



"Our Town" is a weekly 30 minute program a staff personality who interviews three community leaders for approximately 10 minutes each. This program airs each Sunday at 6am throughout our cluster of stations (except KVOR-AM where it airs Saturdays at 1pm). Listeners are encouraged to log on to our station social media pages to follow up with our featured organizations via listed hyperlinks and telephone numbers.

Date, non-profit organization, issue(s) addressed:

Q3 2023

[JULY 1 & 2]

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<https://www.casappr.org/>

Marisol Gerth-Reclaiming Hope Concert

2nd annual Reclaiming Hope Benefit concert. Hoping to raise more than 3X's the amount and hit their goal of 100 hope bags or \$15,000. Reclaiming Hope is a Non-profit 501C3 charity. They are looking for local companies that would like to help sponsor tables with games, corn hole, ring toss games or fun projects, or items that can be sold like a bake sale, craft table etc. with proceeds all going to RH. Different food trucks to have a variety of food, looking to partner with local breweries for adult beverages, A Kona Icee truck, a Meltdown ice cream party, bubble tent, and lots of opportunities for local businesses to market while helping a great cause. <https://reclaiming-hope.org/>

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[July 8 & 9]

Aneka Normandie- EL Paso County Fair Queen 2023

The El Paso County Fair started as a potato festival in 1905 and has grown into so much more. They will be celebrating the 118th Fair, July 15th -22nd! Calhan, Colorado is a quiet, easy 30 minute drive East from Colo Spgs on Highway 24. <https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/p/fair-information/fair-schedule>

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[July 15 & 16]

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Anthony Perez- Author, Professional Durability-Withstanding the Storm of Change

Tactical 16 Publishing announced the signing of leadership expert Anthony Perez for Professional Durability: Withstanding the Storm of Change. In his well-known direct, but humorous style, Perez uses personal antidotes and applications to relay vital information to both new and seasoned leaders looking for a fresh approach. <https://tactical16.com/>

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[JULY 29 & 30]**Frank Blaha- Ben Lomond Gun Club**

Ben Lomond Gun Club is a non-profit supporting amateur athletes in shooting sports. Ben Lomond Gun Club sponsors a free youth shooting program. The program is open to all children whether club members or not ages 8 to 17. Frank is a retired firefighter/paramedic and for the last 15 years or so has been sponsoring a free firearm safety training program for the youth. www.blgc.org

Dave Proffit- American Heroes in Action

Americans who enjoy outdoor activities are experiencing the benefits of "outdoor therapy". American Heroes In Action provides therapeutic outdoor adventures to American heroes including combat wounded veterans, injured firefighters, injured members of law enforcement and other first responders. The outdoor adventures include, but are not limited to; fishing trips, hunting trips, jeep trail rides, hiking, boating, and more. <https://americanheroesinaction.org/>

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[AUGUST 19 & 20]

Lance- SOCO Startup Week

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[AUGUST 26 & 27]

Pastor Jayme- Pikes Peaks Bikers Church/High Country Toy Run

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[SEPTEMBER 2 & 3]

Susan DiNapoli- Sue's Gift

15th Annual Be Ovary Aware 5k Run 3K Walk is 9/17/23. Raise awareness for ovarian cancer and raise funds to support Colorado women with 7 different types of gynecologic cancers: This event benefits the Sue Gift - Gynecologic Cancer Support. The Be Ovary Aware racecourse is a beautiful, flat course overlooking Fountain Creek. The out and back course, along the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail, begins and ends in America the Beautiful Park in Downtown Colorado Springs <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/77618/15th-annual-be-ovary-aware-5k-run-3k-walk>

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[SEPTEMBER 23 & 23]

Jesse- Hellscream Entertainment/ The Fear Complex

We will all learn about the new haunt in town that is part of Hellscream Entertainment named The Fear Complex. 4 haunted attractions in 1 open now through Halloween located near the old Tesla laboratory at 2220 East Bijou, Colorado Springs. The business partners for the haunted attractions give back to several non-profits all year including having the CSPD K9 units train in the off season inside the buildings. Go have some fun at The Fear Complex or Hellscream Haunted House! <https://thefearcomplex.org/>

Courtney Olson- Koats 4 Kids

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Warren Epstein- Pikes Peak State College

Three campuses and additional learning centers throughout Colorado Springs and many online options, along with day and evening classes, make PPSC adaptable to any lifestyle. <https://www.pikespeak.edu/>

[SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1]

Justina Baker- 4th Annual Halloween Bouncing Boo Bash and Trunk or Treat for Charity

Go out and join in the fun for the Biggest Most Epic Trunk Or Treat for Charity in the city! This event is located in the Skyzone parking lot and the gates are open to the public at 3pm and the event goes until 7pm! They will also be collecting Canned food goods and non-perishables for Care and Share and they will also be collecting new and gently used coats for those in need for Springs Rescue Mission! There will

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