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Energy Usage for Fiscal Year 2009

The following is the data on energy usage for Boulder City's residential and commercial customers from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

- ◆ Residential customers purchased 105,942,987 kilowatt hours of power for the year.
- ◆ Revenue generated from residential usage was \$5,782,660 for the year 2008-2009.
- ◆ Residents made up 66.3% of the total usage and 58.8% of the total revenue.
- ◆ Commercial customers purchased 53,778,354 kilowatt hours of power for the year.
- ◆ Revenue generated from commercial usage was \$4,043,692 for the year 2008-2009.
- ◆ Commercial customers made up 33.7% of the usage and 41.2% of the revenue.
- ◆ Commercial customers also paid \$460,000 in demand charges for FY 09. Commercial average rate was approximately 8.37 cents per kilowatt hour, which includes the demand charge, and residential average rate was approximately 5.46 cents per kilowatt hour.

Requests For Past Due Utility Bills

Beginning January 1, 2010, all extension requests for past due utility bills need to be made in person at the City of Boulder City Utility Office, located on the lower level of City Hall, 401 California Avenue. Requests over the phone or items sent or e-mailed can no longer be accepted. By coming into the Utility Office, staff may be able to help you make a payment arrangement to avoid utilities being shut off. If you have questions, please call the Utility Office at 293-9244.

Dan Jennings having his new badge pinned on by his son Jason, a Metro Officer.



Jennings Sworn in as BCPD Lieutenant

Dan Jennings, a Boulder City police officer since December of 2002, was sworn in on December 2 as the City's first lieutenant since April of 2006. At the swearing in ceremony, Boulder City Police Chief Thomas Finn described this event as "historic" for the Boulder City Police Department.

Jennings began his 39-year public service career in 1970 when he entered the US Army as a private. Through his 22-year career, Jennings served as a warrant officer, a military policeman and CID special agent and supervisor. He retired from military life in 1992 with the rank of captain. Jennings holds two associate degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina.

Jennings' career after military life turned to law enforcement where, in 1992, he served as a sheriff's deputy in Lexington County, SC. During his seven years in South Carolina, Jennings served as a deputy, detective, SRO and sergeant.

In 1996, Jennings exhibited his fortitude when he answered a robbery call. This turned into an officer involved shooting where Jennings sustained wounds to his leg, ankle and foot. Although wounded, Jennings held an armed perpetrator at bay until backup arrived. For his actions that evening, Jennings was awarded the Medal of Valor and the purple heart. He also received the Top Cop Award from NAPO, the National Association of Police Organizations.

Jennings was promoted to sergeant in April of 2007 and now rises through the ranks once again. He will serve as the department's Operations Commander and will oversee the patrol division, traffic safety bureau and detective bureau.

Annual Twilight Bazaar at the BC Art Center



Saturday, December 12 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m., the annual Twilight Bazaar takes place at the Art Center in ABC Park. This is an event not to be missed! Each year, the instructors of the Boulder City Art Center prepare beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts for sale at very reasonable prices. Art Center Coordinator Robin Kariam has made glass ornaments to distribute to the first 50 guests at this event.

If you have seen Robin's work, you will want to be one of the first 50 to attend the Twilight Bazaar.



Instructors Julie Connell, Craig Corey, Debbie Hagan and Robin Kariam will have functional and decorative pottery, jewelry, paintings and prints for sale. For one-of-a-kind gifts at very reasonable prices, don't miss the Annual Twilight Bazaar on Saturday, December 12 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Boulder City Art Center in ABC Park, 801 Adams Boulevard.

Deck the Halls, Hold the Calls

*From Rita Meier,
Social Security, Nevada Public Affairs Specialist*

The holiday season is here, and many people will be singing along with their favorite seasonal songs.

So go ahead — sing your Jingle Bells and ring your Silver Bells. But hold your calls if your business can wait until after the holidays.

For years, Social Security has told the public that the busiest time for our field offices and for our toll free telephone number is early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to contact us at other times. The same advice applies to the holiday time, especially the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's. So if you must do business with Social Security during the holidays, you may experience more busy signals and longer wait times.

As an alternative, we suggest you consider going online to www.socialsecurity.gov, where we have a wealth of information and online services available. You can apply online for retirement or disability benefits, or check on the status of your pending application. If you are already a Social Security beneficiary, you can go online to change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or request a proof of income letter.

If you get an opportunity to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov, you may save yourself a call or a trip altogether. But if you do need to speak to a Social Security representative, we'll be there for you.

No Trash Pick Up on Christmas Day

There will be no trash pick up on Christmas Day, December 25. Trash will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled pick up day.

City Council Meeting Vacated for December 22, 2009

As is the Council's custom, there will be no City Council Meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month in December. The City Council Meeting for December 22, will be vacated. The next regularly schedule City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Christmas Wrapping Made Simple



Bring your unwrapped gifts to the Boulder City Youth Center in ABC Park, 801 Adams Boulevard, Monday through Thursday between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. from now until December 22, and have them wrapped. When you pick up the beautifully wrapped gifts, you will have them wrapped to perfection. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For further details, call 491-3679.

Angel Tree at the Credit Union

The Angel Tree is now up and ready for your donation at the Boulder Dam Credit Union. Emergency Aid volunteers are on hand during regular Credit Union hours. Pick a card from the tree and purchase a gift for someone who really needs it through December 15.

Training at BCTV

We would like to invite those who are already signed up as volunteers for BCTV to a training session of new processes at the studio. Please call me at 293-9358 or send me an email at pio@bcnv.org so that we can determine the best date to hold classes. The studio and my office are located at 508 Nevada Way.

If you would like to be a BCTV volunteer, please go to the City website, www.bcnv.org and go to the Human Resources link under departments. Then click on the tab "Volunteer Services." Fill out that form and return it to the Human Resources Department. Once the paperwork is completed, you will be able to volunteer at BCTV.

Photo and Video Contest

The Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with the PIO and BCTV, are holding a photo and video contest for residents. Please submit your photos and short videos, five minutes or less, to Patty Sullivan, Recreation Program Coordinator, at the Recreation Center. Pictures and videos should depict any programs offered by the Parks & Rec Department. This material should cover activities from July 1, 2009 forward.

All submissions become the property of the City of Boulder City and will be used for marketing purposes. Releases, along with submission forms, are available at the Recreation Department, 900 Arizona Street or can be e-mailed to you upon request. Photographs and videos must be submitted in digital format. Appropriate credits will be given for any images used in City publications or on BCTV. For further information, contact Patty Sullivan at psullivan@bcnv.org or call 293-9256.

Volunteers for Committees and Commissions

From Acting City Clerk Lorene Krumm

Boulder City residents who volunteer to serve on the various committees and commissions established by the City Council play a key element in our local government.

Volunteers giving their time and talent to assist and advise the City Council are an asset to the community. There is a diverse group of individuals spending countless hours to help ensure government policies and procedures are followed.

The following is a list of the committees and commissions supporting the City Council and the City as a whole:

Airport Advisory Committee, Allotment Committee, Charter Commission, Civil Service Commission, Combined Board of Appeals, Finance Advisory Committee, Golf Course Green Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission.

Also, should ballot questions be a part of the election process, Ballot Question Committees are formed and ads are placed in the Boulder City News and on the Boulder City website soliciting volunteers to serve on these short-term committees. Anyone interested in volunteering in this vital capacity should contact the City Clerk's office at 293-9208 or visit the Boulder City website at bcnv.org to obtain additional information and complete a Volunteer Data Sheet.

Thanks to all the volunteers, current and past, who have played an integral part in making Boulder City a great community!

Senior Transit Wednesday Trips from Boulder City to Henderson

If you'd like to make a day of it at the Galleria Mall, or Sunset Station, the Fiesta, or Wal-Mart, or go to a doctor or dentist appointment, the Senior Transit program, provided by the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition, will take you there and bring you back home. Here's how it works.

Every Wednesday, a bus will leave from the Senior Center, 813 Arizona Street, promptly at 9 a.m. If you are unable to get to the Senior Center, please call 610-9823 and schedule an appointment to be picked up between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. right from your home. Please make your appointment for pick up no later than noon on the Tuesday before your Wednesday trip.

If you have a doctor's appointment that you would like to be dropped off at, you can do this as well. Schedule your appointment with your health care provider for a Wednesday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and the service will drop you off and pick you up as long as the appointment is completed by 2 p.m.

The last stop on this trip is the Fiesta where folks will be picked up between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and taken back to the Senior Center or to their home, if this was scheduled in advance. Cost is \$5 for Senior Center members and \$7.50 for the general public. If you have questions, call 610-9823.

Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings

- ◆ **Join Santa and Mrs. Claus on the 7-mile train ride from the Nevada Southern Railway Museum, 600 Yucca Street, Boulder City, to Railroad Pass along the revitalized historic Boulder Branch line On December 12 and 13. The train departs at 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 noon, 1, 2 and 3 PM. Please arrive 30 minutes before departure. Tickets may be purchased in advance: see www.NevadaSouthern.com. You may also go to the ticket office at 600 Yucca Street on Saturday and Sunday. Call 486-5006 for more information.**
- ◆ **The Annual Luminaria and Las Posadas takes place on Friday, December 11 at 6 p.m. in Bicentennial Park.**

- ◆ **Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. the Nutcracker Ballet takes place at the Boulder Theatre. Performances also take place on Saturday, December 12 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 13 at 1 p.m. All tickets are \$20. Call 293-1161 for tickets.**
- ◆ **The Annual Twilight Bazaar takes place on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Art Center in ABC Park, 801 Adams Boulevard. First 50 guests receive a hand-made glass ornament created by Art Center Coordinator Robin Kariam. Wonderful holiday gifts at reasonable prices on sale. All created by Art Center instructors and students. Call 293-1612 for further information.**
- ◆ **The Shane Patton Scholarship Foundation Pub Crawl takes place on Saturday, December 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. Admission includes a T-Shirt and drink deals at sponsoring locations: The Other Side, Milo's, Evan's, Big Horn, Boulder Dam Brewing Co. and Tony's Pizza. Call Grant Turner at 702-375-6923 to register.**
- ◆ **The Annual AAUW (American Association of University Women) Home Tour takes place Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. In addition to homes available for touring, there will be a tour of two art deco rooms at the Boulder Dam Hotel, 1305 Arizona Street, and a tour of Cascata. Tickets are on sale at the Boulder Dam Hotel. You can also call 293-3351.**
- ◆ **The Earned Double BMX Event takes place from December 11 through the 13 at the BMX Track in Veterans Memorial Park. This event is open to the public all day. For further information, call Pam Wamsley at 286-0407.**
- ◆ **The Senior Center of Boulder City is having a grand opening for its new library and gift shop on December 15 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the center, 813 Arizona Street. Refreshments will be served and while browsing, you might find that special Christmas gift! Phone: 293-3320**
- ◆ **The Boulder City Circle will perform two Christmas Concerts entitled "We Sing For Food," to benefit Emergency Aid on December 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Hall, 1399 San Felipe Drive and December 19 at 7 p.m. at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 812 Arizona Street. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Plaza Realty, 293-2440**
- ◆ **The Angel Tree is at the Boulder Dam Credit Union ready for folks to pick a name and purchase a gift. Emergency Aid volunteers are on hand during regular credit union hours on Monday through Friday to help you choose an Angel Tree recipient.**
- ◆ **Screamin' "Santa SDD" at Bootleg Canyon on December 19 and 20. Open to the public from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Call Francine Johnson of Johnson Rockhard Racing at 273-0537 for further details.**

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