



# TELLER SENIOR COURIER JULY 2020

Helping Seniors Stay Safe ♦ TSC's Annual Rummage Sale ♦ Census 2020 ♦ Tax Time Approaching

## MEALS AND MORE FOR TELLER COUNTY SENIORS

The Teller Senior Coalition is an essential business that remains open to serve residents age 60+ in Teller County.

Our focus during this COVID-19 crisis has been ensuring our seniors have sufficient food, toiletries and food for their pets. We have delivered more than 801 bags containing food and toiletries to 140 residents since March. We also increased the number of seniors receiving home delivered meals.

Seniors are loving the hot restaurant meals we have been delivering from local restaurants. What a special treat during these tough times.

We are open to transport residents of Teller County and Western El Paso County to medical appointments and for other essential needs. Please call our transportation office to schedule your ride at 719-687-0256.

We have been calling seniors frequently to check on them and see what they need. We want them to know they are an important part of our community.

Even during these uncertain times, one thing you can be certain of is the Teller Senior Coalition's commitment to our senior community.

## TSC'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE IS GOING VIRTUAL, SAVE THE DATE!

As our major fundraiser for our seniors, Teller Senior Coalition's Annual Rummage Sale will be going virtual this year. We will be accepting excellent used or new donated items at our storage unit: 515 E. Midland Ave. Woodland Park, CO 80863, during the times listed in the ad below. Your donations help our seniors remain independent in their homes. Call Gayle at (719) 233-9902 with questions about dropping off donated items.

Thank you for supporting our seniors!



**Annual Rummage Sale goes virtual for 2020. Save your items now for the fundraiser on Aug. 1.**

**Dropoffs begin on July 6 at the TSC storage unit**



We cannot accept electronics, clothing or heavy cumbersome furniture

**SOAR is assisting with this event  
Call Gayle at 719-233-9902 with questions or to set up dropoffs by appt.**



**Address for dropoffs:  
515 E. Midland, WP**

**Dates for dropoffs:  
July 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24**

**Time for dropoffs:  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.**

Please visit our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/tellercountyseniorcoalition>

Website at <https://tellerseniorcoalition.org/>

**TELLER SENIOR COALITION** 750 E Hwy 24 • POB 6956 • Woodland Park, CO 80866 (719) 687-3330



Teller County Census  
2020  
Everyone Counts!



## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Everyone who has donated food or money to support our seniors, including our wonderful community, area churches and businesses, we would like to say THANK YOU!

*Thank You*

## Update on Teller County Census 2020

Recent information from the Census Bureau shows Teller County has only 51.3% of resident's/ household's responses to the 2020 Census vs. the State's response rate at 65.1%.\*

Your response helps shape your future. Census information impacts funding for schools, roads and senior services. Census results in Colorado may direct more than \$8 Billion in federal funds to the state. Teller County's part of those funds are dependent on everyone doing the Census.

According to the Census Bureau, 100% of households have received the census questionnaire. You can fill the questionnaire out and mail it in. After that, if you still have not responded, you will be sent a reminder postcard.

If you do not respond or have a P.O. Box, when it is feasible a Census taker will visit your home.

If you need assistance filling out your census questionnaire, call Kathy Lowry at Teller Senior Coalition: (719) 687-3330

Let's get counted! For more information about census questions, go to

<https://2020census.gov/en/about-questions.html>

## JULY 15TH TAX TIME IS APPROACHING

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the time to file your taxes was extended to July 15th. Also, due to Covid-19, senior tax help organizations such as AARP and VITA, are not able to provide in person tax help. If you need assistance preparing your taxes, Teller Senior Coalition has a list of Federal Tax Return Preparers with credentials which you can use to find the right tax preparer for your situation. Please call (719) 687-3330 for more information and to request the list.

## DONATE PART OF YOUR TAX REFUND TO THE TELLER SENIOR COALITION

Donate easily to help our seniors! A new bill signed into law allows you to designate part or all of your tax refund to an approved non-profit, such as Teller Senior Coalition. This allows you to make a donation, of any amount, easily on your tax return. If you are interested in learning more about this, please contact TSC to obtain the information needed to complete this transaction.

\*[HTTPS://WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV/EN/RESPONSE-RATES.HTML](https://www.2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html)

### Make a contribution to Teller Senior Coalition

I  \$25   \$50   \$100   Other\$  Or donate through the TSC website [www.tellerseniorcoalition.org](http://www.tellerseniorcoalition.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Teller Senior Coalition P.O. Box 6956 Woodland Park, CO 80866

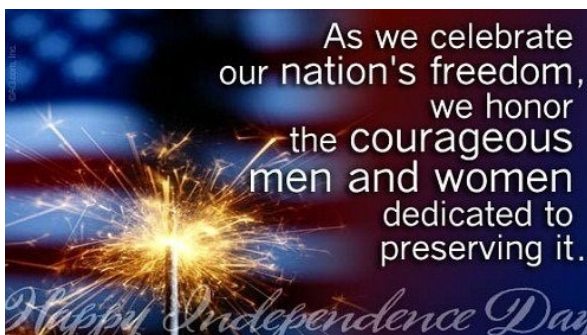
## TSC TRANSIT

Our transportation services are open. We are following CDC guidelines for social distancing and disinfection. Riders are in vehicles that allow 6-foot social distancing between drivers and riders. Masks are required for drivers and riders, drivers also wear gloves if the rider needs assistance. The drivers frequently use hand sanitizer. Our vehicles are disinfected between riders and at the end of the day. These precautions make transportation safe during the COVID19 pandemic. We are taking every precaution to assure our riders are protected. Our priority is to keep you and our drivers safe.

We will pick you up at your home for appointments and other services. Age 60+ and low-income individuals with a disability ride free, and the General Public ride for a minimal cost. Please allow 48 hours notice to schedule your ride.

Our Public Shuttle had been temporarily suspended due to the COVID19 pandemic. We resumed limited services on Wednesday, June 10th. Our Public Shuttle will run on Wednesdays.

Teller Transit is here for our seniors and community. Call (719) 687-0256 for additional information.



**Saturday  
July 4th**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### July 4th Fireworks in Teller County:

Chief Lambert said the City of Woodland Park fireworks will be this Saturday evening behind the high school. You may utilize parking lots off of Baldwin Street for optimal viewing. Approximate start time for the fireworks is between 9:15 and 9:30 PM. For more information please contact Karen Casey at [Kcasey@cityofwp.net](mailto:Kcasey@cityofwp.net) or call 719-687-5218.

The City of Cripple Creek will host the 2020 4th of July Fireworks on this Saturday, starting about 9:00 PM. This will be a "drive-in" style activity. Spectators are encouraged to find a good location to park their vehicle to watch the display. You are asked to remain with your vehicle throughout the show. The fireworks will be set off from the south side of town, south of Myers Avenue. For more information please contact Jeff Mosher at [jmosher@cripple-creek.co.us](mailto:jmosher@cripple-creek.co.us) or call 719-689-2502.

### Online Bingo with Woodland Park Senior Organization!

#### **Ongoing Thursdays. 10:30 am-11:30 am**

The Woodland Park Senior Organization (senior center) is closed to in-person meals and activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No worries, they have an ongoing online Bingo for you to participate in, every Thursday at 10:30 am.

Please call (719) 687-3877 for more information and to join in the fun!

### Cooking Matters for Families Virtual Workshop

#### **Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28th. 10am**

Join Community Partnership Family Resource Center for online virtual classes. The July 7th class is food storage and kitchen safety. Call (719) 686-0705 or email [AmyS@cpteller.org](mailto:AmyS@cpteller.org) for more information.

Participants will be mailed a \$10 gift card for each class of participation, while supplies last.

 **TSC TRANSIT**  
**Public Shuttle**



**Wednesdays starting June 10th**

**THE MEADOWS APARTMENTS**

9:00 11:10 12:50

**FOREST RIDGE**

9:15 11:25

**CITY MARKET**

9:20 10:25 11:30 12:35

**SENIOR CENTER**

9:25 10:35 12:40

**LIBRARY**

(Meet Cripple Creek Transit on Wednesday)

9:30 1:25

**PARADISE CIRCLE CONDOMINIUMS**

9:35 11:45

**WALGREENS, ENT, GOODWILL, NATURAL GROCERS**

9:40 10:45 11:50 1:00

**WOODCREST AND TRAIL RIDGE APARTMENTS**

9:45 12:05

**SAFEWAY AND WELLS FARGO BANK**

9:50 10:50 11:55 1:10

**WALMART**

9:55 11:00 12:10 1:15

**GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS BUS STOP**

10:00 1:35

**THE ASPEN**

10:05 12:20

**PEAK VIEW RV PARK**

10:10 12:25

**ADDITIONAL STOPS BY REQUEST:**

**TAMARAC BUSINESS CENTER RESEARCH-DMV (BY REQUEST)**

9:05 10:15 11:13

**COMMUNITY CUPBOARD FOOD PANTRY (BY REQUEST)**

9:07 10:17 11:15

**DAVITA MEDICAL GROUP (BY REQUEST)**

9:10 10:20 11:17 12:28

**UC HEALTH (BY REQUEST)**

9:13 10:23 11:22 12:32

**DOLLAR TREE (BY REQUEST)**

9:20 10:25 11:30 12:35

**POST OFFICE SOUTH AVENUE (BY REQUEST)**

9:25 10:35 11:35

**SENIOR CENTER (BY REQUEST)**

11:35

**GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS (BY REQUEST)**

12:15

**LIBRARY (BY REQUEST)**

10:40 11:40 12:45



**60+ and Individuals with  
Disabilities Ride Free  
General Public \$1.00/day**

**Questions Call 687-0256**