

#### **TOWN OF ELIZABETH**

MICHELLE M. OESER TOWN CLERK/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR

March 25, 2025

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Trustees,

I am doing my Board Report a bit differently this week. I am not sure how many of you know that the Town helps sponsor monthly Senior Luncheons, Estate Planning Classes, and Senior Christmas Baskets. The Town was asked to take over the Senior Christmas Basket program in 2021, as it had grown too large for two people to handle. Sponsoring the Senior Luncheons came about last year when Marjorie Engle reached out to me inquiring about the potential Senior Center. Majorie and Jennifer Maxwell started working to bring awareness and services to Elbert County for our Seniors. They have done a phenomenal job over the course of the last two years. Once a month, a luncheon is held at Town Hall on a subject that provides connections, education, and services to our older citizens. We have regular attendees as well as people that only attend on specific topics. The regular attendees like the socialization these Luncheons bring as well as the information provided.

The Senior Center has been a special project to me from its conceptual idea and first talks. The luncheon added another dimension to our Senior Project importance and the effect it has on our community. I personally went through time with my parents over the last couple of years and know that I would have been better equipped to handle things if I had the opportunity to attend these types of educational topics. I know that my parents did not have the opportunity to attend events like these or have senior services due to living in a rural area. Marjorie and Jen have worked hard to bring both awareness and services to Elbert County. There is a list of people that support the Senior Luncheons, Senior Baskets, and the Estate Planning. This list is just too extensive to mention everyone.

I was contacted by a town resident regarding receiving a Senior Basket for Christmas. We exchanged several emails on how things were tumbling down in their world. I passed on information about luncheons and how support and connections for help and services were available in our area. This resident attended the luncheon about Alzheimer's this month and hopefully left with a feeling that they were not in this alone. Attendees were able to share their personal story with others. People attending the luncheons can speak directly with the people that can help them and maybe make their journey a bit easier. There are no sales involved, just information and communication.

The Elizabeth Police Department has also instituted a Citizen Welfare Outreach which is available to Town Residents. I have included the brochure for you.

I am sharing this for those that may not know how much the Town's Support for the Senior Luncheons, Estate Planning, Senior Residents Outreach, and the Senior Basket Program touch so many. In June the Town is Sponsoring a Flower Sale Fundraiser on the Gesin Lot during the Elizabash. Marjorie receives



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flower donations from many different places which will be sold with the proceeds going to the Town's Senior Project and both Food Banks in Town.

I hope this gives a bit of insight into the good that the Town is helping to facilitate not only in Elizabeth proper, but our community as a whole. If you have any questions about anything I have mentioned in this memo, please reach out to me. I am always happy to share what we are doing.

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Oeser
Town Clerk / Administrative Services Director

### Senior Educational Luncheon





## Elizabeth's History



We are excited for this one!

Come and explore the rich history of Elizabeth!

Lynn Mitchell and Bob Rasmussen from the Town's Historic Advisory Board will be giving a presentation on the history of the Elizabeth area, with a focus on Main Street and its historic buildings.

MON APRI 21

11:00AM-12:30PM

151 S. BANNER ST. ELIZABETH, CO

RSVP: MARJORIE ENGLE 303-881-2707

#### Sponsored by:

Marjorie Engle Jennifer Maxwell Town of Elizabeth







# ESTATE PLANNING CLASS

Come join us for an engaging session on Estate Planning - and the best part? It's FREE! Our distinguished speaker, Brian Taylor, a true expert in the field, is geared up to shed light on some of the most vital topics that often don't get the attention they deserve. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity!

#### Topics will include:

- Wills vs. Trusts
- Powers of Attorney & Living Wills
- Special Circumstances
- Gift & Estate Tax Matters
- What is Probate?
- Common Estate Planning Misconceptions

We will discuss the main legal documents that everyone needs in their estate plan and there will be time for a Q&A!

RSVP bit.ly/3Xu2Z7q

Date:

April 16, 2025

Time:

6pm - 8pm

Location:

Town of Elizabeth 151 S. Banner St.

Speaker:

**Brian Taylor** 



#### Brought to you by:

Marjorie Engle



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#### **BENEFITS**

- Weekly check-in
- Offering a sense of security
- Connections
- Help identify needs
- No cost





If interested in applying or have any questions please contact us.

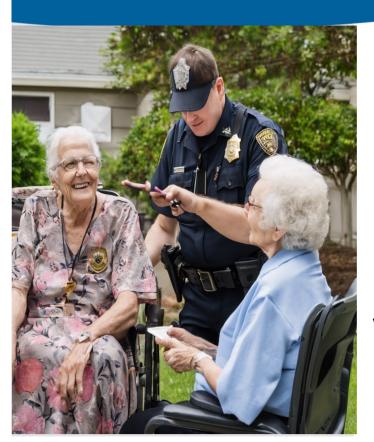


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Citizen Welfare Check





#### How the program works.

\*Open to Town of Elizabeth Residents 65 or older individual citizen Individuals with a disability

\*Must fill out an application

\* An office or advocate will make a phone call at a minimum of 1 time a week to check on the individual welfare

\*If the participant answers the phone, you will be asked if you are OK

\*If the participant answer OK, we hang up until the next time

\*If the participant express concern the officer/advocate will determine the needs and response appropriate

\*Unanswered calls or busy signals are called backed

If there is still no answer, the officer/advocate will contact the individual's emergency contact and request an officer dispatched for a welfare check

\*If needs are identified during contact with participants, the officer/advocate will coordinate connecting the individual to programs or services that can provide additional support

\* EPD offers lock boxes for a fee.

## About the Program

EPD is committed to serving our citizens, and we want to ensure that you are aware of our dedication. Our program aims to provide a sense of security for our vulnerable citizens who may feel lonely or scared at times. Through this program, one of our officers or an advocate can visit to check in on individuals. The primary goal of the program is to regularly connect with the most vulnerable populations, ensuring their well-being and safety, and identifying any needs they may have. The program is free of charge and is available to any senior citizen over 65 years old or any disabled individual living alone.

#### Resources

Elizabeth Food Bank 381 S Banner St Open Friday's 12:30 to 3 pm, Saturday 9 to 11:30 am

> Harvest Bible Church – Food Bank 826 South Elbert Street 303.646.3699 Open M-W-F 10 am to 12 pm

Colorado Low Income Energy Assistance I-866-432-8435 https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/leap

Elbert County Department of Human Services 303.621.3149

East Central Council of Local Governments (ECCOG) 719.348.5562

Medicare Customer Service
I-800-633-4227
https://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/contact
medicare
Part D RX
https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/presciptionhelp/

Perfect Ride provide ground transportation for medical appointments 303.668.7578

Outback Express Long distance travel: 719.348.5562 800.825.0208 www.eccog.com

Marjorie Engel's Senior Resources 303.881.2707 https.www.marjorieengle.com/seniors\_resources

Western Elbert County Senior Center 303.621.2561