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Community Night Out Huge Success in First Year

The Town of Monument held its first annual "Monument Community Night Out" on October 19. Over 200 area residents participated by visiting the exhibits and displays presented by over thirty non-profit groups.

Between 5:00 and 6:00pm attendees feasted on appetizers provided free by Mozaic restaurant as well as tasted chili brought by the Historic Monument Merchants Association (HMMA) to promote awareness of their annual Chili Cook-Off and fund raiser.

Other non-profits exhibiting included the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Tri-Lakes Fire Department, CASA, Cops for Kids, Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Sertoma and Tri-Lakes Women's Club.

The Palmer Ridge and Lewis Palmer Serteens aided in setup and had their own table to inform area residents about the good work they do in the community.

Tri-Lakes Cares, the Palmer Lake Fireworks Committee, HAP (Health Advocacy Partnership) and the YMCA had tables as well.

At 6:00pm the Town of Monument Board of Trustees began their meeting. More than forty people were able to participate in the meeting by asking questions of the Mayor and Trustees in this open forum-style meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees had an opportunity to chat with the Mayor, Trustees and Town Manager in an informal setting.

Other organizations in attendance included 4H, the MOMS Club, Tri-Lakes Non-Profit Council and Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

From the Town the Planning Department, Code Enforcement, Public Works and the Police Department set up tables and made themselves available to answer questions and take suggestions from local residents.

"This kind of event opens all kinds of doors to community awareness and communication. I count this as a huge success for both the Town of Monument and the residents of the Tri-Lakes area," said Vicki Mynhier, Director of Downtown Business Development.

New Trustee Joins Board

Stan Gingrich joined the Town of Monument Board of Trustees in October filling a seat left vacant when Travis Easton was appointed Mayor. Stan has an MBA in Operations Management and Finance and a BA in Business Administration. His experience in operations and manufacturing management, program management and strategic development will certainly be an asset to the Board.



QUESTIONS?

719.481.2954 town hall

719.884.8011 fax

719.481.3253 police station

719.481.2436 public works

www.townofmonument.net



USEFUL LINKS

Triview Metropolitan District

www.triviewmetro.com

719.488.6868

Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce

www.trilakeschamber.com

719.481.3282

Historic Monument Merchants
Association (HMMA)

www.monumentmerchants.com

719.460.4179

Lewis Palmer School District #38

www.lewispalmer.org

719.488.4700



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SPECIAL EVENT **FOCUS**

Small Town Christmas Historic Downtown

Held Saturday, December 5th from 10:00am to 2:00pm, this day full of holiday activities includes a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus along with crafts and activities for children, open houses and other special events.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony in Limbach Park with carolers at the bandshell takes place Friday, December 4 at 4:30pm. For more info call: 719.460.4179

ARTS **FOCUS**

Banner Christmas Historic Downtown

Banner Christmas features original Christmas art banners, handpainted by renowned local artists. The banners are on display on lamposts in the historic downtown of Monument. Unveiling is the Friday after Thanksgiving and they remain on display throughout the holiday season.

Artists interested in painting a banner for next year email: vmynhier@townofmonument.net or call 719.460.4179.

Concerts in the Park Historic Downtown

The Summer Music Series wins the 2009 Governor's Awards for Downtown Excellence—an annual awards program that recognizes the progress being made in revitalizing Colorado's historic downtown and neighborhood business districts and the contributions these districts are making to Colorado's quality of life and economy.

*Visit: [Downtown Colorado Inc.](http://DowntownColoradoInc.com)
www.downtowncoloradoinc.org
for more info.*

WINTER **REMINDER**

Monument's Winter Policies

1. There is no parking along designated snow routes during a snow event.
2. Do not put snow from your driveway onto the street. Your lawn will love the additional moisture.
3. Commercial operators must not push snow onto streets. If you are piling snow next to streets make sure you are not causing a visual hazard.
4. After a storm, clean sidewalks along the front and side of your lot.



Don't forget to winterize your sprinkler system!

Call the Public Works Department if you have any questions or concerns.

Richard Landreth
Public Works Director
719.481.2436

INVITATION TO **TRI-LAKES SENIORS**

Free Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

TRI-LAKES COMMUNITY—COMING TOGETHER

Rosie's Diner has been a part of our community for nearly ten years, and their management and staff would like to offer a free Thanksgiving Dinner for Tri-Lakes senior citizens. Rosie's Diner will provide a Thanksgiving dinner as a wonderful means of giving thanks and honoring the Tri-Lakes seniors in these difficult economic times.

This first annual, "Thanksgiving Coming Together" community event is being conducted by Tri-Lakes Health Advocacy Partnership (HAP) and the Towns of Monument and Palmer Lake. Additional details will be forthcoming in the *Tribune* and community flyers.

Reminder: This free Thanksgiving Dinner is for Tri-Lakes seniors. Seating is limited and RSVPs must be received before Monday, November 23rd.

Date: Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday November 26th

Time: 11 AM to 1 PM

Place: Rosie's Diner, 411 Hwy 105, Monument

Details: Seating for Thanksgiving Dinner is limited.

Tri-Lakes seniors must RSVP by phone before Monday, November 23. To RSVP, please call Monument Town Hall, 719.884.8017.

COMMUNITY **BULLETINS**

Artist Registry Starting a registry of area artists interested in participating in various Town public art projects and events. Visual 2D, 3D, Musicians and Performing Arts. Call 719.460.4179 for info

4th Annual Santa on Patrol Monument Police Chief Jacob Shirk in conjunction with local fire depts. deliver toys and joy to local children. Call Chief Shirk, Santa Assistant, on his elf phone, 719.884.8032, to donate.

Tri-Lakes Cares Giving Trees Find "giving trees" at your local merchants and the Town of Monument Town Hall. Select an ornament and give to a Tri-Lakes Cares family. Drop off gifts by December 11.

BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The United States Census 2010

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every ten years.

Why answer the census?

- It helps your community get needed funding. Census data is used to allocate billions of dollars in government funding for new hospitals, roads, schools, job training centers, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects and emergency services.

- Census data guides business leaders in critical decision making from product placement to where to open new stores.
- Our community's needs are heard. It's our voice in government.
- Data collected by the census helps determine the number of seats Colorado has in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- It helps our town make informed decisions about our future."
- Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs going forward.



MONUMENT'S FIRST STREETLIGHTS

Excerpted from Through the Years at Monument, Colorado written by Lucille Lavelett and available for purchase at Covered Treasures Bookstore in Monument.

Monument's first streetlights were coal oil lanterns on posts. In the minutes of the Feb. 1, 1892 R.C. Elliott and John Dickinson were appointed as a committee to purchase streetlights. Three lights were purchased. One was put on the corner of Front and Second, one on Second and Washington, and one on Third and Jefferson Streets. The Town paid \$19.35 for these lights. In the minutes of May 1, 1892 the Town agreed to furnish oil for all private street lights put up by the owner of the property, and the Marshall attend and light them the same as the public lights. In 1895 the Marshall was paid \$8.00 a month to light the lights every night, blow them out every morning, and keep them in good operating condition. The Town furnished the oil, globes, and wicks.



The 3/50 Project

PICK 3. SPEND 50. SAVE YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

3 Think about which three independently owned businesses you'd miss most if they were gone. Stop in and say hello. Pick up a little something that will make someone smile. Your contribution is what keeps those businesses around.

50 If half the employed US population spent \$50 each month in independently owned businesses, their purchases would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue. Imagine the positive impact if 3/4 of the employed population did that.

68 For every \$100 spent in independently owned businesses, \$68 returns to the local economy through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and *nothing comes home*.

1 The number of people it takes to start a trend... *you*.

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School Closures District 38 reports closures on their website www.lewispalmer.org and the following TV stations: KOAA (Ch 5/30), KKTU (Ch 11), KRDO (Ch 13), KCNC-TV (Ch 4 - Denver) and KUSA (Ch 9 - Denver)

Palmer Lake Historical Society Meeting
Presentation on area history, pioneers of the AFA area. Palmer Lake Town Hall (plhist@aol.com)
November 19, 2009,
7:00 to 8:00pm

Western Museum of Mining and Industry
William Henry Jackson - Full Steam Ahead! exhibit through December 31. Call 719.488.0880 or email info@wmmi.org for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Historic Downtown

DEC
FRI
4 Town Christmas Lighting
4:30pm at Limbach Park
Info: 719.460.4179

DEC
SAT
5 Small Town Christmas
10am to 2pm
Info: 719.460.4179

DEC Banner Christmas
Public display all month
Info: 719.460.4179

Business Route 105

NOV
THUR
26 Free Thanksgiving Dinner
for Tri-Lakes Seniors
Rosie's Diner
RSVP/info: 884.8017

Town Calender



NOVEMBER

- 11.2 Board of Trustees, 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 11.4 HMMA 8:00am at "Old" Town Hall
- 11.10 Planning Commission 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 11.11 Veterans' Day, Town Hall offices are closed
- 11.18 Court, 8:00-11:00am at the "New" Town Hall
- 11.16 Board of Trustees 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 11.25 Triview Metro District Board Meeting 5:00pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 11.26- Town Hall offices are closed
- 11.27 for Thanksgiving holiday

DECEMBER

- 12.2 HMMA 8:00am at "Old" Town Hall
- 12.7 Board of Trustees, 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 12.9 Court, 8:00-11:00am at the "New" Town Hall
Planning Commission 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 12.23 Triview Metro District Board Meeting 5:00pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 12.24 Christmas Eve, Town Hall closed at 12 noon
- 12.25 Christmas Day, Town Hall offices are closed
- 12.31 New Year's Eve, Town Hall closed at 12 noon

JANUARY/2010

- 1.1 New Year's Day
Town Hall Closed
- 1.4 Board of Trustees, 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 1.13 Court, 8:00-11:00am at the "New" Town Hall
Planning Commission 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 1.18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Town Hall Closed
- 1.19 Board of Trustees 6:30pm at the "New" Town Hall
- 1.27 Triview Metro District Board Meeting 5:00pm at the "New" Town Hall

Senior lunches are served at "Old" Town Hall at 12 noon on Mondays and Thursdays (except the first Thursday of the month). Senior lunches are served at "Big Red," at 12 noon on Wednesdays.