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719.884.8011 **fax**

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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

719.884.8016

Lewis Palmer School District #38

www.lewispalmer.org

719.488.4700



Town Tree Lighting, Small Town Christmas and \$500 Cash Giveaway!



In its twelfth year, Small Town Christmas, held the first Saturday in December, is an established tradition for residents of the Tri-Lakes area.

The Town of Monument Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, December 3. Residents and visitors are encouraged to gather in Limbach Park for the tree lighting at 4:30PM.

On Saturday, December 4, Monument merchants put on a "Small Town Christmas"—a day filled with activities in the historic downtown. Take a hayride to locations throughout town where you will find holiday events at many of the shops and restaurants. As you wander (or ride) throughout town, be sure to stop and enjoy the hand-painted holiday banners that adorn the streets. Pick up a Banner Christmas brochure where you will find photos of each of the banners along with biographies of local artist participants.

The Fire Department Administration Building (Old Town Hall) hosts holiday crafts for the kids from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. With help from local girl scouts, youngsters can make ornaments, decorations and even gifts for mom and dad.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the bandshell in Limbach Park (weather permitting) from 10:00AM to 12:00PM while their reindeer rest over at Front Street Square. If it is cold and/or snowing, look for Santa and Mrs. Claus on the covered and heated patio at La Casa Fiesta on Front Street where

you can also enjoy hot buttered rum and hot chocolate by the fireside.

Over on Washington Street, Monumental Toys and Miniatures will host miniature donkeys, Expectations Salon will have a face-painter and Luna Spa and Salon will have holiday tattoos and refreshments while Covered Treasures hosts four local authors for book signings.

In the Chapala Building, Activecare Therapeutics is celebrating their 20th anniversary with holiday treats and hot spiced tea while Santa's favorite elf, Puddin' Bed-Head, gives away candy canes at Healing Touch Massage Studio and Santa Fe Trail Jewelry hosts a trunk show.

Many other historic Monument merchants will have special events; flyers detailing specifics are available from participating downtown merchants and Town Hall.

At noon (either at Limbach Park or on the patio at La Casa Fiesta, depending on weather), Santa Claus will announce the winner of this quarter's \$500 cash prize given to one lucky winner who entered the 3/50 Shop Local drawing. For more information regarding the 3/50 Shop Local program please visit <http://www.monumentmerchants.com> and click on the link that says, "Click here for more information about the 3/50 Shop Local Cash Drawing!" There is still plenty of time to collect your receipts and get your entry in to win!

SPECIAL EVENT **FOCUS**

Banner Christmas

Historic Downtown

The Month of December

Historic Downtown Monument is sponsoring the fourth annual "Banner Christmas," which features original Christmas art banners handpainted by renowned local artists. The banners are on display on lampposts in the historic downtown of Monument. Unveiling is the Friday after Thanksgiving and they remain on display throughout the holiday season.

Banner brochures including banner images and artist bios are available at participating downtown merchants and Town Hall.

Santa-On-Patrol

Tri-Lakes Police and Fire Departments

Accepting donations through December 17

Santa-On-Patrol is asking for your generous donations of toys and/or gift cards to make the holidays of those in need a little brighter this year. Please drop off your donation at Monument Police Department, Palmer Lake Police Department or any Tri-Lakes Fire Station.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Baptist Road and Old Denver Hwy

Beginning of January

El Paso County will be recycling Christmas trees again this year at the Baptist Road Trailhead at Baptist and Old Denver Highway. For more information, please visit the El Paso County Tree Recycling website at <http://www.recycleyourchristmastree.com/counties/el Paso.html>.



INVITATION TO **TRI-LAKES RESIDENTS**

Second Annual "Coming Together" Thanksgiving Dinner

TRI-LAKES COMMUNITY— COMING TOGETHER

Rosie's Diner has been a part of our community for nearly eleven years, and their management and staff would like to offer a free Thanksgiving Dinner for Tri-Lakes residents who would otherwise be unable to enjoy this holiday event. Rosie's Diner will provide a Thanksgiving dinner as a wonderful means of giving thanks and honoring Tri-Lakes residents.

This second annual, "Thanksgiving Coming Together" community event is being conducted by Rosie's Diner, School District 38, Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Tri-Lakes Cares, Tri-Lakes Printing, the Towns of Monument and Palmer Lake, local churches and many more.

Reminder: Although reservations are not required, to help the organizing committee estimate the number of guests, please call the following number, 719.884.8017, and simply indicate the number of people who will participate in this event.

Date: Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 25th

Time: 11AM to 2PM (Three-seatings at 11AM,
12PM and 1PM)

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

For those needing transportation, please call 719.640.5442 in advance to schedule your ride.

WINTER **REMINDER**

Monument's Winter Policies

Hope everyone had a great summer. As we get closer to winter we just wanted to send a reminder of the Town's winter policies:

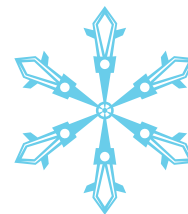
1. There is no parking along designated snow routes during a snow event.
2. Do not put snow from your driveway onto the street. Your lawn will love the additional moisture.
3. Commercial operators must not push snow onto streets. If you are piling snow next to streets make sure you are not causing a 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.



CHAMBER **FUNDRAISER**

Ski Monument Hill

The Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce is selling "Ski Monument Hill" merchandise as a fundraiser. Available items include T-shirts, travel mugs/tumblers, license plate frames and posters. These all make great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts! Call the chamber at 719.481.3282 for more info.

Pricing is as follows:

T-Shirts: \$10/each (S, M, L, XL and 2XL)

Travel mug / tumbler: \$6/each

License Plate Frame: \$5/each

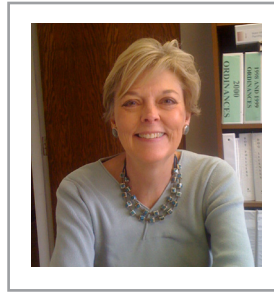
Poster: \$5/each

All prices include sales tax. Merchandise is available at the Tri-Lakes Chamber office, Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.



Meet Your Trustee

If you ask Tommie Plank what it is like to be the only female on the Monument Board of Trustees, she will explain that in her twelve-plus years on the School Board and seven years on the Board of Trustees, she was nearly *always* the only female. It is because of all those years of problem-solving and decision-making with her male colleagues that she believes in the importance of bringing different points of view to the process. "Women and men handle information differently and bring different perspectives to a Board; it takes looking at issues from many sides to make the best decisions." Trustee Plank hopes that women who are interested in local decision-making will consider running for the Board in 2012 when her term expires.



Tommie Plank,
Town of Monument Trustee

Tommie's primary role in Monument is running Covered Treasures Bookstore. The store is located in the heart of Downtown Monument and, for some people, it *is* the heart of Monument. "A local bookstore reflects the interests and life experiences of its community," says Tommie. Her bookstore carries more than bestsellers and widely-published favorites; it stocks books by local authors as well as cards with art and photographs by area artists and is also involved in helping promote local events.

Ms. Plank has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to being a Trustee, she is a strong voice for small businesses in Monument, and she serves on the TriLakes Views Commission, which brings public art into the community.

Meet Your Town Staff

The Development Services Director, Tom Kassawara, oversees the day-to-day operations of the department, acts as the Town Planner and Town Engineer, and manages the Town's Capital Improvements Program projects. He also reviews all development plans, directs the department's permitting and inspection program, and updates the Town's Zoning and Subdivision regulations, as well the Town's Public Works standards.



Tom Kassawara,
Development Services Director

Some of the recent projects that have been completed under the direction of Tom are the new Town Hall facility and the Third Street Improvements project. Design and construction management for Town Hall were provided by the department, and the Town Staff and Police Department moved in during the second week of May 2009. The project was completed on time and within budget. The Third Street improvements required plenty of attention due to the complexity of reconstructing a roadway in an active downtown area, and Tom was heavily involved in managing the design and construction of this successful project. The improvements were completed in time for this year's July 4th parade, and the final cost was well under budget.

Tom's background in municipal planning and engineering has enabled him to manage his varied tasks and assignments effectively since beginning his tenure in Monument in April 2005. Prior to being employed by the Town, Tom spent almost nineteen years managing a large department responsible for planning, engineering, and capital projects for a mid-sized city in south Florida. Tom has a master's degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Colorado. In his spare time he enjoys drinking his home-brewed beer and shredding on his Fender guitars.

LOCALS GETTING HOOKED ON ICE FISHING

It may be news to you, but there are a group of locals whose idea of winter sport means braving the cold on Monument Lake and spending some quality time fishing on ice. On the next clear, cold, winter day stop by the lake and observe this activity. Introduce yourselves to the fisherman who, chances are, will be glad to share their knowledge of ice fishing tips, equipment and techniques.

Monument Lake is a forty-acre reservoir just west of Historic Downtown Monument. The Town of Monument manages the lake. Access to the lake is free and hours are from 5AM to 11PM daily. Swimming and overnight camping are prohibited all year, but you might not know that ice fishing is allowed in the winter when conditions are safe. Managed primarily as a put-and-take trout fishery, the reservoir offers excellent fishing for rainbows and is regularly stocked by the Colorado Division of Wildlife in spring, summer and fall.

Getting there: In the Town of Monument, west of I-25 (exit 161) on County Road 105, west on 2nd Street and across the railroad tracks to Mitchell to entrance.

Fees: None

Lake Hours: 5AM to 11PM daily.

Ice Fishing: Ice fishing is allowed. Anglers are encouraged to use extreme caution as the ice conditions are highly variable. Ice can be about ten-inches thick. The ice fishing season on Monument Lake usually lasts from January to the beginning of March. Call 719.481.2436 to check on ice conditions.

Origins of Wassail

For the record, Wassail is a greeting that folks gave other folks around the holidays. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase *waes hael*, a term often used as a toast meaning be hale or in good health.

People would walk around their community, knocking on other peoples' doors, and sing "Waes Hael!" The people answering the door, feeling a tad lonely and a little concerned at the mental health of these door-to-door hailers, often offered them warmed alcohol.

The drink could really consist of nearly anything, as long as it had ale or sherry as a base, apples or cider, and mulled spices. Some people recommend mixing the wassail with eggs, but these folks should be patted on the head, sent to the store to pick up some fresh eggs, and then mocked while absent.

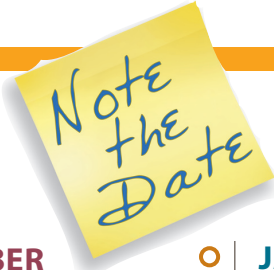
Incidentally, after you pour yourself a mug, remove the wassail from heat, or else you'll end up forgetting about it and then having a nice sauce pan full of wassail syrup.

Wassail Recipe

- 2 pints and 1/4 cup brown ale (winter ale and scottish ale will also suffice)
- 3-4 cinnamon sticks
- 4 cloves
- Zest from 1/2 lemon
- 4 apples
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup port
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground all spice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardomon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large sauce pan, pour in two pints of ale. Add the cinnamon sticks, lemon zest and cloves and bring to a simmer over low heat. Take an apple, and score it with a knife around the circumference of the apple. Place in a baking dish. Repeat this step for all of the apples. Cover with one cup of brown sugar, 1/4 cup of ale, and all of the port. Cover baking dish and place in oven, cooking for 30 minutes. While apples are baking, place remaining sugar and spices into the sauce pan, ensuring it's well mixed. When apples are done baking, place entire contents of baking dish into sauce pan. Allow to cook over a low heat for another 30-40 minutes. Serve hot, one-two ladles into your favorite mug. Serves 6-8.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Historic Downtown

DEC FRI 3
Christmas Tree Lighting
 Friday, December 3
 4:30PM
 Info: 460.4179

DEC SAT 4
Small Town Christmas
 Saturday, December 4
 10:00AM-2:00PM
 Info: 460.4179

DEC THRU THE HOLIDAYS
Banner Christmas
The Month of December
 Downtown Lampposts
 Info: 460.4179

NOV THU 25
Business Route 105
Community Coming Together - Rosie's Dinner
 Thursday, November 25,
 starting at 11:00AM
 Info: 884.8017

Town Calender

NOVEMBER

- 11.1 Board of Trustees
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 11.3 HMMA Meeting
8:00am at Fire Dept.
Admin Building
- 11.10 Court, 8:00-11:00am
at Town Hall
Planning Commission
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 11.15 Board of Trustees
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 11.23 Triview Metro District
Board Meeting
5:00pm at Town Hall
- 11.25 Thanksgiving
- 11.26 Town Hall closed

DECEMBER

- 12.1 HMMA Meeting
8:00am at Fire Dept.
Admin Building
- 12.6 Board of Trustees
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 12.8 Court, 8:00-11:00am
at Town Hall
Planning Commission
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 12.20 Board of Trustees
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 12.24 Christmas Eve
Town Hall closed at noon
- 12.27 Town Hall closed for
Christmas Holiday
- 12.28 Triview Metro District
Board Meeting
5:00pm at Town Hall
- 12.31 New Year's Eve
Town Hall closed at noon

JANUARY

- 1.3 Town Hall closed for
New Year Holiday
- 1.4 Board of Trustees
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 1.5 HMMA Meeting
8:00am at Fire Dept.
Admin Building
- 1.12 Court, 8:00-11:00am
at Town Hall
Planning Commission
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 1.17 Martin Luther King Day
Town Hall closed
- 1.18 Board of Trustees
6:30pm at Town Hall
- 1.27 Triview Metro District
Board Meeting
5:00pm at Town Hall

Senior lunches are served at the Fire Dept. Admin Building on Second Street 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.