



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

Schedule of BFCC Events

Sunday, Aug. 3, 5pm	Keeper of the Keys Potluck
Friday, Aug. 8, 5-9pm	Black Forest Biergarten
Saturday, Aug. 9, 6:30am	Festival Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 9, 8am	Festival Booth open
Saturday, Aug. 9, 10:30am	Festival Parade

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

2025 KEEPER OF THE KEYS POTLUCK
SUNDAY, AUG. 3, 5PM

There is one couple nominee who have been active in their church, Boy Scouts, and the BFCC. Since there were no other nominations, there was no need for elections.

Announcement of the new Keepers of the Keys will be at a **community Potluck Dinner to be held on Sunday, August 3, at 5pm. Bring a dish to share and find out who the new Keeper is at the dinner.**



Biergarten Fundraiser at the BFCC
Friday, August 8 · 5:00–9:00 PM

Tickets: \$35 · [Get Yours Here](#)

Raise a glass and lift up your community at the **7th Annual Black Forest Biergarten Fundraiser**—the festive prelude to Saturday’s events! Hosted at the **Black Forest Community Center**, the evening features:

- Local sips from **Latigo Winery**

- Brews from your favorite regional beer makers
- Live performances by **Wirewood Station** and local favorite **Terry Spence**
- Great food, great neighbors, and an unbeatable community vibe

All proceeds support the BFCC's newly installed heat pump HVAC system, a vital upgrade made possible thanks to **the generosity of Josh Eker and the High Country Air team**. As a family-owned, Black Forest-based business, High Country Air exemplifies service with heart—and the BFCC offers immense gratitude for their skill, care, and dedication.

Come toast the people who make our festival possible—it's the perfect way to kick off the celebration weekend!



A special thank you to our **Biergarten Sponsors**

Black Forest Liquor · Mountain View Café · Complete Weddings + Events



Your Guide to the 2025 Black Forest Festival

Saturday, August 9 · 6:30 AM–3:00 PM

Let the Forest wake with pancakes, music, and community! The 2025 Black Forest Festival kicks off bright and early in the Community Center parking lot with breakfast made fresh by our wonderful volunteers and served by our beloved Boy Scout Troop 70. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and OJ—made with

love and served with smiles. *Donations are appreciated.* A special thanks to Our Breakfast Sponsors:

The Omelette Parlor · Golden Pines Coffee Roaster · Dawn & Louie

From sunup to the last encore, festival live music starts at 6:00 AM and keeps the energy flowing all day!

- **6:35–8:15 AM · The Ghost of Cash**

Classic country, easy rock, and beloved hits of the '60s–'80s at the Log School Pavilion, pausing for the Flag Raising Ceremony at 6:30 AM by Troop 70.

- **8:00 AM–Parade · Paul-David Almond**

Americana, blues & folk from this soulful storyteller at the Backyard Western Storefront.

- **8:30 AM–Parade · Bare Bones Trombone Quartet**

Enjoy vibrant brass harmonies at the Log School Pavilion, perfect for all ages!

10:30 AM · Parade Kickoff

Pine Creek High School Acappella Choir performs the National Anthem with harmony and heart. This year's parade is stacked with school pride, classic cars, horses, tractors

and of course lots of candy for the children. It will start at 10:30 AM and move West on Shoup, round the corner at Black Forest and then head North past the Community Center.

Post-Parade – 3:00 PM · The Ashtōnz

At the Backyard Beer Garden, smile through acoustic rock, country, and pop—Monument's favorite band brings the groove!

Additional Festival Highlights & Activities

- Kids Crafts & Games
9:00–10:00 AM & 11:30 AM–2:00 PM
- Pony & Tractor Rides
8:00–10:00 AM & 12:00–3:00 PM
- Petting Zoo & Live Demonstrations with Vogl Sheep Demo, Hidy Honey Bee Demo, and Wolf Freedom Coffee Demo/Meet and Greet Wolves
8:00 AM–3:00 PM
- Food Truck Lineup (from 9:30 AM):
Firehouse on the Run · Pies and Grinders · Dr. Taco Truck · Kabob Kaboose · Ice Cream Truck · Churro Trailer

Vendor Booths Galore

8:00 AM–3:00 PM · Backyard Booth Fair

Featuring 92 vendors and 42 Children's Entrepreneurial Booths, offering services, gifts, art, and more. A special thanks to Munson Landscape & Excavating for the grading of the backyard and huge improvement to our festival grounds.

Family Beer Garden

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM New Location Under the Pines! Family Beer Garden

Catch shade, sip a cold one, and stay for the music.

- Craft & domestic beer, hard lemonade, seltzers, ciders – \$5
- Soft drinks & bottled water – \$1

A big "Cheers!" to KEG 1 Colorado for sponsoring this refreshing forest oasis!

Festival Central

Find it all at the Black Forest Community Club Parking Lot. This year the park lot is brimming with non-profits and demonstration booths. You will also find our Community Center booth with:

- T-Shirts, reusable bags, pint glasses (while supplies last!)
- Past festival merch
- Community Club info & sign-up
- Lost & Found and general festival info

Parking and Shuttles

The festival has increased the number of available shuttles. Attendees are encouraged to park in designated lots and utilize shuttle services for more efficient access to the event. We extend our gratitude to Mountain View Café for their sponsorship of festival transportation. Their valuable support enables Special Kids Special Families shuttles and Academy District 20 buses to provide attendees with a safe and reliable means of traveling to the festival this year. For detailed information, please consult the Festival Shuttle & Parking Map online at <https://weareblackforest.com/>.

The Festival logo was designed by Sean Schickler.

Current & Previous Black Forest Parade Participants and Community Members!

Get ready! The **Black Forest Festival & Parade** is coming up soon, and we're so excited to celebrate with you!

We're reaching out to all our wonderful past participants and community members. If you've been thinking about joining the parade this year with a float, your classic car, or a tractor, **now is the perfect time to sign up!**

Don't miss out on being a part of this beloved Black Forest tradition!

Click here to register your entry today: <https://weareblackforest.com/2025-parade-signup/>

Important Parade Details at a Glance:

- **Date:** Saturday, August 9, 2025
- **Time:** Parade begins promptly at 10:30 AM
- **Location:** The parade route starts on Shoup Rd. near the intersection of Shoup/Black Forest Road, then heads north on Black Forest Road and ends near Trappers Pass (Approx Parade Route is 1-1.5 miles). **Parade Route/Staging Area Instructions will be sent to all registered participants in the next 7-10 days!**

Other Helpful Links:

- **Black Forest Biergarten - Tickets on Sale Now! August 8th**
<https://weareblackforest.com/2025-black-forest-biergarten-fundraiser/>
- **Vendor Booths - No spots available**
<https://weareblackforest.com/2025-festival-booth-reservations/>
- **2025 Black Forest Festival Logo'd T-shirt (pre-order to be sure you get one!)**
<https://weareblackforest.com/2025-festival-t-shirts/>

Please help us spread the word! Forward this email to your Black Forest community contacts and encourage anyone interested in participating or attending to mark their calendars! (All interested in being in the parade must be registered)

We can't wait to see your creative entries and celebrate with the entire Black Forest community!

The Black Forest Festival & Parade Committee

Website: www.weareblackforest.com

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Join us in celebrating the businesses that keep our Black Forest Festival and Community thriving! Listed below are the businesses that have contributed enough to the Festival to be listed as Platinum Sponsors

Made In The Shade Colorado Springs – Platinum Sponsor of the 2025 Black Forest Festival

Offering more than beautiful window coverings, Made In The Shade Colorado Springs brings expertise, elegance, and personalized care to every home and business they serve.

As a locally owned company that values quality and connection, they help our community shine—indoors and out. We're proud to have their support as a Platinum Sponsor of this year's festival!

Hennessey Roofing – Platinum Sponsor of the 2025 Black Forest Festival

When it comes to protection, performance, and peace of mind, Hennessey Roofing has Colorado covered—literally. Known for quality craftsmanship, honesty, and exceptional service, they're a trusted name in residential and commercial roofing. More than just building strong roofs, they're helping build a stronger community as proud Platinum Sponsors of this year's festival.

Mountain View Cafe and Catering – Platinum Fundraising Sponsor of the 2025 Black Forest Festival

From delicious entrees in the Black Forest to generous hearts, **Mountain View Cafe** pours their soul into everything they do. As a key volunteer and fundraising champion, they've raised **\$2,000** to help make this year's festival shine. Thank you, Mountain View Cafe, for being *The Heart of the Forest – 56 Years Strong!* Learn more about [Mountain View Cafe](#) and view their menu [on their Facebook page](#).

Michael Turner Sotheby's International Realty – Platinum Sponsor of the 2025 Black Forest Festival

Where luxury meets lifestyle, Michael Turner Sotheby's International Realty offers more than exceptional properties—they offer a refined real estate experience built on trust, excellence, and a deep connection to our community. With global reach and local heart, they're helping neighbors find the perfect place to call home. As proud Platinum Sponsors, their support elevates the spirit of the Black Forest Festival. Visit Michael Turner online at <https://homesbyturner.com> or visit his [Facebook page](#)

The Miliare Group – Platinum Sponsor of the 2025 Black Forest Festival

Faith. Strategy. Legacy. These aren't just words, they're the foundation of Nathan Wheeler's mission to help families, investors, and businesses build wealth with wisdom and purpose. A U.S. Army veteran, business mentor, and financial strategist, Nathan combines military precision with heartfelt values to empower financial freedom across the country. As a leader within The Milaire Group, he's transforming futures and bringing the 2025 Black Forest Festival to life with his support. Learn more at www.nathanuwheeler.com or connect via [Facebook](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

Palmer Divide Disposal – Platinum Sponsor of the 2025 Black Forest Festival

Locally owned and committed to keeping Black Forest clean, Palmer Divide Disposal provides reliable trash and recycling services with a focus on integrity and environmental care. Just like they take care of our community year-round, they're proud to support the festival that brings us all together!

Visit [Palmer Divide Disposal](#) to learn more about their services and dedication to Black Forest!

Air Conditioning in the BFCC Hall

After 15 years of talking about it and a lot of hard work from those involved, we have finally got AC in the hall. It started with a meeting in February with Bob, Ned and Doug from Black Rose and Jim and Leif from the Club. We discussed the many options to get this project done.

It was decided to get estimates from three local companies to see what our options were and what the project would cost. One of those companies was **High Country Air**. Jim had met owner **Josh Eker** at a **Business Connect** meeting at the Club. Josh offered to do this monumental task for cost. This offer turned out to be at half the cost of two other bids received.

With a proposal in hand we started our journey through Regional. We found **Plant Engineering Consultants** to do our mechanical and electrical engineering. They gave us a pretty good discount. With those two reports in hand, we were able to get through Regional and obtain our permit. **Will from Headley Electric** attached an electrical permit to Josh's permit. By the way, he only charged us the permit fee for this, as Jim did all electrical work with the help of **Rylan Eker (Josh's son)**.

With Josh and his son **Tristen** who is also an H-VAC tech, we worked two long weekends to get this work completed. On July 20th all units were pushing cold air into the club.

A special thanks to the **Eker Family** for their hard work and extreme generosity to make this happen.

Jim Collins, President BFCC

Backyard Update

We have made great progress with Our Backyard. Thanks to **Steve White** and his leadership we came up with a tremendous plan to enhance the look and functionality of this property. With the tremendous generosity of **Picker Munson**, we have a new driveway that will facilitate a smoother flow of traffic during events. He removed the old water feature, cistern and well to give us an area clear of obstructions. We regained land we had lost due to erosion. This is just the first phase of many to create a more inviting and useable space for this great community.

Jim Collins

President BFCC

Upcoming Citizens' Academy

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is excited to announce applications are now open for our upcoming Citizens' Academy. This free, in-depth program for community members begins on **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**,

and runs **twice a week from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM**, concluding with a graduation ceremony on **Thursday, October 9, 2025**.

Designed to provide a behind-the-scenes look at local law enforcement, the Citizens' Academy offers participants a comprehensive overview of the Sheriff's Office and its many responsibilities.

Topics include:

- Use of Force
- Illegal Marijuana Operations
- Targeted Traffic Enforcement
- Emergency Services (including Wildland Fire and Search & Rescue)
- SWAT and K9 Operations
- Jail Operations and Civil Processes

Attendees will also follow the course of a criminal investigation, guided by detectives who will explain each step of the process. A tour of the El Paso County Jail is included to give participants an understanding of the challenges faced by our detention staff.

The program culminates in **realistic, scenario-based training**, giving participants the opportunity to experience what it's like to serve as a deputy.

To apply, download the application from our website at epcsheriffsoffice.com/citizens-academy, or email the Community Affairs team at shrcommunity@elpasoco.com to request a copy.

There is no cost to attend, but all applicants must pass a standard background check. Space is limited to the first **40 completed applications** received. Don't wait to apply! Applications must be returned no later than 4:30 PM on August 22, 2025.

Sheriff's Office Accepting Applications for Fall 2025 Citizens' Academy – El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Black Forest Community Club Presents Music in the Park Big Band & Jazz

Where: Outdoor pavilion, next to the Black Forest Community Center
12530 Black Forest Road, corner of Shoup Road

Rain or shine! Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music outdoors.

If it rains, the concert will move next door into the Community Center.

What time:

5:30 Food, non-alcohol drinks, desserts *

6:00-7:30 Music

Summer schedule:

Ensemble

8/7 Kicks Quintet

8/15 Bud Gordon & Friends

Free concerts - donations welcomed

For more information, see <https://www.bfcommunityclub.org> or contact Jeff Ader at (719)232-1882

* Profits go towards the Center's backyard improvements

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

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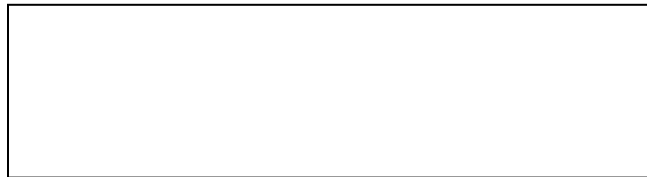
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