

community are counting on it. For more information, visit [www.codot.gov](http://www.codot.gov).

**Friends of Monument Preserve (FOMP) seeks board members**

FOMP manages a 1,000-acre hiking/biking/equestrian trail area. The group is recruiting new board members. For more information, visit [www.fomp.org](http://www.fomp.org).

**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.

**Sign up for “Reverse 9-1-1” emergency notifications to your cell phones**

The Emergency Notification System (powered by Ever-

bridge), 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.spatiallest.com/co/elpaso/>.

**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). ■

Drivers on I-25 cautioned to “heed the speed”

By Jennifer Kaylor

On March 11, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) invited news media to a candid conversation about leading causes of increased crashes in the construction zone along the I-25 South Gap from Monument to Castle Rock. Addressing three primary culprits—speeding, following too closely, and unsafe driving practices—CDOT has funded increased enforcement along the corridor. Motorists can expect increased law enforcement seven days a week, increased aircraft enforcement, and speed limit reductions during peak travel and inclement weather.

Be aware that a speeding violation of 10 to 19 mph over the speed limit in a construction zone will incur fines and surcharges of \$323. Following too closely will cost at least \$221 and four points against a driver’s record. “On land or in air, our job is to ensure everyone is as safe as possible

when traveling on Colorado roadways,” says CSP Maj. Tim Keeton. “But we cannot do it alone. We need every driver to make it their personal responsibility to keep themselves, and others, safe when behind the wheel. And then drive accordingly.”

CDOT and CSP remind motorists:

- Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and the one ahead—you are more likely to get into a crash if you follow too closely.
- 66% of crashes on the Gap are caused by rear-end collisions, resulting in nearly 80% of injury-related crashes.
- Be extra cautious and vigilant when driving through the work zone.
- By the nature of the work zone, lanes and shoulders will be narrower and more difficult to drive through. Motorists should also anticipate changing roadway

conditions, with frequent traffic shifts required for construction.

- Heed the signs and drive the speed limit for the conditions of the work zone.
- If possible, avoid driving on the Gap in bad weather. During past storms, motorists heeded CDOT’s warnings and limited travel, which helped greatly to reduce crashes and prevent closures.
- If there are no injuries or impairment suspected, please move your crash off the interstate to the nearest exit away from traffic.
- Always slow down for emergency first responders.
- Take advantage of information sources to get the latest info on work zones. Text I25GAP to 21000 for alerts.

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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**

- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, the public can watch the meeting via You Tube Channel <https://bit.ly/2N3a3Cw> Mon., **Apr. 6**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 719-884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).
- **El Paso Board of County Commissioners Meeting**, view agendas and meetings at [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso) Tue., **Apr. 7** & Thu., **Apr. 9**, 9 a.m. Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets every Tue. and Thu. Info: 719-520-6430, [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso).
- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, live-streamed at [elpasoco.com/public-meetings/](http://elpasoco.com/public-meetings/), Tue., **Apr. 7**, 1 p.m., Centennial Hall, 200 South Cascade Ave., Suite 150, Colo. Springs. Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 719-520-6300, [elpasoco.com/public-meetings/](http://elpasoco.com/public-meetings/).
- **D-38 Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), SUSPENDED**, Wed., **Apr. 8**, 6:30 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Info: 719-433-5672, [MNay@lewispalmer.org](mailto:MNay@lewispalmer.org).
- **Palmer Lake Sanitation District Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**, Wed., **Apr. 8**, 9 a.m., 120 Middle Glenway. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 719-481-2732. [www.plsd.org](http://www.plsd.org).
- **El Paso County Park Advisory Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**: [www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso](http://www.agendasuite.org/iip/elpaso). Wed., **Apr. 8**, 1:30 p.m., Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade. Info: 719-520-7529.
- **Monument Planning Commission Meeting**, Live-

streamed at <http://bit.ly/2uZxjfa> Wed., **Apr. 8**, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Meets 2nd Wed. each month. Info: 719-884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).

- **Monument Academy School Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**, Thu., **Apr. 9**, 6 p.m., Lab 312, 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 719-481-1950, [www.monumentacademy.net/school-board](http://www.monumentacademy.net/school-board).
- **Palmer Lake Town Council Meeting, CHECK THE WEBSITE**, Thu., **Apr. 9**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Meets 2nd Thu. each month. Info: 719-481-2953, [www.townofpalmerlake.com](http://www.townofpalmerlake.com).
- **Woodmoor Water & Sanitation District Board Meeting, SUSPENDED**. Mon., **Apr. 13**, 1 p.m., 1845 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Meets 2nd Mon. each month. Info: 719-488-2525, [www.woodmoorwater.com](http://www.woodmoorwater.com).
- **D-38 Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Meeting, SUSPENDED**, Tue., **Apr. 14**, 7-8:30 p.m., 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 2nd Tue. each month, location varies. Info: Cheri McLean, 719-785-4210, [cmclean@lewispalmer.org](mailto:cmclean@lewispalmer.org), [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).
- **Tri-Lakes Wastewater Facility Joint Use Committee Meeting, SUSPENDED**, Tue., **Apr. 14**, 10 a.m., 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meets 2nd Tue. each month. Info: Bill Burks, 719-481-4053.
- **Monument Sanitation District Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**, Wed., **Apr. 15**, 9 a.m., 130 2nd St. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-481-4886, [www.colorado.gov/msd](http://www.colorado.gov/msd).
- **Triview Metropolitan District Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**, Wed., Apr. 15, 5:30 p.m., 16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 300, Monument. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-488-6868, [www.triviewmetro.com](http://www.triviewmetro.com).
- **Academy Water and Sanitation District Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**: [www.colorado.gov/pacific/awsd/notices-alerts](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/awsd/notices-alerts), Wed., **Apr. 15**, 6 p.m., Wescott Fire Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-481-0711.
- **Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**, Wed., **Apr. 15**, 7 p.m., Station 1, 11445 Teachout Road, Colorado Springs. Meets 3rd Wed. each month. Info: 719-495-4300, [www.bffire.org](http://www.bffire.org).
- **Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**: [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org) Mon., Apr. 20, 6 p.m., Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Meets 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 719-867-8690, [knameika@lewispalmer.org](mailto:knameika@lewispalmer.org), [www.lewispalmer.org](http://www.lewispalmer.org).
- **Donala Water & Sanitation District Board Workshop, OFFICE CLOSED; TO DIAL INTO THE BOARD MEETING**, dial 571-317-3122 from your phone and use access code 418-000-565, Thu., **Apr. 16**, 1:30 p.m., 15850 Holbein Dr. Workshop is open to the public. Meets 3rd Thu. each month. Info: 719-488-3603, [www.donalawater.org](http://www.donalawater.org).
- **Monument Board of Trustees Meeting**, the public can watch the meeting on You Tube Channel <https://bit.ly/2N3a3Cw> Mon., **Apr. 20**, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Board Room, 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Normally meets 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Info: 719-884-8017, [www.townofmonument.org](http://www.townofmonument.org).

- **El Paso County Planning Commission Meeting**, live-streamed at [elpasoco.com/public-meetings/](http://elpasoco.com/public-meetings/), Tue., **Apr. 21**, check website for time and location, 2880 International Circle (off Union Blvd & Printers Pkwy). Meets 1st & 3rd Tue. (if required) each month. Info: 719-520-6300, [elpasoco.com/public-meetings/](http://elpasoco.com/public-meetings/).
- **Wescott Fire Protection District Board Meeting**, meeting electronically, **CHECK WEBSITE**, Tue., **Apr. 21**, 7 p.m., Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meets 3rd Tue. each month. Info: 719-488-8680.
- **Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Board Meeting, CHECK WEBSITE**, Wed., **Apr. 22**, 6:30 p.m., TLMFPD Station 1, 18650 Hwy 105. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: Jennifer Martin, 719-484-0911, [www.tlmfire.org](http://www.tlmfire.org).
- **Woodmoor Improvement Association Board Meeting, SUSPENDED**, Wed., **Apr. 29**, 7 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr. Meets 4th Wed. each month. Info: 719-488-2693, [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org).

**LOCAL LIBRARY EVENTS**

For information on library events, see the library events column on page 23 and visit [www.ppld.org](http://www.ppld.org).

- **The Palmer Lake Library CLOSED**. 66 Lower Glenway. Info: 481-2587, [www.ppld.org](http://www.ppld.org).
- **The Monument Branch Library CLOSED**. 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr. Info: 488-2370, [www.ppld.org](http://www.ppld.org).

**WEEKLY & MONTHLY EVENTS**


- **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club Breakfast Meeting, SUSPENDED**, every Sat., 7:30 a.m., D-38 Admin. Building, 146 Jefferson St., Monument. Guests are welcome at weekly meetings featuring speakers on

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