

The Westside Wherewithal

Because living west of I-25 takes a little wherewithal.

GOOD TILL OCT 25 • TAKE ONE, IT IS FREE

If you need something this week

- **Food, rent and utility help:** Westside CARES, 2808 W Colorado Ave, 719-389-0759. Open Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They prefer you walk in. Closed when the schools close for weather. Serves everyone west of I-25.
- **Westside Community Center**, 1628 W Bijou St, 719-385-7920. Open Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

What the city is deciding

Open now

Colorado Avenue lane test. Four lanes to three from Limit Street to 30th Street, for up to a year from June 2026, paid for with \$375K from the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority sales tax. The city survey is open.

Oct 21, 2026

The community center's neighbor group meets Wednesday Oct 21, 4 p.m. It helps steer what the center at 1628 W Bijou becomes.

Oct 26, 2026

The city's 2027 budget. Public hearing Monday Oct 26, 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 107 N Nevada Ave. Anyone can speak.

Vote

Ballots are in the mail. Register or check by Oct 26 at [GoVoteColorado.gov](https://govotecolorado.gov). Drop boxes till 7 p.m. Nov 3: 3141 W Colorado, Bear Creek park, Manitou City Hall. Ballot book a brick? Call.

EVERY WEEK

Mon Boom Box Bingo, 7 to 11 p.m. (Mother Muff's)
Tue Math tutoring, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (OCC Library)
Wed Toddler Time, 10:30 a.m. (OCC Library)
Wed Open mic, 6 to 9 p.m. (Jives Coffee Lounge, 16 Colbrunn Ct)
Thu Trivia, 7 to 9 p.m. (OCC Brewing)
Fri Storytime, 10:30 a.m. (OCC Library)
Sat Paws to Read, 10:30 a.m. (OCC Library)
Sun Brunch Jam Band, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mother Muff's)

The next two weeks

SUN OCT 11

all month Scarecrow Days: the storefront scarecrows, with a public vote, through Oct 31 (the avenue)

THU OCT 15

5 p.m. Mushroom Zombie Haunted House opens, through Oct 31 (Mush Love Tee, the shirt shop, 2627 W Colorado)

SAT OCT 17

7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers market, last Saturday of the season, 80-some vendors (Bancroft Park)

SUN OCT 18

evening Legends and Lore of Fairview Cemetery, a two-hour guided tour; tickets online, kids 12 and under free (Fairview Cemetery, 1000 S 26th)

WED OCT 21

5:30 to 7 p.m. Howdy Neighbor prize bingo, doors at 5, all ages, no sign-up **FREE** (Westside Community Center)

SAT OCT 24

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Emma Crawford Coffin Races, the 32nd; Manitou Avenue closes at 9 (Manitou Springs)

noon to 6 p.m. Pumpkins in the Park: pumpkin patch, painting, face painters, costume and carving contests, the ZOOMobile, live music, a beer garden **FREE** (the avenue)

SUN OCT 25

1 to 4 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, and Animals of Halloween inside, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **FREE** (Garden of the Gods Visitor Center, 1805 N 30th)

OCC is Old Colorado City; the avenue is West Colorado Avenue.



Free, Thursday mornings, from January 2027. Sign up:
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