

SPECIAL EVENTS

- GriefShare Support Group, last Tue., 10:30 am-noon. NEW LOCATION: Tri-Lakes Senior Center, 66 Jefferson St. in the Grace Best Elementary School building. The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance has partnered with Colorado Palliative and Hospice Care to host a 13-session grief support group in Monument. RSVP, info: Sue Walker, 719-330-0241.
- La Leche League breastfeeding support group, second Thu., 12:30 pm. Partners and helpers welcome (and babies and kids, too) so we can meet our breastfeeding goals together. Homestead Direct Primary Care Clinic, 15455 Gleneagle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. For more information, contact RachelKLangley@gmail.com.
- Lions Club Bingo, every Sat. (except the first Sat.), 8:30 am-1 pm and first Mon., 5:30-10 pm Tri-Lakes Lions Club's portion of the proceeds benefit those in need in the Tri-Lakes community. Updated info and location: Jim Naylor, 719-481-8741 or www.trilakeslionsclub.org.
- Monument Library Chess Club, Sat. Apr. 6 & 20, 2-4 pm. We welcome anyone who wants to learn to play chess or wants to play a game with an experienced player. Just show up, or contact Steve Waldmann, (719) 822-0023. Monument Library meeting room, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. (Information also on the Facebook page: Monument Library Chess Club.)
- Monument Hill Kiwanis Club meeting, every Sat., 8 am. www.MHKiwanis.org, MonumentHillKiwanis@gmail.com for details, guests are welcome. Service leadership clubs, Key clubs, Builders Club, and K-kids at D38 schools. Memberships are open to the public. Info: RF Smith, 719-210-4987, www.MHKiwanis.org.
- Monument Life Recovery Group, every Mon., 6:30-7:30 pm, The Ascent Church, 1750 Deer Creek Rd. This faith-based support group is for those seeking freedom from all hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Daycare for children under age 11. Info: 303-946-2659, www.liferecoverygroups.com/meetings/life-recovery-group-3/.
- Neighborhood Net Ham Radio, every Sat., 10 am Amateur ham radio operators practice for emergencies on weekly repeater nets so neighbors can help neighbors. Sign up at www.mereowx.org/neighborhood-net or contactus@mereowx.org.
- Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations (NEPCO) meeting, Sat., May 11, 10 am-12 pm., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. HOA legal topics. Members of local HOAs are welcome. Usually meets bi-monthly (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sep., Nov.) on the second Sat. of the month. www.nepco.org.
- Palmer Divide Quiltmakers, first Thu., 6:30-8:30 pm at Monument Chamber of Commerce building, 166 2nd St, Monument, CO.
- Palmer Lake Art Group, second Sat. A variety of art programs are offered after the social gathering and business meetings. Guests welcome. 300 Hwy 105, NE corner of I-25 and 105. 9:30 am. Info: 719-460-4179, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- Palmer Lake Historical Society, Thu., Apr. 18, 7 pm; (doors open at 6:30 pm), Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent St. Usually meets third Thu. Contact:Kokesdm@yahoo.com, https://palmerdivide-history.org.
- Pikes Peak Genealogical Society meeting, Wed., Apr. 10, 7 pm. Meets monthly, second Wed. Members can log in and get the monthly meeting Zoom link. Guests are welcome to attend, please request an invitation from the PPGS president at www.PPGS.org.
- Ridgeview Baptist Church, every Sun., 10:30 am, temporarily meeting at 9130 Explorer Dr., Colorado Springs, 80920. Info: 719-357-6515 or www.ridgeviewcolorado.org. See ad on page 6.
- Senior Bingo, third Wed. Silver Alliance Senior Center, Space is limited to 16. participants. RSVP & info: Sue Walker, 719-464-6873, or email sue@monumentalfitness.
- Senior Book Club, second Fri., 11 am-noon, Silver Alliance Senior Center, all are welcome. Coffee & snacks. RSVP & info: Sue, 719-330-0241.
- Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, every Sun., Contemporary 9 am; Traditional 10:30 am. A live stream is available at www.tlumc.org/live. Watch live or replay: www.facebook.com/tlumc, www.youtube.com/tlumc.org. Info: 719-488-1365, www.tlumc.org. 20256 Hunting Downs Way, Monument.
- Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Wednesday night fellowship classes, every Wed., 6-7:30 pm, 20450 Beacon Lite Road, Monument (corner of Beacon Lite & County Line Roads). Info: 719-488-9613, greagsmith@trilakeschurch.org, www.trilakeschurch.org.
- Tri-Lakes Cruisers, first Wed., 7 pm. A nonprofit car club. Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, with numerous activities and events each month. Club membership applications are now being accepted and are available on the website: https://tl-cruisers.weebly.com.
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Networking breakfast, first and third Thu., in person or via Zoom 166 2nd Street Monument 7:30-9 am free registration at www.TriLakeschamber.com.
- Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Cabin Conversations: fellowship with meals. every Wed., 6 pm 20450 Beacon Lite Rd.
- Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club meeting, monthly first and third Thu. 6 pm-8 pm. First Thursday via zoom and third Thursday in person at the Chamber of Commerce, 166 2nd St., Monument. Details: www.tlrotary.com. Trilakesdynamicrotary@gmail.com. Guests welcome. We are a service club serving Tri-Lakes. Memberships open to the public. Info: www.tlrotary.com.
- Tri-Lakes Parkinson's Disease Support Group, third Sat., 10 am-noon, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. Info: Syble Krafft, 719-488-2669; Barry (group president), 719-351-9485. If you need any help, please call Syble or Barry.
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club (TLWC) monthly meeting, Fri., Apr. 19, 11:30 a.m. Program: Julie Papa, a licensed attorney, specializing in advising clients in estate planning and estate and trust administration will speak. Eisenhower Golf Club, USAFA. Usually meets monthly on the third Fri. To become a member, or learn about the club, visit our website at www.tlwc.net Contact Info: Tri-Lakes Women's Club membership@tlwc.net.
- Women's A. A. Step Study, every Mon., 6:30 pm, meeting remotely, check for details. Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 675 Baptist Rd. Park in the west lot. Info: 866-641-9190. Al-Anon Zoom Meeting, Just for Today Online, every Mon., 9:00 - 10:00 am Zoom Meeting ID: 889 4142 7446, Password 349309
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7829, third Wed., 7 pm, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce community room, 166 2nd St., Monument. New members welcome. Info: Post Commander and POW Bruce Beyerly, Bruce.Beyerly@gmail.com.
- VFW Auxiliary to Post 7829, third Wed., 7 pm, The Country Club at Woodmoor, 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument. Guests are welcome to join; contact carlsonmkc@aol.com for instructions on how to connect. If you are a relative of a veteran who served on foreign soil during war or other military action, you may be eligible. Info: Kathy Carlson, 719-488-1902, carlsonmkc@aol.com.

- VOLUNTEER TODAY! Our Community News: volunteer mailing days, Thu. Apr. 4 & May 2, approx. 7-8:30 am. We are all volunteers at OCN and need YOUR help, even for an hour or two, getting the papers ready to mail. Contact AllenAlchian@ocn.me or (719) 488-3455.
- Boy Scout Troop 17 Spaghetti Dinner, Sat., Apr. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. St Peter Catholic Church. Adults \$10, kids \$5 (10 and under) \$50 maximum for a family. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Location: school gym, 124 1st Street Monument. Proceeds from the event to offset the cost of troop dues and scout adventures. Pasta with a purpose! To purchase tickets or questions contact Lynse, the fundraiser coordinator: lynse@yahoo.com
- 100+ Women Who Care Bi-Annual Meeting. Next Meeting: Wed., Apr. 17, 5 pm, Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Drive. We are 100+ Women committed to contributing \$100 two times a year to local Tri-Lakes charities. Big impact, without a big commitment. For more information on how to join us visit: http://www.100womenwhocaretlakes.com/
- Earth Day nature lovers-Friends of Fox Run Park, Sat., Apr. 20 10-2, Fox Run Park Rollercoaster Rd. Trailhead. Tasks for the park include a nature talk, clean up and other important Earth Day tasks.
- YMCA healthy kids day, Sat., Apr. 20, find out about YMCA season offerings, see ad on page 6.
- Film fest: Monumentaries, nationally acclaimed short films, Thu., Apr. 25, 5:30 pm, Palmer Ridge High School, main auditorium. Door opens at 5 pm. Sponsored by the Tri-Lakes SEW Coalition is a group of students, parents, community members, professionals, and agencies, who meet to foster youth social emotional wellness in the Tri-Lakes community and the Youth Documentary Academy. Light hor d'oeuvres, raffle prizes, free registration.
- Covered Treasures Bookstore, Sat., Apr. 20, 12-3, author Sheryl Peterson will sign her book, Bonedigger's Daughter. Sat., Apr. 27, 1-3, National Poetry Event, poets Mary Burnett Brown, Joseph Murphy and Lon Wartman will discuss and recite from their poetry collections. 105 Second Street, Monument.
- Arbor Day presentation, Fri., Apr. 26, 10 am, Barnhart Orchard (open space off of 3rd street, across from the Santa Fe Trailhead, Monument. Free plants, free presentation on tree health by Cassie Olgren, Parks and Trails Planner, Program Manager for Monument.
- Wildfire Risk Reduction Day, Sat., Apr. 27. Free. Speakers, resources, and information on how to prepare for fire evacuation, evaluate threat of fire to your home and property, reduce your risk, and achieve neighborhood risk reduction efforts. Speakers scheduled at 9:30 am and noon. Information and resource fair from 9 am to 1 pm with exhibits from Monument Fire Department, Peak Alerts, Community Animal Response Team, El Paso County Wildland Fire Team, Colorado State Forest Service, HOPE Animal Assisted Disaster Response, Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, Pikes Peak CERT Team. Sponsored by Palmer Ridge High School.
- Coworking Community Makerspace Survey: Looking for project workspace and/or equipment for your personal projects or for your business? Please complete survey by Apr. 30. More information: monumentalimpact.org/events/2024-survey/
- Affordable Flooring Connection. See ad on page 2.
- Cornerstone Cleaners, special offers through Apr. 30. 1030 W. Baptist Road, near King Soopers. See ad on page 4.
- Eagle Wine & Spirits, special offers through Apr. 30. Baptist Road next to King Soopers. See ad on page 3.
- McCord's Garden Center open now. See ad on page 5.
- Monument Cleaners, special offers through Apr. 30. 15932 Jackson Creek Pkwy., in Monument Marketplace. See ad on page 5.
- Monumental Med Spa special offers for April. 88 Hwy 105 Palmer Lake. See ad on page 7.
- Mountain View Pella windows, special offers. See ad on page 24.
- Noel Relief Centers, new patient specials, new treatment options. 950 Baptist Rd #130, Monument. See ad on page 7.
- PeakView Windows, special offers for April. See ad on page 24.
- Silver Key senior services, companionship services and more including friendly home visits. Volunteers needed. 719-884-2300. See ad on page 8.
- St. Peter Catholic School preschool now enrolling for August 2024; 124 First St., Monument. See ad on page 2.
- Susan Helmich fine jewelry in store event for buying estate jewelry, Apr. 11 & 12, appointment only; see ad on page 10.
- The Living Room Plants, special offers through Apr. 30. See ad on page 5.
- Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center, special offers through Apr. 30. See ad on page 5.

- YMCA Spring youth sports registration open now. Sport season starts Apr. 1. See ad on page 6.
 - Little Log Church 100th Anniversary Celebration, Sat., May 11, 1-4 pm, 133 High St. Palmer Lake. Info: www.littlelogchurch.com. See ad on page 2.
 - Western Museum of Mining and Industry family days in June, July, Aug. See ad on page 12.
 - Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares, Wed., May 15, 5:30-8:30 pm. \$40/person. Spruce Mountain Events, 14771 Spruce Mountain Road, Larkspur, CO 80118. https://secure.qgiv.com/for/totlc2024/event/tasteoftrilakes-cares2024/. See ad on page 4.
 - Annual Silver Key Senior Summit - Expo of Senior Services: Thu., May 16, 9-2 pm. Great Wolf Lodge. For Seniors, friends or family members, or those serving the senior population. Free admission, food and drinks, it features over 80+ vendors, aging related information sessions. For more information, visit www.silverkey.org/senior-summit or email, development@silverkey.org. See ad on page 8.
 - A Time to Dance, The Way Home, Fri., May 17, at Ent Center for the Arts. See ad on page 4.
 - YMCA summer day camp for ages 5-12 begins May 28, www.pymca.org/daycamp see ad on page 6.
 - Monument Hill foundation (Kiwanis Monument Hill Club) grant applications due May 30. For instructions and to complete an online application, go to: monumenthillfoundation.org and select "Apply for a Grant". See ad on page 10.
 - Space Foundation kids' summer fun weeks, June 10-14, or June 15-19, see ad on page 12.
 - Front Range Maker's Market Shop, June 22-23 Sat 9-4, Sun 10-3. Indoors at Lewis-Palmer HS. 125+ local makers & artisans. Info: FRmakersmarket.com see ad on page 5.
- Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please send the information to calendar@ocn.me or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

Letters to Our Community

Our Community News welcomes letters to the editor on topics of general interest to readers in the Tri-Lakes area. We do not knowingly print letters that are substantially the same as letters that have been submitted to other publications. To ensure that OCN contains a variety of viewpoints, each letter writer is limited to a maximum of one (1) letter per issue and six (6) letters within a twelve (12) month period. To submit a letter, please:

- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- Limit your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Submit your letter so we receive it no later than midnight, Friday, two weeks prior to the publication date.

If you have not received an acknowledgement two days after your email submission or one week after you mailed your letter, please contact John Heiser, Publisher, at (719) 488-3455 or editor@ocn.me. At OCN's sole discretion, we may ask you for clarification of your statements. Include references, such as website links, in your letter for any facts and figures you cite. OCN does not guarantee every letter will appear in print or on-line and does not guarantee a publication date. The number of letters printed on a particular topic or in a particular issue may be limited. Letters containing personal attacks or endorsements for or complaints about individually-named commercial products or services will not be published.

Content

Articles in Our Community News focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

Unlike papers that try to figure out what the "story" is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the "truth" is, OCN's role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided supplemented with board packet information. By reading OCN, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, "truth" is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

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