



## City News For Your Information February 25, 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.

## Financial Support to Boulder Creek Golf Club

At the February 9 City Council Meeting, City Manager Vicki Mayes reported on the financial support given to the Boulder Creek Golf Club since its inception in Fiscal Year 2003. The following are major points of that presentation.

When Boulder Creek began operations in 2003, the City issued \$9.8 million in revenue bonds to fund a portion of the construction costs. \$8.7 million was transferred from the Utility Fund and this amount was formally recognized as a loan by the Council last year.



The City also entered into a lease/purchase agreement for equipment at Boulder Creek amounting to \$3.2 million.

To date, the City has paid \$3,245,438 in bond debt payments as well as \$3,688,500 in equipment lease payments.

\$7,083,865 in debt service has been paid from the City's General Fund from Fiscal Years 2003 through 2009.

Approximately \$1.2 million in Boulder Creek operations was transferred from the City's General Fund in 2004. In total, \$8.3 million has been paid from the City's General Fund to cover operations and debt service at Boulder Creek through June 30, 2009.

Since Fiscal Year 2006, Boulder Creek has been covering its cost of operations and the equipment lease was paid in Fiscal Year 2008. For the past five years, Boulder Creek revenues have covered the hard costs associated with its operation, which includes 2008-09 when revenues declined by over \$1 million. At that time, the City reduced expenses by more than \$1 million to offset the lower revenues.

Revenue bonds were refinanced, which reduced the interest rate on bonds saving \$1.3 million. Total interest expense to date: \$3,705,806.

Utility Fund transfers to the General Fund have been made for more than 10 years before Boulder

Creek was constructed. From 1993-1999, the amount of transfer from the Utility Fund to the General Fund averaged 11%. After 2000, the Utility Fund transfers averaged 10%.

\$12 million in revenue bond payments will continue to be paid over the next 30 years from either Boulder Creek operating revenues or from the General Fund unless there is another plan to retire the debt. Revenue Bonds are an obligation of the City since the City pledged general revenues as security.

\$8.7 million in loan payments to the Utility Fund will continue to be paid over the next 10 years either from Boulder Creek operation revenues or the General Fund.

Revenues from Boulder Creek operations as of June 30, 2009 were \$17,227,341; expenses were \$18,934,461.

Boulder Creek has equipment and other capital needs that must be funded.

Reduced maintenance levels will eventually lead to reduced green fees and impact the overall revenues. Because of this, a long-term plan must include additional allocations for maintenance.

## **Redevelopment Projects**

*From Community Development Director Brok Armantrout*

The Boulder City Redevelopment Agency has been in existence since 1999, when it was established with the goal of halting and reversing the deterioration of the business community and improving the overall quality of life for Boulder City residents.



The Redevelopment Plan does not present a specific plan or establish priorities for specific projects for the redevelopment, rehabilitation and revitalization of any particular area within the Redevelopment Area. Instead, the plan presents a series of ideas and recommendations for revitalization which are designed to stimulate new investment, stabilize the tax base and maintain the viability of existing businesses.

The RDA Program has been hard at work to revitalize the historic business district and is a real success story. The success of these efforts did not come from a single project, or even just two or three, but many projects, both public and private, that have been completed over the past ten years. These projects include:

- Changing the parking from parallel to diagonal, increasing the number of parking spaces for tourists and visitors.
- Improving pedestrian safety at natural crossing points with concrete bumpouts, thus reducing the distance crossing a street.
- Adding trees and other landscape features along Nevada Way and Arizona Street.

- Installation of decorative informational kiosks placed throughout the business district in key locations to direct visitors to points of interest and businesses. A local artist was used in the design of the kiosks.

- Additional diagonal parking was added on Nevada Way in front of the Historic Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Building and Sundial Park.

- A public restroom was constructed at the LADWP.

- The RDA Program fostered the Public Art Program as well as commissioning pieces depicting Boulder City's history placed throughout the historic district.

- Upgraded the street name signs to be reflective of the historic district and create a sense of place.

- Installed decorative tree lighting along the Nevada Way corridor using energy efficient LED lights.

- Installed durable and decorative crosswalk markings in the historic area.

- Participated in the rehabilitation of several key businesses through the RDA grant program.



The RDA Program will be focusing on other commercial corridors to improve the visual appeal of the community and to further foster tourism and attract visitors.



### **Boulder City Pool/Racquetball Complex Cultivating Skills, Fitness and Memories**

*From Sheri O'Berto, Aquatics Coordinator*

While the Boulder City Pool and Racquetball Complex is located in a town of approximately 16,000 people, it can boast of approximately 61,000 users per year and has become a true community gathering place.

From September through May, the facility offers a 25 meter enclosed lap/recreational pool. In the summer months, two additional pools come on line; the enclosure (air support structure) is taken down from the 25 meter pool; and a dive tank featuring 1 and 3 meter diving boards comes on line, as well as a wading pool for youngsters. Staffing these three pools enables the Parks and Recreation Department to provide additional local summer job opportunities for lifeguards and Learn To Swim/Water Safety Instructors. Year 'round, the facility also offers three indoor racquetball/wallyball courts and a dry-land training room.

As part of the City of Boulder City Parks and Recreation Department, the facility's stated mission is "to provide high quality and cost effective recreation programs and activities for all residents". Year 'round swim lessons, both group and private, as well as a Master's Swim Program, draws individuals

of all ages from the Boulder City community. Some residents who live in nearby Henderson and Las Vegas regularly patronize the Complex to beat the crowds and for quality programming.

The Boulder City/Henderson (BCH) Swim team practices year 'round at the facility, and has won the last 11 of 12 Nevada State Short Course Swimming Competitions.

Water Aerobics, Water Therapy, Deep Water Exercise, racquetball clinics, trainings, facility rental for parties, and special event programs round out the offerings.

The pool has become a haven for families and seniors, thanks to its annual Cardboard Boat Races, July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, and ongoing Water Aerobic/Therapy Program. Seniors gather at the pool regularly to work out with close friends and meet potential new acquaintances.

Serving the community is a key focus of the Boulder City Pool and Racquetball Complex. "Our goal is to provide a variety of opportunities for individuals of all ages. When patrons come to our facility, we want them to build skills, relationships and memories that will last them a lifetime. We strive to meet the community's recreation and educational needs in all phases of our operation."

The Complex continues to find new ways to improve attendance and cut costs. For example, it recently purchased a new gas heater, reducing gas costs up to 47%.

Marketing efforts include school fliers, newspaper and TV ads, plus inclusion in the Parks and Recreation Department's bi-annual brochure.

If you are interested in joining a class or participating in a program, but don't want to fully commit until you've given it a try first, then just drop in and see what it is all about. Some classes are set up to allow you to drop in for a nominal fee. To learn more about the Boulder City Pool and Racquetball Complex programs and job opportunities, call (702) 293-9286.

## **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 weeks, 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.

## **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.

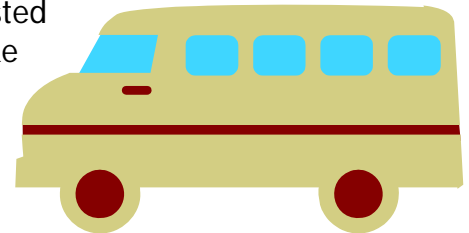
Shuttles run Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. by calling 610-9823. After business hours, the following numbers are available: AM Shuttle: 278-4310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

## **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 Event

On Saturday, April 24, you will have the opportunity to experience what it feels like to be homeless by participating in the Third Annual Cardboard City Event at the Lied Boys & Girls Club, 2850 S. Lindell Road. Stand in a soup line for dinner and sleep in a cardboard box. 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.

**Cardboard City** raises public awareness about homelessness and funds for the programs of Family Promise of Las Vegas, a nonprofit that transitions local homeless families to lasting independence through compassionate guidance, shelter and education. Offering a hand up instead of a hand-out, Family Promise uniquely keeps families with minor children together while enrolled in its comprehensive program.



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 [lvhn@earthlink.net](mailto:lvhn@earthlink.net) to receive your pledge packet and more information.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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.



- ◆ The Annual BCHS Renaissance Faire takes place March 5-7, 2010 at Veterans Memorial Park in Pratte Field. Hours on Friday and Saturday are from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and hours on Sunday are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For further information go to the website at [www.bcrenafaire.org](http://www.bcrenafaire.org) or call Cathy Strachan at 308-3465 for details.

- ◆ Michael Johnson performs on Saturday, March 6 at 4 p.m. in the historic Boulder Theatre. Johnson is best known for his #1 hit song "Bluer Than Blue." Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Boulder City Ballet Company. Call Amy Arnaz at 293-1161 for tickets.
- ◆ The Annual Celebrity Dog Walk takes place in Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. To register for this event, call Margaret Kolar at 293-6285.
- ◆ 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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