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You are now able to watch City Council meetings at any hour of the day or night right on your computer. Not only are meetings just a click away, you can also view a particular agenda item number, or move from item to item.

From the home page of www.bcnv.org, you can watch for the City Council banner and simply click there to go to the page with the City Council meetings and agendas, or you can click on the City Clerk's pages or the City Council pages and click on the video camera on the left-hand side of each page.

If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk's office at 293-9208 or the PIO's office at 293-9358.

Solar Technology Center

In May of 2001, the City of Boulder City entered into an agreement with Nevada Test Site Development Corporation (NTSDC) to promote research and development of solar technology. Per the agreement, the City is providing land in the energy zone for a project known as the Solar Technology Center at a lease rate of \$1 per year. The City is not committed financially in any way to this project.

The most recent City Council action regarding this project was the approval of an amendment to the agreement on August 12, 2008. This amendment extended the deadline for various items to February 26, 2009.

NTSDC has secured a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the feasibility

study, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA Environmental Assessment), surveying, design, civil engineering, and the modular building design in the amount of \$263,335. Additional funding in the amount of \$480,724 will be allocated for site construction, including fencing, parking lot, septic, and installation of modular building.

The Solar Technology Center will be located on 33 acres on the east side of the Nevada Solar One trough power plant, approximately 17 miles south of the City proper. This facility will act both as an educational outreach area for visitors as well as a research laboratory.

According to the Solar Technology Center Business Plan, the facility will have a modular building with a visitor's center to include looped video on a computer screen, samples of products, a meteorological station, and two or three rooms where visitors can witness on-going experiments being conducted by UNLV graduate students.

The support for the facility and students will initially be from research projects. This support may come from either industry partners or research grants. The operation, site and facility maintenance, personnel costs and research activities will be provided by UNLV throughout the lease period.

Engineering tasking on the project are underway and the NEPA Study has begun. Once this is completed with a satisfactory finding of no significant impact, construction on the site will begin with a projected completion date of July 1, 2009.

Lightning Safety from Fire Fighter Bill Wilson

To protect yourself and loved ones from this serious danger, take the following quiz and learn the facts of lightning safety.

1. What is the most dangerous place to be during a lightning storm? A) Indoors B) Outdoors C) In your car
2. If you are caught outdoors during a lightning storm, what should you do? A) Stand under a tree B) Wait out the storm in an open field C) Neither A nor B
3. When is the lightning “season”? A) Spring B) Summer C) Fall D) Winter
4. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. A) True B) False
5. During a lightning storm, you will be completely safe if you get into any building that has a roof and supports. A) True B) False



Answers:

- 1.) The answer is B. You are placing yourself at risk if you remain outside during a lightning storm. When the sky is full of dark clouds, lightning is seen or thunder is heard, you should move indoors as soon as possible. This will provide you with the most protection possible.
- 2.) The answer is C. Being in an open field leaves you exposed - there is nothing to protect you from the lightning. You become the tallest object in the area, and lightning will be more likely to strike you. However, you also increase the risk of being struck by lightning if you take shelter beneath an isolated tree, which will attract lightning because of its height. If you are put in a situation where you must be outdoors during a lightning storm, the best action to take is to crouch down and cover your ears. This will make yourself a smaller target for the lightning and also minimize hearing damage from thunder.
- 3.) The answer is B. While lightning can occur anytime during the year, it most commonly occurs during Summer months.
- 4.) The answer is A. Lightning can strike as much as 10 miles away from the rain area in a thunderstorm; that’s about the distance that you are able to hear the thunder from the storm.
- 5.) The answer is B. The best shelter during a lightning storm is one that has plumbing and wires that extend into the ground. This is called “grounding,” because electricity will pass through the plumbing and wires into the earth, instead of through you . If a shelter consists of nothing but a roof and supports, it will not provide much protection from a lightning strike. If no grounded buildings are available to you, get into a vehicle with a metal roof.

For more information about lightning safety, contact the Boulder City Fire Department at 293-9228.

Upcoming Events

- * Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Annual Airport Open House takes place at the Boulder City Municipal Airport. The Discover Aviation Air Show is presented by the City of Boulder City, BFE, LLC, Stars and Stripes Air Tours, Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters and Grand Canyon Scenic Airlines. There will be vintage, experimental and general aviation aircraft on display; free aircraft rides from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. for ages 8-17; and refreshments for sale from the BCHS Booster Club. Demonstrations scheduled from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.: SkyDive Las Vegas, Boulder City, formation flying by Boulder City and Southern California pilots, American Warbirds, Carson City, Craig “Brute” Teft, Absolute Aerobatics, North Las Vegas and Richard Brand, Boulder City.
- * Saturday, October 18 at 7 p.m., the Marty Warburton Bluegrass Band performs a free concert at the Boulder City Library Amphitheatre. Boulder City resident George Rhee opens the concert with a guitar performance. Picnic baskets, blankets and folding chairs are encouraged. Sponsored by the City of Boulder City, El Dorado Energy and the Friends of the Arts.