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# Black Forest Community Club Newsletter



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October 2017

*“Everyone is Family in the Forest”*

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## Schedule of BFCC Events:

<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Ocktoberfest</b>
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Board and Officers' Meeting</b>
<b>Oct 28</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6-9 PM</b>	<b>Community Halloween Party</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Veterans Appreciation Day</b>
<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Board and Officers' Meeting</b>
<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Potluck</b>

Reminder: BFCC Officers and General Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. However, there are some exceptions (like April) on dates due to the holidays in November and December.

## **Annual Oktoberfest at the BFCC**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6 PM**

Bring family and friends and enjoy some brats and beer along with potato salad and all the works.

The Shriners will provide the music and you can do the polkaing. The charge this year will be \$5/adult, kids under 10 free with a family cap of \$20. Anyone willing to show off their baking skills would be appreciated so we can all enjoy homemade dessert with our meal.



Eddie and Bill will be cooking up those famous brats so come join us.

# Black Forest Community Halloween Party

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> , 6–9 PM



All in Jazz will sponsor a Halloween party at the BFCC from 6 to 9 p.m. **Potluck dinner so please bring enough to share with 8 people. BYOB as well.**

Costumes are optional but this is an **adult party so please no children.**

We'll have live music for your listening and dancing pleasure, food and fun. There is **no charge but donations for the**

**North 477 property will be gratefully accepted.**

We look forward to seeing you there in costume or out but **please wear your dancing shoes.**

## Keeper of the Forest News

A meeting of the Keeper of the Forest Committee set the agenda for the upcoming 2018 Keeper activities. **Gwen Burk** has taken on compiling all the memories of early Keepers for a record of all the elected Keepers. Following is her letter:

*I wish to thank everyone that has helped with information about the Keeper of the Keys (Forest) in the 1960's. We now have information on each but can add to it.*

*Keeper of the Forest was started to honor early members of the community for their service to Black Forest. They were part of the Fire Department, School, Community Church, and the Community Club. They were always willing to give a helping hand to the community or their neighbors.*

*It was called Keeper of the Forest because the seven keys represented the things that made the forest special. Information about the keys can be found in the History of the Black Forest Festival put out by the Community Club.*

*With your help I would like to see a notebook with information about each of the Keeper of the Keys and how they helped our community. I realize that there are not many people still in the area that knew some of the early keepers. If you have memories of how they helped the community or their neighbors, please send us a written copy for the notebook. I would like to see two copies of this notebook with one at the Community Club among their records and one at the Log School for community members to use.*

**You may mail you information to Gwen Burk in care of Black Forest Community Club, P.O. Box 88034, Colorado Springs, CO, 80908. If you wish to speak to me, you can leave a message on my answering machine at 719-495-2176 and I will return your call.**

*I am using the Community Club address because we all worry about scams and our personal information going to the wrong place.*

# Useful Information provided by Sheriff Elder at September meeting

Here is some information you might find valuable. One we might all be interested in for our close community is the Neighborhood Watch. The Coordinator can be reached at (719) 520-7151 or [NeighborhoodWatch@elpasoco.com](mailto:NeighborhoodWatch@elpasoco.com).

## El Paso County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Resources

### Important Phone Numbers

Emergency:	911
El Paso County Sheriff	719-390-5555
Colorado Springs Police	719-444-7000
State Patrol	719-635-0385
Fountain PD	719-382-8555

### EPSO:

Victims Advocate	719-520-7272
Crime Prevention	719-520-7151
Community Relations	719-520-7162
Recruiting	719-520-7059
Volunteer Coordinator	719-520-7216
Non-emergent tip line	719-520-7777
Crime Stoppers	719-634-STOP

### Important Websites

[www.epcsheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com)

Information for El Paso County

Crime Reports & Maps  
Recent Events (Blotter)  
Registered Sex Offenders  
Crime Stats  
Crime Prevention Information  
Concealed Handgun Permit  
Civil Process

[www.springsgov.com](http://www.springsgov.com)

Information for Colorado Springs

Crime Stats  
Recent Events (Blotter)  
Registered Sex Offenders  
Employment Information

[www.csp.state.co.us](http://www.csp.state.co.us)

Information for the State Highway

Patrol On-line accident report  
Road conditions

[www.fountaincolorado.org](http://www.fountaincolorado.org)

Information for the Fountain PD

### Community Education Classes

- Stages of Assault, Targeting Hardening, Verbal Stunning
- Mental Preparedness & Mindsetting for Survival
- Boundary Setting & Personal Space
- General Personal Safety
- Mental Preparation for Physical Defense
- Personal Safety for Seniors
- Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention
- Automobile Security & Carjacking
- Home Security
- Robbery Prevention
- Shoplift Prevention
- Retail Security
- Violence in the Workplace
- Sexual Harassment
- Dating Safety
- Conflict Resolution
- CERT: Citizen Emergency Response Training
- Crime Free Multi-Housing
- Terrorism Awareness
- Verbal De-Escalation
- Refuse To Be A Victim

### Home & Business Security Inspections:

- C.P.T.E.D. (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- E.T.R.A. (Enhanced Threat & Risk Assessment)

### Contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator to schedule a class or security inspection

Crime Prevention Coordinator:

27 E. Vermijo Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

719-520-7151



**"Honest with our Community, Loyal to our Oath, United as One"**

# HELP US TO HELP YOU

Black Forest Together (BFT) is sponsoring its First Annual Fund-Raising Event on Saturday, 7 October 2017, at the Black Forest Community Club (NW corner of Shoup Rd & Black Forest Rd), from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM. The event will include a **BBQ dinner, a silent auction, activities for the kids, and music provided by Randy Bowen of Bowen Pottery and Bob Tudor.** Both are longtime residents of the Black Forest. The purpose of the Fund Raiser is to raise operating capital to pay the expenses related to BFT's community projects of recovery, mitigation, preservation, preparedness, and education. Since the Black Forest Fire of 2013, BFT has performed over 250 projects for residents of our community, contributed over 40,000 hours of volunteer services, and disbursed nearly \$300,000 in State grant funds for mitigation of the forest. BFT is renowned as a valuable community agency dedicated to forest recovery and preservation as it collaborates with all regional fire districts, El Paso County Emergency Response Agency, Colorado State Forest Service, the American Red Cross, Pikes Peak Community Foundation, El Pomar Foundation, the Catholic Heart Work Camp, Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church, Sun Rise United Methodist Church, Hope Restored Ministries and many other charitable community, religious and educational organizations. During the period 2013-2015, Black Forest Together collaborated with numerous community agencies to distribute nearly \$250,000 to help families with unmet needs to recover from the fire. It also solicited support from local businesses to distribute merchant discount cards, food gift certificates (\$10,000) and gift cards (\$7,500) to recovering families. BFT is the only organization in El Paso County dedicated to providing forest recovery and restoration assistance to the Black Forest Community.

In order to continue its community mission, BFT is asking the residents of the region to come out and support this fund-raising event. It's the community's opportunity to **help those that help your neighbors.** Parents can introduce their children to the concept of community service and what it means to be a good neighbor. Vehicles from the Black Forest Fire Department will be on site as educational displays for the kids.

**Auction/Raffle:** Various sizes of pine trees, 5-10 foot in size, will be available with either the purchase of a raffle ticket or as an auction items. In addition, Tree Beavers has made available one acre of tree mastication, Colorado Native Brewery will offer A "Brewer for a Day Package. Classic Homes will offer a free round of Golf for 4, cart included, at "The Club at Flying Horse" and Magnum Shooting Range will offer a Shooting Range Package valued at \$1000. These and many more items will be auctioned off.

**Without your participation, the viability of BFT is uncertain.** We need the community's support to continue and enhance our operations. This event is BFT's attempt at establishing its financial stability to continue to serve you and your neighbors in restoring and protecting our forest. We invite you to **bring the family and invite your friends** in joining us in raising funds for our community operations. **Consider your participation and contribution an investment in the forest and our way of life. What we do helps secure the safety of your family and your property.**

**Registration:** In order that we can get a "head count" we ask that you register on line at [www.blackforesttogether.org](http://www.blackforesttogether.org)

**Tickets** for this event may also be purchased on the day of the event.

**Ticket Prices:** Adults: \$15.00; children 12 years of age and younger: \$10.00; Families: \$40.00.

If you cannot attend, BFT asks that you consider:

- 1) making a tax-deductible donation on its website: [www.blackforesttogether.org](http://www.blackforesttogether.org)
- 2) mailing to or dropping off a tax-deductible check at:  
Black Forest Together  
11460 Black Forest Road  
Black Forest, CO 80908

*(BFT Office is located at the shopping plaza at SW corner of Black Forest Road and Burgess Road)*

# **African Children's Choir**

**Black Forest Community Church, Wed, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

The African Children's Choir is coming to Black Forest! They will be performing at Black Forest Community Church on Wednesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



Spread the word! Invite your friends! It promises to be a lively concert, so let's offer them a warm welcome to our community. If you can help with housing (for 2 nights) please contact Kay Stricklan, 495-3873, [kay@stricklan.net](mailto:kay@stricklan.net).

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## **Discount Tickets to Air Force vs Army Game**

I have access to discount tickets to the Air Force vs Army game on November 4th for any and all Black Forest residents.

TEXT "USAFA" to 719-362-5555 to see your real estate info and find helpful local vendors

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Mike Jensen

RE/MAX Advantage

719.338.3570

6547 N Academy #516

Colorado Springs, CO 80918

[MichaelJensen@remax.net](mailto:MichaelJensen@remax.net)

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# Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034

WEBSITE: [www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org)

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$15.00 per family per year.

Monthly newsletter — (circle one):     **Electronic**     **Hardcopy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 Active Membership (Must reside within Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Voting)

\$15.00 Associate Membership (Outside Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries (Non-voting)

Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival  
Log School Activities  
Land Use  
Seedling Trees  
Membership  
Other Interests

History Committee  
Hall Maintenance  
Log School Park  
Club Programs  
Hall Rental Management

Wildfire Prevention  
Community Service  
Publicity  
Senior Assistance  
Scout Troop

**\*\*\*New Committee: BFCC Property Development**

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**Pay Your Membership Dues Online!** You can now pay your membership dues online via PayPal. Just go to [www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org) and click on “Become a Member” on the left side of the home page or “Click Here to pay online.” You do not have to have a PayPal account to use it. You can choose debit or credit with VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER, or AMERICAN EXPRESS. Choose this easy way to pay your membership dues or use the membership form above.

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**Don't Know If Your Membership Is Current?** Just look at the address label and note the year date in the upper right corner. If it says **2017** or later, you are up to date. For those getting your newsletter by email, there is a similar designation at the bottom of the email.

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**Hall Rental Manager: Jeff Ader (cell: 232-1882)**

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Black Forest Community Club  
PO Box 88034  
Black Forest, CO 80908-8034

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Secretary: Janet Fortner  
Treasurer: Dan Hagmaier

**Board of Directors:**

Director: Mike Callies  
Director: Leif Garrison  
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