

- of Lewis-Palmer Elementary School, 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr, Monument. See before & after demonstrations of wildfire vegetation risk reduction. Dave Root Colorado State Forester, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Wildland Crew, emergency evacuation planning. See www.tlmfire.org or jbumgarner@tlmfire.org for details.
- **Friends of Fox Run Park HollyDay**, Sat., **May 15**, 11-1 p.m. Holly Williams, county commissioner District 1, will be at Fox Run Regional Park. Bring your lunch and walk and talk with Holly. Bring your concerns about the future of the park, traffic, and any other questions you might have for our commissioner for Northern El Paso County. For more information, contact marlene.brown@ocn.me
 - **Monumental Med-Spa Grand Reopening**, Sun. **May 16**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Food, live music, prizes. The Loft, 4 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake. See ad on page 12.
 - **Shred Event**, Mon.-Fri., **May 17-21**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., **May 22**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. Sensitive Household Documents - up to 50 pounds for secure shredding. Pound for pound, Schur Success Group recommends a pound of food for a pound of shred or \$1 per pound, all benefitting Tri-Lakes Cares. 366 Second St., Suite B, Monument.
 - **Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild Listening Club, free virtual event**, Tue., **May 18**, 2 p.m. Maestro Wilson will conduct monthly, one-hour programs. RVSP at www.cspguild.org/listening-club.html
 - **Art Hop**, Thu., **May 20**, 5-8 p.m. Art Hop is the third Thu. May-Sep. Info: 719-481-2665.
 - **Art Hop at Covered Treasures Bookstore**, Thu., **May 20**, 5-8 p.m. Covered Treasures Bookstore, 105 Second St., Monument. Susan Joy Paul (*Woman in the Wild: The Everywoman's Guide to Hiking, Camping, and Backcountry Travel*) and Chris Meehan (*Best Outdoor Adventures Colorado Front Range: A Guide to the Region's Greatest Hiking, Climbing, Cycling, and Paddling*). Art Hop is the third Thu May-Sep Info: 719-481-2665.
 - **Cherry Creek Crossing Multi-Family Garage Sales**, Sat. **May 22**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. NW corner Hodgen Rd. & Hwy. 83. See ad on page 6.
 - **Service in the Parks Day at Palmer Lake**, Sat., **May 22**, 9 a.m.-noon. All volunteers must sign the Waiver Agreement to participate. [Townofpalmerlake.com/Forms & Applications](http://Townofpalmerlake.com/Forms%20&%20Applications). Send form to lindseyleiker@gmail.com to sign up & email your Waiver Agreement.
 - **Memorial Day Ceremony**, Mon., **May 31**, 10 a.m., Monument Cemetery, 800 Eighth St., Monument. Honoring all military veterans. Free and open to the public; bring chairs. Carpool to save parking. Contact our events coordinator 719-481-2954 if you would like to participate at this event Townof-Monument.org/331/Memorial-Day-Ceremony. See ad on page 8.
 - **Our Community News mailing days**, Wed.-Fri., **June 2-4**. We need your help for an hour or two. Email editor@ocn.me for slots available to help count and prepare 21,500 newspapers for U.S. Postal Service mailing. Box truck driver needed too.
 - **Mountain View Electric Association (MVEA)**

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- Telephone Town Hall Annual Cooperative Meeting**, Thu., **June 3**, 6 p.m. in the comfort of your home. Register at www.mvea.coop/annual-meeting. Win bill credits and prizes. See ad on page 12.
- **Woodmoor Neighborhood Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **June 25-26**, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register as a seller by **June 18** at woodmoorgaragesale.com. Claire Garlick (719) 332-8360.
 - **Purely Ponds Parade of Ponds and Waterfalls**, Sat.-Sun **June 26-27**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Self-guided charity pond and waterfall tour will be held from on 2021. Visit water feature exhibits throughout Colorado Springs, Monument, and the surrounding area. Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes will match and donate proceeds from ticket sales to The Boys & Girls Club of the Pikes Peak Region. Ticket books, complete with tour map, addresses, driving directions, and descriptions are just \$5 per ticket. Tickets will be available by **June 1** online at www.purelyponds.com/parade-of-ponds. Tour attendees are responsible for their own transportation and expected to follow current COVID-19 guidelines. For more information, please visit us online at purelyponds.com/parade-of-ponds or call 719-896-0038. The Boys & Girls Club greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you so much for your support and help to publicize this charity event. Purely Ponds Fine Landscapes. 719-896-0038
 - **Independence Day Celebration**, Sun., **July 4**. (Approval for the 2021 parade is expected in early May.) Meanwhile, to view the "Monument Hill Kiwanis 2020 VIRTUAL Parade, Celebrating Our First Responders, Health Care Professionals, and Critical Support Workers," visit monumenthillkiwanis.org/mhk/index.php/parade-showcase.
 - **Community CPR Class Fundraiser to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares**, Tue., **July 6**, 5 p.m. Limbach Park. You will learn adult, child, and infant CPR in an hour. \$10 minimum donation is required. RSVP monumentcommtraining@gmail.com.
 - **Tri-Lakes Cruisers Annual Car Show**, Sun., **Aug. 29**. Twenty trophies to be awarded. Club membership applications are now being accepted and are available on the website: tl-cruisers.weebly.com on the "ABOUT" page.
 - **Palmer Lake Wine Festival**, Sat., **Sep. 11**, 1-5 p.m. VIP noon. Palmer Lake Recreation Area. A portion of proceeds to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Buy tickets at PLWF2021.com.

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. 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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- 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.

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