



## City News For Your Information January 25, 2010

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### **Boulder City To Provide Residents with Easy-to-Use Program That Can Help Save Money on Prescription Drug Purchases**

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Boulder City will soon introduce a program that will provide its residents with a new tool that can provide some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. The city is making free prescription drug discount cards available to city residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

Available in February 2010, the discount cards may be used by all residents of Boulder City and has no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at pharmacies around the city, as well as at more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

"In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, the NLC prescription discount card will offer significant savings on the purchase of prescription medications for our residents," said Rose Ann Miele, the City Public Information Officer. "Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition."

NLC and Boulder City are able to make these money-saving cards available to city residents at no cost to the individual. A future announcement will provide information on how and when residents may obtain the cards.

"Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use," said Miele. "Boulder City residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and city residents and their family members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance." The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

**About The National League of Cities** The National League of Cities (NLC) is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans. To learn more about NLC, go to [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

## Utility Rate Increase

The electric rate increase passed by the City Council became effective on all billings rendered by the Utility Office that have a billing date of January 1, 2010 or later. If you have any questions regarding the impact this increase will have on your utility bill, please feel free to contact Jim Petrie, Utility Supervisor, at 293-9240. He will be able to show you how much your bill will increase on a monthly and yearly basis

### RESIDENTIAL RATES

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
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.

<u>Persons In Household</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
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](http://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**

As of 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.

## **Discussion of Hemenway Valley Roadway Alternatives at the February 9, 2010 City Council Meeting**

At the February 9, 2010 City Council Meeting, the Hemenway Valley roadway alternatives will be an item for discussion by the City Council. The Council will also give staff direction on how to proceed regarding the alternatives. The Council has discussed this item previously, and a meeting was held on October 21 for further input from residents.

At the October 21 meeting, Public Works Director Scott Hansen presented various alternatives for an access road, which would give residents an option for ingress and egress without using US 93 in the steep reach of highway where speed limits are 45 miles per hour. A short presentation of these alternatives continues to air on BCTV.

Hansen explained that it is unlikely that a bypass would be built within the next 30 years, and building an overpass or a frontage road adjacent to US 93 is highly unlikely due to the expense involved and no funding source readily available.

Without a bypass in the near future, no overpass or frontage road, and no funding source readily available, one alternative is to construct a road near the animal shelter on Yucca Street that would follow the existing high voltage transmission lines to Marina Drive where an access road would tie in.

The Hoover Dam Bypass bridge will be open later this year. Whether or not a second access into Hemenway Valley is built will be discussed and direction will be given to staff by the City Council on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

## **Pet Licenses**

Pet licenses may be purchased at the City Utility Office on the lower level of City Hall. One year license for a spayed or neutered pet is \$4.00. A two-year license is \$8.00. Please bring with you a current rabies certificate. Late fees apply to all licenses purchased after January 28, 2010.

## **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.

## Notice to Permit Holders Regarding Scheduling Inspections

The Building Department has instituted a new policy for scheduling inspections for your project.

Effective Immediately, all inspections will be scheduled by one of the two following methods:

- 1) By sending an email to: [buildinginspections@bcnv.org](mailto:buildinginspections@bcnv.org) *OR*
- 2) By calling and leaving a voice message at: **(702) 293-9327**

Deadlines for Scheduling Inspections	
To schedule an inspection for:	Please <b>email or call by 3:30PM</b> on:
Monday	Thursday of the previous week
Tuesday	Monday
Wednesday	Tuesday
Thursday	Wednesday
To schedule a <i>special</i> inspection for:	Please email or call by <b>12PM</b> on:
Same-day*	Same-day

*\*Note: Same-day inspections are available for an additional fee of \$85.00*

## What to Include in Your Inspection Request

- Address to which the permit was issued
- Permit number
- 3) Inspection type
- 4) Day you would like the inspection
- 5) Contact name and phone number



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## Boulder City Municipal Airport



The airport now has two paved run-up areas! The run-up areas are extremely important during those times when an aircraft might veer off the taxiway. The new run-up areas are located on Taxiway "A" and the far west end of Taxiway "D". These new paved areas are complete with outer boundary marking lights, blue elevated edge lights and four inches of asphalt that will be able to handle the weight of any aircraft based on the airfield or those likely to visit our airport. The final painting of these areas will be completed at the same time as the main runway, which should happen at the end of this month, weather permitting.

### Reporting a Problem

Have you seen a malfunctioning or burned out streetlight? Want to report a problem with a City sidewalk or street? These and other problems can be reported to the City's Public Works Department simply by going to the City website at [www.bcnv.org](http://www.bcnv.org), click on the Department drop down menu and go to Public Works. There you will see a red tab "Report a Problem." Then click on the particular problem and it will be sent to the appropriate division within Public Works.

### Hansen Elected Chairman/President of the Southern NV Chapter of the American Public Works Association

At a recent American Public Works Association (APWA) conference, Public Works Director Scott Hansen was elected Chairman/President.

The APWA holds monthly luncheon meetings for the membership where educational speakers are featured. The President presides over quarterly board meetings for the Southern Branch Board, oversees treasurer's reports and coordinates the monthly luncheon meetings. The president also attends the quarterly State Board meetings, paid for by the State Chapter.

According to Hansen, about 100 members attend the monthly meetings where speakers discuss massive public works projects like the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge or City Center and a variety of other topics. The group also does charity work and gives scholarships. The APWA also paid to relocate an old cottage to the Springs Preserve and soon will be furnishing the cottage with items from that era.

According to Hansen, the APWA provides “great opportunities to achieve the Professional Development Hours that are required to maintain my professional engineer's license at a very reasonable cost.”

Regarding his new position as president, Hansen added, “I think the biggest benefit for me is getting to build positive relationships with other engineers in the valley and learn how they have tackled problems. Sometime I feel like Boulder City is isolated and the only engineer I have to discuss project issues with is Jim (Keane). It is nice having a resource of very talented people in the Vegas area, not to mention all of the great information APWA national has available to its members.”

## **Hoover Dam Bypass Update**

According to the “Hoover Dam Bypass Update” issue No. 18 of January 2010, “The twin-rib arch, one element in the 1,900-foot-long Colorado River Bridge, is complete. . . . The Colorado River Bridge (Mike O’Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge) is expected to be fully complete by September 2010 and the project remains on budget at \$240 million.”

For more information on this project or to subscribe to the “Hoover Dam Bypass Update,” go to [www.hooverdambypass.org](http://www.hooverdambypass.org).

## **Upcoming Activities, Events and Meetings**

- ◆ The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held on Monday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.
- ◆ The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the large conference room of City Hall.
- ◆ Mayor Roger Tobler delivers the State of the City Presentation on Thursday, January 28. A social hour begins at 5 p.m. and the Mayor’s presentation begins at 6 p.m.
- ◆ The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dam Short Film Festival takes place February 10-13 at the Boulder Theatre. Tickets are \$5 per program and may be purchased at the door. A 4-day pass will also be available for \$50. For further information, call 447-4747 or go to [www.damshortfilm.org](http://www.damshortfilm.org). This week on BCTV, a smattering of what the film festival is all about airs at 5:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Donate your used holiday cards to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children through February 28, 2010. For further information, contact Sarah Sheehan, Director of Communications and Events, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 702-294-7102 or go to [www.stjudesranch.org](http://www.stjudesranch.org).

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