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FROM CITY HALL TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD : THE LATEST NEWS AT A GLANCE.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY: REFLECTIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

As part of our commitment to transparent, timely communication, the City is launching a bi-weekly digital newspaper, available on our website and delivered directly to your inbox. This publication will keep residents informed about projects, events, Council actions, and public notices.

This new format gives us space to go deeper on what's underway and what's next. We've also launched the "Truth Springs", a rumor-response page designed to clarify issues that may have competing narratives and to ensure residents have accurate, verifiable facts. [see Page 11]

As we prepare the 2026 budget, I invite you to discuss budget or city operational concerns. You can reach me directly at dhowell@manitouspringsco.gov, and I'm always glad to schedule time. I also host Coffee with the City Administrator monthly. Please stop by and say hello on Oct 9, 7AM-9AM in Memorial Hall. Visit the City Calendar on our website for details: www.manitouspringsco.gov [see Page 10]

Thank you to everyone who joined last weekend's Fountain Creek Watershed District's, Creek Week Clean-up. Also, thank you to the Manitou Springs Fire Department for hosting Chipper Day. If you're looking to serve our community, apply for a City Board or Commission, or volunteer at one of many City sponsored events. [see Page 9-10]

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. Four City Council seats are on the ballot. I encourage you to review each candidate's platform and to read the forthcoming statewide "Blue Book" mailed by El Paso County, which outlines pros and cons for ballot measures affecting Manitou Springs. [see Page 5]

Looking ahead, the City will sponsor a Recycle Day on Oct. 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. at Public Services, 101 Banks Place, hosted in partnership with Galvanize Recycling and Blue Star Recyclers. This resident-only service helps ensure materials are properly disposed of or recycled. [see Page 10]

City Stats:

- Planning: 230 property improvement permits approved. Many common projects require permits, including fences, retaining walls, grading, signs, exterior changes (siding, windows, doors), sheds, new construction, structural alterations, electrical/plumbing/mechanical work, decks, and roofing. Questions? Contact the Planning Department at 719-685-4398.
- Police: 6,191 calls for service, 415 arrests, and 18 homeless camps cleared.
- Public Works: 213 potholes repaired; 236 culverts/ditches cleaned; 7 detention ponds maintained; 29,400 feet of sewer mains cleaned; 101 fire hydrants flushed.
- Neighborhood Services: 479 cases managed; 432 inspections; 354 warnings issued.
- Parks & Recreation: 30 trees planted; 212 facility issues managed; 485 cemetery inquiries handled; 615 SeeClickFix items addressed; support for 95 public and 35 private events.

Department Updates:

- Aquatics Center: Roof and related repairs are underway; anticipated reopening the first week of January 2026.
- Parking & Mobility: Dillon public restrooms are open, and the Parking and Mobility Department has officially moved into the Dillon Mobility Hub at 130 Manitou Ave. Route 33 now serves Dillon with connections to the Cog Railway and Incline drop-off.
- Fire Department: 648 total calls year-to-date, including 404 EMS responses.
- Finance: Completing the annual audit and preparing a draft budget for Oct. 14 Council presentation. Per state law, Council must adopt the final 2025 City budget by Dec. 15, 2025.
- City Clerk: Leading a website refresh with ADA digital accessibility, supporting boards and commissions, and providing Sunshine Law and posting-requirements training.

We know the needs of any city can outpace what a single year's budget can accomplish. Still, steady progress adds up. As winter nears, teams are preparing for snow operations and extended hours to keep services running safely.

I hope you find the "City News" useful, candid, and easy to read. If you have ideas, questions, or suggestions, my door is open.

Denise Howell, City Administrator | dhowell@manitouspringsco.gov



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FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESS, ONE VISION AHEAD: INSIDE MANITOU SPRINGS' 2025 PAVING PROJECT

From: Ben Schmitt, Public Services Director, City of Manitou Springs

The City of Manitou Springs resumed its 2025 Paving Improvement Project on Monday, Sept. 22, continuing a major round of roadwork to enhance and modernize key streets throughout our community.

This project reflects the City's strong commitment to safety and mobility. With an estimated investment of nearly half a million dollars, funded entirely through the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) Maintenance Program, this work represents one of the most significant infrastructure priorities for 2025.

Pyramid Construction, Inc. is performing the work under the close oversight of the City's Public Services Department. Construction is expected to continue through mid-December, weather permitting.

The 2025 paving program builds on the momentum of last year's Road Improvement Project, which repaired nearly 10 miles of roadway, the largest single-year investment in Manitou Springs streets in recent memory. Together, these projects demonstrate the City's dedication to ensuring that residents, businesses, and visitors have safe, reliable, and accessible routes for years to come.

Commitment to the Community:

Investing in our roads is more than just construction, it is an investment in people. Safer, smoother streets mean children can walk to school with more confidence, residents can move through town more easily, and visitors can enjoy all that Manitou Springs has to offer without worry.

We understand that construction can bring temporary inconveniences, and we are deeply grateful for the community's cooperation and patience. Every improvement made is with the long-term goal of building a stronger, safer, and more connected Manitou Springs.

Building on Past Progress:

Since 2020, the City has invested heavily in improving neighborhood streets. Over the past five years, dozens of roadways have been repaired or fully reconstructed, including:

- 2020: Rock Hill Road; section of Manitou Avenue
- 2021: Mountain View Road (Sutherland Rd South to Clarksley Rd and west Sutherland Rd)
- 2022: Duncan Ave; Mesa Ave; Michigan Ave; Uinta Rd; Via Chula Vista; Midland Ave (Roca/Shoshone/Midland intersection); Prospect Place; Shoshone Place
- 2023: Via Piedra; Lower Sutherland to Mountain View; Clarksley Rd; Deneta Dr; Deer Path Ave; High Street; Upper Sunshine Trail; Mohawk St; Prospect Place; Lower El Monte Pl; Bond St
- 2024: Via Chula; Via Loma; Poplar Pl; El Monte; Tyler St; Plainview Pl; Spur Rd; Modoc; Navajo Ave; Chipeta Rd; Tio Rd; Ojo Rd; Capitol Hill Dr; Rock Rd; Washington (Loop @ Barnes Rd); Washington St; Lovers Lane; High St; Shoshone; High Rd; Deer Path; Pawnee Ave; Santa Fe Pl; Oak Pl; Old Crystal Park Rd; Kris Rd; Serpentine-Rainbow Falls

Together, these improvements represent the foundation that the 2025 paving program continues to build upon.

Current Phased Construction Schedule:

The following streets are scheduled for repair in the anticipated sequence:

- Phase 1 (In progress): Sutherland Road and Clarksley Road; Terrace Place; Oak Ridge; Floral Path
- Phase 2: Oak Place; Grandview Place; Lafayette Road
- Phase 3: Bond Street; Manitou Avenue/Crystal Park Road (intersection area)

Why These Roads Were Chosen:

In 2023, the City conducted a full evaluation of its streets using the Pavement Quality Index (PQI) a scientific rating (out of 100) based on structural stability, surface condition, cracks, potholes, deformation, ride quality, and overall wear. Streets selected for the 2025 paving project each had a PQI score below 50, indicating they were in "poor" or "failing" condition and required reconstruction.

These roads were also incorporated into the City's 2025–2030 Capital Improvement Plan and prioritized based on:

- Community feedback
- Traffic volume
- Coordination with underground utility work
- Drainage needs (e.g., replacing curbs, gutters, and crossbars)
- Overall urgency due to wear or safety concerns

Resident Impacts and Notifications:

- Work hours will run Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with occasional Saturday work as needed to keep the project on schedule.
- Residents and businesses along affected streets will receive advance notice before work begins in their area. Door hanger notices will provide scheduling information and also serve as temporary parking passes. These should be displayed on dashboards or rearview mirrors to assist parking enforcement.
- On-street parking in work zones will be prohibited, and vehicles left in those areas may be towed at the owner's expense, if necessary. Streets requiring full closures will be posted in advance, and surrounding neighborhoods may see increased parking demand during active construction.

The City encourages anyone with accessibility needs or concerns to contact Public Services. Crews will coordinate with residents and businesses on a case-by-case basis to maintain access and provide reasonable accommodations.

The City of Manitou Springs extends its sincere thanks to our residents, businesses, visitors, and dedicated staff for their cooperation and support during this project. Your patience and partnership are essential in helping us deliver these improvements that will benefit the entire community for years to come.

For project updates or questions, contact Manitou Springs Public Services at 719-685-2573.



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YOUR RECAP OF CITY PROJECTS

PROJECT: 2025 PAVING

UPDATE: The City's 2025 Paving Project is underway and currently progressing through Phase 1. Crews are actively working to improve roadway surfaces and extend the life of local streets in multiple neighborhoods.

Phase 1 – In Progress:

- Sutherland Road and Clarksley Road
- Terrace Place
- Oak Ridge
- Floral Path

Work in these areas includes milling, paving, and related improvements to provide smoother, safer, and more reliable roadways for residents and visitors.

The paving project will continue in phases throughout the year, with additional streets scheduled once Phase 1 is complete.

PROJECT: SANDRA LANE CULVERT

UPDATE: Crews continue to make progress on the Sandra Lane culvert replacement, though recent work has presented some unique challenges and adjustments to the construction plan:

- **Excavation Delays:** A large chunk of buried concrete significantly slowed excavation efforts, requiring careful removal.
- **Utility Protection:** Teams have been excavating cautiously around both a waterline and an electric line to ensure the utilities are safely exposed before work proceeds.
- **Project Approach:** Instead of beginning diversion immediately, crews decided to fully excavate the site first. This allows for safer handling of utilities and more efficient work when the diversion begins.
- **Current Work:** Excavation for the diversion is underway, with utilities over the culvert now being exposed and preparations made to remove the existing culvert.

This deliberate approach prioritizes safety while setting the stage for the successful installation of the new culvert structure.

PROJECT: CREEK WALK TRAIL PHASE 4

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

- **Inlet Work:** Crews are continuing modifications to the stormwater inlet.
- **Pedestrian Access:** Construction of the new pedestrian stair structure is underway, improving connectivity and safety for trail users.
- **Lighting Foundations:** Foundations for light standards are being installed, preparing for new trail lighting.
- **Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk:** Crews poured curb & gutter yesterday and with sidewalk installation to follow immediately after.
- **Accessibility Improvements:** A new concrete curb ramp is being built to ensure ADA accessibility.
- **Utility Work:** Electrical runs are continuing, supporting both lighting and other trail infrastructure.
- **Irrigation:** Irrigation systems are being installed to support landscaping and long-term maintenance of the trail environment.

These improvements mark key milestones toward creating a safer, more accessible, and better-connected Creek Walk Trail for residents and visitors alike.



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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.

USE WILDLIFE-RESISTANT WASTE CONTAINERS!

As per Ordinance 3817, Code 7.10.030, any person utilizing waste collection bins shall utilize wildlife-resistant waste containers, or be securely stored within a house, garage or wildlife-resistant enclosure.

Collection bins shall be placed at the curb, alley or public right-of-way at or after 6:00 a.m. on the morning of scheduled pick-up. After pick-up, all collection bins shall be removed from the curb, alley or public right-of-way by 8:00 p.m. on the same day.

REPORT ISSUES TO CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AT 719-685-2609.

Wildlife Encounters in Manitou Springs

If you encounter wildlife that becomes a nuisance or behaves aggressively, do not attempt to handle the situation yourself. Please contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for assistance at 719-227-5200.

For emergencies involving immediate threats to public safety, call 911.



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CITY CLERK

ELECTION NOTICE

For City Council
The City of Manitou Springs will hold a Regular Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to elect a Mayor and City Councilmembers for Wards 1, 2, and 3

VOTE!

Eligible residents may register or verify their registration online at the Colorado Secretary of State's website or in person at the El Paso County Elections Office.

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

Weekly Stats: Over the last week, the Manitou Springs Police Department (MSPD) handled 259 Calls for Service resulting in 27 case reports.

Most frequent call types:

- 18 traffic stops
- 15 citizen contacts
- 4 welfare checks
- 6 suspicious incident

Our officers assisted the El Paso County Sheriff's Office outside of Manitou Springs on 14 Calls for Service.

Notable Cases

09/25/2025 11:57 •OBSTRUCTING POLICE

Comments: Officers contacted a man lying down in a yard in the 700 block of Manitou Avenue. The suspect refused to give their identifying information and fought with police until they were detained and identified. The suspect was cited for obstructing police and released.

09/25/2025 23:42 •AMPHETAMINE POSSESSION

Comments: Officers contacted a male party on a bicycle for riding without head lamps or tail lamps in the 000 block of Manitou Avenue. Officers discovered the male party had a felony warrant for burglary. The male party was arrested and booked into jail. A small amount of fentanyl and methamphetamine in his possession was seized for destruction.

09/26/2025 14:20 •DOG BITE

Comments: Officers responded to a dog attack in the 900 block of Manitou Avenue. A waitress was bit by a dog while cleaning a table. Officers took a suspect description and searched the area. There is no suspect information, and this is an active investigation.

09/26/2025 19:37 •DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

Comments: Officers responded to the 600 block of Ruxton Avenue on reports of a possible domestic violence. One of the parties involved had an active warrant, was arrested and booked into jail.

09/27/2025 12:30 •INDECENT EXPOSURE

Comments: Officers responded to the 100 block of El Paso Boulevard for an indecent exposure. Officers arrived and the suspect had fled the area, Officers were able to identify a suspect from a prior call. Officers have drafted a warrant for suspects arrest.

09/27/2025 20:41 •AGENCY ASSIST

Comments: Officers responded to a single vehicle traffic accident in the 6100 block of West Highway 24 where the driver crashed off the road and left the scene. Officers arrived on scene and gathered information from witnesses. Colorado State Patrol arrived on scene and assumed responsibility for the remainder of the investigation.

09/28/2025 06:47 •CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Comments: Officers were dispatched to a report of a vehicle that had been broken into in the 100 block of Manitou Avenue. The reporting party stated that the rear passenger window of his car had been broken out and a few items were taken. The RP stated that he had already left the scene and was driving home to Kansas. Cameras in the area were checked but did not show the incident, no suspect information.

09/28/2025 09:38 •CRIMINAL TRESPASS

Comments: Officers were dispatched to a report of a vehicle that had been broken into in the 000 block of Manitou Avenue. Officers arrived and investigated. The vehicle's door had been opened and the steering wheel had been tampered with. A few items were stolen. No suspect information.

09/28/2025 10:46 •THEFT

Comments: Officers responded to a theft in the 1200 block of Manitou Avenue where a \$5000 e-bike was taken from a residence. With assistance from the bike owner's tracking device, officers located the bike at a motel in the 1600 block of Nevada Avenue in Colorado Springs. One suspect was arrested on the charge of felony theft and booked into jail. The bike was recovered and returned to its owner.

09/28/2025 20:48 •DUI - Drugs

Comments: Officers stopped a vehicle for a defective headlight in the 100 block of Manitou Avenue. After investigation, the driver was cited for DUID and released.

09/28/2025 23:58 •AGENCY ASSIST

Comments: Officers assisted El Paso County Deputies with a DUI investigation in the zero hundred block of Manitou Avenue.



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POLICE BEAT

Notable Cases (Continued)

09/29/2025 07:44 •OBSTRUCTING POLICE

Comments: Officers received a report of a male sleeping in Memorial Park. Officers made contact and the male provided false information. Colorado State Patrol was requested for a fingerprint reader. The male was identified and was issued a summons and released.

09/29/2025 10:18 •DAMAGED PROPERTY - Graffiti

Comments: Officers responded to various reports by city parks employees of graffiti at city parks. No suspect information at this time.

09/30/2025 00:45 •DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Comments: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance in the 700 block of Manitou Avenue. Through their investigation, officers developed probable cause to cite and release the female suspect for disorderly conduct, among other charges.

09/30/2025 09:47 •CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Comments: Officers received a report of a possible burglary in the 900 Block of Manitou Avenue. Investigation revealed damage to a window of a business but no entry into the building. No other damage was found to it or other businesses in the area. No suspect information.

09/30/2025 14:30 •CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Comments: Officers were dispatched to slashed tires on multiple vehicles on Park Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and investigated. Two suspects are under investigation.

09/30/2025 15:21 •DAMAGED PROPERTY - Graffiti

Comments: Officers received a report from an employee of a business on Canon Avenue of graffiti on the property. Officers arrived on scene and investigated. There is no suspect information.

09/30/2025 16:14 •FRAUD

Comments: Officers received a report of a possible fraud involving the private sale of a vehicle. The investigation is currently ongoing.

09/30/2025 20:47 •DUI - Alcohol

Comments: Officers stopped a vehicle with a defective taillight in the 3600 block of West Colorado Avenue. Through the investigation of the stop Officers determined the driver was operating the motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The driver was summonsed and released.

10/01/2025 00:11 •ELUDING POLICE

Comments: Officers attempted to stop a vehicle for failing to obey a traffic control signal at Highway 24 and 31st Street. The vehicle fled from officers and went back eastbound into the city of Colorado Springs. Officers were able to obtain a phone number for the registered owner who advised officers that her boyfriend took the vehicle without permission and she was currently reporting it to CSPD. The suspect returned the vehicle to the owner at a bar South 8th Street. CSPD officers advised our officers that they do not have any charges but would assist in locating the suspect that they are very familiar with. Officers responded to the location, arrested the suspect and booked him into jail on several charges.

10/01/2025 02:38 •ASSAULT

Comments: Officers responded to a belated report of domestic violence in the 000 block of Ute Trail. After investigation, the male suspect was arrested and booked into jail.

10/01/2025 15:46 •MENACING

Comments: Officers responded to the 900 block of Manitou Avenue to a report of a man with a gun threatening others. When officers arrived, the male party had fled the area. There is suspect information and the investigation continues.

10/01/2025 •THEFT

Comments: Officers responded to the 000 block of Arcade Street for a report of an employee stealing from the business. After investigation, the suspect was cited for theft and released.

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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MANITOU SPRINGS FIRE DEPT

Weekly Stats: This week the Manitou Springs Fire Department responded to 29 Incident Responses.
 There were 14 medical related incidents and 15 fire/hazmat/other related incidents.
 There were 2 incidents at the Incline/Barr Trail.
 The Fire Department conducted 2 hours of training this week, that equated to 16 personnel hours.

Final Week to Apply: \$500 Match for Home Wildfire Mitigation Ends Oct. 10

The deadline is here. The Manitou Springs Fire Department (MSFD) reminds residents that applications for the Resident Wildfire Mitigation Grant Match Program will close on Friday, Oct. 10 at 5:00 p.m. For the 2025 season, this program provides a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$500 per household to support removal of hazardous vegetation in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Funding is first-come, first-served, and no late applications will be accepted.

This initiative, made possible in part by a \$12,000 donation from the Manitou Springs Community Foundation, reflects the City's commitment to wildfire resilience and public safety.

Creating defensible space around your home not only reduces fire risk but also gives firefighters room to protect properties. Even small improvements in vegetation management can have a significant impact.

How to Apply Before the Deadline

1. Schedule a free wildfire site assessment with MSFD: <https://bit.ly/WildfireMitigationAssessmentApp>
2. Select a licensed, insured tree contractor (minimum \$1M liability and \$100K workers' comp).
3. Property walkthrough with homeowner, contractor, and MSFD.
4. Sign agreements (Stewardship and Cost-Share).
5. Complete the approved work.
6. Split invoicing: Contractor bills both homeowner and MSFD. (Do not pay in full upfront, doing so forfeits reimbursement eligibility.)

For complete program details, see the MSFD Resident Wildfire Mitigation Grant Match Guidelines at:
<https://www.manitouspringsco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6267>

Program Reminders

- One application per household per 12 months.
- Applications close Friday, Oct. 10 at 5:00 p.m. sharp.
- First-come, first-served while funds last.

Questions? Contact Michael Willie, MSFD at 719-685-1444 or MWillie@manitouspringsco.gov
 Act now to secure your grant match and help build a fire-resilient Manitou Springs.

Wildfire Mitigation Site Assessments

The City of Manitou Springs Fire Department offers complimentary Wildfire Mitigation Site Assessments to help property owners identify vulnerabilities and recommend measures to reduce wildfire risk. During the assessment, fire department personnel will evaluate factors such as access routes, building materials, surrounding vegetation, and topography to provide tailored mitigation strategies.

Visit <https://bit.ly/WildfireMitigationAssessmentApp> or Scan the QR code:





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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 6 | Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting- Via Zoom Only | 6PM

Oct 7 | Urban Renewal Authority Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 9:30AM

Oct 7 | City Council Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 6PM

Oct 8 | City Planning Commission Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30 PM

Oct 14 | City Council Work Session Memorial Hall | 6PM

Oct 15 | Housing Advisory Board Regular Meeting Memorial Hall | 5:30PM

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

City Council Meeting Agenda: October 7, 2025 6PM:

- First Reading of 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
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025, An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the Old Man's Trail Right-of-Way Adjacent to the Property known as 10 Old Man's Trail
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2125, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Manitou Springs, Rezoning 2 Parcels also known by Assessor's Office as Schedule Numbers 7405426002 and 7405426001 to Public Facility Zone District
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2225, an Ordinance Amending the Manitou Springs Municipal Code to Allow Digital Publication of Certain Publication Notices
- Resolution No. 1425, A Resolution of the City of Manitou Springs City Council, Urging the 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
- Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance No. 1825, Adding a New Chapter 12.40 of the Manitou Springs Municipal Code to Prohibit Unpermitted Work in the City

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 4 | Heritage Brewfest Memorial Park | 11:30AM-5PM
 Oct 5 | Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates: Trail Workday Intemann Trail | 8:30AM
 Oct 9 | Coffee with the City Administrator Memorial Hall | 7AM-9AM
 Oct 10 | Vitalant- Bllod Drive Memorial Hall | 10AM-2PM
 Oct 12 | Altitude Makers Market Soda Springs Park | 9AM-4PM
 Oct 12 | Indigenous Peoples Day Memorial Hall |
 Oct 13 | Indigenous Peoples Day Observed | **City Offices Closed**
 Oct 18 | Galvanize and BlueStar Recycle Event 101 Banks Place | 10AM-1PM
 Oct 25 | Emma Crawford Coffin Races Manitou Ave | 10AM-7PM

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=oddttdtcreator>



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Board Vacancies

- City Planning Commission (CPC) – 1 alternate member
- 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) – 3 alternate members
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) – 1 regular member and 2 alternate members

Volunteer Trail Workday on Intemann Trail on Oct. 5

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates in partnership with the City's Parks & Recreation Department, the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC), and Pikes Peak Trail CATS, will host a Volunteer Trail Workday on Sunday, Oct. 5 on the Intemann Trail. Work will focus on tread and drainage improvements. Tools and instruction will be provided.

Meet: 8:30 a.m. at the Spring Street trailhead (near 404 Ruxton Ave.)

Capacity: 25 volunteers; registration required

Project info:

https://app.theauxilia.com/Event/medwheel_trail_love_ute_trail

Register:

<https://app.theauxilia.com/registrationEvent/e9cdc635-ca5e-4382-8c35-e7e7b7e6f857>



Join us for the upcoming community blood drive:

Date: Friday, October 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Memorial Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs

Register Today:

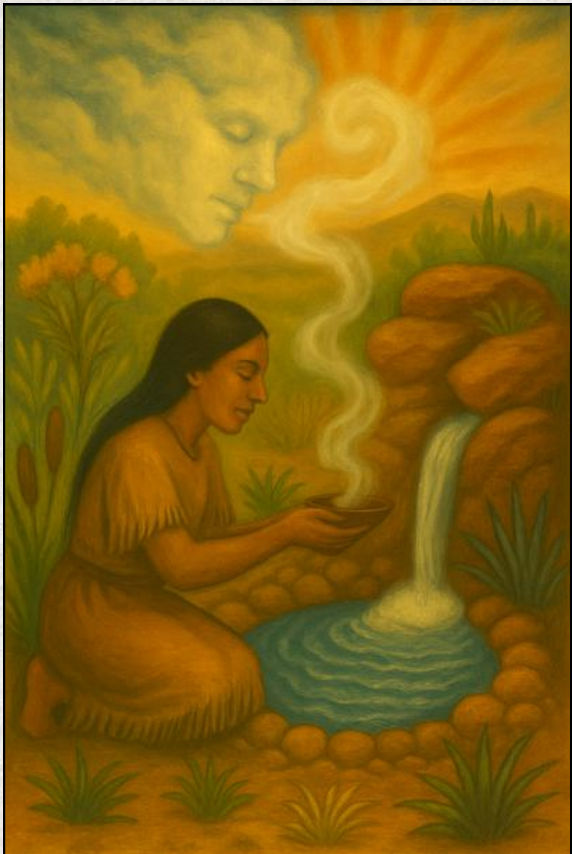
- Online at www.vitalant.org with Blood Drive Code 20046

- By phone: 877-258-4825 (use Code 20046)

Every donation helps ensure blood is available when it's needed most.

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TRUTH SPRINGS



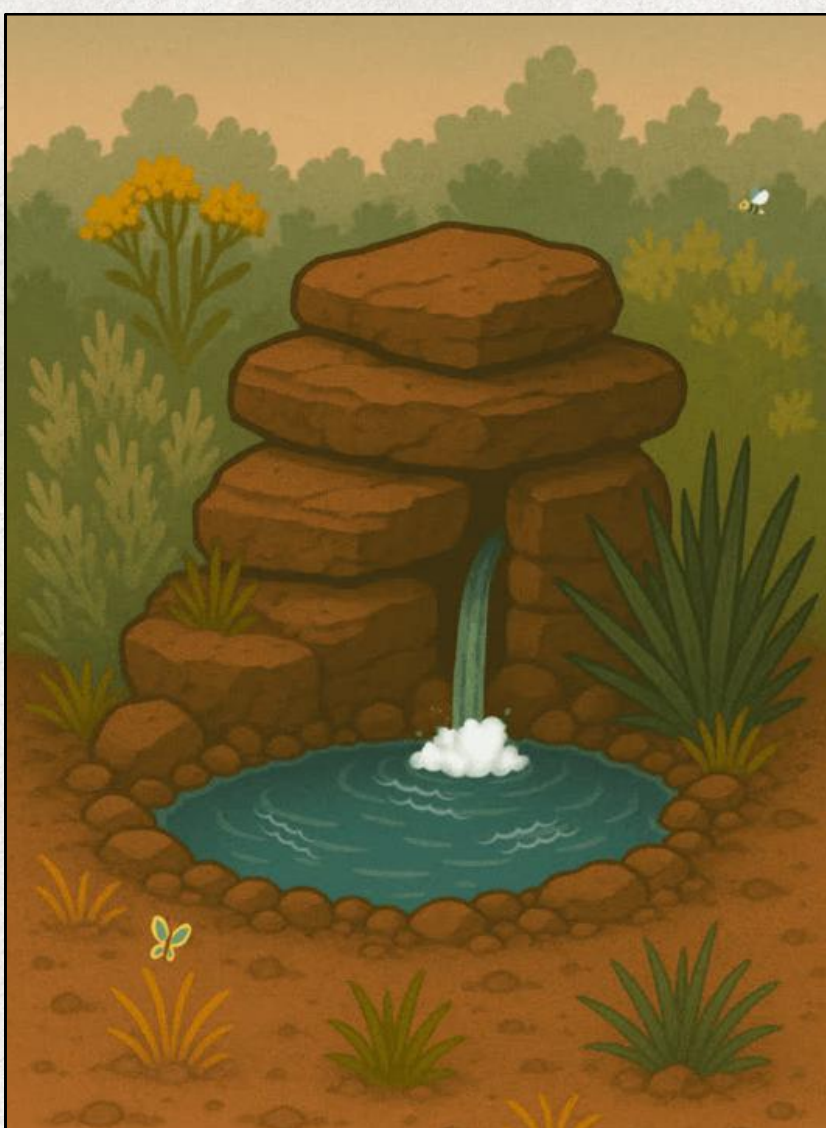
STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE : CLEAR, HONEST, AND REFRESHING.

According to Indigenous tradition, the sacred waters of Manitou Springs hold deep cultural and spiritual significance. These waters are described as receiving their carbonation from the breath of the Great Spirit, a gift for those seeking healing. For generations, they have been understood as medicinal, with teachings that emphasize a universal truth: water is life.

Customary practices included making an offering to the water and asking the Creator for healing before drinking. Stories also share that the springs were so special that families would travel great distances so their children could be born here, blessed by the Great Spirit's medicine at birth and receiving their first taste of water from the sacred springs.

Indigenous history is an inseparable part of Manitou Springs' identity. The City recognizes this and seeks to honor it through Truth Springs, a platform designed to provide clarity and transparency while paying respect to the cultural heritage that continues to shape our community. By drawing inspiration from the springs themselves, Truth Springs acknowledges the enduring importance of water as a symbol of truth, renewal, and shared connection.

The information shared through Truth Springs is gathered directly from City departments, project managers, public safety officials, and regional partners, as well as through emails, social media, media requests, and word-of-mouth within the community. By drawing on these varied but reliable channels, the City ensures that responses are accurate, timely, and reflective of community dialogue. We believe it is important to tell our story in this way because transparency builds trust, strengthens engagement, and ensures residents and visitors alike have clear access to the truth, straight from the source.



On the Truth Springs webpage, the state of the water will reflect the flow of information. When the spring is running, it signals that a new article has been released to address questions, clear up rumors, or provide important updates to the community.

When the spring is calm, it means there are no active concerns at the moment and things are at peace, yet the City remains attentive and ready to share new information as needed.

**Visit: <https://bit.ly/COMSTruthSprings>
or Scan the QR code:**



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THANK YOU

On behalf of the City of Manitou Springs, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our community for the support you continue to show our City staff. From public safety to recreation, planning, and administration, our teams serve you every day and your support helps make it possible.

With this first edition of “City News”, we are taking an important step toward greater transparency and accessibility. This publication is meant to give you not just updates, but deeper insight into the work being done on your behalf. It is a work in progress, and we welcome your feedback as we grow and refine it together.

The strength of Manitou Springs lies in the people who call it home and those that visit to support this amazing city.

Thank you for engaging, asking questions, volunteering, and continuing to share your voice.

Together, we can keep building a resilient, vibrant, and welcoming community for all.

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