

Site plan for The Cove at Woodmoor

Right: The Cove at Woodmoor is a potential development of 28 individually owned town homes just to the east of The Cove on Deer Creek Road. It was presented at a WIA meeting April 14. See the WIA article on page 1. *Graphic courtesy of NES.*

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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.

Senior lunch now Mon. through Fri., new location

Senior lunches are now served Mondays-Fridays, 12-12:30 p.m., at Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake. Lunches are now provided by Silver Key Senior Services Golden Circle Nutrition Program. A voluntary donation of \$2.25 is requested. Stay for bingo the second Thu. each month. Reservations are requested; call 884-2304.

Black Forest Slash Mulch site now open

The Black Forest Slash-Mulch Program is a wildfire mitigation and recycling program. Slash drop-off ends Sept. 11; mulch pick up ends Sept. 24. For the schedule and other details, visit www.bfslash.org or phone Carolyn, 495-3127; Chuck, 495-8675; or Jeff, 495-8024.

Volunteer needed for county Board of Retirement, apply by May 13

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2016 Law Enforcement Teen Academy, apply by May 25

The Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Teen Academy provides young adults ages 13-17 with a unique opportunity to learn about the operations of regional law enforcement agencies in El Paso County. The Colorado Springs Police Department and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office are the host agencies for this week-long class scheduled for June 6-10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Southeast & Armed Services YMCA, 2190 Jet Wing Dr., Colo. Springs. Courses will include jail operations, patrol procedures, SWAT, K-9, Explosives Unit, criminal investigations, search and rescue, and the Metro Crime Lab. Teens will also tour secure areas within the Criminal Justice Center (County Jail), the Evidence Facility, and courtrooms at the Terry R. Harris Judicial Complex. Applications are due by **May 25** and can be found at <https://cspd.coloradosprings.gov/content/teen-law-enforcement-academy>. For more information, contact Officer Bernardino Bañuelos, 444-7410, banuelbe@ci.colospgs.co.us.

Mother's Day special at PENRAD Imaging

PENRAD Imaging is offering \$99 screening mammograms throughout May at 17230 Jackson Creek Pkwy. #160, Monument. To schedule a screening mammogram, call 785-9000, ext. 1.

Hometown Heroes

Would you like to honor a member of your family who served honorably in our United States military? Join American Legion Post 9-11 in honoring your family hero by having an 18-by-36-inch banner flown in the Tri-Lakes area featuring his/her photo in uniform with area and dates served on active duty. The banner will be attached to town posts by Palmer Lake Legionnaires and flown from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. The cost for the family is \$125. To order or for more information, call Post Headquarters at the Depot Restaurant, 481-8668.

Tri-Lakes Y Summer Sports Camps, register now

The Y offers weekly camps in various sports and cheerleading from **June 6 to Aug. 12**, for ages 6-16. Financial assistance is available. Register at www.pymca.org or at the Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument.

Vendors wanted for Pickin' on the Divide, June 25

For \$25 you can secure a spot for your booth at the Music Festival and Fiddlin' Competition. For more information, visit pickinonthedivide.com or phone Diane at the Church at Woodmoor, 488-3200.

Host a teenage Spanish student for a month

Become a host family for only one month this summer, and receive \$125 per week to support activities. Students arrive **June 25-July 23**. For details, call 481-4412 or visit www.xploreUSA.org.

Monument Hill Foundation

Call for Grants, apply by June 30

The Monument Hill Foundation is the granting arm of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club. The foundation provides funds in support of the club's mission to support youth and the community, with a focus on the Tri-Lakes community. Club fundraising projects include the annual Empty Bowls Dinner that supports Tri-Lakes Cares and the Holiday Red Kettle Campaign collections that go directly to the Salvation Army. The club works on many other activities each year to raise funds that go to the Monument Hill Foundation for direct granting. A list of the latest grant recipients is posted on the website. Interested organizations may submit requests for grants now until **June 30**. Grant applications and instructions can be found at monumenthillfoundation.org.

Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance (formerly Health Advocacy Partnership) needs volunteers

The Tri-Lakes Silver Alliance is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that serves and supports seniors in our community. The alliance currently needs volunteers, three hours a week; and active board members, eight to 10 hours a month. For more information, phone Sue Walker, 330-0241.

Volunteers are also needed to work a 3-hour shift once a week in the thrift store, to move items from storage into the store, or to pick up and transport donated items. To volunteer, call 488-3495.

El Paso County expands services to vets

Three El Paso County agencies providing services to veterans are making it easier to receive assistance by opening satellite offices at the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence, 530 Communications Circle, in Colorado Springs. The Veterans Service office at Mt. Carmel is currently open 8 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday. Those hours will expand in June. The Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) has also opened an office to serve veterans and transitioning military personnel at the Mt. Carmel location. The PPWFC Mt. Carmel office is open Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and is staffed with two workforce center employees who specialize in helping veterans with their employment needs. The El Paso County Department of Human Services also has an office open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence. For more information, contact Dave Rose, 520-6540, DaveRose@elpasoco.com.

Property tax exemption for qualifying senior citizens and disabled veterans

El Paso County Assessor Steve Schleiker reminds residents that the Colorado Constitution establishes a property tax exemption for senior citizens and disabled veterans. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of the primary residence is exempted from property tax. The State of Colorado pays the property taxes on the exempted value. The application deadline for disabled vets is **July 1**, and for seniors is **July 15**. For an application or a brochure that explains the exemptions or for questions regarding the exemptions, please call the assessor's office at 520-6600, email ASRWEB@elpasoco.com, or visit www.elpasoco.com and click on "News Releases."

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