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The Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold one meeting in December, on Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 42 Valley Crescent. Meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Information: 481-2953.

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A proposed rezoning that should be of concern to all Black Forest and Tri-Lakes Residents

The owner of 12740 Black Forest Rd has requested rezoning from Agricultural (A-5) to Commercial (CC-5) to accommodate 12,300 sq. ft. of office buildings built specifically for a wholesale-only commercial business. This rezoning is not about "mixed use development." It would create a dangerous precedent and potentially open a floodgate of commercial rezoning requests.

If that happens, the next step could be annexation of Black Forest by the City of Colorado Springs enticed by the prospect of higher commercial property tax revenues. You might think annexation couldn't happen, but Colorado Springs has already taken much of the land bordering Black Forest and has studied annexing Black Forest many times.

The more voices of opposition, the stronger the case against rezoning. Voice your opposition NOW. This zoning change is already in review and county planners will be making their recommendation to the Planning Commission in the coming weeks.

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