



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

Schedule of BFCC Events

Mother's Day Tea scheduled for Saturday, May 10 CANCELLED
Thursday, May 22, 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

Flat Broke After Taxes Spaghetti Dinner

There was a great turnout for the pasta dinner prepared by Dawn Sciarrotta and her helpers. The food was great and there were a lot of familiar faces enjoying the camaraderie.

Our president, Jim Collins, used this event as an opportunity to present what the Backyard Committee members have proposed for the first phase of improving the adjacent five acres acquired in 2016. It was a time for questions and answers from members about the proposed plans. There were many delicious desserts brought by attendees.

Progress on the Backyard

The Backyard Committee (Chairman Steve White, Don Root, Cherie Erler, Craig McDermitt, and Jim Collins) has come up with a revised plan for the development of the five-acre lot to the north of the BFCC building. At the last board and officers meeting, it was voted on and approved to start the work. For those who are new members that acreage was bought from BFCC member Terry Rosental after the 2013 fire. The following copy from my files explains what was going on in 2016 from the manager of the 2016 Backyard Development Committee, Rich Crawford. Unfortunately for the

BFCC, Rich and his family moved to his ranch too far away for him to continue in his role.

October 13, 2016

Black Forest Community Club Purchases Rosental Parcel

The leadership team of Black Forest Community Club (BFCC) is pleased to announce that over the past few months it has been successful in negotiating the purchase of the 5-acre lot adjacent to the BFCC Hall on the north. This process was completed today with the signing of the warranty deed by Teresa Rosental and the deed of trust to Farmers State Bank by BFCC board chairman Rich Crawford and BFCC president Dianne Hagmaier. The Rosental property presents a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to expand the BFCC’s very limited (0.5 acre) footprint. The Club learned a few months ago that previous tentative discussions with another potential purchaser had fallen through, and that the property might still be available. Indications were that a number of buyers had expressed interest, including potential commercial purchasers. The Club needed to move quickly, and without attracting further attention from other interested parties. Club finances were quickly analyzed and vetted, an appraisal was completed, and affordable financing arranged. These swift efforts have allowed the Club to secure some elbow room and provide multiple options to accommodate future needs, while at the same time forestalling any disruptive commercial development of the site.

Precise plans for long term use of the property are still in the development stage. Discussions have included landscaping in a forest park concept with a water feature, walking path, bridge and additional photo opportunities for wedding parties and other events taking place at the community center.

Expanded off-street parking is also under consideration.

This property was the long-term residence of George and Terry Rosental prior to George’s passing in May of 2013. The home was subsequently destroyed in the Black Forest Fire on June 11 of that year.

Removal of burned structures and trees was commenced by the Disaster Relief Team of Colorado Southern Baptists and continued by Black Forest Together as well as other volunteers and contractors. More tree and slash removal is planned for the balance of 2016 and 2017. Landscaping and weed control projects are also planned.

Jeff Ader has organized “A Night of Big Band Jazz” featuring the New Horizons Band of Colorado Springs on Sunday, October 30 as a fundraiser

toward paying off the mortgage and developing the property. All are welcome for an evening of memorable music starting at 7PM at the Black Forest Community Center, hosted by BFCC.

A contest to select a name for this future park is also planned, and we will be gathering input and ideas from all club members. Stay tuned for further announcements!

BFCC President Dianne Hagmaier stated that much work remains to convert this property into a park.

Board Chairman Rich Crawford thanked fellow board member Leif Garrison and treasurer Dan Hagmaier for their efforts over recent months that helped to make this dream a reality.

Rich Crawford

After Rich's move, work was done to clean up the lot from the fire, planting trees, making the area suitable for Festival use, and keeping the area mowed. Don Root took care of a lot of these jobs.

With the election of Jim Collins to the presidency of the BFCC this year, efforts have kicked into high gear to make progress on the North 40, the North George, the North 477 (4.77 acres), the Backyard. A proper name will be upcoming.



The above picture is the Connex that has been acquired and positioned by Picker Munson as viewed from the backside. The next picture is a view where the Connex is tucked behind the Western Store Front. Final appearance has yet to be decided after some study whether a paint job or a wrap or something else is appropriate. The Connex will be used for storage

for BFCC overflow since groping around in the hall's crawlspace is not comfortable even if you don't bump your head on the low floor joists. Thanks to Picker and Jim for getting this new asset.



Black Forest Businesses are having monthly meetings using the BFCC hall. This is a list of Black Forest groups which you may not be familiar with and might want to reach out to.

Places of Worship

Cross Fellowship Baptist	10915 Black Forest Road	719-495-4185
Black Forest Chapel	14190 Black Forest Road	719-495-2420
Latter-Day Saints	6950 Shoup Road	719-495-0662
Black Forest Lutheran	12455 Black Forest Road	719-495-2221
Our Lady of the Pines	11020 Teachout Road	719-495-2351
Springs Tabernacle	6160 Burgess Road	719-495-1827

Restaurants

Firehouse On The Run -- BBQ	12480 Black Forest Road	719-495-8483
Mountain View Cafe & Catering	11424 Black Forest Road	719-308-5971
Black Forest Bistro	6750 Shoup Road	719-459-7884
Pies & Grinders -- Pizza	11470 Black Forest Road	719-495-8555
Golden Pine Coffee Roasters.	12470 Black Forest Road	866-940-9340

Adult Beverages

The Chicken Coop	11627 Black Forest Road	719-495-3189
Black Forest Brewing Company	11590 Black Forest Road	719-396-2011
Black Forest Liquor Store	11450 Black Forest Road	719-495-4106

Animal Feed store & Veterinary Clinics

Rockin B Feed & Supply	12440 Black Forest Road	719-495-3463
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Great Value Pet Clinic.	11580 Black Forest Road	719-646-3580
Black Forest Veterinary Clinic.	12655 Black Forest Road	719-495-3666

Body Health

Blackwood Health Center	11425 Black Forest Road	719-533-1100
Lavender & Thyme	6755 Shoup Road	719-337-2730
Peak Health	11425 Black Forest Road	719-400-5270

Home Repair

Binstock Renovations	719-210-3343
Rial Heating & Air	719-592-9608
High Country Air	720-990-8022
Schultz Roofing	719-649-0508
Ron's Custom Fabrication	719-351-5743

Hair Salons

Black Forest Salon	11580 Black Forest Road	719-495-2121
Soluxe	12470 Black Forest Road	719-495-4941

Automotive/Small Engine Repair

Black Forest Automotive	6580 Shoup Road	719-4950123
Black Forest Small Engine	Black Forest Local	719-645-5630

Noxious Weeds Article by Nick Daniel, El Paso County Noxious Weed Specialist.

With Spring in full swing and hopefully some good moisture on the way, it's that time of year to begin thinking about noxious weed management throughout El Paso County. This year has already seen an early and vigorous start for some of our more infamous species: myrtle spurge (List A), hoary cress (List B), as well as Canada thistle (List B). Spring is a great time to start controlling many species, including the rosette-forming thistles like musk thistle and scotch thistle before they bolt and bloom.

I am asking everyone to be extra vigilant and proactive towards dealing with hoary cress populations on their land this year. Outside of the I-25 corridor we have a real shot at eliminating hoary cress populations from Black Forest to the eastern boundaries of El Paso County. Hoary cress, also known as whitetop, is one of the earliest plants to bloom. Being in the mustard family, it has four white petals per flower. This persistent invader can be difficult to control after a population has been established, so eliminating small populations as soon as possible will save you time and money for many years to come. One plant can produce as many as 5,000 seeds! Repeated mowing followed by herbicide application is an effective method of control. Since hoary cress reproduces by both seed and creeping roots, pulling it can make infestations harder to control as it will regenerate from small root pieces left behind in the soil. This year El Paso County will be working with the Colorado Department of Agriculture to begin testing a new hoary cress biocontrol that will hopefully be an effective tool in our ongoing battle with hoary cress in the years to come.

As always, I am happy to give advice to and identify weeds for residents of El Paso County. I can be reached via email at EVSnoxiousweeds@elpasoco.com. Happy Spring and happy gardening season to all! – Nick Daniel, El Paso County Noxious Weed Specialist.

2025 Black Forest Festival Theme and Logo Contest

Festival Logo contest has extended to May 7th and is welcoming entries from our local artists.

- Festival Sponsorship opportunities are live

(<https://weareblackforest.com/2025-festival-sponsorship-opportunities/>)

**-Festival Booth reservations will be available May 9th on
WeAreBlackForest.com .**

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.

A Note from Terry Stokka:

Dear Friends,

As I drive around Black Forest I see many large dead trees that have succumbed to the beetles. The characteristic orange needles stand out like they are lit up.

Many of those trees along the road are near Mountain View Electric powerlines and fences and it would be hazardous for property owners to try to fell them safely.

If one of your trees could take down power lines by falling on them, MVEA will bring their bucket truck and chipper and drop the tree for no charge.

If you have such a tree, call MVEA at 495-2283 to get their assistance.

Terry

Music in the Park

Jeff Ader has been busy organizing the music in the park starting Thursday, June 19 and going through August 7. Plan on some wonderful summer evenings in the Log School Park and Pavillion. Dawn will be providing food and drinks for a price to be donated to the improvements to the Backyard.



Memorial for Eddie Bracken

There will be a memorial service for Eddie Bracken at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church here in the Forest Wednesday, June 18 with the Rosary to start at 10:30am (if desired) and the funeral to start at 11:00am (normally an hour and a half). There will be a luncheon on campus at 12:30pm. Burial at 3pm at Eastonville Cemetery off Meridian Road.

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

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