

# Kingdom Chronicle

## Woodland Park News In Brief

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On January 1, 2025, the city's new Short Term Rental (STR) provisions will take effect. This means that STR's will no longer be allowed within residential areas unless it is the primary residence of the owner and the owner is present during the duration of the guest's stay. The exact ordinance and zoning provisions can be found on the city's [website](#). The city has sent out three different letters to all current STR license owners outlining the changes coming into effect January 1st. The city urges property owners to apply for new licenses ahead of time to allow for processing before the end of the year. All property owners of STR's outside of zoning requirements should have received a cease and desist by December 31, 2024 letter. In order to assist citizens in navigating the new regulations, the city created an STR resource center on its [website](#).

The new regulations, voted in by citizens' initiative in 2023, are currently subject of a lawsuit by property owners against the city. Heart of the lawsuit is the question whether current license holders are required by Colorado law to be "grandfathered in", meaning, they should be allowed to continue to operate based on a previously legal zoning practice. Proponents of the new regulations argue that STR's were never an allowed or regulated zoning practice within residential areas but were simply tolerated by the city in the absence of clear regulations. The plaintiffs are hoping to receive a ruling before the end of the year allowing current STR owners to continue to operate.

The Woodland Park Police Department welcomed citizens at its monthly Community Engagement Forum on November 20th. One of the topics discussed was the upcoming holiday season and the attraction of possible criminals. Chief Deisler reminded attendants not to place large cardboard boxes and packaging of valuable Christmas presents outside to not attract break ins. The police department is exploring options to have a large dumpster accessible to citizens for that purpose throughout the holiday season. Package theft is luckily not

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## Kingdom Chronicle Updates

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Have you ever wanted to do more than just read about the Godly news that the Kingdom Chronicle reports on? We provide our readers with many ways to engage with their community, to include attending official meetings. In addition, if you have ever wanted to learn journalism skills, such as how to conduct interviews, we are looking to fill some important roles in our team.

If you feel the call to write for a journalistic endeavor with a faith-based focus, please contact us via [editor@kingdomchronicle.news](mailto:editor@kingdomchronicle.news). We can develop your skills through practical application as an Investigative Journalist. Also, if you find our content to be a blessing, have suggestions for us, or feedback (to include testimonies) please send us an email at [editor@kingdomchronicle.news](mailto:editor@kingdomchronicle.news). I pray that you all have a blessed day.

## Calling All Intercessors: Join Us For Strategic Prayer

BY AMANDA  
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Are you passionate about standing in the gap through prayer? We invite you to join us for Governmental Intercession, where we pray and intercede for everything from our local city council and school board to the nation of Israel.

**When:** Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Java Haus Conference Room

Additionally, we are gathering for intercession focused specifically on our public library and community. Your prayers are vital in these challenging times!

**When:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:15-6:45 PM

**Where:** Downstairs of the library, first room on your left as you enter from the lower level

Please note, we start and end on time as there are events scheduled after each prayer meeting. Don't be late—every minute of prayer counts! Come, let's unite in prayer and make a difference.



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a common occurrence in Woodland Park. However, opportunities for thieves should still be kept at a minimum. Residents are urged to take deliveries inside promptly or have a neighbor or friend take hold of them in the meantime. Another option presented by a citizen was that of a lockable box outside for delivery drivers to place packages in.

The Woodland Park Police Department has seen a significant decrease in criminal activity in town since adopting a new strategy that involves increased traffic enforcement and police presence on high traffic roads. Although this does not necessarily mean a rise in speeding tickets, the simple visible presence of patrol cars serves as a natural deterrent to any potential trouble makers. The police department recently ordered four new pick up trucks to add to its fleet that will ensure operations during any type of winter weather.

Community Engagement Forums by the Woodland Park Police Department are held every third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. either at the Police Department or the Ute Pass Cultural Center. It is a great way for citizens to get to know our local force, receive updates, and ask questions. The next forum will take place in January. The Police Department will again conduct its Santa patrols through the city beginning of December and is also planning a “pictures with Santa” event. Details will be published on its Facebook page ahead of time.

## Here Is A Local, Christian-Owned Business We'd Like To Highlight:

**bitcreed**  
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Agile Project management, apps, security audits, recruiting, etc.  
Contact us at [info@bitcreed.us](mailto:info@bitcreed.us) for a free initial consulting.

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## Are You Counting It All Joy – A Devotional

BY GABRIELLA BUCCI  
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*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness”*

James 1:2-3

Are you counting it all joy? Joy has always attracted me in a way. I've always had a desire to be the most joyful one in the room. When it comes to thanksgiving and being grateful, joy is a big part of it. You can express gratitude, but, if you do it grudgingly, you might as well stay quiet. Joy is a way of expressing thanksgiving to the Lord and a way of expressing faith. It's also a choice as you have probably heard before. This verse shows pure joy, which isn't swayed by our circumstances. You have this pure joy in your spirit, but are you exercising it?

Pure joy is a sign that someone trusts God (faith) and has a dynamic relationship with the Lord. It is called a fruit for a reason. It is described as our strength. So, yes, we need it in our daily lives. Living a life with thanksgiving to the Lord and joy is clearly important. Your life may not look the way you want it to and no doubt may be hard. I am not here to say you have it easy. However, you always have a choice to praise the Lord and you always have a reason to be joyful. Psalm 28:7 says: *'The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.'*

This ultimately goes back to your relationship with God. This Psalm says “I trust him with all my heart”, this is a built up, genuine relationship with Him! God did not send His Son to die the most painful death, freely giving you a gift you never deserved, just for you to complain about a little detail in your life. Now I am not trying to guilt trip you here, but think about it: your good Father wants you to live a life of joy. What Father would want His kids to be miserable? His love has been perfected in you, you have all you need. Why focus on the one thing you don't like? To live a lifestyle full of pure joy starts with relationship with God. This thanksgiving, make it your mission to constantly go back to the Father. Thank Him for once. Trust me, He wants to hear your “songs of thanksgiving”!

## Raise Your Voice!

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI  
Kingdom Chronicle Staff

### Upcoming Community Dates:

- ◆ 12/01/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 12/03/2024, 6:15-6:45 p.m.: Prayer meeting for our library (Woodland Park library, first room on the left when entering from lower level).
- ◆ 12/05/2024, 9:15 a.m.: County Commissioners meeting at 112 North A Street in Cripple Creek.
- ◆ 12/05/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave. **\*pre-briefing and prayer at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park flagpole.**
- ◆ 12/07/2024, 6-8:30 p.m.: Annual Lights Above the Clouds Christmas Parade, Highway 24 from Taco Bell to Tweeds.
- ◆ 12/08/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus
- ◆ 12/10/2024, 1 p.m.: WP Library Board of Trustees meeting at WP library, Sharon R. Quay Board Room.
- ◆ 12/10/2024, 5:30-8:30 p.m.: Teller County Republicans (GOP) Christmas Party at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.
- ◆ 12/11/2024, 6 p.m.: Regular School Board Meeting at the District Office, large conference room. **\*pre-briefing and prayer at 5.30 p.m. in the High School parking lot.**
- ◆ 12/15/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 12/17/2024, 9:15 a.m.: County Commissioners meeting at 112 North A Street in Cripple Creek.
- ◆ 12/17/2024, 6:15-6:45 p.m.: Prayer meeting for our library (Woodland Park library, first room on the left when entering from lower level).
- ◆ 12/19/2024, noon: Application deadline for the two vacant Woodland Park Board of Adjustment alternate positions, open Board of Review positions, four regular positions on the city's Planning Commission, as well as the Charter Review Committee.
- ◆ 12/19/2024, 6:30 p.m.: City Council meeting at City Hall, 220 W South Ave. **\*pre-briefing and prayer at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park flagpole.**
- ◆ 12/20/2024: Application deadline for the 2025 Woodland Park Citizens Academy.
- ◆ 12/22/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.
- ◆ 12/29/2024, 3-4 p.m.: Governmental Prayer at Java Haus.

## Behold His Marvelous Creation, and Give Thanks

BY CHRISTY ENG  
Kingdom Chronicle Staff

Hello dear reader, can I ask you a question? When was the last time you went outside to feel the sun on your face? Can I encourage you in this wintery time in late November to go enjoy the sunlight and leave the warmth of your house or the office for the refreshing winds of the grand world outside?

Sunlight does something for my soul as well as my body. I imagine you know what I am talking about. So today I simply encourage you to go out and enjoy nature. God's creation of nature was made for us to enjoy. This is one of the many things we can give thanks for. We can breathe fresh air, touch pine needles, etc. all because He wanted us to be able to enjoy His marvelous creation. I am afraid we are a bit beyond touching grass, but we can still enjoy this winter. I encourage you to do something that fosters wonder.

Your well-being matters, inside and out. Please, go, enjoy the beauty of the season from the fresh pine smells to the glittering of the snow at night when the light sparkles off the snowflakes like a million tiny crystals. Maybe invite a friend or loved one for a cup of hot apple cider. Maybe even build a snowman? Enjoy the stars shining on a clear night. See God all around you reflected in the mirror of nature this week.



You are seen, you are loved and you are important to God. All of this beauty has been embedded in this world for you to enjoy. And in experiencing joy, you bring joy. It is one of the best things to see the face of someone else light up with wonder. I hope you let yourself express it and go in search of it today. It really is just a reminder, but I know I appreciate these reminders to engage with the world again and take a break from the screens and the lamplight.

I'm off to go enjoy the sunlight myself, but I will leave you with this. Look for the good, and enjoy it. I hope we all do that this holiday season, as well as getting more vitamin D. Give thanks to God for His marvelous creation, and for every memory that you make this season.



Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

## Offering Thanksgiving

BY KATE GORELOVA  
Kingdom Chronicle Staff

Offering thanksgiving to my God  
For the many blessings in my life  
It's a day of trouble; I need God  
But before I plead with Him - I bow

Offering thanksgiving to my God  
For this day; for waking up not sick  
For the sunshine, weather that is warm  
For the beauty that is still around

Offering thanksgiving to my God  
That I walk, and talk, and see and hear  
That my hands still work and I can touch  
That I have the blessings many lack

Offering thanksgiving to my God  
That I have clean water, place to rest  
That I can have privacy, a room  
Clothes to wear from which I daily choose

Offering thanksgiving to my God  
That His Word I have and I can read  
That my knees still bend and I can bow  
That I know He's with me and still loves

Offering thanksgiving to my God  
Though my heart was restless - now it's calm  
It's a day of trouble, I need God  
Him I have, and Him I praise and thank

## Here Is A Local, Christian-Owned Business We'd Like To Highlight:



[Yourmoneymakeover.com](http://Yourmoneymakeover.com)

## Coming Up @ Your City Council Meeting:

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI  
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Please find the current agenda and supporting documents on the city's website:

<https://woodlandparkco.portal.civicclerk.com/>

We encourage you to attend these public meetings and voice your opinion during public comment. Also, please email your council-members to make sure your voice is heard. Even a few emails have a tremendous impact on the council-member preparing for these meetings.



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## Open Positions on Various City Committees

BY NICOLE BRAUCHLI  
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The City of Woodland Park is currently accepting applications for various open positions on different committees. These committees perform important work in our city and most of them meet once or twice a month, provided there are agenda items to be dealt with. This is an excellent way to get involved as citizens and shape the decisions and policies of our city.

### Board of Adjustment

The Woodland Park Board of Adjustment (BOA) is a seven-member quasi-judicial board consisting of five regular members plus two alternate members all appointed by City Council to three-year (or vacated member incomplete) terms. The BOA conducts public hearings upon submittal of a request to vary zoning or of a request to appeal an administrative decision.

Applicants must be available to meet on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in-person or virtually, must be at least eighteen years old, a city resident for not less than one year, and possess qualifications that are compatible with the Board's purpose and authority.

There are currently 2 alternate positions open on this board with terms that will expire on January 1, 2028.

### Board of Review

The Board of Review (BOR) is focused on the application and interpretation of the Pikes Peak Regional Building Code as adopted and set forth in Chapter 15.02 of the Municipal Code. The BOR hears and decides appeals of order, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official, grants minor variances, and hears complaints regarding licensed contractors. The BOR is a Council-appointed 5-member quasi-judicial board (complete with two additional alternate members) with each member serving 3-year terms.

Applicants must be available to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m., must be at least eighteen years old; and possess qualifications that are compatible with the Committee's purpose and authority.

The term of this open position will end on January 1, 2028.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is a nine-member advisory board established to assist the City Council in

providing for orderly development within the City of Woodland Park. The Planning Commission conducts public hearings related to new subdivisions, zoning changes, conditional use permits, flood hazard development permits, and changes to the Subdivision or Zoning Regulations. The Planning Commission is also charged with preparation and amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Applicants must be available to meet on the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. of each month in person or virtually, be at least eighteen years old; a city resident for not less than one year and possess qualifications that are compatible with the Board's purpose and authority.

There are four regular member positions available with the terms expiring on January 1, 2028.

### Charter Review Committee

The Charter Committee is an ad-hoc committee established by the City Council on average every two years, in order to review the City's charter and discuss suggested amendments to be put on the next suitable ballot for citizens to vote on.

The Charter Committee is made up of two councilmembers, two – four citizens, the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. The council may appoint a minimum of two positions with a maximum of four positions to this Committee. These positions will expire in February of 2026. Interested applicants for this position must be a City resident for a minimum of one year prior to appointment, 18 years of age and be available to meet on a monthly basis.

Application forms for all open positions are available on the City's [website](#) or at the City Clerk's office in City Hall, 220 West South Avenue in Woodland Park. Completed applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's office and may be delivered via email to [sleclercq@woodlandpark.gov](mailto:sleclercq@woodlandpark.gov); or delivered by mail to the City Clerk at PO Box 9007, Woodland Park, CO 80866 not later than **noon, on Thursday, December 19, 2024**. Please contact City Clerk, Suzanne Leclercq, at the City Clerk's office 719 687-5295 with any questions.

## A Lesson From Jamestown Colony

BY KATE GORELOVA  
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In the colony, in Jamestown, long ago  
People came – but they were just not ready  
They relied on king and Indians  
To provide them with the food to eat

And the governor who was appointed then  
Told the people “Listen and do this  
Word of God does tell us - we must work  
He who does not work - he should not eat”

And he told the people - “Don’t rely  
Upon king and Indians for food  
What if they will fail to deliver  
How can you then live? We all must work”

But the people - they just did not listen  
An explosive they on him did throw  
And they did not want to work, to labor  
They relied on Indians and king

And a winter that was harsh came on them  
And the king “forgot” them - food not gave  
And the Indians did not for them provide  
And they starved and died one by one

And most people of that colony  
They did not survive the bitter winter  
Because they refused to heed and listen  
They did not want to prepare and work



And a lesson that is great learn from this  
He who does not work - he cannot eat  
We cannot depend on government  
To provide us with supplies and food

Nor can we exploit some other people  
To us give the food that we do need  
We must work, must work - prepare for future  
And hard work it will bring us reward

But so many now are like those people  
They on government depend to eat  
They just do not want to work and labor  
“Someone else should work and give them food”

Now at yourself look and this consider  
Who are you, and how do you now eat?  
Do you just rely on other people  
Or do you work hard and earn your food?

And your children, who of you are learning  
What are they now learning from your ways  
Are they learning to depend on government  
Or hard work are they from you now learning?

Now of course there will be some exceptions  
And some people work so very hard  
But they still need others to support them  
That should be season - not a lifestyle

There are many, many abled bodies  
Who can work but simply they just won’t  
For they figured out this welfare system  
And they just on government depend

**Thanks Be To God! -** BY KYLE GONZALEZ  
*Kingdom Chronicle Editor-in-Chief*  
**Happy Thanksgiving**

Have you ever just stopped and thought of the goodness of God? He provided us with everything that we have everyday – our daily bread. Yet, so often we can forget to stop and thank Him for the little things. You may have noticed during our November issues that we have had a theme of thanksgiving. While it's true that year-round we should give thanks, it's the Thanksgiving holiday that reminds us to stop and actually say “thanks”.

I'm thankful to God for everything. He gives us our daily bread, He gives us the ability to work, He gives us our health, and a near-inexhaustible list of other people and things to be thankful for. However, sometimes we don't pause and just ponder the most important thing we should be thankful for: Jesus' finished work on the Cross. I challenge each of you, as you enjoy your Thanksgiving, to stop and give thanks to God for whatever comes to your mind.

Happy Thanksgiving and thanks be to God!