

CONO-Sponsored Economic/Fiscal Forums; Begins Aug. 19

CONO is conducting a series of three public forums on "Neighborhood Economics" as opportunities to discuss at length the economic and fiscal situations facing our community, city, and county. The purpose of this series of discussions is to help citizens understand the current situation of the City and County finances and their implications on neighborhoods and the services they receive, such as public safety, parks, and community code enforcement.

On Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m., City Manager Penny Culbreth-Graft and County Administrator Jeff Greene will speak to the fiscal situations facing the City and the County and the implications for public services. This session will be held at the Fire Department Complex, 375 Printers Parkway in the bay behind the Museum. Each administrator will speak to the situations in her and his respective administrations, and each will participate in an extended discussion session. The session will last until 8:30 p.m.

In mid-September, Tom Binnings and Fred Crowley, local economists, will talk about the economic outlook for the area, what we can expect, and what we might be able to do about it all.

In mid-October, we'll finish the series with an audience discussion. Two or three community leaders will kick off the session, but its focus will be on identifying what are our shared problems and how we might work together to best respond.

The Pikes Peak Library will record and televise the sessions, and the recordings will be available on the Library's website and linked from CONO's website. CONO president Dave Munger will moderate all three sessions.

The public is welcome; there is no charge for admission.