

Events

*The St. Jude Gift Shop will be open each Saturday through August 22 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Live entertainment from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Lots of fantastic bargains. Call Deborah Scott at 294-7142 for details.

*The American Cancer Society sponsors a Cancer Resource Center in the Boulder City Hospital Foundation Office, 999 Adams Boulevard, Suite 106 on August 11 and August 25 between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon. Available are free support services, supplements, transportation assistance, wigs and prosthetics for cancer patients and their families. For further information, call Erika at 891-9006, Emma at 891-9016 or Jennifer at 891-9008.

*The Boulder City Neighborhood Community Emergency Response Team (BCNCERT) sponsors an Emergency Preparedness course beginning September 22, 2009. There will be six classes, each lasting three hours, each Tuesday from Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, to be held at the Senior Center of Boulder City. Call 294-1136 to register.

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From the Public Information Office

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Citizen's Academy XXIII—The Boulder City Police Department will once again sponsor the Citizen's Academy beginning September 10 and continuing each week through November 12, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Fire Department Training Room. The Academy is a wonderful way to show citizens how the police department works and what officers do on a daily basis.

Some of the topics included in this year's academy are criminal and traffic law, drugs and DUI, firearms, crime scene investigations, domestic violence and forensic techniques. The Academy is offered at no cost to Boulder City residents, 18 years of age or older. There are no physical requirements for this course. Applications are available in the lobby of the police department and on the city website, www.bcnv.org. For further information, you can call Lead Dispatcher, Tina Ransom at 293-9258. Applications will be accepted through September 1, 2009.

Boulder City Senior Transit—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.

We're on the Web:
www.bcnv.org

City Meetings and Information

City Council meetings for the month of August take place on August 11 and August 25 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 401 California Avenue.

The Planning Commission meets on Wednesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on Monday, August 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Historic Preservation Committee meets on Wednesday, August 26 at 7 p.m. in the large conference room of City Hall.

City Council Meetings and Redevelopment Agency Meetings can be viewed anytime on the City website, www.bcnv.org by clicking on "City Council Video Channel" on the home page.

City Department Cost Savings Actions—Yes, economic conditions are challenging, but City staff have examined their individual department budgets even more scrupulously than usual to insure they get the best value for the dollar during these demanding times. Here are some of the cost saving ideas they have instituted.

In the Fire Department, it is customary practice to contact numerous vendors for the best pricing. During this budget year, the FD searched even more diligently for the best prices. For example, the smoke detectors given to senior citizens and installed by the firefighters were found on-line from the manufacturer at less than half the cost previously paid. The light bulbs used on the detectors were found at an on-line vendor at a significant savings over the cost quoted by a local supplier.

The Fire Department has also developed a very detailed budget tracking system, which can find errors in payments and receipts so corrective action can be taken. This is also an excellent way to double check entries between departments.

In the Street Department of Public Works, staff did extensive research and brought the price of traffic cones from \$10 each to \$7 each and barricade prices came down from \$87.50 each to \$67 each. Total savings on the cones during the past fiscal year was approximately \$600, and savings on the barricades came to approximately \$2,050. In another area of Public Works, the department saw a savings on \$3,840 in fuel prices from November of 2008 through June of 2009.

The Street Department has been able to add the City to a bid with the Las Vegas Valley Water District to purchase diesel and biodiesel fuel. This has resulted in a saving of 49 cents per gallon of fuel since November of 2008.

In the Police Department, staff taught a number of classes in the Boulder City Law Enforcement Academy 80 Hour In-Lieu Equivalency Training Program right here in Boulder City so that Officers Ashby and Henke were able to obtain their certification locally instead of traveling to Carson City for this training. By doing this, approximately \$3,000 was saved. An additional benefit to this in-town training was that the officers received training during the first five hours of a work day and then were able to patrol the streets for the remaining hours of their shift. Patrol time would have been lost had these officers been in Carson City.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)-While many of you may be familiar with GIS, the following is information from the City's GIS/IT Specialist David Stegmaier to show you how the City uses this technology to assist with City functions.

The City of Boulder City uses GIS to create Fire Maps, maps of the area of Cascata for emergency vehicle access/routes for the Police Department, to map areas for reference and potential hazardous areas, base maps for dam emergency scenarios, maps for the street sweeper routes and maps for traffic signs to be used during events and street projects.

Public Works has used GIS to assist them in planning with many large scale projects so that all teams working on such a project will know exactly where the other team is in their work. GIS has also been used to communicate the limits of effluent channels with Clark County.

The City's Information Technology Department uses GIS to assist with mapping the wireless network that is used by City facilities and by the Police Department in the area of Public Safety. Community Development uses GIS for land use and zoning and for airport management. City shops uses GIS to help manage their water and sewer infrastructure.

For more information about the City's GIS, visit <http://www.bcnv.org/maps/> or <http://www.bcnv.org/gis/>. Address maps are available at <http://www.bcnv.org/gis/AddressMaps.asp>.