



**BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”**

Schedule of BFCC Events

Saturday, April 12, 11am-1 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 16, 6pm Flat Broke After Taxes Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, April 24, 6:30pm Board & Officers/General Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and the events.

For Line Dancing classes, etc., check bfcommunityclub.org calendar

**“The Hardest Thing in the World to Understand is Income Tax” -
Albert Einstein**



St. Patrick's Potluck

There was a good turnout with people bringing their corned beef and cabbage dishes to share. The weather was decent but there were shared memories of a couple of years ago when only twelve hardy souls plowed out from the snowstorm and showed up at the hall to share a meal and tales of digging out.

Demo Garden

We had a demonstration garden meeting March 17th with 6-8 enthusiastic people showing up.

There was a slideshow and a tour walk to the garden in the “Backyard”. We had a discussion about building something hands on for the garden area maybe in May.

There will also be another meeting for planting some seeds in the garden on Monday May 19, 2025 at 1-3p.



Black Forest Community Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday April 12th

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Black Forest Community Center

The Black Forest Community Easter Egg Hunt is back by popular demand!

Join us on Saturday, April 12th at 11:00am at the Black Forest Community Center for this

kid-focused for pre-school through 5th grade children.

Start at the back deck of the Black Forest Community Center to find out where each age group is located, then send your kids off to hunt for candy-filled Easter Eggs!

We are excited to host this fun and safe event for the children of the Black Forest Community!

****** We still need candy for the Easter Egg hunt on April 12th. You can drop off candy at Firehouse BBQ and Mountainview Cafe. Thank you! ******

Flat Broke After Taxes Spaghetti

Dinner Wednesday, April 16, 6pm

This event was started years ago by Cal Lidderdale. I, Dawn Sciarrotta, have kept up with that tradition and happy to do so.

Dawn will be providing:

Spaghetti and Meatballs. Salad and rolls. Vegetarian Spaghetti sauce. Coffee, lemonade, iced tea with be served.

Please bring a dessert and feel free to BYOB.



Dawn would appreciate Helpers for set up and kitchen help at 5pm. Thank you.

****There will be donation jars available since the BFCC is starting our fundraising campaign for the “Backyard,” the acreage next to the community center at our April event. We do have a committee set up and the plan this year is to fix the drainage and have an entrance and exit road on this property. Also, at this time we can only say it’s in the first stages of life! We hope to raise a few thousand by the end of 2025.****

2025 Black Forest Festival Theme and Logo Contest

This year’s Black Forest Festival is taking place on August 9, 2025. To kick off the planning season for the festival, we’re excited to announce our 2025 Black Forest Festival Theme and Logo Contest! The theme for this year’s Festival is *The Heart of the Forest - 56 years strong!*

We welcome all our Black Forest Community artists to let their creativity flow and submit a logo design representing this year’s theme.

The winning logo will be the face of the festival and showcased on the festival website, social media platforms, print materials and used on T-Shirts that will be sold during the festival.

How to Enter:

1. *Design a unique and captivating logo that captures the spirit of our festival theme “The Heart of the Forest - 56 years strong!”.*
2. *Please save your design using the following naming format:*
Firstname_Lastname_BFLogo2025
3. Submit your designed logo as either a high quality jpg or png to the email address: WeAreBlackForestCO@gmail.com by April 30th.
A written explanation of the design concept is helpful, but not required.
4. Please limit designs to include no more than 4 unique colors (shades of colors are still considered unique colors).
Black and white featured on the design are included as one of the 4 colors.
5. If your design is full-color; it is recommended to also submit a jpg or png featuring your design with one color
as some applications may require a single color.

Prize:

The Artist will receive full credit for the logo and will be recognized as the artist on the Festival Website and Social Media Platforms.

- The Artist will receive a free 2025 Black Forest Festival t-shirts featuring the logo design.
- The Artist will receive a free booth space if they choose to exhibit during the festival OR a \$100.00 gift card to the art supply store of their choice if they do not wish to exhibit.



LINUX - Back in the 1980's it was called UNIX - and was expensive. In 1991 a Finnish student Linus Torvalds asked the question: Hmm, could I create a clone? He did and he let it loose on the world under what he called Copyleft - the opposite of Copyright. You can have it for free, you can make

changes, if you let someone else have a copy it has to be for free. So what is Linux? It's a computer operating system - same as MS Windows - which is Copyrighted and expensive. Ah, and what can I do with Linux? Anything you want to do. MS Windows has "Word" - Linux has "Librewriter". and LibreCalc and LibreDraw and other office programs. How about a web browser? Choose from over 18. Depending on how you like the looks, the functions, the layout. Cadd, games, > long list.

What if I want to try it out? Cost? Free. How? Well there are several versions. (think ford, chev, gmc, honda, etc). Personally I use Fedora. Ask Google for "fedora download", stick a thumb drive in your computer, download and reboot. - Don't click on the button [install to hard drive - yet] and go walkabout. It will run a bit slow because it's running off the thumb drive. Once install on your hard drive it's about 4 times faster the MS Windows.

Is it any good? Well 98% of the top web servers run ... Linux. 100% of the top 500 supercomputers run ... Linux.

If you would like a demonstration and there are enough people I can set up a demonstration at the Club. Contact: chucka@blackforest-co.com
Subject Linux Class

2025 Black Forest Slash/Mulch Program

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

SATURDAY, April 19 2025, 9–11am

Black Forest Community Hall

Northwest corner of Shoup and Black Forest Roads

Come and bring your neighbor!!

Newcomers Welcome!!

Great Door Prizes distributed throughout the meeting!!

For more information:

Call Carolyn Brown 495-3127 or Jeff DeWitt 494-0712

2025 Black Forest Slash / Mulch Schedule

SLASH: Hours of Operation

\$10.00 Fee for each load dropped off

May 3 – September 14, 2025

Tuesday Evenings: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday Evenings: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sundays: Noon - 4:00 pm



MULCH: Hours of Operation

May 17 – September 20, 2025

Tuesday Evenings: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday Evenings: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sundays: Noon - 4:00 pm

- Mulch available while supplies last -

Music in the Park

Jeff Ader has been busy organizing the music in the park starting Thursday, June 19 and going through July 31. Plan on some wonderful summer evenings in the Log School Park and Pavilion. Dawn will be providing food and drinks for a price to be donated to the improvements to the Backyard.



Black Forest Hands & Feet *Spread the word.*****

Black Forest is home to wonderful people who desire to help others and make the Forest a better place to live. We are neighbors helping neighbors. Helpful people with handyman skills have come together to form Black Forest Hands & Feet. Hands & Feet was created to match the skills of Black Forest residents to places that need those skills.

The purpose is to help people with smaller fix-it projects around the house that the homeowner is unable to fix or cannot afford to have fixed. There is no charge for this assistance.

Projects would be handled by two people who would come to the home for the project.

Each homeowner would be responsible to pay for materials or parts required.

If you have a fix-it project that we might tackle for you, go to www.friendsofblackforest.org/handsandfeet/ to complete a project request.

If you don't have computer access, contact Dawn at 719-425-9311 to complete a request.

After receiving the request, we will review your submission and get back to you. We look forward to helping you.

Important Note from Terry Stokka:

Dear Friends,

It is time for my annual reminder to check your mailbox or driveway to make sure your house numbers are clear and easy to read. When I drive around the forest I notice (even in my own neighborhood) a lot of weathered, almost black posts and boards with black numbers that are very hard to read. Think from the perspective of the fire department or ambulance or sheriff trying to find your home in the dark, possibly complicated by snow, rain or fog. Your house number needs to be clearly marked at the end of your driveway next to the road.

I recommend painting the post or board white and then mounting the black numbers. Reflective numbers are even better. I have 4-inch black numbers on reflective background pasted to my mailbox. There are other creative ideas but the key is to have your house numbers clearly visible from the road for any emergency vehicles.

The Black Forest Fire Department will install a number marker for \$35 that is large and easy to read. Go to <https://www.bffire.org/driveway-signs/> to learn more about this.

"The numbers should be visible from both directions along the road."

It's great to see spring coming, isn't it? Terry

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application
P.O. Box 88034
Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034
WEBSITE:
www.bfcommunityclub.org

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$20.00 per family per year starting March, 2025.

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

Hall Maintenance

Land Use

Club Programs

Publicity

Hall Rental Management

Membership

BFCC Property Development

Pay Your Membership Dues Online! You can now pay your membership dues online via PayPal. Just go to 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.

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 2024 or later, you are up to date. For those getting your newsletter by email, there is a similar designation. If you have questions, contact Chuck at 719 495-8675.

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

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