



Parking Enforcement

On June 1st, the Boulder City Police Department will transition from *educating* the public about the City's parking ordinances to *enforcing* violations observed by officers. For several months, officers have informed violators of the ordinances in order to gain voluntary compliance. Except in those rare instances where officers had to issue citations to violators, they have notified the registered owners of illegally parked vehicles and requested the vehicles be moved to the "contiguous" areas in front of their homes. At its April 8th meeting, the City Council requested the police department shift its parking ordinance strategy from education to enforcement. It was agreed that June 1st would be the day enforcement would begin.

Despite this transition, officers will not "blindly enforce" the ordinances. Just as they do with other City ordinances and the Nevada Revised Statutes, officers will use discretion to determine if a warning is appropriate or a citation is necessary to ensure future compliance. Regardless of the approach taken, the purpose is to ensure legally parked vehicles. Public safety is the overarching goal of parking regulations, and the police department will do whatever necessary to achieve that goal.

All City parking ordinances can be accessed on the City's website at www.bcnv.org. At the top of the screen click on *Resources*, then *City Codes*, then *Title 10* and *Chapter 6*.

Residents observing illegally-parked vehicles can call the Traffic Safety Bureau at 293-9272, or email the Bureau Commander, Sgt. James Reed at jreed@bcnv.org. Please leave a message and the complaint will be investigated. Residents leaving their contact information will be apprised of the result of the investigation. This is a clear example of how community

policing can address public safety issues by having the police department and residents work collaboratively to improve safety for everyone.

Tentative Budget

From City Manager Vicki Mayes

The recommended tentative budget was presented to the City Council at the April 8th Council meeting. For the next fiscal year, projected revenues are estimated to increase by \$400,000. This leveling of revenues is due to several factors: the leveling of the consolidated sales tax and no significant new lease revenues on the horizon. Approximately \$160,000 in new lease revenues is projected to come from the Motocross lease, the Greenheart Aerial Trails Project and Hawthorne Suites. The budget anticipates a 1 1/2 cent increase per \$100 valuation in property tax. This would increase the City's property tax levy from .2038 to .2188 per \$100 in valuation. State caps on property taxes would abate much of the increase to current property owners; current property owners are likely see about a 2 1/2 to 3% increase in their property tax bills.

In order to balance expenditures with revenues, I recommended denial of more than \$2.7 million in department funding requests, which included 15 new positions. Of these 15, two were recommended for approval and one existing position was eliminated. The two additional positions funded were a new court clerk, which is to be funded through additional court revenues and a network specialist.

General Fund operating expenditures were projected to be about \$24 million, an increase of slightly less than 8% when compared to FY 2007-08. Most of this increase is attributed to salaries and negotiated settlements with collective bargaining units. Ending fund balances are projected to be down just slightly,

when compared to FY 2007-08 to about \$5 million.

The City Council received my recommendations and trimmed another nearly \$175,000 from the budget, primarily by reducing travel and training budgets by 10% across the board.

Utility rate increases have been recommended to cover the costs of capital projects at the wastewater treatment plant and water conversions from potable to raw water. The tentative budget anticipates additional revenue to be derived from a \$5 sewer service charge increase and a 10% water rate increase. These increases would cover the costs of some of the water and wastewater capital projects but NOT cover the costs associated with the debt incurred from the third intake project. Future rate increases or additional revenues would be needed to cover the cost of this approximately \$20 million project which would result in an additional \$1.6 million annual debt service. The City Council approved placing a ballot question on the November election that would authorize the sale of up to 46 acres of land in the industrial area to help offset a portion of the cost associated with this project.

I believe Boulder City faces the same challenges as most other local governments: the leveling of revenues combined with increased costs to provide services. If Boulder City desires to maintain its existing service levels, more revenues must be generated. There is a bright spot, however, in that Boulder City has a tremendous opportunity for generating new revenues through leasing property in the energy zone for solar development.

From the Parks & Recreation Department—Language Summer Camps



Two Language Summer Camps will be held Monday–Thursday this summer at the Art Center in ABC Park. Spanish classes are June 9-12 or July 7-10. French classes are June 16-19 or July 14-17. Fee for each class is just \$22. Conversational classes are geared for youngsters ages six and older. Level I is held from 10-11 a.m. and Level II is held from 11-12 noon. There is also a beginner class for youngsters ages 3-5 where they learn to say the basics using color, numbers and favorite animals. This class runs from 9-9:45 a.m. Classes are taught by Beatrice Werner who speaks five language and has extensive experience teaching students of all ages. Registration can be completed prior to the class through the Parks & Recreation Department, 293-9256.

Tree City USA Celebration in honor of Arbor Day

On April 23, 2008, the fourth graders from Debbie Cattoir's class and students from Miss Waldron's class helped the City's Public Works Department and Parks & Recreation Department plant a Raywood Ash tree in Broadbent Park in celebration of Arbor Day. Each student took a turn at placing dirt around the new tree while under the watchful eye of members of the Landscape Division. This planting secured Boulder City's place for the coming year as a Tree City USA, an honor the City has had in the past. The Tree City



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Greenheart Aerial Trails

The Greenheart Aerial Trail System is still under construction at Bootleg Canyon, but as this publication is being printed, three sections of the trail have been completed with only two more to go.

Near the middle of May, if not sooner, Greenheart is proposing a "soft opening" on two sections of the system.

The aerial trails will give each rider the thrill of soaring from the summit of Red Mountain in Bootleg Canyon Park on Nevada's first ever flightline adventure. Riders will experience breathtaking views as well as taking an interpretive journey over the desert ecosystem led by one of Greenheart's eco-tourism guides.

The entire tour will cover 1.56 miles of flightline trails and lasts approximately 2.5 hours from start to finish.

Greenheart representatives met with Parks & Recreation Director Roger Hall and Community Development Director Brok Armantrout to discuss the location of the new visitor's center in Bootleg Canyon Park. What's in store for this visitor's center? Ian Green, President of Greenheart, is designing the new center with hopes of incorporating solar and wind green technologies.

This photo shows one of the many magnificent views to be seen from an aerial trail.

