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A Message From Your Clerk & Recorder...

The 2003 EPC Coordinated Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 4th**. Eligible voters may vote at their designated polling place on Election Day **OR** by Absentee Ballot **OR** at an Early Voting location. No absentee ballots may be mailed to voters after Tuesday, October 28th. Absentee ballot applications will NOT be mailed to voters unless requested. Absentee ballot application information can be found at: <http://www.elpasoco.com/ClerkRcd/PDF/avapp.pdf>. Early Voting will be available in all County Clerk and Recorder offices weekdays from October 20 through October 31st.

We are pleased to announce that after 750,000 motor vehicle transactions, recording over 234,000 documents, issuing over 5,000 marriage license applications, 372 liquor license transactions and conducting the primary and general elections of 2002, our recent audit indicated **no** exceptions, other than three minor items, such as writing "ok" rather than initials on an adding machine tape. Congratulations to our entire staff, especially our accounting department led by Joanie Gustin, for their continued excellence in public service and processing of over \$84 million in fees.

During the last two months, I have attended what seems to have been a lifetime full of meetings. From weekly Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Advisory Board and subcommittee meetings, to the State Clerk & Recorder's Association Legislative Committee Meetings (all in Denver), to a week at the Election Center seminars at Auburn University in Alabama, I have been quite busy. "Thank you" to those of you who have stopped by for a visit. If I missed you, I hope to see you again soon.

Please feel free to contact our department managers or me if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach me via email at robertbalink@elpasoco.com.

Motor Vehicle Department

Anyone interested in a specific specialty plate is welcome to contact our Motor Vehicle Department to verify availability however, we are currently out of the following specialty plates: 10th Mountain Division, Adams State, Air Force Commemorative, Always Buy Colorado, American Indian, Fort Lewis, Mesa State, Metro State, Pearl Harbor (motorcycle), Regis University, Transporter, University of Southern Colorado, and Western State plate styles.

We now have Veteran of the Korean War plates. Applicants need to provide proof that he/she was a member of the US Armed Forces between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953. Proof can be a Form DD214 or other separation papers that include dates of service.

Fee increases... the fee to release a lien on a title when the lien has been satisfied has increased to \$1.50. Name change and add lien fees also increased to \$9.50.

Driver's License Renewals

Our Chapel Hills location continues to offer services for renewing both Colorado driver's licenses and Colorado identification cards, with the exception of Commercial Driver's License (CDL's), and lost or duplicate license requests.

Coming Soon! We are working diligently on technical issues to make renewal services available as expediently as possible. The public is not yet able to access driver's license renewal assistance at our Centennial Hall (downtown) or Widefield offices.

Locations:

Downtown Office

200 S Cascade Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
8:00am - 5:00pm
Motor Vehicle
7:00am - 4:30pm
weekdays, except holidays

Chapel Hills Office

Chapel Hills Mall
(On North side between
JC Penney & Mervyn's)
7:00am-4:30pm
weekdays, except holidays

Widefield Office

115 Fontaine Boulevard
Widefield, CO
7:00am-4:30pm
weekdays, except holidays

Phone:

(719) 520-6216 Administration
(719) 520-6200 Recording
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default.asp

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As driver's license operations are a function of the Colorado Department of Revenue, anyone with questions or concerns are urged to contact the State at (303) 205-5613.

Our Motor Vehicle Department is available to assist the public with any questions or concerns and may be reached at 520-6240. The department may also be contacted via email at carweb@elpasoco.com.

Recording Department

April marked a record month in our Recording Department. The 27,733 documents recorded represented 131,321 pages and \$730,811 in fees. Year-to-date figures indicate a 28% increase in volume over 2002 and the upward trend is expected to continue over the remainder of the year.

The department continues to operate without any staffing increases. We are asking the public to be patient as the processing times for documents will become longer due to the dramatic rise in work load. Customer service remains our primary focus and we will strive diligently to maintain our standard of excellence.

As always, we encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact our Recording Department at (719) 520-6208 or via email at recweb@elpasoco.com.

Election Department

Our Election Department is currently accepting polling site applications for the November 4th Coordinated Election. With 371 precincts in El Paso County, we are continually searching for appropriate facilities to replace those buildings no longer being used. Schools, gyms, churches, community centers, and similar venues are ideal candidates. Contact Marguerite Duncan, Elections Manager, at 520-6222 or marguerite.duncan@elpasoco.com for more details and application information.

Over 1,400 election judges are needed to assist voters at the polls on Election Day. This is a great opportunity to get paid for getting involved in your community! Election Judges earn \$100.00, Supply Judges earn \$105.00, and Vote Center Supply Judges earn \$110.00. All judges must attend a training session prior to the election. Visit our website at: <http://www.elpasoco.com/clerkrcd/eieinfo.asp> or contact the Election Department at 575-VOTE (8683) for further information.

Did You Know?

Audio duplications of the Board of County Commissioners' meetings are available to the public for a cost of \$5.00 per CD or 90 minute cassette. Contact the Clerk to the Board's Office at 520-6430 for details.

Miscellaneous News

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

Congratulations to Liz Olson, transaction coordinator in our Election department, for her selection as the Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2003. Liz has also just celebrated her 7 year anniversary with us.

Celebrating service anniversaries are: Terry Sholdt (29), Nancy Schomaker (27), Joyce Willener (22), Pat Sundling (21), Karen Lujan (20), Nancy Bass (17), Bekki Friedel (17), Barry Broe (16), Rich Jones (15), Linda Redfern (12), Darlene Bartlett (12), Amy Crist (9), Kim Alvarado (8), Gale Williams (8), Kathleen McClafferty (8), Sheila Keller (7), Maureen Rulfs (7), Jeannie Whitehead (7), Liz Olson (7), Wilma Chavez (6), Wendy Foreman (6), Rebecca Youngs (5), Leah Holland (5), Bonnie Woods (5), Malana Cordova (4), Melissa Combs (4), Kate Winter (4), Sylvia Cordova (3), Keri Lovato (3), Beth Richards (3), Kevin Long (3), Nick Ballard (2), Dorothy Kelly (2), Lisa Cremeans (2), Katie Christiansen (1), Barb Pascal (1), Kelly Lindgren (1), Vicki Zertuche (1). We greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication.