

Activities

- Saturday, Sept. 5 Block Party in Bicentennial Park sponsored by Calvary Chapel takes place from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Call 454-4003 for further info.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. Talk to Police Chief Thomas Finn and Deputy Chief John Chase at Starbuck's in Albertson's Plaza.
- Saturday, Sept. 19 Chautauqua takes place at the Boulder Theatre with performances at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Call 293-0833 for tickets or purchase at the Chamber of Commerce or the Boulder City News Office.
- Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. "Barbershop Twilight on the Green" an evening with Barbershop music sponsored by El Dorado Energy, the City of Boulder City and Friends of the Arts at the Amphitheatre at the Boulder City Library.
- Saturday, Sept. 26 is the Sunrise Rotary WurstFest in Bicentennial Park from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. Proceeds benefit the BCHS Senior All Night Graduation Party.

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NV Energy Increase to Boulder City

At the August 11 City Council meeting, the Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 5451, which approved an agreement between the City of Boulder City, Lincoln County Power District No. 1 and NV Energy for a stipulation regarding the supplemental power service rate filing to be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Ned Shamo, Boulder City's recently retired Electric Utility Administrator, and Tim Shuba, a Washington D.C. attorney specializing in energy pricing issues, spoke jointly on this issue which concerns NV Energy's forthcoming wholesale electric rate increase.

After leaving Boulder City's wholesale power rate untouched for 18 years, NV Energy will soon apply to FERC for permission to bring the rate in line with their actual cost of production. The result will be a 260% increase effective October 1. According to a preliminary estimate by City staff, this would translate into rate increases for residents and businesses in the range of 33% to 40% and would take effect on January 1, 2010.

NV Energy will henceforth adjust the rate annually to reflect changes in production cost. Although these adjustments might eventually lower the wholesale rate, the expectation is that the rate will continue to increase for the foreseeable future.

In exchange for not contesting the rate increase, which, according to Shuba, would probably not be successful anyway, City staff obtained several contract concessions from NV Energy. The most important concession is a provision allowing the City to withdraw from the contract any time after October 2010 with six months notice. This provision will allow the City to switch to other wholesale power providers, which currently offer rates that are about halfway between NV Energy's old and new rates.

As a large part of Boulder City's electric energy is supplied by inexpensive hydro generation, the NV Energy increase will translate to a much smaller, but still significant, increase to city residents and businesses.

To reiterate, according to a preliminary estimate by Boulder City Staff, rate increases will probably be in the range of 33% to 40%, which equates to approximately a two cent per kilowatt hour increase. This increase will take effect on January 1, 2010.

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

City Meetings and Information

City Council meetings for the month of September take place on September 8 and September 22 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 401 California Avenue.

The Planning Commission meets on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on Monday, September 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Historic Preservation Committee meets on Wednesday, September 23 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.

Quest: A Stellar Law Dog with a History

Original Information from Heidi Dahms Foster

Recently, K9 Officer Paul Daly and his companion Quest attended the Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association 2009 conference in Prescott Valley. The two went to the conference in Arizona for Quest to gain yet two more certifications.

Quest and Daly have been working together in Boulder City since 2005. "I worked with her for three or four months, and we became partners in 2005," Daly said. She's nine now and we've been together for four years."

Quest is a slight Springer Spaniel that "drug dealers are fond of laughing at during traffic stops," according to Reporter Heidi Dahms Foster. They laugh until Quest finds their illegal cargo.

Quest came to the Boulder City Police Department after working with two other law enforcement agencies. Quest and the other agencies didn't seem to work out. According to Daly, none of the other agencies understood how to channel her play drive and make her work. Thanks to Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department K-9 and North Las Vegas Police Department K-9 helping Officer Daly and Quest, she has become one of the top narcotic detection dogs in the valley.

Daly said Springers aren't uncommon as narcotics/explosives sniffing dogs in Europe, but folks here in the states often find her amusing when she is out on patrol with him. Quest only weighs 26 pounds and during the winter, she looks like a "Swiffer" mop. During the summer she sports a "high and tight" cut with a Mohawk. At the right is Quest pointing to a container of contraband.



"They laugh, which is fine," said Daly. In fact, at the conference, the audience chuckled as Daly and Quest entered the arena. But Quest ignored it all and speedily located a pound of marijuana in the trunk of a car. Quest was picked out of hundreds of canines to do the public demonstration because of her performance during the certifications.



Daly doesn't mind when people laugh at Quest, even when some of the other officers look a bit bewildered when he comes in with the little brown-eyed dog with a summer shave. Daly knows Quest has the goods and she also puts up with Daly's patrol dog, Barry, a Belgian Malinois.

At the left is Quest, Officer Paul Daly and Barry, a trio to be reckoned with.