

CITY NEWS

WWW.MANITOUSPRINGSCO.GOV



Friday, October 31, 2025



A Message from our City Administrator

Hello Manitou Springs Community,

Thank you for taking a moment to read our city newsletter. Staying connected and informed is what makes our community strong, and I'm grateful for your engagement and partnership.

At Manitou Springs, we strive for transparency. This newsletter is one of the ways we keep everyone informed—created in-house and available online for easy access. If you'd like a printed copy, you can print the digital version, or just let us know and we'll help you get one. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to subscribe so we can keep our community conversation going.

Your feedback is invaluable. If there's a topic you'd like us to cover, or if you have questions about city operations, I want to hear from you. Together, we can make these updates even more useful and relevant.

Top News

Project Updates: Page 3

Boards & Commissions: Page 4

Hiawatha Gardens Update: 5

MSPD Body-Camera Update: 7

Tree Canopy Assessment Update: 9



Denise Howell, City Administrator, City of Manitou Springs



A Message from our City Administrator Continued

Continuing our commitment to open communication and public transparency, several important City resources are available online, including:

Budget

- Draft 2026 Budget: Available now at <https://city-manitou-springs-co-clear.doc.cleargov.com/19940>
- Summary of Completed Projects: <https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=471>

Upcoming Dates Regarding Budget Presentation

- City Council Budget Retreat: Saturday, November 22 (all day)– Open to the public.
- First Reading of Proposed 2026 Budget: Tuesday, December 2
- Second Reading: Thursday, December 11
- Final Budget Submission to State: By Monday, December 15

If you'd like to discuss the budget in more detail, our Finance Director and I are always happy to meet, just reach out.

Coffee with the City Administrator – You're Invited!

I truly believe that the best ideas come from open, honest conversations. Every month, I host "Coffee with the City Administrator" at City Hall, a relaxed, informal gathering where you can share your thoughts, ask questions, or simply connect with neighbors.

- Next Coffee:
- Thursday, November 13
- 7:00–9:00 a.m. at City Hall

No need to RSVP—just drop by whenever you can! Whether you stay for five minutes or the whole time, you're always welcome. If mornings aren't your thing or you can't make it, email me at dhowell@manitouspringsco.gov and we'll find another time to connect.

I look forward to sharing a cup of coffee and good conversation with you.

Citizens Academy Returns in 2026

I'm excited to announce that the Manitou Springs Citizens Academy will return next year. This 10-week program gives up to 20 participants a behind-the-scenes look at how our city operates. Stay tuned for more details!

I'm proud of our dedicated staff and grateful for everyone who volunteers, participates, and shares ideas. Your involvement is what makes Manitou Springs a vibrant, resilient place to live.

My door, and my inbox, is always open: dhowell@manitouspringsco.gov.

Thank you for being an engaged member of our community. Let's keep building a future we're all proud of, together.

With appreciation and optimism,

Denise Howell, City Administrator, City of Manitou Springs

YOUR RECAP OF CITY PROJECTS



PROJECT: 2025 PAVING

UPDATE: The City of Manitou Springs' 2025 Paving Improvement Project continues to move steadily and on schedule as crews advance through Phases 1 and 2. The project is enhancing roadway safety, longevity, and overall drivability across multiple neighborhoods.

On October 24, milling and paving operations were completed at the intersection of Crystal Park Road and Manitou Avenue. Striping began on October 27.

Current Work – Phases 1 and 2:

Crews are actively paving and milling streets included in both phases. Phase 2 locations include:

- Oak Place
- Grandview Place
- Lafayette Road

Coordination is also underway for Phase 3. Construction remains on schedule to continue through mid-December, weather permitting.

PROJECT: SANDRA LANE CULVERT

UPDATE: Crews continue to make steady progress on the Sandra Lane Culvert Replacement Project, advancing through key construction stages despite complex site conditions.

Between October 14–15, crews backfilled and compacted material around the culvert pipe and placed angular rock to approximately one foot above the flowline, as other material could not properly compact without dewatering. The sanitary service line was repaired, and excavation for the wing walls was completed.

Current Work: Wing walls have been poured and cured, with protective blankets remaining in place for the next few days to ensure strength has been met. Crews are forming the curb and gutter today, with a tentative completion date set for the second week of November.

PROJECT: CREEK WALK TRAIL PHASE 4

UPDATE: Work continues this week on several important elements of the Creek Walk Trail Phase 4 Project, which remains on track for completion in mid-November, weather permitting.

Asphalt paving was completed on October 16. Fencing and tree installation have now been completed, and striping along Manitou Avenue is finished.

Signage installation, irrigation work, lighting, and other finishing tasks are pending final approvals and coordination. These final improvements represent significant progress toward completing a safer, more accessible, and better-connected Creek Walk Trail for residents and visitors alike. Ribbon cutting ceremony announcement coming soon!

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Meetings: The scheduled times for the meetings below are subject to change, always check the City Calendar for updates to ensure you don't miss out!

City Calendar: <https://bit.ly/COMSCalendar>

For details about each meeting, please visit: <https://bit.ly/COMSBoardsandCommissions>

Nov 3 | Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting- Via Zoom Only | 6PM
Nov 4 | Urban Renewal Authority Regular Meeting Memorial Hall and online| 9:30AM
Nov 4 | ELECTION DAY
Nov 5 | Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30PM
Nov 11 | Veterans Day OFFICES CLOSED
Nov 12 | City Planning Commission Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30 PM
Nov 17 | Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting- Virtual Only | 6PM
Nov 18 | City Council Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 6PM
Nov 19 | Housing Advisory Board Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30PM
Nov 22 | Budget Retreat Memorial Hall | 9AM
Nov 27 | Thanksgiving OFFICES CLOSED
Nov 28 | Friday after Thanksgiving OFFICES CLOSED

City Council Recap

The City Council had a full agenda on October 21, 2025, addressing community representation, development plans and updates to City processes.

Paying the Bills: Council began the meeting with a presentation of warrants, approving regular expenditures and payments, in total \$1,596,320.

Community Members Step Up to Serve: Several residents were appointed to important City committees.



- Karl Stang was reappointed to the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee, continuing his work supporting regional transportation planning.
- Marion Ceruzzi and Cassandra Bresnahan were both appointed to the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC), helping guide the protection and enforcement of Manitou's cherished open spaces.

Land Use and Zoning Decisions: After a public hearing, the City Council voted unanimously to approve the Major Development Plan (MJR 2501) for Hiawatha Gardens. A momentous moment in the City's ongoing effort to revitalize this historic site into a more accessible and welcoming community hub. (see pg. 5 for more information)

Embracing the Digital Age: Council also approved Ordinance No. 2225, amending the City's municipal code to allow digital publication of certain public notices. The change modernizes how residents receive important updates while increasing accessibility and reducing costs associated with print publication.

Looking Ahead: Council will hold an all-day Budget Meeting, November 22nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The final budget will be presented to the Council during their December 2nd meeting with a public hearing and final adoption of the 2026 budget scheduled for December 11th.

City Council Livestream and Meeting Recordings

You can watch the City Council meetings live on YouTube if you do not plan to participate or provide comment. Recordings of past meetings are also available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@manitouspringslivestream5227/streams>

PLANNING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES



Rendering of proposed Hiawatha Gardens Plan

Major Development Plan Approved for Hiawatha Gardens

The Manitou Springs City Council voted to approve the Major Development Plan for Hiawatha Gardens Phase 1 and 2 at the October 21, 2025, public hearing. This marks the completion of the entitlements phase for the Hiawatha Gardens. The next step will be the submission of the building permit application for Phase 1, which includes the parking lot and public restroom. The City is developing a plan to fund the construction documents and eventual construction of Phase 2, which includes the garden plaza and rehabilitation of the open-air dance hall structure.

Project Overview

Hiawatha Gardens is part of a four-phase master plan that includes City owned properties currently addressed as 10 Old Mans Trail, 487 El Paso Blvd, 466 and 484 Manitou Avenue and Old Mans Trail right-of-way. The four-phase master plan will include improvements designed to preserve the site's history while improving access, safety, and functionality for residents and visitors alike.

- Phase 1: Construction of a new restroom facility north of the historic dance hall and reconfiguration of the parking lot. Existing electric vehicle charging stations will remain in place.
- Phase 2: Rehabilitation of the open-air pavilion and creation of the Garden Plaza west of the building, featuring native landscaping, pollinator habitat, and a community gathering area. Fund raising will be required to complete this portion of the project.
- Phase 3: Addition of a vehicular bridge across Fountain Creek and transformation of Old Man's Trail into a pedestrian-friendly connector. Funds will need to be secured for this project to move forward.
- Phase 4: Conversion of the former Chase Bank property into a Mobility Hub with anticipated amenities such as bike amenities, a covered transit waiting area, and green space. Fund raising will be required to complete this portion of the project.

Hiawatha Gardens will be closed to the public during construction for Phase 1 which is expected to begin in Spring 2026 and continue through the end of Summer 2026.

Funding and Financial Overview

- **Phase 1:** The redevelopment of Hiawatha Gardens Phase 1 has been made possible through a combination of PPRTA dollars, partnership with the Pikes Peak Cog Railway for the public restroom, and local funding sources such as the Mobility and Parking Enterprise Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

PLANNING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Major Development Plan Approved for Hiawatha Gardens (Continued)

Phase 2: The design phase has been made possible through the support of the Manitou Arts, Culture, and Heritage (MACH) initiative which has contributed cultural investment funding for site improvements and preservation. Currently \$341,870 has been contributed by MACH efforts. The City is pursuing additional grant funding to support construction documentation design and construction improvements for Phase 2.

Phase 3 and 4:

Funds have not been identified.

Community Benefits

The Hiawatha Gardens redevelopment will enhance accessibility and mobility in Phase 1. The parking lot improvements will reduce impervious surfaces on the site and provide filtration for stormwater run-off before it leaves the site. Phase 1 emphasizes sustainability, pedestrian connectivity, provide public restrooms, and environmental design by integrating modern infrastructure while honoring the charm and character of historic Manitou Springs.

Next Steps

With funding secured for the first phase, design and permitting will continue through 2025, with construction anticipated to begin in early 2026. The subsequent phases will follow as additional grants and partnerships are finalized.

For project updates and details on public engagement opportunities, residents can visit the project webpage on the City of Manitou Springs website at <https://bit.ly/MSHiawatha>.

Questions about this project? Contact the Planning Department at 719-685-4398 or planningdept@manitouspringsco.gov.

Bi-Weekly Stats

Planning



- Property Improvement Permits: 20
- Pre-applications: 12

Neighborhood Services



- Completed SeeClickFix: 27
- New notices issued: 33
- New inspections conducted: 44



MANITOU SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



MANITOU SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL APPROVES POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF NEXT-GENERATION BODY-WORN CAMERAS

On October 7, 2025, the Manitou Springs City Council approved the Manitou Springs Police Department's (MSPD) request to purchase new Axon Generation 4 Body-Worn Cameras (BWC), ensuring continued compliance with state law and enhancing transparency between officers and the community.

The total cost of the upgrade is \$114,542.45, which will be paid through five equal annual installments of \$22,908.49 from the City's general fund. The first payment is scheduled for January 2026, with the final payment due January 2030. No interest will accrue on the purchase.

The new equipment replaces the department's current Axon Generation 2 cameras, which were purchased in 2016 and are no longer supported or repairable by Axon Enterprise, Inc. The Generation 4 model is expected to serve the department for at least the next decade.

"The MSPD is committed to providing outstanding service to the residents of Manitou Springs and I believe that body-worn cameras are an excellent tool that not only provides protection for our officers as well as transparency and accountability, but more importantly, provides transparency and another layer of protection to our residents," said Manitou Springs Police Chief Bill Otto.

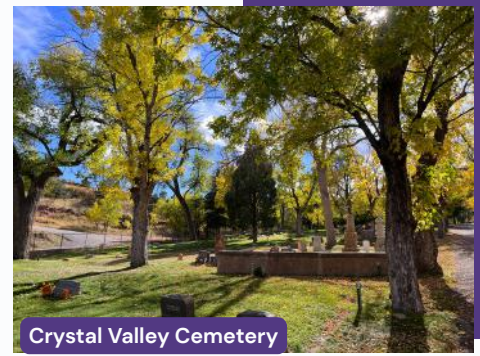
Body-worn cameras have been a standard part of Manitou Springs Police Department operations since 2016. Their use is mandated under Colorado Revised Statute 24-31-902, enacted as part of the Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity Act (Senate Bill 20-217) in 2020. The law requires all Colorado law enforcement agencies to utilize body-worn cameras to promote public trust and maintain transparency.

The investment in new technology reflects Manitou Springs Police Department's ongoing commitment to community safety, accountability, and responsible governance. By ensuring officers are equipped with reliable, modern tools, the City continues to strengthen public confidence and maintain the high standards of service that residents expect from their local law enforcement agency.

For more information about Colorado's body-worn camera requirements, visit the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice website at <https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/oajja/body-worn-cameras>.

To view the October 7, 2025 Council meeting recording, click [HERE](#). To view the agenda packet and meeting minutes, click [HERE](#).

PARKS & RECREATION



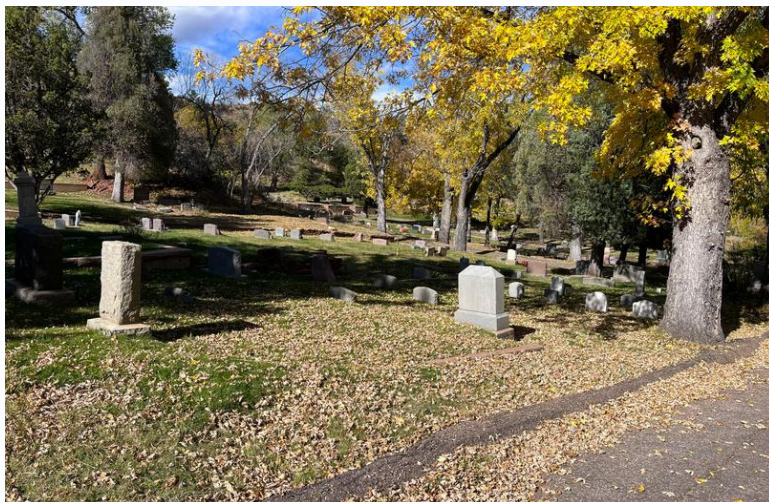
Manitou's Cub Scout Pack 18 Visits the Crystal Valley Cemetery

Author: Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director

The evening of Tuesday, October 21st was the perfect encapsulation of autumn in the historic Crystal Valley Cemetery; a chill was in the air, the mule deer were munching on gold and rust-colored leaves, and if you listened closely, you could hear the pitter patter of footsteps from over two dozen Cub Scouts and their families. Okay, you didn't have to listen that closely. It was the evening of Cub Scout Pack 18's annual fall service project, led by their fearless Cubmaster, Tracy Jackson.

The Scouts gathered around the cemetery's Flag Retiring Site at 5:30 p.m. to begin their meeting, received a brief introduction from the City's Parks & Recreation Director (yours truly), and then divided into groups to learn more about some of the cemetery's most well-known interments. After learning more about the cemetery and what makes it so special, it was time to get to work. The Scouts and their families assisted with two tasks: removing noxious/invasive weeds and raking leaves. Parks Maintenance Worker, Beren Anderson, supported the volunteers by distributing tools, explaining how to use the tools safely, and helping the weed removal crew identify the correct plants to pull.

By the end of the evening, the Scouts had raked 6 large bags of leaves and pulled 10 large bags of weeds. The leaves were brought to Flying Pig Farm to be composted. The Scouts' efforts not only helped beautify the cemetery, they also contributed to honoring those who have been laid to rest in one of the City's most peaceful and sacred parks. The Parks & Recreation Department would like to issue a huge THANK YOU to Cub Scout Pack 18 and invite them back to the cemetery next autumn.



PARKS & RECREATION

Tree-rific News! 2024 Tree Canopy Assessment

Author: Gillian Rossi, Parks & Recreation Director

I don't know if you know this, but the City of Manitou Springs and its residents take trees seriously. I mean, really seriously. So seriously that Manitou Springs has been a designated "Tree City USA" since 2020.

So seriously that maintaining a net zero tree canopy loss is in the City Code. So seriously that a Tree Voucher Program is in place to encourage residents to plant more trees. And so seriously that, as of August 2024, the City of Manitou Springs is over 52% covered with tree canopy!

You read that correctly, over half the city receives coverage from the Earth's lungs. This information was uncovered during the 2024 Tree Canopy Assessment, where the City's Senior GIS Technician, Tony Cabrales, used advanced software and aerial imagery to map the percentage of tree canopy coverage across the City of Manitou Springs. While the city's overall canopy coverage is impressive, it's the comparisons from the 2020 Baseline Tree Canopy Assessment that truly shine. While the full 2024 Tree

Canopy Assessment is available online: <https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/722/Forestry>, here are the highlights:

- City parks average 59.79% canopy coverage, up from 41.22% in 2020.
- The Commercial Core Zone (aka « Downtown ») has 16.40% canopy coverage, up from 11.50% in 2020.
- The park with the highest percentage of canopy coverage is Schryver Park, at 64.59%!
- Based on mapping of permeable surfaces, otherwise known as porous or pervious surfaces, there is 30% of the city available for additional tree planting.
- Overall, the Urban Tree Canopy in Manitou Springs is increasing!

Thirsty for more? Don't worry, there is more data to come, including tree canopy coverage mapping of the seven City Zones and of the three major open spaces within the city.

The assessment also included recommendations for further increasing canopy coverage, including increasing public education on the importance of planting for the future and identifying strategic planting opportunities in City projects.

So far this year, 30 trees have been planted by City staff and an additional 70 Tree Vouchers have been issued to Manitou Springs residents through the Residential Tree Voucher Program <https://bit.ly/MSTreeVoucher>. The next Tree Canopy Assessment will be conducted in 2030. We can't wait to see how much we've grown by then, seriously!



WATER & SEWER

City of Manitou Springs to Begin Water Meter Replacement Project Mid-November

The City of Manitou Springs reminds residents that its citywide Water Meter Replacement Project will begin in mid-November, marking a major milestone in modernizing the community's water infrastructure and improving long-term system reliability.

The project will replace all outdated, manually read water meters with advanced, automated models capable of delivering real-time water usage data. These upgrades will improve meter accuracy, enhance leak detection, and provide residents with valuable tools to better manage their water consumption and promote conservation.

Each household will soon receive an official flyer in the mail with details about how to schedule an installation appointment. Because most meters are located indoors, residents will need to provide access to their meter for a certified technician to complete the replacement. Appointments typically take 30 to 60 minutes and can be scheduled during regular business hours, evenings, or weekends.

This initiative is being funded through the Colorado Energy Office's Energy Performance Contracting Program <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/epc>, which provides low-interest financing to municipalities for energy and water efficiency projects. The City's loan and interest are being repaid through water revenues and guaranteed utility savings from other energy efficiency improvements being made to City-owned buildings. In addition to improving accuracy, the project will help the City reduce water losses by an estimated 4% to 7%, saving both money and resources over time.

Customers will receive bills that reflect complete and precise water usage, which may vary slightly up or down due to the enhanced accuracy of the new meters. Each unit includes a 20-year warranty, helping the City mitigate potential rate increases and maintain consistent costs in the future.

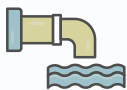
Once the project is complete, residents will receive an email invitation to activate their Itron Customer Portal, a free and optional online platform that allows users to view daily water usage, set leak alerts, and track monthly budgets. This gives customers more control over their water use and costs in real time.

The City of Manitou Springs looks forward to the launch of this project and the opportunity to deliver more efficient, accurate, and responsive utility services to residents. The Water Meter Replacement Project reflects the City's continued commitment to sustainability, efficiency, and reliable service for the entire community.

For more information, visit www.manitouspringswatermeters.com or <https://bit.ly/COMSWaterMeters>.

Bi-Weekly Stats

Water/Sewer



- Completed work orders: 17
- Locates completed: 60
- Sewer Main Jetted: 3,875 feet
- Assisted with traffic Management for the Coffin Races.

Watch the Water Treatment Plant Improvements video:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/gcnUlqpalOs?si=MfjT66XnEjYpAD3K>

Treatment Plant



Gallons of water treated per day

Oct 18: 506,354 gallons
Oct 19: 535,000 gallons
Oct 20: 499,125 gallons
Oct 21: 422,675 gallons
Oct 22: 465,469 gallons
Oct 23: 527,750 gallons
Oct 24: 481,733 gallons
Oct 25: 606,375 gallons
Oct 26: 535,375 gallons
Oct 27: 439,900 gallons
Oct 28: 426,275 gallons

CITY CLERK

Upcoming Election – November 4, 2025

Stay informed and participate in the upcoming election.

All official election details, ballot information, voter registration, and return options are available through the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office and the Colorado Secretary of State.

Reminder:

Ballots sent by mail must be received, not postmarked, by Election Day, Tuesday, November 4 at 7PM to count.

You can return your ballot at a 24/7 secure drop-off box next to City Hall (606 Manitou Ave, Visitor Parking Lot) or at any Voter Service & Polling Center (VSPC).

Find all election details, key dates, and VSPC locations here:

- <https://clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com/elections/election-information/>

For accessibility or alternative formats, contact the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office at ADACompliance@ElPasoCo.com

City specific Election Documents:

2025 Notice of Election: <https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7153/Notice-of-Election-2025-09-24>

2025 TABOR Notice: <https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7154/Tabor-Notice-2025-09-24>



BI-WEEKLY STATS

City Clerks Office

- CORA Requests: 5
- Board Membership Applications (HPC): 1
- Liquor Inspections: 3



Municipal Court

- Total Citations: 24
- Arraignments: 16
- Failures to Appear: 8
- Trials: 1



POLICE BEAT



Over the last 2 weeks, the Manitou Springs Police Department (MSPD) handled 438 Calls for Service resulting in 43 case reports.

Most frequent call types:

- 31 traffic stops
- 19 citizen contacts
- 13 welfare checks
- 8 suspicious incident

Our officers assisted the El Paso County Sheriff's Office outside of Manitou Springs on 24 Calls for Service.

Notable Cases – October 10–29, 2025

- October 10 – Harassment (Unfounded): Officers responded to a report of harassment at the police department. After investigation, the report was determined to be unfounded and possibly related to a mental health concern.
- October 16 – Domestic Violence (Unfounded): Officers investigated a reported domestic disturbance on Park Avenue. No probable cause for criminal charges was found; a report was completed for documentation.
- October 17 – Disturbance / Obstructing Police: Officers responded to a disturbance on Manitou Avenue. Two individuals were cited for obstructing a peace officer after becoming combative.
- October 17 – Criminal Mischief: Officers investigated a report of a broken window at a local business. No suspect information was available.
- October 17 – Harassment: A harassment report was taken from a resident on Manitou Avenue. The victim declined to pursue charges.
- October 17 – Assault / Burglary: Officers responded to a disturbance where a suspect assaulted two individuals before fleeing. A warrant will be issued for the suspect's arrest.
- October 17 – DUI – Drugs: A driver was cited for driving under the influence of drugs after nearly striking another vehicle on Ruxton Avenue.
- October 18 – DUI – Drugs / Felony Drug Possession: A driver stopped for expired plates was arrested for DUI–Drugs and felony possession of a controlled substance.
- October 18 – Found Property (Firearm): Officers secured a firearm found in an Airbnb. The owner was identified and notified of recovery procedures.
- October 18 – Harassment: A transient male was cited for harassment after causing a disturbance on Crystal Park Road and was provided transportation to a nearby bus stop.
- October 18 – Indecent Exposure / Trespassing: Officers identified a male suspect on video committing acts of indecent exposure and trespassing on private property. A warrant will be issued.
- October 18 – DUI – Drugs / Weapons Offense: A driver stopped for excessive speed was arrested for DUI–Drugs and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
- October 19 – DUI – Drugs / Weapons Offense: A driver was cited for DUI–Drugs and possession of a weapon while under the influence following a traffic stop.
- October 19 – Agency Assist: Officers assisted Teller County authorities in locating and transferring custody of a male wanted on multiple warrants and listed as missing.
- October 20 – Domestic Violence (Sexual Assault): A report was taken from a female who alleged a sexual assault by a former partner in 2024. The case remains under investigation.



POLICE BEAT



Notable Cases – October 10–29, 2025 (Continued)

- October 20 – Weapons Offense / Harassment: Officers responded to an altercation at the Penny Arcade where a suspect reportedly displayed a weapon. The investigation is ongoing.
- October 20 – Assault: Officers investigated an assault reported on El Paso Boulevard. The case remains under investigation.
- October 21 – Unattended Death: Officers conducted a welfare check on Crystal Park Road and discovered a deceased elderly female. No signs of foul play were found.
- October 21 – Mental Health Hold: Officers and the Manitou Crisis Response Clinician assisted a male experiencing suicidal ideation. He was safely transported to a hospital for evaluation.
- October 22 – Welfare Check / Warrant Arrest: Officers contacted a male lying on the sidewalk on Manitou Avenue. He was arrested on an outstanding warrant from El Paso County.
- October 22 – Court Order Violation (Unfounded): Officers investigated a reported restraining order violation and determined no crime occurred.
- October 22 – Amphetamine Possession / Drug Distribution: A driver was arrested for felony drug possession and distribution after officers observed drug paraphernalia during a vehicle search.
- October 23 – Fraud / Possession of Stolen Property: Officers recovered stolen credit cards and identification documents during a disturbance at a local hotel. The investigation is ongoing.
- October 24 – DUI – Drugs / Controlled Substance Possession: A driver was cited for DUI-Drugs, and a passenger was cited for drug possession during a traffic stop.
- October 24 – Felony Drug Possession: A man was arrested after officers found a felony quantity of methamphetamine during a disturbance on Manitou Avenue.
- October 25 – Vehicular Eluding: A driver fled from officers during a traffic stop, crashed shortly after, and was taken into custody and booked into jail.
- October 25 – Assault (Fight): Officers responded to a large fight involving several individuals. No charges were pursued; one person was treated for minor injuries.
- October 25 – Felony DUI / Drug Possession: A driver with multiple prior DUIs was arrested for felony DUI and drug possession after a traffic stop.
- October 27 – Resisting Arrest / Interfering with Police: A male with an active warrant resisted arrest while a female attempted to interfere. Both were taken into custody or cited.
- October 28 – Vehicular Eluding: A driver fled from officers after running a red light. The case remains under investigation.
- October 29 – Eluding Police / Obstruction: Officers identified a repeat offender who fled in a vehicle after refusing commands. A warrant will be issued.
- October 29 – Sexual Assault: Officers took a report of a sexual assault that occurred earlier in the year on Cave Avenue. The investigation remains active.

Visit the MSPD webpage at
<https://bit.ly/MSPDWebpage>
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



CONTACTING MSPD:

DISPATCH (FOR NON-URGENT SITUATIONS):
CALL 719-390-5555

EMERGENCIES CALL 911

EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community Events

City Calendar: <https://bit.ly/COMSCalendar>

Nov 4 | Election Day

Nov 11 | City Offices Closed- Veterans Day

Nov 13 | Coffee with the City Administrator Memorial Hall | 7AM-9AM

Nov 14 | MSVFD Turkey Shoot Memorial Hall | 6PM

Nov 27 | City Offices Closed- Thanksgiving Day

Nov 27 | Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner | Memorial Hall

Nov 28 | City Offices Closed- Friday after Thanksgiving

Dec 7 | Christmas Parade | Manitou Ave

Note: Many of these events are not endorsed or sponsored by the City, but we find them of importance to know about due to impacts to City Hall, city streets, parks, neighborhoods, etc.



Historic MANITOU SPRINGS

Coffee with the City Administrator
Memorial Hall
606 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs
Thursday, November 13, 2025
7AM-9AM

You're invited to join City Administrator Denise Howell for an engaging conversation about all things Manitou Springs! This is your opportunity to share ideas for city services, recognize the efforts of dedicated employees, or ask questions about topics like the city budget and ongoing projects. Denise is excited to hear from you, answer your questions, and discuss the issues that matter most to our community.

Complimentary coffee will be provided, so come sip and share in the welcoming setting of Memorial Hall inside City Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



Historic MANITOU SPRINGS

2025 PHOTO CONTEST

DEADLINE TO ENTER: NOV. 14, 2025

FOR CONTEST RULES AND TO ENTER, VISIT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/COMSPHOTOCONTEST](https://bit.ly/COMSPHOTOCONTEST)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

1ST PLACE: \$200
2ND PLACE: \$150
3RD PLACE: \$100

PRIZE FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH
THE MANITOU SPRINGS COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MANITOU SPRINGS

Apply to serve on a City Board or Commission

Visit: <https://bit.ly/bcmemberapp>
or scan the QR Code



Boards, Commissions, & Committee Vacancies

- City Planning Commission (CPC) – No vacancies
- Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) – 1 regular member and 2 alternate members
- Housing Advisory Board (HAB) – 2 alternate members
- Manitou Arts, Culture, and Heritage Board (MACH) – No vacancies
- Mobility and Parking Board (MAP) – 3 alternate members
- Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) – 1 alternate member
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) – 1 regular member and 2 alternate members



MSVFD

Turkey Shoot

Turkey Giveaway Dinner Fundraiser

14 NOV

**606 Manitou Ave
City Hall
6:00 PM**

WWW.MSVFD.COM

To arrange pick-up for your donation, please call us at
719-685-1444

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the
MANITOU SPRINGS
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
will hold a Public Hearing scheduled for:
WEDNESDAY
November 12, 2025
@ 5:30 P.M.

This will be an in-person meeting at City Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue.

Public Hearing regarding an Ordinance Amending Title 18 Of The Manitou Springs Municipal Code By The Addition Of A New Use Section for Accessory Dwelling Units, and associated changes to the Table of Allowed Uses in Chapter 18.04.2.

Public comments on these requests may be submitted in writing and received by the Planning Department by 5:00pm November 7, 2025. Comments received by this date will be provided in the Planning Commission Meeting Packet.

For more information or to give comments, please contact the Planning Department at
719-685-4398 or at
planningdept@manitouspringsco.gov

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

MORE BI-WEEKLY STATS



Manitou Springs Fire Department (MSFD)

- Responded to 38 emergency incidents: 28 medically related incidents and 10 fire/hazmat/other related incidents.
- 1 incident at the Incline/Barr Trail.
- Conducted 2 classes totaling 4 hours of training covering ICS/Mass Casualty Incidents and Equipment Familiarization. This equated to 38 personnel hours.
- Provided safety coverage for the annual Coffin Races, staffed by a combination of career and volunteer firefighters.



Parking & Mobility

Citations:

- Total: 416 citations | \$22,780.00
- Proof of Registration: 86 | \$8,600
- RPP Permit Required Zone: 58 | \$4,060
- Obstructing Traffic: 5 | \$275

Parking Transactions:

- On-street & lots (Canon, 50% Barr Trail): 6,736 | \$45,878.04
- Hiawatha Lot: 1,377 | \$9,922.01
- Dillon Mobility Hub: 282 | \$1,940.05

Mobile Payments:

- T2Mobilepay: Transitioning to HonkMobile
- HonkMobile (Dillon only): 232 transactions | \$1,447.50 | 48% usage
- Outages due to AWS service disruptions



Manitou Springs Police Department (MSPD)

- Handled 438 Calls for Service resulting in 43 case reports.

Most frequent call types:

- 31 traffic stops
- 19 citizen contacts
- 13 welfare checks
- 8 suspicious incident
- Assisted the El Paso County Sheriff's on 24 Calls for Service.



Utilities Clerk

- Processed 137 delinquent letters
- Processed 20 shut off notices

STAYING CONNECTED

Communication Methods

Currently, you can receive news and updates from the City directly on our website, the **City News** Digital Newspaper, Facebook , Instagram, Nextdoor, and Bluesky.

The City also uses a mass notifications system for Emergent and Local Alerts and to send out the City News Digital Newspaper through **CivicReady**.

To sign up for **City Wide Emergent Alerts and Local Alerts** – Water Disruptions, Road/Sidewalk Closures, Parking Restrictions, Utility work, traffic impacts/changes or to receive the **City News Digital Newspaper** visit: <https://bit.ly/COMSNewsandAlerts>

The City News Digital Newspaper can be delivered directly to your email inbox, BI-WEEKLY, or as a link in a text message, depending on your preferences and the information you provide. **Additional details:** It will also be available on the City website and all social media channels.

An ADA-accessible version of this Edition of **City News** is available upon request by contacting the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 685-2554 or by email jfryer@manitouspringsco.gov

Individuals can download, share, or print the publication directly from the platform, as needed.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/COMSNewsandAlerts>
or scan the QR Code!



Peak Alerts are notifications sent through software called Everbridge, managed by public safety agencies in El Paso and Teller Counties. Peak Alerts notify you of emergency situations that are a threat to life or property and are deemed dangerous by public safety officials. Examples of emergency situations may include but is not limited to, natural or man-made disasters, hazardous materials incidents, missing persons, law enforcement activity impacting the public, evacuation notices, and more.

To sign up for PeakAlerts, please visit: <https://bit.ly/MSEvacAlerts>

For assistance with subscribing or if you experience issues accessing your current alert/subscription account, contact:

Cassandra Hessel, Public Information Officer

Email: pio@manitouspringsco.gov

Phone: 719-306-2884