

## Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events Editor

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### Major Transportation Corridors Plan public comment period ends Nov. 14

El Paso County is seeking final public input on the 2040 Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP). The county Planning Commission will hear the plan in November. The final public comment period ends **Nov. 14**. You can review the final document and submit your comments at <http://epcroadplan.com>.

### WIA seeks board candidates

If you are interested in running for the Woodmoor Improvement Association (WIA) Board of Directors, call or stop by the office at 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2693, [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org).

### Register for Tri-Lakes Y Youth Sports Camps

Registration is now open for Thanksgiving Break Basketball Camp and Winter Break Volleyball Camp. See the ad on page 6 or website for details. Financial assistance is available. Register at [www.pymca.org](http://www.pymca.org) or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument.

### Hometown heroes

Would you like to honor a member of your family who served honorably in our U.S. military? Join American Legion Post 9-11 in honoring your family hero by having an 18-by-36-inch banner flown in the Tri-Lakes area featuring his/her photo in uniform with area and dates served on active duty. The banner will be attached to town posts by Palmer Lake Legionnaires and flown from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. The cost to each family is \$125. To order or for more information, call post headquarters at the Depot Restaurant, 481-8668.

### Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week, Nov. 14-21

More than 14,700 empty shoeboxes will be transformed into gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children who live in the midst of poverty, war, disease, or natural disaster. You can drop off donations to The Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd., Monument, **Nov. 14-17**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Nov. 18**, 3-6 p.m.; **Nov. 19**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; **Nov. 20**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; and **Nov. 21**, 9 a.m.-noon. The First Baptist of Black Forest, 10915 Black Forest Rd., is collecting donations Nov. 14-21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

### Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA)

#### 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 at Glen Eden Resort. For more information, contact Megan Morse, 719-494-2622, or visit [www.mvea.coop/community/essaycontest/](http://www.mvea.coop/community/essaycontest/).

### Volunteers needed for chipping and mitigation projects

Black Forest Together continues to coordinate service projects to assist homeowners in Black Forest with chipping and forest management projects to reclaim their land from the devastation of the 2013 fire. This is a great community service opportunity for ages 14 and up. For more information about upcoming projects, contact Donna Arkowski at [darkkorch@msn.com](mailto:darkkorch@msn.com) or call 495-2892.

### LEAP—Help for heating bills

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The eligibility period for LEAP runs Nov. 1-April 30. Application packets will automatically be mailed to residents who received LEAP assistance last year at the address where they were living at that time. To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap).

### St. Peter Catholic School now enrolling for the 2016-17 school year

The school offers full and half-day preschool, Core Knowledge Curriculum with small class sizes, Christ-centered education, athletics, and more for preschool-eighth grade. Call or visit: 124 First St., Monument; 481-1855; [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org).

### Help the Black Forest Animal Sanctuary (BFAS) rescue animals

Southern Colorado Animal Rescue needs volunteers and donations to continue its work at the sanctuary in Black Forest. BFAS is an animal rescue and rehab farm that has been helping animals since 1994. The all-volunteer organization has rescued thousands of horses, farm animals, dogs, cats, and various small wild animals and birds. BFAS provides rescue operations, adoption programs, foster and sponsorship programs, a student/horse education program, service dogs to veterans, and local and national rescue efforts. They also work with local schools and scouts. Donations are needed for animal feed and veterinary care, hay, sand for the training arena, a horse stall barn, and office supplies. Volunteers are needed for day-to-day operations. To find out how you can help, call 494-0158, email [BFAS-Farm@gmail.com](mailto:BFAS-Farm@gmail.com), or visit [www.bfasfarm.org](http://www.bfasfarm.org).

### County expands services to veterans

Three El Paso County agencies providing services to veterans are making it easier to receive assistance by opening satellite offices at the Mount Carmel Center of Excellence, 530 Communications Circle in Colorado Springs. The Veterans Service office at Mount Carmel is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and closes noon-1 p.m. for lunch. Call 667-3816 for an appointment. The Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) has also opened an office to serve veterans and transitioning military personnel at the Mount

Carmel location. The PPWFC Mount Carmel office is open Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.), and is staffed with two Workforce Center employees who help veterans with their employment needs. Call 667-3729 for an appointment. The county Department of Human Services also has an office open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Mount Carmel Center of Excellence. For more information, contact Dave Rose, 520-6540 or [DaveRose@elpasoco.com](mailto:DaveRose@elpasoco.com).

### Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Center

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance Senior Citizens Center is next to the Lewis-Palmer High School Stadium (across from the YMCA) and is open 1-4 p.m., Tue.-Fri., and earlier for scheduled activities. The facility has a lounge, craft room, game room, and multipurpose room. Programs include bridge, pinochle, National Mah-jongg, line dancing, tea time, bingo, and more. Ping-pong, Wii video games, puzzles and board games, refreshments, a lending library, computers with Internet connections, and an information table are also available. For information about programs for seniors, visit [www.TriLakesSeniors.org](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org).

### 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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in Monument. It also contains the schedule of the classes and events for the month at the Senior Citizens Center. 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/newletter.php](http://www.TriLakesSeniors.org/newletter.php).

### Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance needs volunteers

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that serves and supports seniors in our community. The Alliance currently needs volunteers, three hours a week; and active board members, eight to 10 hours a month. For more information, call Program Coordinator Sue Walker, 719-464-6873. Volunteers are also needed to work a three-hour shift once a week in the thrift store, to move items from storage into the store, or to pick up and transport donated items. To volunteer, call 488-3495.

### Free transportation and safety services

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and safety 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 are in need of 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. For more information, visit [TriLakes-mcts-sshs.org](http://TriLakes-mcts-sshs.org). The senior transportation program needs additional volunteer drivers. For information, email MCSS at [mcseniorservices@gmail.com](mailto:mcseniorservices@gmail.com) or call the MCSS dispatch hotline at 488-0076. ■

## Our Community Calendar

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### GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, Mon., **Nov. 7**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 884-8017.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Nov. 8**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 481-4053.
- **Triview Metropolitan District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Nov. 8**, 5 p.m., 15275 Struthers Rd. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: 488-6868.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Nov. 9**, 10 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2732.
- **Palmer Lake Planning Commission Workshop**, Wed., **Nov. 9**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Nov. 9**, CANCELLED, Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Items that were scheduled will be postponed to a future meeting. Normally meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 884-8017.
- **Monument Academy School Board Meeting**, Thu., **Nov. 10**, 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., **Nov. 10**, 6:30 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd & 4th Thu. each month. Info: 481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Monument Board of Trustees Budget Workshop**, Sat., **Nov. 12**, 9 a.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. The public may attend these workshops. Two more are scheduled: Nov. 14, 6 p.m. & Nov. 28, 6 p.m. Info: 884-8017.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Budget Workshop**, Mon., **Nov. 14**, 6 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. The public may attend these workshops. Will also meet Nov. 28, 6 p.m. Info: 884-8017.
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, Tue., **Nov. 15**, 9 a.m., 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 520-6300, <http://adm2.elpasoco.com/planning/agendas/pc/pc-agn.asp>.
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Nov. 15**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: Jennifer Martin, 484-0911, [www.tlfire.org](http://www.tlfire.org).
- **Wescott Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, Tue., **Nov. 15**, 7 p.m., Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: 488-8680.
- **Academy Water and Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Wed., **Nov. 16**, 6 p.m., Wescott Fire Station 1, 15415

**Monument Hill Kiwanis Club presents**

**11th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**

**WHEN:** December 3rd, 9 am - 5 pm

**WHERE:** Grace Best Education Ctr, 66 Jefferson Street in Downtown Monument across the street from St. Peter's Catholic Church

Live Holiday Music will be performed by D38 choirs/bands and local talent throughout the day. Featuring Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Cookie Walk. Same weekend as Monument Small Town Christmas.

Admission is free with nonperishable food item, toys, or cash donation appreciated and given to Tri-Lakes Cares.

Monument Hill Kiwanis Club  
Serving Youth, Building Community

For additional show information please contact Bob Nissen 719-304-8705 or [bob@mifigroup.com](mailto:bob@mifigroup.com)