



## City News For Your Information February 11, 2010

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### Volunteers Needed for Ballot Question Committees

*From Acting City Clerk Lorene Krumm*

The City Council is currently seeking volunteers to serve on various ballot question committees. These Committees will draft the arguments for and against the passage of questions on the election ballot for the 2010 General Election. Committees are needed for arguments pertaining to the following:



1. Expenditures up to \$500,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund, as funds become available, for the purchase of fire and police vehicles.
2. Sale of approximately 45 acres of City-owned land, located adjacent to and east of the Boulder Creek Golf Club, for residential development, with said sale subject to conditions, and the proceeds of said sale used for the following capital expenditures: A. Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds for public safety capital needs; and B. The remainder of the proceeds will first be used to pay Boulder Creek Golf Course revenue bonds, and any remaining proceeds to be used to pay other capital debt obligations of the City.
3. Sale of approximately 30 acres of City owned land, located adjacent to and southwest of the Boulder Creek Golf Club and north of the Boulder City Airport, for commercial development, with said sale subject to deed restrictions, and the proceeds of said sale to be used for the following capital expenditures: A. Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds for public safety capital needs; and B. The remainder of the proceeds will first be used to pay Boulder Creek Golf Course revenue bonds, and any remaining proceeds to be used to pay other capital debt obligations of the City.
4. Shall wind energy research, development and production be permitted activities in the Eldorado Valley Transfer Area outside of the Multi-species habitat Conservation Easement?

Interested volunteers can complete a Volunteer Data Sheet and return it to the City Clerk's office in City Hall, 401 California Avenue, by mail at PO Box 61350, Boulder City NV 89006, by fax at 293-9245, or email at [lkrumm@bcnv.org](mailto:lkrumm@bcnv.org). Volunteer forms are located on our website, or can be picked up at the City Clerk's office.

To review the ballot questions in entirety, please visit our website at [www.bcnv.org/Elections](http://www.bcnv.org/Elections).

Si estan interesados en el servicio en un comite' de la pregunta de la balota, hagan contacto con la oficina de el City Clerk al numero 293-9208.

## **Hero With a Heart**

*From Police Chief Thomas Finn*

On February 5, Boulder City Police Department Auxiliary Officer Ken Christian was selected by the Trauma Intervention Program (T.I.P.) for one of their prestigious "Hero With A Heart" awards. T.I.P. is a national program of volunteers who provide comfort, assistance and compassion to those who suffer a traumatic event, such as the loss of a loved one. As a member of their executive board for the past two years, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the strong commitment the volunteers and coordinators of T.I.P. have toward making the program as successful as it has been. They truly make a difference in the lives they touch.

Every year, T.I.P. honors those individuals identified by police, fire and EMS agencies throughout the Las Vegas Valley, who go above and beyond to make their community a better place in which to live. The awards can be for one particular heroic event or they can be for an ongoing service provided by the nominee.

Previous "Hero With a Heart" award recipients from Boulder City include Lt. Dan Jennings for his officer-involved shooting in South Carolina, and Officer Robert Woolsey for his many years of volunteer service to the Special Olympics Program. The awards are presented during a formal luncheon at the Orleans Hotel/Casino. This year's luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 16.

Ken is a retired airline pilot and has been an auxiliary officer with the department since January of 2007. He volunteers a tremendous amount of hours to the department and never turns down a request for assistance. He has helped renovate the dispatch break room, including making numerous trips to the city landfill with his personal vehicle. He assisted in unloading and setting up new furniture for the 15 newly-renovated offices in the upper level of the police department, and he helps frequently with traffic control at accident scenes when riding with patrol officers. Ken voluntarily drove Craig Tomao to his doctor's appointments and to and from his light-duty work assignment during the months when Craig could not drive himself. He is the first person to step forward when any PD employee needs transportation or assistance, and he helps out in dispatch when emergencies arise that overwhelm the dispatchers. Ken's "can do" attitude is contagious and I've noticed that whenever he is around the station, the mood and spirit of cooperation improves dramatically.

Ken is a tremendous asset to the police department, and his contributions have a direct and very positive impact on the quality of service we provide to the residents of Boulder City. He is one of the most active auxiliary officers in the department and is so very deserving of T.I.P.'s "Hero With A Heart" award. Please join me in congratulating Ken on being selected by T.I.P. as a Hero With A Heart!

## **Animal Shelter to Use Solar Energy**

At the February 9 City Council meeting, members approved going forward with the contract to Conti Solar Green Energy to design and build a solar array on the roof of the Animal Shelter. Cost of this design-build project will be \$32,645. Conti Solar Green Energy estimates that it will generate 7,531 kilowatt hours of electricity per year and the Animal Shelter's use in 2009 was 63,280 kilowatt hours. The solar array will thus contribute approximately 10% of the animal shelter's electric use.

The power generated by the solar array will help to reduce the Animal Shelter's yearly power bill. Conti Solar did an average cost savings estimate for an average commercial building in Southern Nevada with this size of a system and estimated a savings of approximately \$904 per year.

This project is being funded by the Utility Fund and will add solar, "green", energy to the City's electric portfolio.

Staff anticipates the project to take approximately four months to complete. The design build-team has 30 days to complete their design and obtain a building permit and then 90 days to construct the array. Actual construction time is much shorter than 90 days but ordering and receiving the PV panels takes time. Staff anticipates the array being operational by June 2010 if not sooner.

## **RTC's Club Ride Program**



The City of Boulder City has been a member of the RTC's Club Ride Program since 2001, and we have been quite successful in increasing membership throughout the community each year. Club Ride is a free program that works to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality and mobility by helping commuters find a better way to get to work.

Since automobiles produce 85% of the Valley's carbon monoxide emissions, in addition to other smog-forming pollutants, it is important to do what we can to use alternative means of transportation to and from our jobs.

Club Ride works with employers and commuters throughout the valley to establish custom commute options programs and get commuters to try new modes for getting to work. Here in Boulder City, we have a number of folks who walk and bike to work. By using these alternatives to get to work, Club Ride members save money, reduce wear and tear on their personal vehicle, reduce pollution/carbon footprint, help to improve traffic congestion and earn cash and prizes through the Club Ride Rewards Program. Since Boulder City has been a member of Club Ride, participants have won hundreds, if not thousands of dollars worth of prizes and gift cards. It does pay to be a Club Ride member.

Whether you work in Boulder City or in the Valley, please give me a call at 293-9358 or send me an e-mail at [pio@bcnv.org](mailto:pio@bcnv.org) if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Club Ride Member.

## **Gateway Sign Update**

The proposed "Welcome to Boulder City" sign, which, as you enter Boulder City, will be situated on the right side of US 93 a mile east of the Railroad Pass Casino, will welcome drivers entering town from Henderson, Las Vegas and all points north. City staff has received a draft Stewardship Agreement from NDOT to begin this project. Funds for the sign come from the Redevelopment Agency, \$50,000 and NDOT, \$50,000. The project should be completed in 2010.

Staff met with NDOT on January 12, 2010 to go over the draft agreement. The only concern which may delay the schedule and increase cost is the amount of environmental work that may be associated with the project. City staff inquired with NDOT on January 27 regarding the status and was promised a final agreement before the end of February.

## Grant Funds Still Available for Young Swimmers

Grant funds are still available for the swimming sessions at the BC Pool for youngsters ages six months to four years. These funds are made available through the Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council (SN-ICC).



Class days are Monday and Wednesday from 12 noon – 12:45 p.m. and the average cost is \$38 per month. You and your child can attend two sessions FOR FREE by applying for the SN-ICC Grant. This program is administered on a reimbursement basis. Reimbursement is based on participation, not performance.

This program emphasizes water safety, fun in the water and swimming readiness. Parents assist their children while learning elementary water skills. Songs and games make the water a great place to be. To register, call 293-9286 today!

## Social Security Column

From Rita Meier, Nevada Public Affairs Specialist

If you've been thinking about applying for *extra help* with your Medicare prescription drug costs, then now's the time to get on the dance floor and hop to it.

Chubby Checker, the Grammy Award winning rock and roll legend most known for his hit, "The Twist," has teamed up with Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, to tell people about a new "twist" in the law. The change in the law makes it easier for people with Medicare to qualify for *extra help* with their prescription drug costs.

"The changes in the Medicare law will allow hundreds of thousands of Americans who are struggling to pay their prescription drug costs to get *extra help* during these tough economic times," said Commissioner Astrue. "I am thrilled that Chubby Checker has volunteered to help us spread this important message through a new television, radio, and Internet spot as well as pamphlets and posters."

"Listen up, America! For 50 years, people of all ages and backgrounds have danced the Twist," Chubby Checker said. "Now it's important everyone learn about this new twist in the law. Check it out at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)."

There are income and resource limits a person needs to meet to qualify for the *extra help*. But the new Medicare law eases those requirements in two ways:

- The cash value of life insurance no longer counts as a resource; and
- Assistance people receive from others to pay for household expenses, such as food, rent, mortgage, or utilities, no longer counts as income.

A bonus "twist" is that the application you file for *extra help* can now start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs as well — state programs that provide help with other Medicare costs. These programs help pay Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums. For some people, the Medicare Savings Programs also pay Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) premiums, if any, and Part A and B deductibles and co-payments.

To learn more about the *extra help* program and to view the new television spot featuring Chubby Checker, visit Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp). This spot also airs throughout the day on Boulder City's BCTV.

## Free Tax Preparation Training



Volunteer tax preparers are wanted! Learn more about tax returns and help yourself while helping others. Join the Boulder City AARP Tax Team for this free tax prep training. Call Jack Edwards at 300-6187.

## Boulder City Senior Transit Available To All

Boulder City Senior Transit serves the community's seniors and the general public of Boulder City. This service is provided by Silver Rider Transit in cooperation with the Senior Center of Boulder City, 813 Arizona Street.

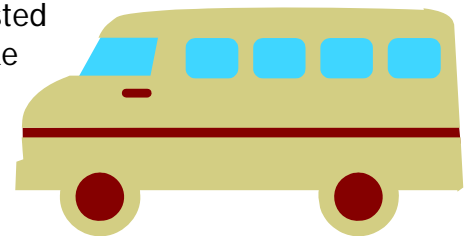
Shuttles run Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by calling 610-9823. After business hours, the following numbers are available: AM Shuttle: 278-4310 for service between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Mid Day Shuttle: 279-9435 for service between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Evening Shuttle: 236-5148 for service between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Weekend Shuttle: 279-9435 for service on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday service between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Boulder City Senior Transit is available to take residents to doctor appointments, shopping, pharmacies, local functions and worship service. Transportation is provided as far as the Hacienda Hotel and Railroad Pass.

When scheduling a ride, you will need to provide a pick-up address and phone number, as well as a drop-off address and a phone number for that location. This information is important in case there are any unforeseen changes in scheduling while the bus is en route.

Information on transportation fees for the general public and suggested donations for senior will be available when you call 610-9823 to make your reservations.

The Boulder City Senior Transit offers door-to-door service, wheelchair accessibility, certified drivers, sanctioned by the National Safety Council and seatbelts and safety rails.



Bus passes for this service are available and may be purchased from the Silver Rider representative at the Senior Center or from any Silver Rider driver.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dam Short Film Festival takes place through February 13 at the Boulder Theatre. Tickets are \$5 per program and may be purchased at the door. For further information, call 447-4747 or go to [www.damshortfilm.org](http://www.damshortfilm.org).
- ◆ Boulder City Circle presents a Valentine Concert on Saturday, February 13 at Grace Community Church. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Emergency Aid of Boulder City. Call Plaza Realty at 293-2440 for tickets.
- ◆ Third Thursday at the Museum takes place on February 18 at the Boulder Dam Hotel in the Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum Theatre on the second floor of the hotel. Doors open at 6 p.m. This month's speaker is Professor Michael Green of the Community College of Southern Nevada. Professor Green will discuss "Boulder City and the Civil War Era?" Well, sort of. During the 1850s and 1860s, Boulder City didn't yet exist, but the land was part of two territories with separate connections to the Civil War. This land would become part of Nevada. Professor Green will talk about this era and its short-term and long-term impact. He will also discuss how it relates to his newest book, Politics and America in Crisis: The Coming of the Civil War. For more information, call 358-8972 or the museum at 294-1988.
- ◆ Community Blood Drive on Thursday, February 25 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the LDS Chapel Gymnasium. For an appointment, please call Lee McDonald at 795-8335. All donors will receive a voucher for two tickets to see "V" the Ultimate Variety Show at the V-Theatre.
- ◆ Thursday, February 25 from 3:45 p.m. until 8 p.m., the Senior Center will host the AARP Safe Driving Course for those 55+ at the Senior Center, 813 Arizona Street. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP members. Space is limited. Call 293-3320.
- ◆ Saturday, February 27 at 6 p.m. the Senior Center of Boulder City presents a fundraiser, an evening of love songs and standards from the Frank Sinatra Era. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$12.50 for Senior Center members. Tickets are on sale now at the Senior Center. For further information, call 293-3320 or go to the website at [www.seniorcenterbouldercity.org](http://www.seniorcenterbouldercity.org).
- ◆ Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m., the Bluegrass Gospel Express performs a free concert at Faith Christian Church, 1100 Buchanan Boulevard.
- ◆ Volunteer tax preparers are needed for the Boulder City AARP Tax Team. Learn more about your own tax return while helping others. Free tax preparation training is provided. Call Jack Edwards at 300-6187.
- ◆ Save the date: Friday, April 9, 2010 for the "Heart of the Community Gala" to benefit the Boulder City Hospital Foundation. Event will be held at the Boulder Creek Golf Club Pavilion from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Special Guest Emcee will be Sue Manteris from Channel 3 and there will be a live auction hosted by Christian Kolberg. Tickets can be purchased on line: <https://clients3.bannerview.com/~bch/community-gala/> or by calling the foundation office at 293-0214.

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