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BREAKING DOWN THE CITY'S FINANCES: GENERAL FUND VS. ENTERPRISE FUNDS

When it comes to running a city, every dollar has a purpose. In Manitou Springs, the way money is collected and spent is categorized into funds. The two main fund types are the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. While both are essential to the community, they serve very different roles.

The General Fund – Day to day functions/operations

The General Fund is the City's primary operating account that supports the overall functions of the city. Taxes, including sales tax, property tax, amusement tax, and lodging tax, mainly fund it. Other sources of revenue include franchise fees from utilities, business licenses, court fines, and state or federal grants (which usually require a matching contribution).

This fund finances many of the services residents commonly associate with local government. These include police and fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS), the aquatics center, street maintenance, parks, recreation, the neighborhood chipping program, community recycling days, tree planting and pruning, new playground equipment, snow plowing, street sweeping, cleaning public restrooms, sidewalk cleaning, and maintaining downtown flower beds, among others.

These funds are not tied to profit but are instead invested directly into maintaining essential services for the entire community. Without the General Fund, the community would struggle to operate effectively.

Enterprise Funds: Pay-for-services – stand alone

Enterprise Funds operate more like a business. They are self-sustaining accounts where the people who use a service pay for it through fees and charges, rather than general taxes.

In Manitou Springs, the City manages several Enterprise Funds, including:

- Water Enterprise Fund: oversees water distribution, treatment, and infrastructure.
- Sewer Enterprise Fund: maintains the wastewater collection system and pays Colorado Springs Utilities to treat our wastewater.
- Storm Drainage Enterprise Fund: manages stormwater runoff and infrastructure.
- Mobility & Parking Enterprise Fund: covers parking meters, enforcement, and the Dillon Mobility Hub.

Importantly, Enterprise Funds reinvest their revenues directly back into the services they support. For example, when you pay your water bill, those funds go directly to maintaining the water system, not to unrelated city services. Similarly, when you pay your stormwater bill, that money is used to ensure storm drains are properly maintained and operational, protecting the city from flooding.

Many municipalities sell numerous tap fees to assist with water and wastewater infrastructure, such as replacing water mains. In contrast, Manitou Springs may sell only three tap fees a year, which contributes to higher water and wastewater rates compared to many other areas. The fees collected must ensure the city meets all state mandates.

Why It Matters

The General Fund distributes costs across all taxpayers for services that everyone relies on, and it cannot increase revenue without a vote from the people or through economic development.

In contrast, Enterprise Funds limit costs to those who directly use the services and can increase their fees with the approval of the elected body. This system also helps protect the financial stability of the City. It ensures that operations related to water, sewer, parking, and drainage remain self-sustaining, while community-wide needs such as public safety and parks are supported through collective taxes.

The Bottom Line

The City's budget represents more than just numbers; it reflects how Manitou Springs balances shared responsibility with user-based fairness.

- The General Fund ensures the day-to-day operations, keeping essential services accessible for all. Taxes and some fees fund the general fund. Without a healthy general fund, the community service levels and programs would be decreased.
- The Enterprise Funds act as pay-as-you-go accounts, making sure that specialized services are supported directly by those who use them.

The General Fund and the Enterprise Funds are the vital pillars that empower Manitou Springs to thrive, ensuring clean water flows, fostering a safe community, and creating memorable experiences in our beautiful parks and trails.

If you would like to meet with the City Administrator, Denise Howell, and the Finance Director, Becca Davis to discuss the financials in more detail, reach out to Denise at dhowell@manitouspringsco.gov. They would welcome the opportunity to meet.



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FINANCE

The following Memorandum was presented to City Council at the October 14, 2025 meeting by Rebecca Davis, Finance Director. **To view this meeting, click [here](#).**



MEMORANDUM

Title: Presentation of the Final Amended FY 2025 Budget and Proposed FY 2026 Budget to City Council

From: Rebecca Davis, CPFO, Finance Director

To: Mayor and City Council

CC: City Administrator Denise Howell

Allocated Time: 45 Minutes

Oct 14, 2025

Purpose:

To comply with State law C.R.S. 29-1-105, "No later than October 15 of each year, the person appointed to prepare the budget shall submit such budget to the governing body." And upon receipt of the proposed budget, the governing body shall cause to be published a "Notice of Budget". (C.R.S. 29-1-106(1))

The link to the on-line budget book is [here](#).

Background:

In previous years, City staff have provided an in-depth review of the initial budget in October, prior to the 15th.

For 2025, this presentation has been rescheduled to November due to unique circumstances. The City has a ballot question for the November 4th election, and once the results are known, this budget will change based upon those results.

Additionally, the November 2024 election in Colorado Springs, which legalized the sale of recreational marijuana by existing medical marijuana dispensaries, has significantly reduced Manitou Springs' sales tax revenues. The City experienced a notable decline in 2025, with further reductions projected in 2026.

Although the City's sales tax revenues were not immediately impacted in the first quarter of 2025, due to the time required for medical marijuana dispensaries to obtain necessary permits, Manitou Springs staff, in partnership with a consultant, conducted an analysis of current tax trends. This included increases in home delivery sales and losses in other sales tax categories.

The analysis estimated that 2025 sales tax revenue would decrease by \$3,542,0000 from 2024's total General Fund revenue of \$9,219,272, resulting in a projected revenue of approximately \$5,677,000. By 2026, sales tax revenue is expected to decline further, resulting in a budgeted total of \$4,900,000 for General Fund sales tax, representing an overall reduction of \$4.3 million compared to 2024.

Understanding Local Taxes

- Sales Tax = 9.03%
- Lodging = 2% + 9.03% (sales tax) = Total of 11.03%
- Amusement Tax = 5%

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MEMORANDUM Continued

Item Cost	Type of Tax Applied	Total Cost of Item
\$10.00 Lunch	General Sales Tax = 9.03%	\$10.90
\$10.00 Lodging	General Sales Tax + Lodging Tax = 11.03%	\$11.10
\$10.00 Ticket for a show, ride etc.	Amusement Tax only = 5%	\$10.50

The ballot question concerns Amusement (also known as Excise) Tax which per Municipal Code section 3.16.010 is charged on the following:

- Admissions or entrance fees;
- Participants or user fees;
- "Cover charges" or "Door charges";
- Fares relating to scenic or amusement rides;

These events **are not subject to sales tax**. In other words, admissions or entrance fees, participants or user fees, cover charges or door charges, or fares relating to scenic or amusement rides are taxed **only** under the Amusement Tax, not under sales tax.

The Amusement tax rate is currently 5% and has remained unchanged since its adoption in 1972.

By contrast, the City's sales tax rate is 9.03% and applies to the sale of personal property (including food and drink) and the following specific taxable services:

- Gas & electric services
- Pay, cable & subscription television services
- Personal property rentals
- Short-term rooms and accommodation rentals
- Telephone & telegraph services
- Vending machine and amusement devices
- Of the 9.03% City sales tax, the distribution is as follows:
- 3.5% goes to the General Fund, which is the operating fund for the City.
- .1% goes to the Open Space Fund, which was created for the purchase of property of high open space priorities.
- .3% goes to the Manitou, Arts, Culture and Heritage (MACH) Fund, which was created to help fund facility improvements and operations at the Carnegie Library Building, the Manitou Art Center, the Manitou Springs Heritage Center, Miramont Castle and Hiawatha Gardens. The MACH fund also provides grants and awards to foster the arts, culture and heritage within the City of Manitou Springs.
- The remaining 5.13% is distributed to other entities:
- 2.9% is for state sales tax
- 1% is for County sales tax
- 0.23% is for County law enforcement
- 1% is for the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA).

An additional tax called the Lodging and Camping Tax of 2% is applied to the rental of rooms and accommodations within the City for an annual general fund budget appropriation that is dedicated to attracting visitors and/or business activity to the City.

General Sales Tax Total 9.03%	Funds Allocated to
2.90%	State Sales Tax
1.00%	County
0.23%	County Law Enforcement
1%	Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority
3.50%	Manitou Springs City General Fund
0.10%	Manitou Springs Open Space
0.30%	Manitou Arts, Culture and Heritage



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MEMORANDUM Continued

Pros and Cons:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

For the amended 2025 budget, City Council approved spending down the Unassigned General Fund fund balance by \$1,447,239 to offset the large decline in sales tax with a transfer \$400,000 from the Mobility & Parking Enterprise Fund to help offset costs for the Public Services department, which takes care of the City's streets. For the final amended 2025 budget, the General Fund fund balance will need to be spent down by an additional \$171,583, to \$1,618,822 mainly due to increased legal costs.

For the proposed 2026 budget being presented tonight, the Unassigned General Fund fund balance will be spent down by \$1,751,703 to \$5,036,444, which will cover a little over 4 months of operating expenditures plus debt service. The Mobility and Parking Enterprise Fund will transfer \$1,500,000 to cover the Public Services Department in 2026.

Staff have made cuts in their General Fund department budgets for 2026 equaling \$579,742, 4.6% of the overall budget. However, unexpected price increases in other areas of the 2026 budget will be occurring that decrease the overall savings to \$201,825. Most notable of these price increases is an increase in Property & Casualty insurance coverage from the 2025 cost by 58% increase. Also, Medical Insurance is increasing by 7%, and the cost of electricity is increasing by an estimated 6%.

Workload Impact:

Many hours by multiple staff.

Recommended Action:

Discussion item only.
Notice of Budget will need to be posted after this meeting.

For questions about this Memorandum you can call our Finance department at 719-685-2548
Visit the Finance Webpage at <https://bit.ly/COMSFinance>

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF BUDGET
(Pursuant to CRS 29-1-106)

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the City Council of the City of Manitou Springs for the ensuing year of 2026; a copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the Finance Department Office of the City of Manitou Springs, where the same is open for public inspection; such proposed budget will be considered on first reading at a meeting of the Manitou Springs City Council on December 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., and a public hearing held on December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with final adoption anticipated that same meeting.

Any interested elector of the City of Manitou Springs may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

City of Manitou Springs
606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs CO 80829

/s/ Elena Krebs, City Clerk



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YOUR RECAP OF CITY PROJECTS

PROJECT: 2025 PAVING

UPDATE: The City of Manitou Springs' 2025 Paving Improvement Project is moving steadily and on schedule as crews transition from Phase 1 into Phase 2. The project continues to enhance roadway safety, longevity, and overall drivability across multiple neighborhoods.

Phase 1 – Completed:

Phase 2 – Now in Progress:

- Oak Place
- Grandview Place
- Lafayette Road

Crews have begun milling and preparatory work throughout the city, with paving operations to follow. 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 was re-repaired, and excavation for the wingwalls was completed.

Current Work: Backfilling operations continued through the week, with flow fill installation scheduled.

These efforts mark significant progress toward stabilizing the new culvert structure and ensuring long-term drainage reliability for the Sandra Lane area.

PROJECT: CREEK WALK TRAIL PHASE 4

UPDATE: Work continues this week on several important elements of the Creek Walk Trail Phase 4 project.

- Asphalt was poured yesterday, October 16
- Fencing and road striping scheduled to begin mid-next week.
- Tree installation is planned for the beginning of next week.

Due to these final construction activities and permitting processes, the project timeline has been extended to mid-November, weather permitting.

Signage installation, irrigation work, lighting, and other finishing tasks are pending final approvals and will continue soon as coordination is finalized. These final improvements mark significant progress toward completing a safer, more accessible, and better-connected Creek Walk Trail for residents and visitors alike.

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PLANNING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

City Council Reviews Proposed Ordinance to Allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

The Manitou Springs City Council is currently considering an ordinance that would permit the construction and use of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) within city limits.

On Tuesday, October 7, 2025, City Council conducted the first reading of the draft ordinance. A second reading and public hearing are scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025. During this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to provide comment on the proposed ordinance. Residents who wish to speak may do so in person during the meeting or by submitting an [Agenda Item Comment Form \(Link\)](#).

Purpose of the Ordinance

This ordinance aims to:

- Expand local housing opportunities and increase the variety of available housing options.
- Bring the City's Municipal Code into compliance with state legislation enacted in 2024, which requires municipalities to allow ADUs as an accessory use to single-family dwelling units.

Background and Proposed Guidelines

Over the summer, the Manitou Springs Planning Commission studied potential standards for ADUs and forwarded its recommendations to City Council in October.

Among the guidelines under consideration are:

- One (1) ADU permitted per single-family residence.
- Compliance with existing building setbacks, height restrictions, and other applicable development standards.
- A minimum of 250 square feet of living space, and a maximum size of either 50% of the primary dwelling or 750 square feet, whichever is greater.
- Conformance with all applicable building, safety, and historic preservation codes, particularly for properties within the City's Historic District.

Learn More

Residents and property owners interested in learning more about ADU permitting or construction requirements are encouraged to contact the Planning Department at planningdept@manitouspringsco.gov or 719-685-4398.

Additional information, including the full draft ordinance and supporting materials, can be found in the Council's agenda packet on the City's website at [Laserfiche Portal | Agenda Packets \(Link\)](#).

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PLANNING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Political Signs in Residential Zones

With the upcoming election scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025 residents in Manitou Springs are reminded of specific limitations on the placement and duration of political yard signs, as governed by the city's municipal code.

The City of Manitou Springs does not require permits for temporary signs, including political yard signs, but does enforce restrictions regarding their size, number, location, and duration in residential zones and across the city.

According to Section 18.03.12.5.B.3 of the city's code, residents are permitted up to two freestanding temporary signs per parcel in any zone. These signs may not exceed six square feet per side and must not obstruct or impair the safety of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Signs may only be placed on private property, which typically starts behind the sidewalk. Any signs placed in the public right of way or on public property will be removed and brought to city hall for the candidate to retrieve.

The display of these two temporary signs is restricted to a maximum of 30 days.

Residents are encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting with the Planning Department to purchase a sign permit for signs that exceed the standards outlined above.

To Schedule a pre-application meeting, visit: <https://bit.ly/PlanningPreAppMeeting> or scan the QR Code below.



Prohibited Signage:

The municipal code explicitly prohibits several types of signage that could be used for political messaging:

- Any temporary, freestanding signs placed in the public right-of-way. Signs must be on private property and outside of this public access area.
- Signs mounted, attached, or painted on motor vehicles, trailers or boats are banned.
- Signs designed or allowed to wave, flap, or rotate with the wind are prohibited. This generally includes most types of flags or banners that are not static.
- Signs painted or affixed to benches, fences, vegetation, retaining walls, rocks, or natural features.

The regulations aim to balance the free expression of residents with the preservation of the city's unique aesthetic and the safety of its streets and sidewalks.

Additional restrictions may apply, please contact the Planning Department at 719-685-4398 for more information regarding signs, and the Clerk's Office at 719-685-2554 for more information regarding the election.

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CITY CLERK

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>

Regular Elections:

Held on the first Tuesday in November of odd-numbered years and are coordinated and administered by El Paso County. Regular elections include candidates for City Council and ballot questions or issues referred to the ballot by City Council or by citizens through a petition process.

Voters can view their precinct-specific sample ballot and registration at www.govotecolorado.gov

Ballot mailing by El Paso County, begins Friday, October 10th; most voters should receive ballots shortly after.

Return options: Secure 24/7 drop boxes, by mail (USPS recommends mailing at least 7 days before Election Day), or at a Voter Service & Polling Center (VSPC). A full list of VSPC locations, hours, and drop boxes will be posted on the Clerk & Recorder website and are included in the voter instructions being mailed with the ballot.

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

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025; drop boxes close at 7:00pm.

Track your ballot from mailed to received to counted via our ballot-tracking notifications. (opt-in available through www.govotecolorado.gov)

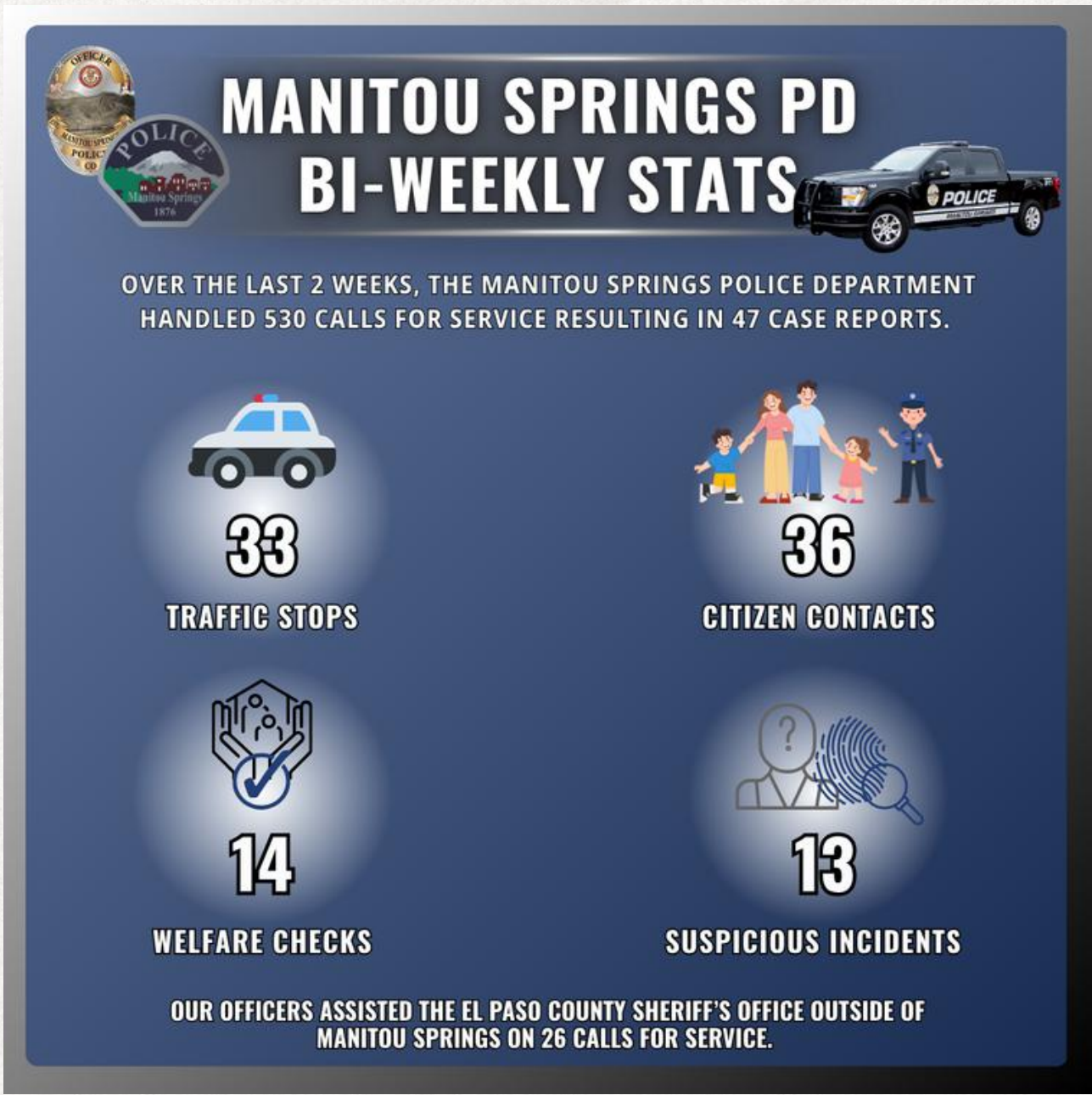
Resources & accessibility:

If you need alternative formats (large print/ADA), contact El Paso County Clerk & Recorder Office at: ADACompliance@ElPasoCo.com



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POLICE BEAT



Notable Cases

10/02/2025 13:46 •VIOLATION OF A COURT ORDER

Comments: Officers, while conducting a business check in the 100 block of Manitou Avenue, observed a suspicious vehicle. Officers ran the plate and registered owner, finding a suspended license and a protection order. Officers observed the restrained party with the protected party and the restrained was arrested and booked into jail.

10/02/2025 21:12 •THEFT

Comments: Officers were dispatched to a theft at business in the 100 block of Manitou Avenue. The suspect had left the scene and has currently not been identified. The investigation is ongoing.

10/02/2025 22:20 •DUI - Drugs

Comments: Officers stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 500 block of Manitou Avenue. After investigation, the driver was cited for DUID and released.

10/03/2025 15:21 •THEFT

Comments: Officers responded to a report of a stolen purse in the 900 block of Manitou Avenue. There is no suspect information.

10/03/2025 22:51 •DUI - Alcohol

Comments: Officers contacted a male on a bicycle who was on the road without lights and appeared wobbly. After investigation, the rider was cited for DUI and other charges.

10/04/2025 03:00 •DUI - Alcohol

Comments: Officers observed a vehicle driving extremely slowly and weaving in and out of his lane in the area of Manitou Avenue and Highway 24. Officers suspected the driver may be DUI, so they conducted a traffic stop. Following investigation, the driver was cited for DUI and released.

10/04/2025 18:25 •THEFT

Comments: Officers responded to a theft at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post. Officers contacted the reporting party who reported their purse was stolen out of their vehicle. Officers were not able to get a suspect description. Officers took a case report for the victim.

10/04/2025 23:12 •DUI - Drugs

Comments: Officers stopped a vehicle with an obstructed license plate in the 300 block of Manitou Avenue. After investigation, the driver was cited for DUI and released.

10/05/2025 00:55 •DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

Comments: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of Manitou Avenue. No arrests were made, and the parties were separated for the night. A case report was taken to document the incident.

10/05/2025 09:25 •EXTORTION

Comments: Officers received threatening communications from a suspicious individual constituting a public safety threat to Manitou Springs employees. These threats continued for several days resulting in an arrest warrant being filed for the suspect, who was arrested at his residence in Park County by local authorities without further incident.

10/06/2025 02:00 •OBSTRUCT POLICE - False Police Report

Comments: Officers responded to a report of a break-in in the 000 block of Manitou Avenue. Officers investigated the incident and could find no evidence of a break-in. The reporting party was cited for false reporting to police.

10/06/2025 13:30 •ASSAULT

Comments: Officers were dispatched to a disturbance on Canon Avenue between the Post Office and the Cliff House. On arrival, three males were on scene and advised that an unknown man had punched one of them in the face and had left scene. A search of the area was conducted. The suspect was not located. Security camera information was collected. Later that afternoon, contact was made with the suspect and the suspect was cited for assault.



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POLICE BEAT

Notable Cases (Continued)

10/06/2025 16:20 •HARASSMENT

Comments: Officers received a report of a harassment incident that happened days earlier in the 100 block of Duncan Avenue. No charges have been filed at this time.

10/06/2025 18:27 •ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

Comments: Officers responded to an AOA regarding a vehicle blocking a lane of traffic on Highway 24. The vehicle was disabled and could not be moved from the roadway. The vehicle was towed and the roadway was cleared.

10/07/2025 11:30 •UNATTENDED DEATH

Comments: Officers responded to assist the MSFD with a report of a deceased male in the 800 block of Manitou Avenue. There were no signs of foul play and the Coroner took control of the scene.

10/07/2025 08:00 •MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Comments: Officer were dispatched to a report of a possible disturbance with female walking in the roadway on Manitou Avenue near Beckers Lane. Officers arrived on scene, made contact with the female and transported her to Memorial Hospital.

10/08/2025 19:56 •DUI - Alcohol

Comments: Officers located an individual sleeping in the downtown area in a running vehicle. After, investigation, the individual was cited for DUI and released.

10/10/2025 07:30 •FOUND PROPERTY

Comments: Officers responded to the 400 block of Ruxton Avenue for a found property call. A sanitation employee found a handgun inside of a portable toilet. Officers collected the handgun and placed it into evidence for safekeeping.

10/10/2025 21:15 •ROBBERY

Comments: Officers responded to the 900 block of Manitou Avenue on reports of an assault in progress. Officers conducted their investigation and found probable cause to charge the suspect. Officers located the suspect in the 600 block of Manitou Avenue. The suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

10/11/2025 09:15 •MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Comments: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 000 block of Manitou Avenue. One party on scene was placed on a Mental Health Hold and transported to Penrose hospital by MSFD personnel.

10/11/2025 15:22 •HARASSMENT

Comments: Officers responded to a disturbance call for two juveniles fighting in the 900 block of Manitou Avenue. A juvenile male had hit another and ran away. The victim initially did not want to press charges. The victim's mother later contacted officers and wanted to press charges. The suspect was cited for harassment and released.

10/11/2025 17:56 •DUI - Alcohol

Comments: Officers responded to a call with the fire department regarding a male passed out in the road next to his scooter and alcohol. After investigation, the male was transported to the hospital and cited for DUI.

10/13/2025 09:08 •SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

Comments: Officers located a bicycle with a trailer on the side of the Highway 24 near MM 298. A search of the area showed a homeless camp but no occupants. As officers searched the area, a male was located. The male advised he had an El Paso County warrant. Dispatch confirmed it and the male was arrested and booked into jail.

10/13/2025 09:22 •THEFT

Comments: Officers responded to a report of an employee stealing from the Garden of the Gods Trading Post. One suspect was cited for petty theft.

10/13/2025 16:31 •THEFT

Comments: Officers responded to a cold criminal automobile trespass call for service involving the theft of a pocketbook at the Garden of The Gods Trading Post. No suspects have been identified.

10/14/2025 18:30 •FAMILY DISTURBANCE - Verbal Argument

Comments: Officers responded to a child custody dispute in the 400 block of Crystal Hills Boulevard. Options were provided to assist the couple in resolving the issues.

10/14/2025 21:30 •DEATH - Suicide

Comments: Officers responded to a report of a non-responsive female laying below a bridge in the 600 block of Canon Avenue. An older female and a dog were found deceased. An investigation was completed and the female was recovered by the coroner and the dog by the Humane Society.

VISIT THE MSPD WEBPAGE AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/MSPDWEBPAGE](https://bit.ly/mspdwebpage)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



CONTACTING MSPD:

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

EMERGENCIES CALL 911



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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>

- Oct 21 | City Council Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 6PM
- Oct 22 | Mobility & Parking Board Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5PM
- Oct 23 | Manitou Arts, Culture, & Heritage Board Regular Meeting- Virtual Only | 6PM
- Oct 27 | Open Space Advisory Committee Regular Meeting- Virtual Only | 6PM
- 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 | City Offices Closed- Veterans Day
- Nov 12 | City Planning Commission Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30 PM
- Nov 18 | City Council Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 6PM
- Nov 19 | Housing Advisory Board Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30PM

City Council October 7, 2025, Meeting Recap:

Approved/Adopted the following items:

- With a 6 – 0 vote, passed on First Reading, Ordinance No. 1925, an Ordinance amending Chapters 13 and 18 of the Manitou Springs Municipal Code concerning accessory dwelling units, occupancy limits for dwelling units, and parking restrictions for multifamily residential developments. View the full text here (insert link)
- With a 6 – 0 vote, passed on First Reading, Ordinance No. 2025, an Ordinance vacating a portion of the Old Man's Trail Right of Way, adjacent to the property known as Old Man's Trail. View the full text here (insert link)
- With a 6 – 0 vote, passed on First Reading, Ordinance No. 2125, an Ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Manitou Springs, rezoning 2 parcels also known by the Assessor's Office as Schedule Numbers 7405426002 and 7405426001 to Public Facility Zone District. View the full text here (insert link)
- With a 6 – 0 vote, passed on First Reading, Ordinance No. 2225, an Ordinance amending the Manitou Springs Municipal Code to allow digital publication of certain publication notices. View the full text here (insert link)
- With a 5 – 1 vote, adopted Resolution No. 1425, a Resolution of the City of Manitou Springs City Council, Urging Registered Electors of Manitou Springs to Vote "Yes" on the Ballot Issue 2A Seeking Approval of a 9% Excise Tax Increase Generating \$2.5 Million for the City at the November 4, 2025 Election. View the full text here (insert link)

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>



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EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Oct 18 | Galvanize and BlueStar Recycle Event 101 Banks Place | 10AM-1PM

Oct 25 | Emma Crawford Coffin Races Manitou Ave | 10AM-7PM

Oct 26 | Kiwanis Arch-to-Arch Clean-up | Manitou Ave 11AM-1:30PM

Nov 4 | Election Day

Nov 11 | City Offices Closed- Veterans Day

Nov 13 | Coffee with the City Administrator Memorial Hall | 730AM-9AM

Nov 27 | City Offices Closed- Thanksgiving Day

Nov 28 | City Offices Closed- Friday after Thanksgiving

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.

The City of Manitou Springs and Galvanize Recycling invite residents to participate in a free community recycling event.

- Date: Saturday, October 18
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Location: Manitou Public Works, 101 Banks Place
- Limited to the first 150 cars – sign up today!

Accepted Items:

- Paint: latex, oil-based, stains, lacquers, varnishes
- Electronics: laptops, desktops, monitors, cell phones, small household appliances, flat-screen TVs
- Medical equipment: wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower chairs, grab bars
- Textiles: denim, socks, bras
- Candles, eyeglasses, books, outdoor gear, cycling gear, printer ink and toner

Not Accepted: spray paint, solvents, refrigerators, washers/dryers, smoke detectors, medical devices, batteries, light bulbs, magazines, bedding/linens, helmets, furniture, tires, mattresses, pallets, yard waste, or large household appliances.

This event is made possible in partnership with Green Sheen Paint, Concrete Couch, Blue Star Recyclers, Silver Key, DreamBooks, Lions Club, Mountain Equipment Recyclers, Pedal Station/Kids on Bikes, Environmental Office Solutions, Blue Jeans Go Green, Smartwool Sock Recycling Program, and The Bra Recyclers.

For details and registration, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-manitou-springs-recycle-day-tickets-1670765918839?aff=oddttdcreator>

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

Manitou Avenue Bucket Brigade



Sunday, October 26, 2025

11am to 1:30 pm

Each volunteer will receive a free parking pass good from 11:00 - 1:30

An Arch to Arch Community Clean-up of Manitou Ave.



Please Meet at Memorial Park to receive your bucket and instructions.

Receive \$5 in Manitou Bucks

for each bucket filled with litter from the Avenue and adjoining parks and trails, thanks to a generous sponsorship donation from the

Manitou Springs Kiwanis Club.

Family and Friends welcome!



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.

FREE Recycle Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
10AM TO 1PM
MANITOU PUBLIC WORKS
101 BANKS PLACE
RESIDENTS ONLY
LIMITED TO 150 CARS
SIGN UP TODAY!

ACCEPTED (AND NOT) ITEMS:

PAINT ☒ Latex, oil based, stains, lacquers, varnishes ☒ Spray paint, cleaning agents, paint thinner, solvents, hazardous waste Partner - Green Sheen Paint, Concrete Couch	CANDLES ☒ All candles accepted Partner - Spread the Light Candles, The Log Candle
ELECTRONICS ☒ Laptops, desktops, cell phones, monitors, keyboards, flat screen tv's, small household appliances, radios, power cords ☒ Refrigerators, washer/dryers, media (CDs, tapes, DVDs), smoke detectors, medical devices, thermostats, batteries, light bulbs, CRT & rear-screen projection TVs Partner - Blue Star Recyclers	EYEGLASSES ☒ All eyeglasses including sunglasses Partner - Lions Club
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT ☒ Wheel chairs, walkers, canes, shower chairs, grab bars Partner - Silver Key	BOOKS ☒ All books ☒ Magazines Partner - DreamBooks
TEXTILES ☒ Denim, Socks, Bras ☒ Bedding/linens, clothing Partners - Blue Jeans Go Green, Smartwool sock recycling program, The Bra Recyclers	OUTDOOR GEAR ☒ Anything found at REI including camping, skiing, apparel, backpacks. Brands such as Patagonia, North Face, Columbia ☒ Team sports such as baseball, hockey, etc. Partner - MER (Mountain Equipment Recyclers)
PLEASE, NO: FURNITURE, TIRES, MATTRESSES, PALLETS, YARD WASTE, LARGE HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	CYCLING GEAR ☒ Full bikes, cycling components, cycling apparel ☒ Helmets Partner - Pedal Station / Kids on Bikes
	PRINTER INK & TONER Partner - Environmental Office Solutions

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