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A Message From Your Clerk & Recorder...

AWARD: Terry Sholdt, Chief Deputy, has been awarded the prestigious "Michelle Burton Award" for excellence in service in Colorado Elections for 2002-2003. The Colorado State Association of County Clerks & Recorders honored Terry in early June. Terry has been employed at the Clerk & Recorder's office since 1974 and is known throughout the state for her expertise in Elections. Statewide, only one is so recognized each year.

RECORDING AT CHAPEL HILLS: Effective Monday, August 4, 2003, Recording services will no longer be offered at our Chapel Hills office. According to Nancy Bass, acting Recording Department Manager, "less than 2% of our recording business is generated at this location, and we felt it would be best to allocate those resources to our downtown office where 98% of the volume is produced." As a reminder, Driver's License renewals continue to be offered at our Chapel Hills office.



July 11, 2003

BACK TO NORMAL: Our thanks go out to Motor Vehicle employees James Woods and Jimmy McDaniels and customer Kim Powers who jumped into action, heroically, on Friday, July 11th after a vehicle "flew" through the window of our downtown Motor Vehicle office. We're very fortunate that there were no serious injuries despite the car landing on an attended workstation. Thanks James, Jimmy and Kim!

Bob Balink

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: Adams State, Air Force Academy, Always Buy Colorado, Fort Lewis, Korean War (motorcycle), Mesa State, Metro State, Olympic Committee, Regis University, University of Southern Colorado, and Western State plate styles.

Same day service is available on title transactions originating with a Colorado title, a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO), or an out-of-state title. To obtain an over the counter title, appropriate documentation and proper identification is required. Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license or identification card issued by a state licensing authority, a US military identification card, or a US passport. Please note that we cannot accept consulate cards.

SB03-272 amends CRS 42-3-113, which now provides that each owner of a motor vehicle who is issued a license plate, decal or validation tab will also **pay an additional fee** to cover the direct cost of such plates, decal or validation tab. Vehicles will be assessed the following fees:

- \$1.63 for standard plates or \$3.26 for a set of plates
- \$2.54 for special license plates or \$5.08 for a set of plates
- \$2.20 for a new registration on a tab replacement (plus tab (s) fee)
 - .25¢ per special mobile machinery ownership and rental tabs
 - .22¢ per temporary permit (\$2.22 total) / \$18.00 per pad of 25 temporary permits
 - .17¢ per validation year tab
 - .11¢ per validation month tab
 - .25¢ per collector tab / moped tab / emergency vehicle decal / horseless carriage tab

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

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Our Motor Vehicle Department is available to answer questions and may be reached at 520-6240. The department may also be contacted via email at carweb@elpasoco.com.

Recording Department

The work load in our Recording Department continues to swell at a remarkable pace. The 149,306 documents recorded between January and June of this year represents a 40% increase in volume over 2002. We greatly appreciate the public's continued patience while the department meets this demand without any staffing increases.

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

The upcoming November 4th Coordinated Election is an important one for the citizens of El Paso County. Electors will have the opportunity to vote on school board members as well as tax questions for local jurisdictions, school districts, and other special districts with issues on the ballot.

The registration deadline for voting in the Coordinated Election is October 6, 2003. Anyone interested in registering to vote may do so either in person at any one of our office locations, any City/Town Clerk office, any Colorado Driver's License office, and some public assistance agencies or by completing a mail-in registration form. The form is available online at: <http://car.elpasoco.com/elevoterreg.asp>.

Proper identification is required when registering to vote. Applicants must provide a valid Colorado driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Revenue in addition to the last four digits of their social security number.

Visit our website at: <http://car.elpasoco.com/elemain.asp> or contact the Election Department at 575-VOTE (8683) for further information.

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 Commissioners make 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 & Recorder, and County Attorney. Questions concerning CBOE may be answered by contacting our staff at 520-6430.

Did You Know?

That farm plates may only be issued to those vehicles which are used primarily in the business of farming and ranching? Multi-purpose vehicles such as the Avalanche, Escalade, Explorer Sport, etc., do not qualify as they can be used as either a truck or a passenger vehicle.

Miscellaneous News

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

Congratulations to Lynda Rosenwinkel, a senior transaction processor in our Recording Department, for her selection as the Employee of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2003. Lynda will be celebrating her 12-year anniversary with us in October.

Celebrating service anniversaries are: Joyce Mannino (17), Martha Velasquez (17), Ruth Ballentine (14), Betty Gaasch (12), Susan Losey (10), Deb Lambert (9), Jessica Ceasar (8), Jamie Barilli (8), Cheryl Stilson (7), Mark Deggendorf (5), James Woods (5), Deb Crotty (5), Mary Cosgrove (5), Stephanie Cordova (4), Kellie Rilea (4), Mary Bartelson (3), Tammy Larsen (3), and John Gardner (2). We greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication.