



**City News For Your Information
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At this wonderful holiday season, may the joy and happiness that surrounds us remain in our hearts through all the days of the new year.

**From all of us at the City of Boulder City,
may you enjoy a wonderful holiday!**



From the left: PIO Rose Ann Miele, Santa and Jingle Cat

River Mountain Loop Trail Completed

The Loop Trail is completely paved in Boulder City! On the first day of winter 2009, construction crews finished paving the River Mountain Loop Trail in Boulder City. The final reach was from the restroom in Bootleg Canyon Park down to the Safety First building on US 93 where the trail meets the existing paved path just above Katzenbach Drive.

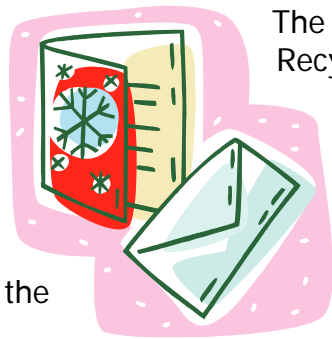
The entire River Mountain Loop Trail is 34.5 miles long. In Boulder City, the trail begins just east of Railroad Pass Casino. The trail travels past the Veterans Home up into Bootleg Canyon Park where at elevation 2,694, the River Mountain Loop Trail reaches its highest peak. From there the trail comes back down the mountain near the Safety First building to join the paved path adjacent to US 93.



The trail parallels US 93 in the concrete channel known as Hemenway Wash, finally entering the National Park Service property northeast of Pacifica Way. The contractor still has to install additional signage and other trail appurtenances, but soon local residents will be able to get out and enjoy this fabulous amenity. From the west end of Boulder City to the eastern limits, the trail is approximately seven miles long.



Holiday Card Program at St. Jude's



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The holiday card program is up and running at St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Recycle those holiday cards for St. Jude's through February 28, 2010. According to Sarah Sheehan, Director of Communications for St. Jude's, "The card program is instrumental in not only an ongoing fundraising capacity but also in its ability to develop our youths' business and work environment skills through Kid's Inc. Our kids run the program under supervision of staff and work right alongside our volunteers making it a valuable learning tool in addition to its monetary contribution. Your generous donations and purchase of our cards directly supports our kids and programs and is incredibly appreciated. We couldn't do it without our donations!"



Cards can be sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Recycled Card Program, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005, or you can call 877-977-7572 or visit the website at www.stjudesranch.org.

Retirement Estimator Even Better Than Before

*From Rita Meier,
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Improvements to one of the most popular online services in government — the *Retirement Estimator*, located at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator — allow more people than ever before to get a personalized and instant estimate of future Social Security retirement benefits.

Since its launch last year, the *Retirement Estimator* has provided more than four million personalized estimates, and is one of the most highly rated online services in government.

The most recent customer satisfaction numbers are at an all-time high. The latest report from the *American Customer Satisfaction Index* for E-Government ranks the *Retirement Estimator* as the top service at 91%. It is followed closely by Social Security's online retirement application, with a 90% customer satisfaction rating and the Medicare *Extra Help* application, with an 87% rating. These three Social Security services are the top three online services in government.

You may be wondering: if the *Retirement Estimator* is the most popular online service in government, what can be done to improve it?

One major improvement is that more people will be able to use it. Previously, people who had not yet filed for monthly Social Security benefits but who were already enrolled in Medicare were not able to take advantage of the service. Now they can. So if you have Medicare coverage but have delayed filing for your Social Security benefits and you would like to get an estimate of your future benefits, just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Other improvements are coming soon. Next year, the *Retirement Estimator* will be the first online service available in Spanish.

Would you like to get an immediate and personalized estimate of your retirement benefits right now? Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. To get an estimate, you'll need to enter your first and last name, date and place of birth, Social Security number, and mother's maiden name. If the information matches Social Security's records, the *Retirement Estimator* combines this information with the information that Social Security has on record, including your yearly earnings, to provide a quick and reliable online benefit estimate.

While you're checking out the most popular online service in government, try out some of our other online services and information as well. You can find it all at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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.

Utility Rate Increase as of January 1, 2010

As of January 1, 2010, utility rates will increase 35% across all tiers for residential and commercial users. If you have any questions regarding the impact this increase will have on your utility bill, please feel free to contact Jim Petrie at 293-9240 in the Utility Office. He will be able to show you how much your bill will increase on a monthly and yearly basis.

Old Rate ends Dec. 31, 2009

New Rate effective Jan. 1, 2010

RESIDENTIAL RATES

Monthly Service Charge	\$5.00	\$5.00
1-2000 kwh	\$0.0550/kwh	\$0.0743/kwh
2001-4000 kwh	\$0.0725/kwh	\$0.0970/kwh
4001+ /kwh	\$0.0800/kwh	\$0.1080/kwh

COMMERCIAL RATES

Monthly Service Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00
1-3000/kwh	\$0.0650/kwh	\$0.0878/kwh
3001+ /kwh	\$0.0735/kwh	\$0.0992/kwh
Demand over 10 kwh	\$2.50/kwh/month	\$2.50/kwh/month

Energy Assistance Program

The City's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) aids eligible Boulder City residents with residential home utility costs. Qualified applicants receive a 10% discount on monthly utility services. Boulder City residents may be eligible for this program if they have had utility service in the City for six months or more, and the total annual gross household income from all sources is not more than the amount listed below. The following figures are the income levels for 2008-2009 needed to qualify for this program.



Persons In Household

Annual Income

1	\$15,600
2	\$21,000
3	\$26,400
4	\$31,800
5	\$37,200
6	\$42,600
7	\$48,000
8	\$53,400

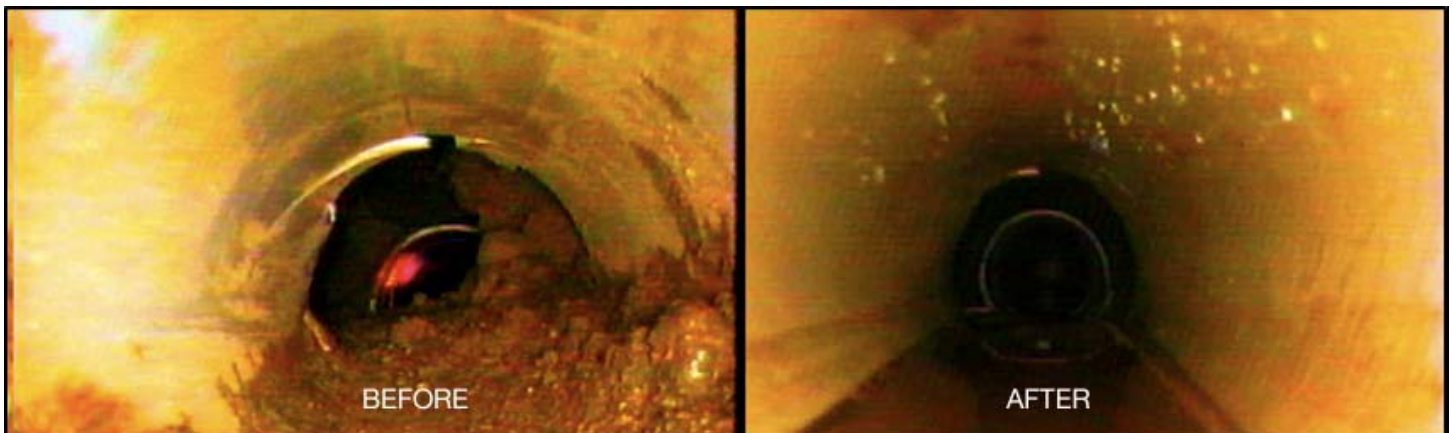
To apply for this program, print an application from the website, www.bcnv.org. Go to the Resources link and click on BCEAP Energy Assistance Program or obtain an application from the Utility Office. You will then be asked to provide proof of annual income. Acceptance into the program is good for one year from the date of approval. For further information, contact the Utility Office at 293-9244.

Requests For Extensions on 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.

Buchanan Boulevard Sewer Main Project

The rehabilitation of the Buchanan Boulevard sewer main, which runs south from El Camino Way to approximately Quail Drive (entrance street to wastewater treatment facilities) on Buchanan Boulevard will soon be underway. This project consists of 8,000 linear feet of sewer line.



The sewer main will be lined using a trenchless technology involving cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP), which saves time and money on construction since the streets do not have to be excavated in order to install a new 12-inch diameter sewer main.



Here is how it works. The contractor first cleans the existing sewer main, then, with video, inspects the line for any damaged areas that may need repairs. Once it is determined that the existing pipe is

ready to accept the new liner, the contractor begins installing the liner. The liner is a soft, fiber felt or fiberglass material containing a resin that is inserted into the existing sewer main. After the liner is in place, it is filled with hot water under pressure, which causes the liner to expand to the wall of the existing pipe. The resin then begins to cure or harden. Once cured, the liner is the new sewer main.

The contractor is responsible for bypassing the sewer flow during the cleaning and installation of the CIPP operation. The contractor is also required to remotely, using a robot, cut a hole in the pipe at each sewer lateral after the liner is cured. On this project there are only three sewer laterals that the contractor will have to insure that they cut a hole return to each lateral to service. Each segment of the liner installation is estimated to take six to eight hours to install, which includes the liner and the cutting out of the sewer laterals.

This project is estimated to cost about \$410,000. Traditional dig and install construction is estimated to cost in excess of \$600,000.

Shuttle Program From the Senior Center

Shuttle transportation available seven days a week. Call **(702) 610-9823** between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday schedule a ride with the dispatcher, or call the on-duty driver directly as listed below.

Time	Shuttle	Day(s)	Driver's Phone	Description
8a-10a	AM	M-F	278-4310	Morning door to door shuttle service.
10a-2p	LUNCH	M-F	278-4310	Shuttle service door to Senior Center for daily lunch.
10a-2p	MID-DAY	M-F	279-9435	Mid-day door to door shuttle service.
2p-3p	AFTERNOON	M-F	278-4310	Afternoon door to door shuttle service
3p-8p	EVENING	M-F	236-5148	Evening door to door shuttle service
10a-6p	WEEKEND	SAT	279-9435	Saturday door to door shuttle service (hours subject to change)
7a-4p	WEEKEND	SUN	279-9435	Sunday door to door shuttle service (hours subject to change)

Services are provided in cooperation with Silver Rider Transit, sntcbc@gmail.com

New at the Senior Center

The Gift Shop at the Senior Center is now open for business. It is located in the building's library and hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Gift Shop offers a variety of items at great prices. Most items are new and have been received as donations to the Senior Center. There are also high quality craft items available for sale. The selection changes frequently, so come back often. Examples of what you might find in the Gift Shop are specialty books, jewelry, electronics, kitchen ware, picture frames and seasonal items.

Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings

- ◆ **Mayor Tobler will hold the second of his series, "Talk to the Mayor," on Monday, December 28 at 6 p.m. at the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce Office.**



- ◆ **The Boulder Creek Grill will sponsor a New Year's Eve Celebration on Thursday, December 31, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Sundry West and David Taylor featuring jazz, country, rock, holiday tunes and more. There will also be dancing through the night. Assorted appetizers, a holiday dessert buffet and a champagne toast will be provided: \$40/person or \$75/couple. Seating is limited. Please call 294-6538 today.**

- ◆ **A 50th Anniversary Celebration of the incorporation of Boulder City will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 6 p.m. at the Boulder Dam Hotel. There will be 1960's music and dancing and 1960's attire is suggested. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Boulder Dam Hotel, the Chamber, BCTV and in the City Manager's office.**



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