

## Our Community Notices

By the OCN calendar team

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### CO 21 (Powers Blvd.) & Research Pkwy. construction

Work will be completed in fall 2022 and will consist of replacing the current at-grade intersection with an innovative Diverging Diamond Interchange by constructing an overpass for Powers Boulevard/Colorado Highway 21 traffic to move continuously through the intersection over Research Parkway. For many more details and rendering of final configuration, including a video showing new traffic flow, see <https://cccpi.net/cdot-powers-research.pdf>.

### I-25 and CO 21 (Powers Blvd) Interchange updates

The new northbound I-25 exit ramp to Northgate Blvd. is now open. A new interchange and a ¾-mile stub of state highway CO 21 (Powers Blvd.) will soon connect I-25 to Voyager Pkwy. This \$65 million project is the first part of a two-part plan. Funding has not yet been secured to connect CO 21 from its current terminus at CO 83 & Interquest Pkwy. to Voyager Pkwy. For a map of the new interchange and connection from I-25 to Voyager Pkwy., see <https://i25powers.com/>.

### Monument Charter Commission candidates sought

Candidates for the Town of Monument Charter Commission must be registered electors of the town. Nomination petition forms can be picked up from the town clerk at Monument Town Hall, 645 Beacon Lite Road. Petitions and statements must be filed with the town clerk by Monday, Aug. 23. See [TownofMonument.org](http://TownofMonument.org) for details.

### MVEA scholarships and summer trips

Mountain View Electric Association's Youth Leadership Trip Contest offers a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C., or be invited to Colorado Electric Education Institute's Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs. Deadline Nov. 11. MVEA's college scholarship program deadline is **Jan. 17**.

### Palmer Lake seeks residents to serve the community

The Town of Palmer Lake continues to seek volunteer residents to serve on upcoming potential seats for the Planning Commission, the Parks Commission, and the Board of Adjustments. The Planning Commission meets once a month on the third Wednesday. The Parks Commission meets a minimum of once a month but also has opportunity to be involved in Work Groups for various Park areas. The Board of Adjustments meets up to once a month on the first Tuesday, as needed. To qualify, you must be a resident of the Town of Palmer Lake for a minimum of 12 consecutive months and be at least 18 years of age. See [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).

### Photos of past Palmer Lake festivities needed

If you have photos to share from past Palmer Lake winter festivities (Winterfest, Yule Log, Star Lighting, etc.), please share them to the town website [info@palmer-lake.org](mailto:info@palmer-lake.org) with a description of the timeframe and festivities. The Parks Commission will be gathering memorabilia to assemble an exhibit.

### Neighborhood Art Project, apply by Sept. 17

The Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region (COPPeR) is accepting applications until Sept. 17 for neighborhood art projects to be complete in October. The chosen project will be announced on National Good Neighbors Day on Sept. 28 as part of Arts Month. The award-winning neighborhood will receive a \$500 stipend to help with supplies and permits. See [www.cscono.org/neighborhood-art-project](http://www.cscono.org/neighborhood-art-project).

### Work around Palmer Lake Town Hall

The ramp reconstruction work on the town museum and library is well underway. Also, Town Hall roof restoration will continue into December. Thus, staff is alerting residents that typically stroll through the town green area to be cautious and respectful of the construction equipment and process in the weeks and months ahead. Furthermore, due to construction crew parking in the area lots, it may be limited parking. Please feel free to contact the office to assist with business that can be conducted by phone or email for your convenience. Phone: 719-481-2953, Email: [info@palmer-lake.org](mailto:info@palmer-lake.org). Unfortunately, the Town Hall will not be available to rent for events through this time. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to celebrating both projects getting completed!

### Palmer Lake Vaile Museum to reopen

Plans to reopen in late Sept. with several new exhibits upon completion of the improved handicap accessible ramp. We are in great need of volunteers to carry on the work of the society. Visit [www.PalmerDivideHistory.org](http://www.PalmerDivideHistory.org) or call 719-559-0837. See ad on page 32.

### Noxious weed removal is our responsibility

As a private property owner, you are responsible for the removal of noxious weeds on your land to keep them from spreading. We often see plants we think are pretty that are really noxious. To see photos to help you identify local noxious weeds and get tips on removal and control, see <https://assets-communityservices.elpasoco.com/wp-content/uploads/Environmental-Division-Picture/Noxious-Weeds/Noxious-Weed-Control-Book.pdf>.

### Slash-Mulch through Sept. 12

Black Forest Slash-Mulch Program is a Wildfire Mitigation and Recycling Program. It accepts slash (trees, limbs, and brush debris only, maximum length 6 feet, maximum diameter 8 inches) (no stumps, roots, weeds, grass, lumber, or trash). Cost to drop off slash is \$2 per load. Mulch loader fee \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. Co-sponsored by the El Paso County Environmental Division, Colorado Forestry Association, and the Black Forest Fire Department, in cooperation with the Colorado State Forest Service and the State Board of Land Commissioners. Hours: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on specified days. See [www.bfslash.org](http://www.bfslash.org) for a form to bring with you, or phone the county Environmental Division, 520-7878. Southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in Black Forest.

### Area code required soon for local (719) and (970) calls

Colorado customers with numbers in the 719 and 970 area codes should start dialing 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. They will still count as local calls. Beginning Oct. 24, 10 digits will be necessary for all local calls or they will not go through. Check your safety and security alert devices to be sure they are programmed with 10-digit dialing. You can still dial just three digits to reach

711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services) and other local three-digit services including 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 or 811 are currently available in your community, dial these codes with just three digits.

### D38 Board candidates sought

The Board of Education of the Lewis-Palmer School District No. 38 calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Petitions due Aug. 27. Information about qualifications and petitions can be found on ad on page 6.

### Openings on Monument boards

The Town of Monument has openings on its Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments. For more information, visit <http://townofmonument.org/261/Available-Board-Openings>.

### Volunteer for Tri-Lakes Cares

There are many areas within Tri-Lakes Cares that you can help serve. Volunteers interact with clients, stock the food pantry, distribute grocery orders, process donations, pack Snack Packs for local youths, and contribute in many other ways to the success of Tri-Lakes Cares. Becoming a volunteer is easy and fun. For details, contact Volunteer Coordinator Nichole Pettigrew, 719-481-4864 x113, [VolunteerCoordinator@Tri-LakesCares.org](mailto:VolunteerCoordinator@Tri-LakesCares.org); or visit <https://trilakescares.org/volunteer/>.

### Tri-Lakes Cares needs us

Tri-Lakes Cares is the only food pantry and human services organization located in and serving northern El Paso County through emergency, self-sufficiency, and relief programs. The community-based, volunteer-supported center is a critical resource for our neighbors in need. The best way to help support Tri-Lakes Cares is to make a financial donation. For more information about Tri-Lakes Cares or how you can help, contact Nicole Pettigrew, director of Volunteers and Community Partnership, at 719-481-4864 Ext. 111; [communityengagementmanager@tri-lakescares.org](mailto:communityengagementmanager@tri-lakescares.org); or visit [www.trilakescares.org](http://www.trilakescares.org).

### YMCA FREE One-Day Pass

See ad on page 6.

### WMMI seeks volunteers

WMMI has positions for docents/tour guides, front desk, landscaping, and building and maintenance. For more details, contact Loretta, 719-488-0880, or email [Volunteer@wmmi.org](mailto:Volunteer@wmmi.org). See ad on page 14

### Free services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman services to Tri-Lakes seniors. Private transportation to medical appointments or a grocery store is now provided by Envida, 719-633-4677. If you need grab bars in the bathroom, a ramp to your door, or repair of stairs or railings, please call 719-488-0076, and leave a message or visit [www.coloradoseniorhelp.com](http://www.coloradoseniorhelp.com).

### 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).

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### GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **El Paso County Planning Commission meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 2 & 16**, 9 a.m. Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colo. Springs. Meetings are live streamed on the El Paso County News & Information Channel at <https://www.elpasoco.com/news-information-channel>. Meets first & third Thu. (if required). Info: 719-520-6300, <https://planning-development.elpasoco.com/>.
- **Monument Board of Trustees meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 7**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets first and third Mon. Info: 719-884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees](http://www.townofmonument.org/260/Board-of-Trustees) for remote attendance links.
- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 7**, 9 a.m. view agendas and meetings at [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso). Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. Info: 719-520-6430, [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso).
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District board meeting**,

- Wed., **Sept. 8**, 9 a.m., call in only: 650-479-3208, Access Code 76439078, 120 Middle Glenway. Meets second Wed. Info: 719-481-2732. [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **Monument Planning Commission meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 8**, 6 p.m. Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets second Wed. To see the options for remote public participation in each meeting, visit [www.townofmonument.org/263/Planning-Commission-Board-of-Adjustment](http://www.townofmonument.org/263/Planning-Commission-Board-of-Adjustment). Info: 719-884-8028. [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **Monument Academy School Board meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 9**, 6 p.m. at the West Campus in the library. Meetings will alternate each month between East and West Campus from now on. See website. Meets second Thu. Info 719-481-1950, [www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/](http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board/board-meeting-minutes/).
- **Palmer Lake Board of Trustees meeting**, Thu., **Sept. 9 & Sept. 23**, 6 p.m. Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets second and fourth Thu. Info: 719-481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District board meeting**, Mon., **Sept. 13**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets second Mon. Info: 719-488-2525, [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com).
- **D38 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting**, usually meets five times per school year on the second Tuesday of the month (Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Apr.). <https://www.youtube.com/user/LPSDCommunity>. Info: 719.481.9546, [vwood@lewis-palmer.org](http://vwood@lewis-palmer.org).

- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee meeting**, Tue., **Sept. 14**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets second Tue. Info: Bill Burks, 719-481-4053.
- **Monument Sanitation District board meeting**, Wed., **Sept. 15**, 9 a.m., 130 Second St. Zoom meeting.

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