BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER
"Everyone is Family in the Forest"

Schedule of BFCC Events

Monday, June 15, 6pm	**Jazz in the Park (food at 5:30pm)**
Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm	**Board and officers meeting**
Saturday, June 20, 4:00–6:30pm	**Father's Day BBQ**
Saturday, July 11	**Summer Movie Night on the Pavilion**
Friday, July 17	**Game Night**
Saturday, August 8	**Black Forest Festival**
Saturday, Sept. 12, 5:30pm	**Fall Harvest Potluck & Hoe Down Dance**
October	**Oktoberfest**
October 31	**Halloween Trunk-R-Treat**
December 5	**Black Forest Christmas Market, Santa visits, tree lighting**

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

Mother's Day Tea was quite successful with about 50 people attending.
The food was fantastic and a great day for getting together.

Future Black Forest Community Club Social Events
🎉 **Mark Your Calendars – Summer & Fall Fun Is Coming!** 🎉
June Event: Father's Day BBQ Saturday, June 20
LET'S FIRE UP THE GRILLS!!!
For Father's Day we will hosting a bring your own Beef BBQ (we'll provide the sides & condiments!). The grills will be open and ready, so all you need to do is show up with your favorite cut/hamburger, etc. and enjoy a laid-back day of hanging out together. We will have a few outdoor games readily available for playing. Side dishes will be provided by the BFCC.
🔥 Grills hot from 4:00–6:30 PM
Let's celebrate all the amazing dads!

🍿 **July 11 – Summer Movie Night on the Pavilion**
Movie under the stars + S'mores! 🌙✨
🎲 **July 17 – Game Night**
Bring your competitive spirit and your favorite games!
🍂 **September 12 – Fall Harvest Potluck & Hoe Down Dance**
Starts at 5:30 PM
Bring a dish to share and your dancing boots! 🤠
🍺 **October – Oktoberfest**
Details coming soon!
🎃 **October 31 – Halloween Trunk-R-Treat**
Family fun, costumes, and candy!
🎄 **December 5 – Black Forest Christmas Market (times coming soon)**
🎅 **Santa visits 2:00–4:00 PM**
🎄 **Tree Lighting at 5:00 PM**
We'll also be partnering with the business on the corner to make this a festive Christmas stroll!

President's Corner
Hello to all,
May has been a little slow since my knee replacement surgery. But here are some Club updates:

- Security cameras are scheduled to be installed June 7th by Tristen Eker.
- Festival planning is going well with all our Festival leads dedicated hard work.

We have a great group of volunteers working hard to make this year's festival successful.
That said, we could definitely use more help so if you have any desire to help at any level, please reach out as all our events take a village.

- New lights for the front door have been purchased and will be installed as soon as I am rehabilitated.
- The Arts and Crafts Guild put on another great sale with awesome crafts and baked goods. There will be another at the beginning of November.
- Dawn, Johanna, Candy, Kelly and Jill put on a superb Mother's Day Tea event that was a great addition to Our Clubs events.
- Our next event will be a Father's Day BBQ on June 20th, go to our website for details.
- A new fence across the front of the Backyard Property with a 20' gate is coming soon along with more grading.
- Josh Eker did some repairs to the cistern transfer pump but it was determined it will need to be replaced soon. He has used his contacts to purchase one at a third of the cost quoted by local suppliers. Just waiting for it to come in.

In closing We need more members to support this great Community Club
Please spread the word to Your Friends Family and Neighbors.
Have a Blessed Month 🙏 USUS
Jim Collins

BFCC and Black Forest Trails Association Host Successful Invasive Weed Work Day by Leif Garrison

Thanks to the cheerful and dedicated efforts of an estimated 35-40 volunteers, the BFCC and the Black Forest Trails Association, in collaboration with El Paso County Parks, held a productive work day at the Black Forest Regional Park on Saturday May 30th to battle the invasive weeds spreading through the parts of the park that were burned in the 2013 wildfire. These efforts are needed because these invasive/noxious weeds are adept at crowding out the native plants that populated the park before the fire. If the continual spread of these invaders is not controlled, the full recovery of the park to its pre-fire condition will be delayed if not prevented altogether.

Given that the work day kicked off at the early hour of 8 a.m., it seems likely that the cheerfulness of the volunteers was undoubtedly related to the tasty snacks prepared and provided by Club member Dawn Sciarrotta, along with the excellent coffee donated by Ryan Wanner, owner of Black Forest's own Golden Pine Coffee Roasters.

In addition, the parks department provided a number of essential loaner tools for the volunteers to use, along with work gloves and bags to hold all the removed weeds (which the parks department will pick up and dispose of).

Many thanks to Dawn, Ryan, the parks department, and all of the dedicated (and did we mention cheerful) volunteers.

The well-fueled and equipped volunteers put a visible and significant dent into the populations of two of the most numerous types of invasive weeds found in the park: common mullein, and diffuse knapweed. Even so, the invasive weeds have spread far and wide in the 13 years since the fire, and the consensus of the volunteer crew is that more such events will be needed to bring the weeds fully under control. It may well be that this work day becomes an annual event; stay tuned.

****This is an advance opportunity for Black Forest Residents to have first dibs at registering for this Weed Walk so hurry to RSVP.****

JULY 30 9:30 am until 12:00 pm
BLACK FOREST REGIONAL PARK (4800 Shoup Road)
NOXIOUS WEED WALK & TALK PRESENTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTYCOMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Please come join us on a sunny summer day at Black Forest Regional Park for presentations on noxious weed control in forest ecosystems followed by a walk around the park seeing live specimens. We will discuss identification, control methods, and have a question-and-answer session.

Limited to the first 40 RSVPs RSVP by June 15, 2026
Light Refreshments Provided
Register at:
BioWeedWalk2026.
eventbrite.com
Or call 719-520-7878
BLACK FOREST REGIONAL PARK 4800 Shoup Road

Festival Information from Leilani Ritchie
Celebrating Our 2026 Black Forest Festival Logo Winner — Michelle Dalrymple

The Black Forest Community Club is proud to recognize **Michelle Dalrymple** as the winner of the **2026 Black Forest Festival Logo Contest**. Her design captures the heart of this year's theme, **"Stars, Stripes and Tall Pines,"** honoring both the **250th anniversary of the United States** and the **150th anniversary of the State of Colorado**.
Michelle's artwork will appear across all festival materials — from posters and banners to the website, social media, and this year's Festival T-Shirts. Her creativity brings the spirit of this year's celebration to life with a bold blend of patriotism and the natural beauty of Black Forest.
Please join us in congratulating Michelle for her outstanding contribution and for helping shape the visual identity of this year's historic festival.

Important Festival Information from Steve White
Registration for the parade will run from **June 1st through July 15th 2026.**
To register for the parade go to the Black Forest Community Center website (bfcommunityclub.org)
Click on We are Black Forest at the top of the page, and scroll down to Parade Sign Ups. Participants should be able to sign up for the parade starting June 1st.
To sign up for the parade here is the link.
Black Forest Festival Parade - Black Forest Community Club

To sign up for a Booth at the fair here that link is:
Artisan & Business Booth Fair - Black Forest Community Club
The parade and festival we can always use more volunteers. We need golf cart drivers and people to man road closures along with the deputies and sheriff posse folks.

Black Forest Festival Returns August 8th — Online Festival Sign Ups are Open!!!!

The Black Forest community is preparing for a milestone celebration on **Saturday, August 8th**, as this year's festival embraces the theme **"Stars, Stripes and Tall Pines."** In honor of the **250th anniversary of the United States** and the **150th anniversary of the State of Colorado**, the festival will bring neighbors and families together from **6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for a day filled with fun, education, tradition, and community spirit.

As planning continues, the Black Forest Community Club website is now the central hub for all festival information. Community members can visit **bfcommunityclub.org/we-are-black-forest** to access:

• Festival Sponsorship opportunities
• Festival Booth Fair Registration
• Festival Parade registration
• Festival Outhouse Race registration
• All Festival updates, schedules, and event details

With a full day of activities, local vendors, entertainment, and the unmistakable charm of Black Forest, the 2026 Festival promises to be a celebration worthy of the anniversaries it honors. Mark your calendars and join in the celebrat

Black Forest Community Club Membership Application
P.O. Box 88034
Black Forest, Colorado 80908-8034
WEBSITE:
www.bfcommunityclub.org

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

Monthly newsletter — (circle one) Electronic Hardcopy

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$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

Pay Your Membership Dues Online! You can now pay your membership dues online. Go to bfcommunityclub.org and under Quick Links click Join the Club.

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

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