



**BLACK FOREST COMMUNITY CLUB
AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER
“Everyone is Family in the Forest”**

Schedule of BFCC Events

Sunday, August 2, at 5pm.	Keepers Potluck Dinner
Monday, Aug. 3, 6pm	Last Jazz in the Park (food at 5:30pm)
No July Board and officers meeting	
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.

**Please join us for the 8th Annual Black Forest Biergarten Fundraiser
August 7th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Black Forest Community Center and
Log School Park.**

Tickets go on sale July 8th!

**It will be a festive night under the pines featuring craft
brews from local breweries, food trucks, and a home
brewing demonstration. We are also excited to host live
music from Wirewood Station and Amore.**

**This year, our fundraising efforts are dedicated to installing
a new digital sign for the community center. This update will
allow us to display club events in a more legible format for
passersby while providing a safer way for our volunteers to
provide updates.**



Your Guide to the 2026 Black Forest Festival



Saturday, August 8th 6:30 AM–3:00 PM

The 2026 Black Forest Festival kicks off bright and early at **6:30 am** in the Community Center parking lot with the festival's traditional **Pancake Breakfast (6-9am)** made fresh by our wonderful volunteers and served by beloved Boy Scout Troop 70. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, and OJ—made with love and served with plenty of smiles. *Cash Donations are appreciated.*

A special thanks to Our Breakfast Sponsors:

The Omelette Parlor · Golden Pines Coffee Roaster · Dawn &

Louie

From sunup to the last encore, festival live music follows the Boy Scouts Flag Raising Ceremony at 6:30 AM and keeps the energy flowing all day!

- **8:00 AM · Paul-David Almond**

Americana, blues & folk from this soulful storyteller at the Backyard Western Storefront.

- **8:30 AM · Bare Bones Trombone Quartet**

Enjoy vibrant brass harmonies at the Log School Pavilion, perfect for all ages!

10:30 AM · Parade Kickoff

The Parade begins with a warm welcome from this year's Parade Grand Marshall, Sheriff Joe Roybal. Following Sheriff Roybal's remarks, Brandy Kiper will perform 'America the Beautiful' on bagpipes, setting a patriotic tone. After her tribute, the El Paso County Mounted Sheriffs will come to attention for the National Anthem in celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary.

This year's parade lineup is packed with fire trucks, classic cars, horses, tractors and of course lots of candy for the children. It will start at 10:30 AM and move West on Shoup, round the corner at Black Forest Road and then head north past the Community Center.

Post-Parade – 3:00 PM · Raven Wolf

At the Backyard Beer Garden, Raven Wolf will entertain playing seven decades of music (oldies to current). Grab your sweetheart, your dancing shoes, your cowboy boots, or your rock vibe and dance away your cares beneath the pines.

Additional Festival Highlights & Activities

Kid's Crafts - Join the volunteers from Black Forest Lutheran Church to create fuzzy friends and pinecone critters—perfect keepsakes for little makers.

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Kid's Games & Face Painting - Enjoy classic games and colorful face painting, generously hosted by the Black Forest Church of Latter-day Saints.

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Pony & Tractor Rides

8:00–10:00 AM & 12:00–3:00 PM

Backyard Demonstrations are sure to educate and entertain. This year, the festival includes a Petting Zoo, Alpacas & Live Demonstrations with Vogl Sheep Demo,

Basecamp Eden Wolf Dogs, Roots Chainsaw Art, and It's a Fowl Booth
8:00 AM–3:00 PM

- **Food Truck Lineup (from 9:00 AM):**

- Community Center Backyard: Pizzarte Wood Fired Pizza, Fiesta Grill, Churro Truck
- Log School Park: Smokey D's BBQ, Fully Loaded Street Dogs, Miami Sandwich Machine, Panini Island Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream

Vendor Booths Galore

8:00 AM–3:00 PM · Backyard Booth Fair

Featuring 73 vendors and 42 Children's Entrepreneurial Booths, offering services, gifts, art, and more. A special thanks to Munson Landscape & Excavating for the grading of the backyard and huge improvement to our festival grounds.

Family Beer Garden

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Located in the Community Center's backyard under the pines!

Catch shade, sip a cold one, and stay for the music.

- Craft & domestic beer, hard lemonade, seltzers, ciders – \$5
- Brats - \$5
- Hotdogs - \$2
- Lemonade – \$1
- Note: Cash-only please (ATM conveniently located on festival grounds)

A big "Cheers!" to KEG 1 Colorado for sponsoring this refreshing forest oasis!

Festival Central

Head to the Black Forest Community Club parking lot—this year it's packed with exciting nonprofits that support the Black Forest community. Get your creativity flowing with demonstrations from Northern Lodge, Jenny George Pottery, and Stacy Adams.

You'll also find the Community Center booth offering:

- T-shirts, stickers, reusable bags, pint glasses (while supplies last!)
- Past festival merchandise for sale
- Community Club info & sign-ups
- Lost & Found and general festival information
- First Aid Tent sponsored by Homestead Direct Primary Care
- ATM provided by Money Machines LLC

Parking and Shuttles

The festival has increased the number of available shuttles. Attendees are encouraged to park in designated lots and utilize shuttle services for more efficient access to the event.

A grateful shoutout to Special Kids Special Families and Academy District 20 for providing safe, reliable transportation for festival attendees this year. For detailed information, please consult the Festival Shuttle & Parking Map online at

<https://bfcommunityclub.org/schedule-map/>.

The President's Corner

Hello all, I hope everyone is staying cool. As we come to the end of July, I'm happy to report the new fence is almost done. We also have new fire extinguishers and smoke alarms installed in the club.

The Festival grounds have been beautifully mowed and trimmed as we get closer to the 2026 festival.

For you who enjoy a night out, please order your Biergarten tickets. There will be multiple local breweries, music, and food trucks. You can order tickets on the website bfcommunityclub.org then click We Are Black Forest. Go to bottom of that page to Biergarten Fundraiser.

Hope to see you there.

BFCC President

Jim Collins

Black Forest Festival Volunteers Needed!

The Black Forest Festival is powered by neighbors, friends, and community members who are willing to lend a hand. We need volunteers for setup, festival-day support, breakfast, parking, parade assistance, the Family Beer Garden, cleanup, and more. If you can give even a couple of hours, your help will make a big difference. Please review the opportunities below and contact WeAreBlackForestCO@gmail.com to sign up or ask where help is needed most.

2026 Keepers of the Forest are Sherrie and Chuck Lidderdale

The Lidderdales are longtime residents of the Black Forest and active members of the BFCC. Chuck has had a longtime interest in community affairs volunteering and serving on boards and/or running the websites of many Black Forest organizations such as the BFCC, SAMCOM, Black Forest Together, Friends of Black Forest, Log School Foundation, Black Forest Fire. Loving to tinker with technology, he was responsible for getting Force Broadband into the BFCC hall, stringing cable, setting up cameras, installing the coded front door.



Sherrie has a background in graphics and was essential in doing the layout and graphics for the FIG books (Forestry Information Guide) for the BF Slash and Mulch Program over the years. She served as the Office manager of Black Forest Together after the 2013 Black Forest Fire. Enjoying cats and dogs, Sherrie has volunteered at Wild Blue Cat Rescue. And, of course, served on the Board and Officers of the BFCC for many years.

Together, they fill the requirements for Keepers of the Forest having put in many years of service to the community.

The following companies are Platinum Sponsors for the Festival.

O’Furry’s and the Colorado Springs Omelette Parlor opened their doors in 1993 and have been serving up great food ever since. The Omelette Parlor is a returning, dedicated sponsor of the Black Forest Festival Pancake Breakfast serving up smiles and flapjacks first thing festival morning.

Visit the Omelette Parlor for fluffy omelets, homemade pork green chili, thick-cut bacon, giant plate-sized pancakes, and fresh-squeezed orange juice at 900 E. Fillmore in Colorado Springs. View their menu online at their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



Hennessey Roofing provides professional and stress-free roofing services in our communities and prides itself on superior quality and service. We specialize in all aspects of residential and [commercial roofing](#) including nearly all types of [roofing materials](#).

We are excited to support the Black Forest community as a returning sponsor of this year’s festival.

For more information, visit Hennessey Roofing on the [web](#) or via our [Facebook page](#).



Rial Heating & Air Conditioning proudly supports the Black Forest Community and is a returning Platinum Festival sponsor. Rial's is a family-owned company providing top-tier commercial and residential HVAC services and is a proud Carrier Factory Authorized Dealer.

Their technicians service all makes and models, handling everything from routine maintenance to complex system repairs. Rial Heating & Air Conditioning is your one-stop



Iron Knight Disposal's dedication to supporting the Black Forest community is as evident as their customer service is truly unmatched. At Iron Knight, customer service isn't a shifting goal — it's a core value. Integrity, community service, and genuine care guide everything they do.

Every day is another chance to be great. Let Iron Knight Disposal be great for you. *Satisfaction guaranteed...or double your trash back.*

Find Iron Knight online via their [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).



High Country Air is a family owned Black Forest HVAC company providing honest, high quality service backed by 20+ years of experience. Our team stays current on the latest technologies to deliver reliable, efficient solutions while respecting your home and your budget.

From repairs to major boiler projects, we service all HVAC systems — furnaces, AC units, geothermal, heat pumps, mini splits, and more. We're here to keep your home comfortable year round.

Visit High Country Air at our [website](#) or on our [Facebook page](#).



A beloved local gathering place, **Mountain View Café & Catering** is known for warm hospitality, homemade comfort food, and a team that treats every guest like family. Their mission — to deliver flavorful dishes with personable service in a beautiful environment — guides everything they do, from cozy breakfasts to full service catered events.

This year, Mountain View Café & Catering was honored as a Best of Colorado Springs 2026 winner in 10 categories, a testament to our cozy atmosphere, delicious food, and outstanding service.

Stop by 11424 Black Forest Rd or plan your next visit and learn more on our [website](#).



High Country Crane is a leading crane service provider in Colorado Springs, offering a wide range of cranes and heavy duty equipment to meet projects of every size. With a focus on efficiency, safety, and smooth operations, their team delivers reliable rigging services for machinery moving, HVAC units, precast planks, steel erection, tree plantings, and more.

Known for professionalism and precision, High Country Crane has earned a reputation as a trusted partner for contractors, builders, and homeowners alike. Their commitment to quality makes them a dependable choice for any lifting project. Visit High Country Crane on their [Facebook](#) page.

Nelson Forestry

Tree Health Care

Worried about this year's drought and the impact to your trees? **Nelson Forestry** is a family-owned and operated company of arborists serving the Black Forest Community. With 30 years of hands-on arboriculture and forest health experience, our company provides comprehensive services to prevent against and manage pine beetles and other boring tree insects. For more information, please visit our

[website](#) and fill out a free [property inspection form](#).

Nelson Forestry is investing in the forest, keeping our trees healthy and is a Platinum Sponsor of the 2026 Black Forest Festival.

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The Black Forest Community Club Newsletter is a publication of the Black Forest Community Club, a non-profit, social club organized around a theme of community service. Subscriptions are included exclusively with club membership. Membership is open to all adult residents of Black Forest. Annual dues are \$20 per family. For membership information write to the following address or visit our website. Black Forest Community Club, POB 88034, Black Forest, CO 80908-8034.

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