



City News For Your Information March 4, 2010

From the Public Works Department

Canyon Road Electrical Replacement – Public Works and Electrical Division crews worked last week on installing electrical conduit on Canyon Road. As part of the agreement with the wind turbine developer, the city will be receiving the power generated by the test facility constructed off the end of Canyon Road.

Crews from the Water and Sewer Division located the existing underground utilities with the use of a vactor truck, which extracts or potholes the dirt in the specific area of the utilities without digging. The Street Division crews excavated the trench and backfilled, and Electrical crews installed the conduit and will pull the new wires.

The existing wire in this area was old, direct bury wire that feeds the city's water reservoirs on Canyon Road and in Bootleg Canyon. Since the existing line was so old and direct bury, the Electrical Division determined that the line needed to be upgraded and installed in conduit to insure its reliability to serve the water reservoirs, neighboring areas and accept the power from the wind turbine. From the end of the road the developer will hire a contractor to install the conduit and line to the test site.

Volunteers Needed for Ballot Question Committees

From Acting City Clerk Lorene Krumm



The City Council is currently seeking volunteers to serve on various ballot question committees. These Committees will draft the arguments for and against the passage of questions on the election ballot for the 2010 General Election. Committees are needed for arguments pertaining to the following:

1. Expenditures up to \$500,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund, as funds become available, for the purchase of fire and police vehicles.
2. Sale of approximately 45 acres of City-owned land, located adjacent to and east of the Boulder Creek Golf Club, for residential development, with said sale subject to conditions, and the proceeds of said sale used for the following capital expenditures: A. Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds for public safety capital needs; and B. The remainder of the proceeds will first be used to pay Boulder Creek Golf Course revenue bonds, and any remaining proceeds to be used to pay other capital debt obligations of the City.
3. Sale of approximately 30 acres of City owned land, located adjacent to and southwest of the Boulder Creek Golf Club and north of the Boulder City Airport, for commercial development, with said sale subject to deed restrictions, and the proceeds of said sale to be used for the

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following capital expenditures: A. Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds for public safety capital needs; and B. The remainder of the proceeds will first be used to pay Boulder Creek Golf Course revenue bonds, and any remaining proceeds to be used to pay other capital debt obligations of the City.

4. Shall wind energy research, development and production be permitted activities in the Eldorado Valley Transfer Area outside of the Multi-species habitat Conservation Easement?

Interested volunteers can complete a Volunteer Data Sheet and return it to the City Clerk's office in City Hall, 401 California Avenue, by mail at PO Box 61350, Boulder City NV 89006, by fax at 293-9245, or email at lkrumm@bcnv.org. Volunteer forms are located on our website, or can be picked up at the City Clerk's office. To review the ballot questions in entirety, please visit our website at www.bcnv.org/Elections.

Si estan interesados en el servicio en un comite' de la pregunta de la balota, hagan contacto con la oficina de el City Clerk al numero 293-9208.

Pavement Reconstruction Project

This project is the repaving of Wyoming Street from Nevada Way to Utah Street, Utah from 6th Street to Adams Boulevard and Nevada Way from Quartzite to US 93. This is an asphalt pulverize and replace project including underground utility replacements, sidewalk, curb and gutter replacements where needed and street light installation. The project is funded using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA or Stimulus) funds, Regional Transportation Commission and Utility funds. The City Council awarded the project to Las Vegas Paving Corporation at the January 26, 2010 City Council meeting.

Las Vegas Paving began work on Monday March 1, 2010. They set up traffic control on Wyoming and Utah to begin removals for one half of each street. They have also begun surveying on Nevada Way from Quartzite Road to US 93 for the improvements on this section. Nevada Way will be widened and have curb and gutter and street lights installed to match the section of Nevada Way uphill from Quartzite.

During this construction period, motorists are asked to slow down in the construction zone, follow all signage and be alert for construction workers. If you notice barricades or cones that have been knocked over, please contact the contractor, Las Vegas Paving, at 251-5800. If you do not receive a response, you may contact the Boulder City Public Works Department at 293-9200, Monday through Thursday.

The contractor is responsible for notifying adjacent property owners and businesses regarding construction activities and what impacts it will have. On street parking will be restricted/prohibited during most of the construction on the streets. The contractor will not be performing any full time closures of any streets during construction. There will be some temporary closures of side streets as construction is performed at intersections. Appropriate flagging or detours will be set up to address these times. Alley access will be restricted to local traffic only. Through access in alleys will be blocked at the construction end but adjacent residents will be able access the alley from the other end. The contractor will coordinate with Boulder Disposal for access for trash and recycling pick up.

Traffic on Wyoming in the area of center medians will be diverted to one side of the road while work is being performed on the other side of the road. These are the last sections the contractor has scheduled to complete. The contract time is 120 calendar days therefore the completion date for the project is June 28, 2010. The contractor has stated that they have scheduled to complete the work in less time.

Spring Break at Safekey

This program is available for youngsters in kindergarten through seventh grade from March 29 through April 2, from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Young people will stay entertained and keep busy with lots of activities including games, arts and crafts, sports, daily special events and more. This program offers supervision and the chance for kids to interact with friends their own age. Fee for the program is \$90. Please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 293-9256 to register.

Boulder City Youth Center



The Boulder City Youth Center was established in 1997. Its purpose is to provide the youth of Boulder City with a safe and fun-filled environment where they can gain purpose and confidence as well as grow socially. There are daily activities to keep the kids busy. Such activities include pool, foosball, air hockey, ping-pong, video games, cards, board games, game competitions, sports activities and fieldtrips. There is also a homework room for those who would like to utilize it, and free tutoring is available.

The Youth Center has joined the Adopt-a-Park program in which the Youth Center has adopted the ABC Park. Since the Youth Center sits in the middle of ABC Park, helping take care of the park teaches the kids responsibly and a sense of ownership as they help keep the park clean and beautiful.

During the school year the Center is open Monday through Thursday from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Fridays 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

During Summer Break and other holidays, the Youth Center is open Monday through Thursday 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. and Fridays 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. The Center is closed on

Saturdays and Sundays and during fieldtrips.

For more information call Debbie Barth, Youth Center Coordinator at 702-491-3679.



Pottery Classes at the Art Center

There are a number of ongoing pottery classes at the Art Center in ABC Park, structured to fit many schedules.

Instructor Craig Corey teaches classes on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Craig graduated from the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles and a Bachelor's degree and has more than 10 years of experience in ceramic art.

Instructor Debbie Hagan teaches classes on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Debbie began working with clay in the 1970s and has taught adults and children for the Department of Recreation in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Instructor Julie Connell teaches classes on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Julie has an AA Degree in art, has taught all ages and skill levels at Reed Whipple Culture Center for the past 13 years.

To register for any of the pottery classes or learn more about offerings at the Art Center, call Coordinator Robin Kariam at 293-1612.



Social Security Column

By Rita Meier, Nevada Public Affairs Specialist

Fast Facts About Social Security

When you think of Social Security, you probably think about a monthly payment for retired and disabled workers. But Social Security has a rich history full of interesting facts. The program has been around for almost 75 years, so there has been ample time to put together a list of fun facts and figures. Here are a few.

Social Security paid benefits to about 55.8 million people in 2008. Fifty-six percent of adult beneficiaries were women.

Here is some trivia about wages over the past few years. In 2007, the average annual wage was \$40,405. In 2008, it went up to \$41,679 (estimated). And in 2009, the average wage was \$42,041 (estimated).

Looking at the average wages, it's plain to see how easy it is to reach your full Social Security credit each year. For example, in 2009, a wage-earner needed to earn and pay taxes on \$4,360 of wages to earn the full four credits of Social Security coverage for the year.

When you retire, you'll fully appreciate just how useful Social Security can be. In 2007, 88 percent of married couples and 86 percent of single people aged 65 or older received Social Security benefits. Social Security was the major source of income (providing at least 50 percent of total income) for 53 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 73 percent of aged single beneficiaries. Social Security made up 90 percent or more of income for 21 percent of aged beneficiary couples and 44 percent of aged single beneficiaries.

New benefits were approved for about 5.1 million people in 2008. Of these new beneficiaries, 44 percent were retired workers and 17 percent were disabled workers. The remaining 39 percent were survivors or the spouses and children of retired or disabled workers.

Then there's Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a program that provides income to needy people aged 65 or older, or who are blind or disabled. Payments under SSI began in January 1974, with 3.2 million people receiving federally administered payments. As of December 2008, the number of recipients was 7.5 million. Of this total, 4.3 million were between the ages of 18 and 64, 2 million were aged 65 or older, and 1.2 million were under age 18.

To learn more, read our online publication *Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security, 2009* at www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast_facts.

Upcoming Events

- The Annual BC Renaissance Faire takes place March 5-7, 2010 at Veterans Memorial Park in Pratte Field. Hours on Friday and Saturday are from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and hours on Sunday are from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For further information go to the website at www.bcrenaissance.org or call Cathy Strachan at 308-3465 for details.



- Michael Johnson performs on Saturday, March 6 at 4 p.m. in the historic Boulder Theatre. Johnson is best known for his #1 hit song "Bluer Than Blue." Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Boulder City Ballet Company. Call Amy Arnaz at 293-1161 for tickets.

- Garrett Jr. HS Bobcats sponsor a two-day basketball tournament at the BCHS gym. This fundraiser benefits the basketball and cheerleading programs. Tournament involves 16 boys and girls teams from southern Nevada. Event dates: March 5 and 6, 2010. Garrett girls play on Friday, March 5 at 3:30 p.m. and boys play at 4:45 p.m. Garrett girls play again on Saturday, March 6 at 9 a.m. and boys play at 10:15 a.m.

- New this season at the Art Center, just in time for Easter, create a "Funny Bunny Bank" on Saturday, March 20 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Art Center in ABC park. Fee is only \$20. Register by March 11, 2010. Call 293-1612 for further details.

- The Annual St. Patty's Day Feast mountain bike event takes place at Bootleg Canyon on March 13-14, 2010. Open to the public from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call Francine Johnson at 273-0537 for details.

- The Boulder City Center of CSN is offering a Job Search Workshop from March 15-19, 2010 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Boulder City location, 700 Wyoming. This is a short term intensive course providing in-depth overview of the job search process and practical applications needed to find a job. Some computer functions will also be offered such as basic internet and MS Word usage. All participants will leave the course having completed a resume and cover letter. The course will also prepare students for a successful interview, networking techniques, conducting a computerized job search and completing an online job application. The program is free for qualified individuals. Call Christine Carroll at 651-4040 for further details.

- The City of Boulder City and the Society for Financial Awareness present a financial education seminar: "Mortgage Strategies in Today's Market" on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, from noon until 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. RSVP to Bryce Boldt at 293-9203 or e-mail bboldt@bcnv.org. In this seminar, you will learn about purchasing your first or second home, refinancing, 100% financing, what are short sales and what to look for regarding foreclosures. This seminar is free and open to the public.

- The Boulder City HS Mens' Golf Team plays Green Valley at the Boulder Creek Golf Club at 3:30 p.m. on March 16, 2010.

- The Annual Celebrity Dog Walk takes place in Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. To register for this event, call Margaret Kolar at 293-6285.

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place on Saturday, March 27, 2010 in Wilbur Square. Visits with the Bunny begin at 9:30 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt for the young ones and pre-schoolers begins at 10 a.m., followed by the hunt for those in kindergarten and first grade. Call Kelle Grube at 293-0189 for further details.



- On Saturday, March 27, 2010, P.E.O. – Chapter K sponsors a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at the Elks Lodge. Event begins with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults

and \$7 for children 12 and under. Live entertainment featuring Phil Esser and Francyl Gawryn of the Boulder City Circle will take place. Lots of raffle prizes. Tickets available on Fridays at the Boulder Dam Credit Union or by calling 218-1355 or e-mail: nikki_carolin@hotmail.com. Proceeds benefit P.E.O. scholarships.

• On Sunday, April 4, 2010, the Boulder City Interfaith Lay council will host the 23rd Annual Easter Sunrise Celebration at 6:15 a.m. at Hemenway Park. Dress warm and bring a chair. Complimentary coffee will be available. For further information, call Goldie at 293-2472 or Fran at 293-1832.



Save the date: Friday, April 9, 2010 for the "Heart of the Community Gala" to benefit the Boulder City Hospital Foundation. Event will be held at the Boulder Creek Golf Club Pavilion from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Special Guest Emcee will be Sue Manteris from Channel 3 and there will be a live auction hosted by Christian Kolberg. Tickets can be purchased on line: <https://clients3.bannerview.com/~bch/community-gala/> or by calling the foundation office at 293-0214.

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