

district and non-resident families may apply to enroll students in a school other than their assigned neighborhood school. D38's choice enrollment window for the 2021-22 school year is open **Jan. 4-Feb. 5, 2021**. For more information, visit www.lewispalmer.org/enroll. See ad on page 9.

Monument Academy is enrolling

Monument Academy is a free public school of choice and features academic excellence, award-winning programs, and more. Learn about this growing school; schedule a tour at 481-1950 ext. 1710, www.monumentacademy.net.

St. Peter School enrolling

St. Peter is offering in-person learning five days a week. Preschool through eighth grade feature academics, athletics, and faith formation. For more information, call 719-481-1855 or visit petertherockschool.org. See ad on page 2.

Help protect firefighters and yourselves

Hundreds of firefighters across the country have COVID-19. Even with personal protective equipment and

strong infection control procedures, hundreds of firefighters are sick. Some have died. Here are some steps you can take to make it safer for firefighters and others on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle. (1) Stay home and practice social distancing. (2) Call 911 for emergencies only. (3) If you do need to call 911, alert the call-taker if anyone in your household has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has experienced any symptoms such as cough or fever. (4) Make a list of all medications being taken by each member of your household, along with a medical history. Do it now and keep it handy, just in case. (5) Collect a few things a loved one might need if they must go to the hospital. A phone charger, eyeglasses, wallet, ID, and insurance card(s) are great things to include.

Can you volunteer today?

Links to local organizations with an immediate need for volunteers are listed on the county's website, www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0, for groups like Care and Share, Crossfire Ministries, Citizen's Project (email joy@citizensproject.org for virtual opportunities to help with Census 2020), blood donations, Early Connections (volunteer from home opportunity), foster

an animal, Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County, Salvation Army, Silver Key, and United Way (ongoing opportunities).

Palmer Lake prohibits visitor parking

The Town of Palmer Lake has issued an emergency ordinance prohibiting parking on all town streets, with the exception of Palmer Lake residents, and closing the parking area at the reservoir trailhead on Old Carriage Road during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. *Senior Beat* can also be viewed online at www.TriLakesSeniors.org.

Our Community Calendar

By Judy Barnes,

Community Calendar 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 info number for that event.

The unpredictability of the COVID-19 situation presents scheduling challenges to area governance entities and other organizations. Because OCN is a monthly publication, readers should assume that information published in this issue is subject to change and event information should be confirmed a day or two before the event by calling the information number or checking the organization's website.

Many entries show dates even though the event has been canceled or suspended. The date indicates when the event was planned to be held or when it would normally have been held.

GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Fire Chief Candidate Interviews**, Sat., **Dec. 5**, 9 a.m. (orientation at 8 a.m.), 166 2nd St., Monument. The public may view electronically only. For joining instructions visit www.tlmfire.org or contact Jennifer Martin, 719-484-0911.
- **Forest Lakes Metropolitan District & Pinon Pines Metropolitan District's 2 and 3 Board Meeting**, Mon, **Dec. 7**, 4 p.m., 2138 Flying Horse Club Dr. For general questions contact Ann Nichols, 719-327-5810, or email anicholsduffy@aol.com; for meeting updates visit www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting, livestreamed at bit.ly/2uZxjfa**, Mon., **Dec. 7**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. To participate remotely by phone, call 1-844-992-4726 (Access Code: 126 084 9803). Info: 719-884-8017, www.townofmonument.org.
- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners Meeting, live-streamed at www.elpasoco.com/news-information-channel**, Tue., **Dec. 8**, 9 a.m. Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. Info: 719-520-6430, www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso/meeting/list.
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting**, Tue., **Dec. 8**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 719-481-4053.
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting, call in only, check the website**; Wed., **Dec. 9**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 719-481-2732. www.plsd.org.
- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Dec. 9**, 6 p.m. Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Public attendance will be limited to remote attendance. To see the options for remote public participation in each meeting, visit www.townofmonument.org/263/Planning-Commission-Board-of-Adjustment. Info: 719-884-8017, www.townofmonument.org.
- **Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District Board Meeting, meeting will be held via Zoom technology. For joining instructions visit <http://www.bffire.org> or contact 719-495-4300**. Wed., **Dec. 9**, 7 p.m., Station 1, 11445 Teachout Rd. Normally meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-495-4300, www.bffire.org.
- **Donala Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting, check the website for the access code for the electronic meeting**, Thu., **Dec. 10**, 1:30 p.m., 15850 Holbein Dr. Normally meets 3rd Thu. each month.

- Info: 719-488-3603, www.donalawater.org.
- **Triview Metropolitan District Board Meeting, check the website**, Thu., **Dec. 10**, 5:30 p.m., 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Normally meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-488-6868, www.triviewmetro.com.
- **Monument Academy School Board Meeting, Zoom meeting; email Board@monumentacademy.net and someone will respond with a meeting invitation. The audio will also be recorded and posted**. Thu., **Dec. 10**, 6 p.m., Lab 312, 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 719-481-1950, www.monumentacademy.net/school-board.
- **Palmer Lake Town Board of Trustees Meeting**, Thu., **Dec. 10**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 719-481-2953, www.townofpalmerlake.com.
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting**, Mon., **Dec. 14**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 2nd Mon. each month. Info: 719-488-2525, www.woodmoorwater.com.
- **Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Board Meeting, live stream on the district's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/LPSDCCommunity**, Mon., **Dec. 14**, 6-10 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 3rd Mon. each month. The agenda and supporting documents can be found at <https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lewispalmer/Board.nsf/vpublic>. Info: 719-481-9546, vwood@lewispalmer.org, www.lewispalmer.org.
- **Wescott Fire Protection District Board Meeting, possible Zoom meeting, check the website**, Tue., **Dec. 15**, 4 p.m., Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: 719-488-8680, www.wescottfire.org.
- **Academy Water and Sanitation District Board Meeting, the public can join the Skype meeting: <https://join.skype.com/PAcujKTn7Nrh>. Check the website for a link: <https://academywsd.colorado.gov/notices-and-alerts>**. Wed., **Dec. 16**, 6 p.m., Wescott Fire Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-481-0711, <https://academywsd.colorado.gov>.
- **Palmer Lake Town Planning Commission Meeting**, Wed., **Dec. 16**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-481-2953, www.townofpalmerlake.com.
- **Monument Sanitation District Board Meeting, check the website**, Wed., **Dec. 16**, 9 a.m., 130 2nd St. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-481-4886, www.colorado.gov/msd.
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting, live-streamed at www.elpasoco.com/news-information-channel**, Thu., **Dec. 17**, 1 p.m., 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets 1st & 3rd Thu. (if required) each month. Info: 719-520-6300, elpasoco.com/public-meetings/.
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting, livestreamed at bit.ly/2uZxjfa**, Mon., **Dec. 21**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. To participate remotely by phone, call 1-844-992-4726 (Access Code: 126 084 9803). Info: 719-884-8017, www.townofmonument.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Board Meeting, meeting will be held via Zoom technology. For joining instructions visit www.tlmfire.org or contact Jennifer Martin, 719-484-0911**. Wed., meeting held **Dec. 2**, 6:30 p.m., TLM-CPD Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105. Normally meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: Jennifer Martin, 719-484-0911, www.tlmfire.org.

- **Woodmoor Improvement Association Board Meeting**, Wed., **Dec. 23**, 7 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: 719-488-2693, www.woodmoor.org.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS

- **Group of Artists (GOA) Meetings at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA), SUSPENDED**, Sat., **Dec. 5**, 10 a.m.-noon, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Lively discussions about art topics, general studies on creativity. Meets 1st Sat. each month. Info: 481-0475, info@trilakesarts.org, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Small Town Christmas at Covered Treasures Bookstore Booksigning**, Sat., **Dec. 5**, 105 Second St., Monument. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Caroline Eklund will sign *Secrets of the Sacred Bluestones*; 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Terry Pierce will sign *Without Warning: The Saga of Gettysburg, A Reluctant Union Hero and the Men He Inspired*. Free, open to all, please wear a mask. Info: 481-2665, www.coveredtreasures.com.
- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club Breakfast Meeting, Zoom meeting. email info@MHKiwani.org for details**; every Sat., 9 a.m., Guests are welcome at weekly meetings featuring speakers on a variety of topics and a free continental breakfast at normal meetings. Memberships open to the public. Join the 150+ men & women of the Tri-Lakes area who work together to make a difference for youth and our community. Info: RF Smith, 719-210-4987, www.MHKiwani.org. See ad on page 3.
- **Neighborhood Net**, every Sat., 10 a.m. Amateur 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.
- **The Wine Seller Free Wine Tastings, SUSPENDED**, every Sat., 1-4 p.m., 2805 Roberts Dr., Monument. Info: 719-488-3019, www.thewineseller.net.
- **Bingo by the American Legion, SUSPENDED**, every Sat., game sales start at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., the Depot Restaurant, in Palmer Lake. Proceeds go to scholarships and other community support activities. Info: 719-481-8668, <http://legionpost9-11.org/>.
- **Lions Clubs Bingo, SUSPENDED**, every Sat., 10 a.m., and Wed., 7 p.m.; Carefree Bingo, 3440 N. Carefree Circle, Colo. Springs. Tri-Lakes Lions Club's portion of the proceeds benefit those in need in the Tri-Lakes Community. Info: Jim Nay-

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