

Our Community Notices

By Judy Barnes, Events 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 information number for that event.

Safer at Home's physical distancing rules

For up to date information on this changing situation, see <https://covid19.colorado.gov/blog/safer-at-home>. The goal is still for the general public to stay home unless it's absolutely necessary to go out. Certain businesses may open now but with strict precautions. It's a new level of safety that still includes keeping your distance, wearing a mask when in public, and limiting size of gatherings to less than 10 people. The El Paso County Public Health Department still wants you to be Safer at Home.

Community resources available during COVID-19 pandemic

The county's website, www.elpasocountyhealth.org/community-resources-0, has lists to help with basic needs, behavioral health resources, businesses, child-care resources for children and teens, health and wellness resources, and volunteer opportunities (local and immediate needs).

Monument Police Department non-emergency email contact

Throughout the COVID-19 emergency, the Monument Police Department is modifying procedures to reduce the spread of the virus. They will continue to respond to calls on a priority basis and will do everything possible to deliver a high quality of service while minimizing the risk of community exposure. Please use MPDCOV-19@tomgov.org to contact police with non-emergency information.

Stage I Fire Restrictions

Continued dry conditions and the National Weather Service forecast for continued dry and warmer-than-normal conditions have resulted in very high to extreme fire danger ratings. Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect for all the unincorporated areas of El Paso County. The following are prohibited:

- Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials.
- The sale or use of fireworks.
- Outdoor smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violations of Stage I Restrictions may result in a fine of up to \$600. For more information, visit www.epcsheriff-soffice.com.

Slash-Mulch season underway

The El Paso County Black Forest Slash and Mulch program will accept slash (tree and brush debris only) through **Sept. 13**. Mulch will be available through **Sept. 19** or until mulch runs out. Hours of operation are: Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5-7:30 p.m. The mulch loader schedule is Saturdays only, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for slash is \$2 per load. The mulch loader fee is \$5 per bucket, about 2 cubic yards. The slash and mulch site is located at the southeast corner of Shoup and Herring Roads in the Black Forest area. For more information, visit www.bf

slash.org or phone the County Environmental Division, 520-7878; Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; Jeff, 495-8024.

Monument's Memorial Day Virtual Ceremony, online now

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the town canceled the annual ceremony at the cemetery. A virtual remembrance is available online at townofmonument.org/331/Memorial-Day-Ceremony.

The Monument Hill Kiwanis (MHKC) 2020 Virtual Parade, entries welcome

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the Fourth of July activities have been canceled, postponed, or will occur virtually. This year's live parade is being replaced by a virtual parade with the theme, "Celebrating Our First Responders, Health Care Professionals, and Critical Support Workers." The virtual parade will be in three parts: a video presentation from MHKC archives of past parades, a showcase of video and photo contributions from members of the community, and a video parade to be assembled from these public entries. Any person, family, business, or organization within El Paso County and the surrounding counties may submit an entry composed of photos or a short video (two minutes or less). Submit your entry by Jun. 30. For details, visit the website, monumenthillkiwanis.org. See ad on page 3.

Countywide fireworks shows July 4

Plans are on the way to team up with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and Colorado Springs Sports Corporation in conjunction with iHeartRadio to have the Falcon Freedom Days Fireworks Show, the Club at Flying Horse, and eight other fireworks sites, synchronized to music **July 4**, 8:30-10 p.m. Countywide fireworks events will allow residents to stay home, stay healthy and enjoy the fireworks displayed at ten locations throughout El Paso County. See CS4thofJuly.org for map showing all ten fireworks shows and participating radio stations. Note: The Town of Palmer Lake has canceled its fireworks for 2020.

D-38 budget hearing, June 15

A public hearing on the proposed 2020-21 fiscal year school district budget will be held during the regular meeting of the Board of Education via videoconference on **June 15**, 6 p.m. Visit the Board of Education webpage at www.lewispalmer.org/Page/7316 for instructions on how to submit comments. See Public Notice below.

WMMI indoor tours resume

Museum tours now accommodate social distancing and COVID-19 safety standards. Tours are available **Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat.**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with a special hour for our vulnerable population, 9-10 a.m. Please call in advance. The gift shop is open. Cost: \$11 adults, \$10 military/AAA, \$9 seniors & students, \$6 children 3-12, free to children under 3 and museum members. The museum is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). For more information, phone 719-488-0880, email info@wmmi.org, or visit www.wmmi.org.

Clerk & Recorder services available

In-person services are available by appointment only for marriage licenses as well as motor vehicle and driver's license renewals and out-of-state transfers at the Main, Southeast, and North offices. Schedule an appointment online at epcdrives.com. Most driver and vehicle services can be completed online at mydmv.colorado.gov. Residents can renew their motor vehicle registration online at mydmv.colorado.gov, by phone at 520-6240, by mail, or by self-service kiosks at King Soopers or at the North Motor Vehicle Office at 8830 N. Union Blvd. (24/7 kiosk). For more information, phone 520-6200 or visit clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com. See ad on page 2.

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) update

Check out the new dates for TLCA events rescheduled due to COVID-19. Tickets already purchased for these shows or classes will be honored on the new dates. For more information, visit www.trilakesarts.org: Soul Sacrifice: July 24, PLAG Exhibition: Aug. 4 to 28, Suzy Bogguss: Aug. 16, Moors & McCumber: Aug. 28, Dion Pride: Sep. 18, Acoustic Eidolon: Oct. 17, Sawyer Fredericks: Nov. 1, Claude Bourbon: Apr. 17, 2021, Jubilant Painting Class w/ Carol Probst TBD, Passionate Painting Class w/ Carol Probst TBD

Sisters' Thrift & Boutique reopens

The Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery have a shop full of gently used treasures, including clothing and accessories, household items, and small furniture at 8674 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs. Store hours are **Mon.-Fri.**, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and **Sat.**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The phone number is 719-282-0316. For a \$5 off coupon, see ad on page 7.

Summer STEM Camp at WMMI in July

Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) Summer STEM Camp offers a fun, educational, hands-on week of learning for ages 8-12, **Jul. 20-24**, full or half day. Register by phone, online, or in person: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org. The museum is located at 225 North

Gate Blvd. See ad on page 32.

County parks update

Park headquarters will open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Park restrooms will begin to be opened. County fairgrounds office is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fountain Creek and Bear Creek Nature Centers will be open Tue.-Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Access will be limited to nine citizens at one time per the governor's order. No organized programs or activities until further notice. Rainbow Falls Historic Site is open on weekends, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Playgrounds and pavilions will remain closed per the governor's order until further notice. The remainder of county parks, trails, and open spaces remain open.

Park users are highly encouraged to practice social distancing and wear masks while enjoying the county park system. For more information, visit elpasoco.com for online services, email to Parks@elpasoco.com, or call 719-520-7529.

Mountain View Electric Association's (MVEA) LED bulb rebate

MVEA's Residential Lighting Rebates has been extended through 2020. Learn about MVEA's Energy Efficiency Rebate Program at www.mvea.coop/rebates. See ad on page 8.

Palmer Lake prohibits parking by visitors

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.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) hosts virtual support groups

NAMI's in-person groups are on hiatus due to COVID-19. In their place, there are virtual groups. For more information, visit www.namicoloradosprings.org or contact NAMI Colorado Springs at 719-473-8477, 719-482-0918 or info@namicos.org.

Free services for seniors

Mountain Community Senior Services offers free transportation and handyman 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 need 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 or visit www.coloradoseniorhelp.com.

Senior citizen luncheons and transportation

Connections Café sites will have "grab and go" (prepared meals). A \$2.25 donation is requested. Please call 719-884-2300 to reserve your meal. Meals on Wheels and Home Delivered Meals will deliver frozen meals for the week to Monument on Wednesdays. If you qualify but are not yet enrolled for meals, phone 719-884-2300 or visit www.silverkey.org. The Food Pantry is implementing a "pick up only" model for clients. Mon.-Fri., noon-12:30 p.m., Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Reserve & Ride is temporarily limited to essential transportation needs only: strictly medical and food-related trips. Reservations are requested, phone 719-884-2300. For more information about senior services, visit www.silverkey.org.

Silver Key Calls of Reassurance available

Extended social isolation and loneliness significantly impact the quality of life and health of older adults. The current public health crisis has increased the need for seniors to receive these critical calls and connection with others. Seniors who self-enroll can be called weekly (one to three times) to talk with a Silver Key volunteer. It offers two types of helpful calls. Social Calls are for seniors who wish to have a weekly, bright, and supportive connection with a well-trained VIP volunteer. Safety Checks are similar to Social Calls, but if the senior does not answer after three calls, emergency contacts (maintained on file) will be called, then the police if the emergency contacts cannot be reached. For more details, visit www.silverkey.org.

Local grocery stores offer senior shopping

During the COVID-19 pandemic, local stores have made some changes to their schedules: King Soopers (719-488-2955) is open for seniors Mon. & Wed. 7-8 a.m.; Safeway (719-488-1187) opens for seniors Tue. & Thu., 7-9 a.m.; Walmart (719-484-0912) opens for seniors Tue., 6-7 a.m. All three offer grocery pick up.

Monument Academy now enrolling

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

St. Peter Catholic School now enrolling

Preschool through eighth grade features academics, athletics, and faith formation. For more information, call 719-481-1855 or visit petertherockschool.org. See ad on

PUBLIC NOTICE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer Consolidated School District No. 38 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and is available for public inspection on the district website: <http://www.lewispalmer.org/Page/13580>. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held during the regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District online via videoconference, on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:00 pm. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the same meeting following the public hearing. Any person paying school taxes in said District may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his/her objections thereto. See the Board of Education webpage at <http://www.lewispalmer.org/Page/7316> for instructions on how to submit comments.

Dated: May 19, 2020

/s/ Tiffiney Upchurch, Secretary
Board of Education

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