



# El Paso County Clerk & Recorder For the Record

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*A Message From Your Clerk & Recorder...*

**SPRING CLEANING-** The upstairs and downstairs lobby areas in the Clerk & Recorder's office received a facelift recently including fresh, colorful paint and some carpeted seating areas. We hope this greatly enhances the experience of visiting our downtown offices.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Colorado residents have FREE ADMISSION to the Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, and the Denver ZOO on specific days of the year? Get on the web and go to: [www.scd.org](http://www.scd.org) then to the "News" tab, then to "Free Days" and you will find over 85 days of free admissions to some fabulous Denver facilities. Thank you, **Sarah Mann** (Elections), for passing along this important information.

**STAFF RECOGNITION-** We want to recognize **Liz Olson** (Elections), **John Gardner** (Information Systems), and **Mary Bartelson** (Administration) for successfully completing the Dale Carnegie Executive Development training course this spring. Both **Liz** and **John** were awarded the "Human Relations Award" with **Liz** also receiving the "Vision Award." **Mary** excelled, as well, earning the Breakthrough Award, the Crashing Through Award, the Outstanding Performance Award, and finally, the Highest Award for Achievement at the final session on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We want to thank these valued Clerk & Recorder staff members for their interest in participating and their enthusiasm throughout the long twelve-week program.

**OPEN CARRY OF FIREARMS-** Many thanks to visitors to our office and our staff who participated in the survey regarding the potential lifting of the ban on Open Carry of weapons in County Offices. Approximately 3 of every 4 completing the survey (75%) voted in favor of keeping the ban in place. It now appears that the Board of County Commissioners has chosen not to re-visit the policy at this time, so the ban of "Open Carry" will continue. Your voice has been heard.

Upcoming Dates:

May 30<sup>th</sup> Office Closed - Memorial Day

July 4<sup>th</sup> Office Closed - Independence Day

*Bob Balink*



## Motor Vehicle Department

Summer and warmer weather are upon us and, with higher gas prices, many people may be purchasing small motorized motorcycles as a means of alternative transportation. The Motor Vehicle department titles and/or registers motor vehicles with two or three wheels, a cylinder capacity of more than 50 c.c., automatic transmission and can travel at a speed of more than 30 mph on a flat surface.

Mopeds are registered through: the Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Registration Division, (303) 205-5607; Apex Sports at 327 W Weber, 475-2437; and Rocky Mountain Cycle Plaza at 591-9700. The cost to register is \$5. All registrations expire in December, three years from the year of issuance.

All terrain vehicles must be registered with the City of Colorado Springs, Park and Recreation at 4255 Sinton Road, 227-5250.

If you have any questions, please contact our Motor Vehicle office at 520-6240.

### **Locations:**

#### **Downtown Office**

200 S Cascade Ave  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
8:00am - 5:00pm  
Motor Vehicle  
8:00am - 4:30pm  
weekdays, except holidays

#### **Chapel Hills Office**

Chapel Hills Mall  
(On North side between  
JC Penney & Mervyn's)  
8:00am-4:30pm  
weekdays, except holidays

#### **Widefield Office**

115 Fontaine Boulevard  
Widefield, CO  
8:00am-4:30pm  
weekdays, except holidays

### **Phone Numbers:**

(719) 520-6216 Administration  
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## Recording Department

Because of stricter guidelines on what is acceptable as evidence of identity for a name change, the Social Security Administration now requires a document with biographical data, such as date of birth, as well as the basis for the name change. What this means is that a certified copy of the marriage application, which shows date of birth, will now be required along with a certified copy of the marriage license/certificate for a name change to social security records. Charges for certified copies are \$3.00 for the marriage license/certificate and \$2.25 for the marriage application.

We continue to receive feedback from customers expressing interest in electronically recording documents with our office. For more information on eRecording, please contact Sandy Hook, Recording Manager at 719-520-6208, e-mail [sandyhook@elpasoco.com](mailto:sandyhook@elpasoco.com).

## Election Department

The City of Colorado Springs Election was on April 5, 2005. There were 229,834 registered electors within the City limits of Colorado Springs, and 34,352 votes were cast which was a 14.95% turn out. The results are on our web site [www.car.elpasoco.com](http://www.car.elpasoco.com)

Our office is currently looking at redrawing County Commissioner lines, which must be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Precincts splits will occur for all precincts with over 1500 active registered voters.

May 9<sup>th</sup>, County Clerk and Recorder Robert C. "Bob" Balink will present voting options to the Board of County Commissioners for the November 1, 2005 Coordinated Election.

The three options that will be presented are:

1. Polling Place Election, with Early Voting and Absentee Voting
2. Vote Centers, with Early Voting and Absentee Voting
3. Mail Ballot Election

## Clerk to the Board

Taxpayers, or their representatives, may annually protest the Assessor's determination of their property value to the County Board of Equalization (CBOE). Independent referees conduct hearings with taxpayers and Assessor's representatives generally throughout July. The Board of County Commissioners makes determinations of value based on the referees' findings and recommendations. The County Attorney and Clerk & Recorder are the primary offices responsible to ensure fair and equitable hearings. The County is able to provide CBOE in an economical and efficient fashion through shared resources of the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, and County Attorney. Additional information on the annual CBOE appeal process will be available in June on the County's website at [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com). Questions concerning CBOE may be directed to [EileenWheeler@elpasoco.com](mailto:EileenWheeler@elpasoco.com) or staff at (719) 520-6430.

## Miscellaneous News

We take pride in our staff and would like to take a moment to acknowledge special events and achievements.

Congratulations to Gale Williams for being named Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2005. Gale has worked in our Administration Department for 10 years.

Celebrating service anniversaries are: Terry Sholdt (31); Joyce Willener (24); Karen Lujan (22); Bekki Friedel (19); Barry Broe (18); Darlene Graybill (14); Linda Redfern (14); Amy Barnett (11); Kathleen McClafferty (10); Gale Williams (10); Wilma Chavez (8); Leah Holland (7); Kevin Long (5); Nick Ballard (4); Dorothy Kelly (4); Kelly Lindgren (3); Barb Pascal (3); Vicki Zertuche (3); and Pam Lucero (2).

Congratulations to each of you. We greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication on behalf of the citizens of El Paso County.