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Generous Gift Given to the BC Fitness Center

Just recently, Dave Ward, a patron of the BC Fitness Center, showed his appreciation for the facility, as well as his generosity, by donating two flat screen televisions, a 42" and a 46" for the use of all center patrons. Dave is the operations manager at RC Willey in Henderson. According to Fitness Director Marcie Gibson, "They [the big screen TVs] have added so much to the Fitness Center and can be watched from almost anywhere in the facility. We would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to him and his company. We love them!"

Recent Graffiti Incidents: History and Update

From Detective Scott Pastore

On December 30, 2009, individuals used graffiti to deface areas of the historic downtown district and the Skate Park at Veterans memorial Park. Two separate groups of vandals caused significant property damage throughout these areas of the City.

The first incident involved a group of five Boulder City residents who spray-painted graffiti on several structures, including the Skate Park at Veterans Memorial Park, the Boulder City Theater, the office building at 410 Nevada Way and the alleyway between Cherry and Ash Streets.

Detective Scott Pastore, who handles Gang Intelligence and Graffiti investigations for the Boulder City Police Department, determined that the graffiti was not gang related. After receiving a few anonymous tips, Pastore was able to identify the five individuals. The group included one adult and four juveniles. During their interview, each admitted their part in the graffiti spree. The ages of the individuals ranged from 14 to 18 years old. There was no excuse or justification offered by any of them, just apologies.

In working with Boulder City's School Resource Officer David Krumm, the police department learned that these individuals had no prior criminal history and had very few problems in school. Generally speaking, the vandals did not fit the typical profile of those who commit graffiti crimes. In fact, one of the juveniles is in the Delayed Entry Program for the US Army, and he is scheduled to report for basic training in June. The others are involved in sports, and one is looking to become a firefighter. Each of the participants offered to pay for the damage they caused, and all of them offered written apologies to the victims. They all now understand that graffiti is classified as a felony, especially when the damages reach a threshold of \$5,000.

Detective Pastore spoke with the Clark County District Attorney's Office and City Attorney Dave Olsen, as well as Chief Thomas Finn regarding an appropriate punishment. Based on the very limited prior history with these juveniles and their admirable future career plans, Pastore offered several suggestions for punishment. The juveniles attended a seminar titled, "A Life of Crime," on February

11, 2010, which is hosted by the City of Henderson Municipal Court. In addition, they will be charged with injury to property, a misdemeanor, which could result in a fine and/or community service. They will also be paying for the damages and assisting with the clean up of the graffiti. Lastly, they will be writing personal apologies to each of the victims. The District Attorney's Office, City Attorney Olsen and Chief Finn agreed with the proposed sanctions.

One of the juveniles involved in the non-gang related graffiti incident, worked with local resident Jack Gaal who donated his time and equipment to cleaning up some of the graffiti. The young person even paid Mr. Gaal for the cleaning supplies. This young person and others in his group cleaned up a storage (connex) box used for Little League at Veterans Memorial Park and will also be cleaning the mailbox in front of one of the buildings that was defaced.

Regarding the second group of juveniles who caused graffiti damage, Detective Pastore's investigation confirmed that these juveniles had gang relations. The tagged areas were mostly in alleyways around Arizona Street and Avenue M, and it occurred around the same time frame as the other crime spree.

Once again, anonymous tips led Pastore to identify two juvenile suspects. Both juveniles are from North Las Vegas, but they frequently visit Boulder City because of their friendship with several Boulder City youth. The two juvenile suspects have extensive juvenile records and consistently cause problems in school. The investigation is ongoing, and Pastore will be interviewing the suspects shortly. Since their acts were gang related, he will be seeking felony charges against the two suspects, along with a "gang enhancement" for tagging gang-related graffiti.

Boulder City High School High Scalers

The High Scalers, Team 3009, are Boulder City High School students who are developing the skills to solve real problems through participating in building a robot for the annual For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Competition. Team 3009 initially participated in this competition during the 2008-2009 school season where they were chosen as the Rookie All Star Team out of 48 schools in the Las Vegas region.

FIRST Robotics Competition challenges high school students, with the help of professional engineering mentors and volunteers, to design and build unique robots from an identical kit of parts in six week, without instructions. The project introduces students to life skills in the areas of Strategic Planning, Safety, Project Management, Business Plan Development, Finance, Time Management, Engineering, Fabrication & Assembly, Quality Control, Computer Programming, Graphics, Marketing, Public Relations and Communications.

Members of Team 3009 are also motivated to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering while being introduced to mechanics, physics, Computer Aided Design (CAD) drawing and many other disciplines. They also learn fund raising and leadership skills while having fun. Another beneficial part of the program is the opportunity for students to apply for college scholarships awarded specifically to students who participate in the FIRST competitions. During the 2009-10 FIRST season, more than \$11 million in scholarships will be available.

If you would like to help these young people on their way to promising careers, you can do it with an in-kind donation of needed materials, supplies and services or with a cash contribution. Checks can

be made payable to Boulder City High School Robotics and sent to Boulder City High School, 1101 Fifth Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. You can also call Coach John Richner at 592-5589 or Mentor Harold Begley at 306-7731.

Social Security Adds 38 New Compassionate Allowance Conditions Expansion Will Speed Benefits to Thousands of Americans with Disabilities

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, recently announced that the agency is adding 38 more conditions to its list of Compassionate Allowances. This is the first expansion since the original list of 50 conditions - 25 rare diseases and 25 cancers - was announced in October 2008. The new conditions range from adult brain disorders to rare diseases that primarily affect children. The complete list of the new Compassionate Allowance conditions is attached.

"The addition of these new conditions expands the scope of Compassionate Allowances to a broader subgroup of conditions like early-onset Alzheimer's disease," Commissioner Astrue said. "The expansion we are announcing today means tens of thousands of Americans with devastating disabilities will now get approved for benefits in a matter of days rather than months and years."

Compassionate Allowances are a way of quickly identifying diseases and other medical conditions that clearly qualify for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability benefits. It allows the agency to electronically target and make speedy decisions for the most obviously disabled individuals. In developing the expanded list of conditions, Social Security held public hearings and worked closely with the National Institutes of Health, the Alzheimer's Association, the National Organization for Rare Disorders, and other groups.

"The diagnosis of Alzheimer's indicates significant cognitive impairment that interferes with daily living activities, including the ability to work," said Harry Johns, President and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association. "Now, individuals who are dealing with the enormous challenges of Alzheimer's won't also have to endure the financial and emotional toll of a long disability decision process."

"This truly innovative program will provide invaluable assistance and support to patients and families coping with severely disabling rare diseases," said Peter L. Saltonstall, President and CEO of the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD). "On behalf of those patients and families, I want to thank Commissioner Astrue and his enthusiastic team for creating and now expanding a program that will have a direct impact on the quality of life of thousands of individuals."

"The initiative not only assists those whose applications are quickly processed, but also assists those whose applications need more time and attention from SSA adjudicators," said Marty Ford, Co-Chair, Social Security Task Force, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities. "We are pleased to see today's expansion and look forward to working with Commissioner Astrue on further expansion of this decision-making tool and other ways to expedite determinations and decisions for disability claims."

"We will continue to hold hearings and look for other diseases and conditions that can be added to our list of Compassionate Allowances," Commissioner Astrue said. "There can be no higher priority than getting disability benefits quickly to those Americans with these severe and life-threatening conditions." Social Security will begin electronically identifying these 38 new conditions March 1. For more information about the agency's Compassionate Allowances initiative, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

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.

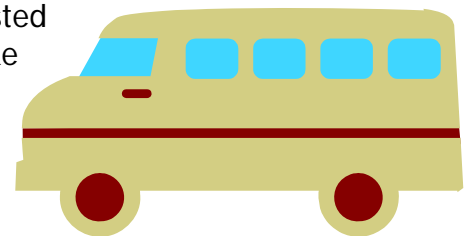
Shuttles run Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by calling 610-9823. After business hours, the following numbers are available: AM Shuttle: 278-4310 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.

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. 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.

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.

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!

Cardboard City

A Community Awareness Event
A Fundraising Event to Support Programs of Family Promise

Save this Date!
Saturday,
April 24, 2010

Clark County School District reports that on a typical day
4,763 of its students are homeless,
1,062 of these students are in high school!

Ideal Civic Activity

For student groups, corporate teams, organizations, faith groups, families,

Launch your Pledge Drive Today!

Call 638-8806 to request a pledge packet

Dine from a soup-line.

Sleep one night in a box.

Tell your friends about this event.

Enjoy entertainment and special guests!

Family homelessness has reached crisis proportions, but with the help of volunteers like so many here in Boulder City, lives can be changed, one family at a time.

What does Family Promise of Las Vegas do? This non-profit group helps families throughout the area transition from homelessness to lasting independence through compassionate guidance, shelter and education. Currently, Boulder City's Grace Community Church serves as site where families are provided a home for a week at various times throughout the year. Volunteers from the church and the community provide evening meals and fellowship to the families during their stay.

About 80% of families completing the Family Promise program successfully secure housing. Family Promise is all about educating people about poverty and the means to combat it. To be a part of the Third Annual Cardboard City Event, please call Terry Lindemann at (702) 638-8806 or email lvihn@earthlink.net to receive your pledge packet and more information.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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.seniorcenterboudercity.org.
- ◆ Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m., the Bluegrass Gospel Express performs a free concert at Faith Christian Church, 1100 Buchanan Boulevard.
- ◆ The Annual BCHS Renaissance Faire takes place March 5-7, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Pratte Field. Call Cathy Strachan at 308-3465 for details.
- ◆ 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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