vehicle is stuck

4x4orce is an emergency notification network of 4-by-4 enthusiasts/good Samaritans ready and willing to respond when, where, and how they can. Sending a message to the Facebook 4X4orce Community Rescue & Recovery page is the best way currently to get assistance. However, you can also phone 719-286-9323. If Facebook is not working, you can email [help@4x4orce.org](mailto:help@4x4orce.org).

### County launches Citizen Connect

Citizen Connect is a new tool that allows citizens to report problems and put in service requests with the click of a mouse or touch of a button. Citizens can download this app, EPC Citizen Connect, for iPhone or Android phone. For more information, visit [www.elpasoco.com/county-launches-citizen-connect](http://www.elpasoco.com/county-launches-citizen-connect).

### Sign up for "Reverse 9-1-1" notifications

The Emergency Notification System (powered by Everbridge), commonly referred to as Reverse 9-1-1, is a tool that can make rapid notifications to specific geographic areas to alert you to emergency situations including man-made disasters, evacuations, hazardous materials incidents, missing persons, and more. Reverse 9-1-1 is not the same as Amber Alerts, which are generated by a different system. You must register to receive emergency notifications on any phone other than your landline. You can list up to five locations and up to eight points of contact. Sign up at [www.elpasoteller911.org](http://www.elpasoteller911.org).

### County assessor launches enhanced website

The newly redesigned site with the Property Record Card and Citizen Comper (value comparisons) makes parcel and property searches more informative, easier to use, and accessible on mobile devices as well as desktops. Find the enhanced website at <https://property.spatalest.com/co/elpaso/>.

### Residence vacation check

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office will conduct vacation checks of homes of county residents who are on vacation. This is a great way to add security to your home when you're away for multiple days. Either a deputy or trained volunteer will visit your home while you're away and check it periodically. To add your home to their schedule, visit [www.epc-sheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epc-sheriffsoffice.com). Info: 520-7151.

### Monument text alerts

Text "Monument" to 41411 to receive updates and news of meetings, weather alerts, openings and closings, as well as other important town information to your phone or personal mobile device.

### 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 Monday through Friday 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

- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting, CANCELED**, Mon., **Aug. 5**, 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 Board of County Commissioners Meeting**, Tue., **Aug. 6**, 9 a.m. Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue.

only during summer. Info: 520-6430, [www.agenda-suite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agenda-suite.org/iip/elpaso).

- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Aug. 6**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Find agendas: <https://planningdevelopment.elpasoco.com/el-paso-county-planning-commission/2019-meetings/>. Info: 520-6300.
- **Monument Academy School Board Meeting**, Thu., **Aug. 8**, 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., **Aug. 8**,

6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).

- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Mon., **Aug. 12**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 2nd Mon. each month. Info: 488-2525, [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com).
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Aug. 13**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Aug. 14**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2732, [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting**, Wed.,