



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

**Schedule of BFCC Events**

Sunday, November 16, 3-7pm	Coat Drive Potluck
Monday, December 1, 9am-noon	**Decorate the Hall for Christmas**
Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm	BFCC Board and Officers Meeting
Saturday, December 6, 2-5pm	Treelighting/Santa/Ornament Making
Thursday, January 8, 7pm	Elections

(ALL members are welcome to attend the Board and Officers Meetings.)  
For Line Dancing classes, etc., check [bfcommunityclub.org](http://bfcommunityclub.org) calendar.

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**Upcoming:**

**Please put this on your calendar now.** Otherwise, it might get lost in the busyness of the holidays. **Monday, December 1, 9am to noon is “Decorate the Hall for Christmas.”** And, of course, your help is needed. Inside the Hall, top of the list is someone to **put together the tree** before it can be dressed. Be as creative as you wish. Then the **wreaths** need to be hung in each window. The **outside tree** has been doing quite well and growing out of our reach for decorating the top. **MVEA agreed to send help with a bucket truck to help with the lights and star and upper decorations.** But there will be plenty of things to do for old-timers or anyone wanting to get in on the fun. Hanging ornaments and arranging lights and hooking up the electrical cord to the Log School all must be completed. Any help will be appreciated!



Dawn has promised **us hot cider and cookies and coffee** to kick off the Christmas spirit.  
Questions? Call Carolyn at 719 495-3127 or [browncarolyn828@gmail.com](mailto:browncarolyn828@gmail.com).



**Winter Coat Drive sponsored by the BFCC and Women Warriors of the Woods Sunday, November 16**

**Announcing the 2025 Black Forest Community Potluck Event! Join us for an afternoon with family, friends, and neighbors. Spread the word! It's definitely a come one, come all! Share**

**your favorite Soups and Side dishes.**

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**3:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Black Forest Community Club**

**12530 Black Forest Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80908**

**This event promises to be a fun community celebration of friendship, as well as giving support to people who are struggling to make ends meet. Clean out your closets and your pantries, or even enjoy shopping to fulfill item(s) on the wish lists below:**

**Three agencies will benefit from the generosity of our community: Because We Choose To, TriLakes Cares, and Fresh Start. Let's overwhelm them with an outpouring of care from our community! Representatives from each agency will be joining us, and will share their history and visions.**

**Because We Care To will be collecting and distributing new and used clothing — Coats, Hats, Gloves, Socks, and any items that can be layered to provide warmth, as their population are the un-homed in the Colorado Springs area.**

**TriLakes Cares Wishlist:  
Canned Pineapple**

**Canned Peaches  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Canned Diced Tomatoes  
Canned Mixed Veggies  
Canned Refried Beans  
Canned Pinto Beans  
Spaghetti-O's  
Flour  
Sugar  
Vegetable Oil**

**Fresh Start Wishlist:**

**Paper Towels  
Dish Soap  
Body Wash  
Tampons  
Feminine Hygiene Pads  
Tampons  
Women's Deodorant  
Pull-ups Size 2T/3T, 3T/4T, and 4T/5T**

**We will have jars for each agency for your generous cash/check donations as well!**

**The Black Forest Community Club will have bins available outside the doors at 9 am on the morning of 11/16/26 for anyone to drop off donations or non-perishable potluck items early. Prior to that time, feel free to contact the agencies directly with any donations.**

**Hosting the event, Warrior Women of the Woods will be setting up tables and chairs, organizing the buffet and donation tables, and cleaning up after the event.**

**A HUGE thank you the Black Forest Community Club! As the sponsors they will be providing all the tables, chairs, paper products and eating utensils, as well as Coffee, Tea, and Lemonade!!!**

**Helping the less fortunate is truly going to be a team effort! Thank you to all who come!**

**Santa for the kids and Treelighting  
Saturday, December 6, 2-5pm**

Kick off the holiday season with Santa and Mrs. Klaus from 2-4pm along with ornament making and cookie decorating for the kids at the Hall followed by treelighting at 4:30pm by the Keepers of the Keys. Tune up your voice for singing Christmas carols around the tree.



**Trunk or Treat Event**

On Saturday, October 25 about 2000 families showed up for an afternoon of trick or treating in the Backyard of the Community Club. There were **25 trunks decorated and equipped with candy** for the trick-or-treaters who came dressed for the occasion. The weather was great as was the turnout. Another feature of interest was the **Children's Entrepreneur Market** with about 50 booths of items. This is an opportunity for youngsters to produce, price, pitch, and even profit with hands-on experience. Building and running businesses are great ways to build self-confidence and gain experience.

Candy Gardner headed up the committee that pulled this community event off. Helping her was Jim Collins, Kelly Marchbank, Pierre Gaudreadult, Dawn Sciarrotta, and Johanna Olfstadt.

**Elections for Board and Officers will be coming up Thursday, January 8, 2026.** Anyone wishing to vote or run for office is reminded that **membership dues are must be paid before the end of the year.**



**The Ultimate Black Forest Festival Bundle**

**ALL FOR JUST \$25**

**Includes: 2025 Festival T-shirt**

**many sizes available**

**2025 Beverage Koozie**

**2025 and 2024 Beer Pint Glass**

**Black Forest Community Club Reusable Tote**

**Available for purchase at all upcoming BFCC events  
or while supplies last.**

**Great for the Holidays!!!!**

On October 30 Terry Stokka was finally able to schedule a Mountain View Electric meeting at BFCC (and it didn't snow) About 40 attendees were brought up to date on several subjects including their fiber internet project.



**Quote of the Month:**

“Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time, who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done, if we are always doing.”

Thomas Jefferson

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application

P.O. Box 88034

Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034

WEBSITE:

[www.bfcommunityclub.org](http://www.bfcommunityclub.org)

Please send this application to the address above. Membership is \$20.00 per family per year.

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Name:

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Address:

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Phone:

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 Active Membership (Must reside within Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Voting)

\$20.00 Associate Membership (Outside Black Forest Preservation Plan boundaries) (Non-voting)

Circle any interest from those listed below:

Black Forest Festival

Hall Maintenance

Land Use

Club Programs

Publicity

Hall Rental

Management

Membership

BFCC Property Development

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

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