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WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT DIMENSIONS

October 2014

What's Going On In Sun Valley

IMPORTANT DATES

Make A Difference Day

KTMB Clean-Up

Oct. 25, 9 a.m.

115 W. 6th Ave.

www.ktmb.org

Washoe County Commission Meetings

Oct. 28 at 10 a.m.

Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.

Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.

Election Day, Nov. 4 County Offices Closed:

Nevada Day, Oct. 31

Veterans Day, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving, Nov. 27

Family Day, Nov. 28

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

New Year's, Jan. 1

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Dear Sun Valley Residents:

Our continuing goal of the Sun Valley Newsletter is to share community information including upcoming events, services and changes in the County.

On October 25, millions of volunteers across the nation will unite with a common mission – to improve the lives of others in honor of Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of community service. In honor of Make A Difference Day, consider joining Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful at 9 a.m. at the Sun Valley Community Park for a neighborhood clean-up. For more information on this project, please visit www.ktmb.org.

This Veterans Day, November 11, we join our nation in honoring those who serve our country. To support veterans in accessing resources available to them, Washoe County has instigated a Veteran Services program. Two Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) certified by the U.S. Veterans Administration are available to support veterans, their spouses and families. If you are interested in information, please call (775) 328-2575.

Washoe County has a new management team. John Slaughter, County Manager, Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager and Joey Orduna Hastings, Assistant County Manager are all happy to speak with you regarding County and community services. Please feel free to contact our offices at (775) 328-2000 if you have questions for the new team.

Sincerely,

Washoe County

SECOND AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Construction for the Sun Valley Second Avenue Sidewalk Project is scheduled to begin next spring.

Washoe County successfully competed for a Nevada Community Development Block Grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Development for the new sidewalk. Commissioner Jung testified in Carson City on behalf of Washoe County. The awarded grant is about \$205,000 and will pay for part of the construction of 1,200 feet of sidewalk on Second Avenue between Sun

Valley Boulevard and Lois Allen Elementary School. The remainder of the project will be funded by a \$200,000 grant approved by the Regional Transportation Commission.

The goal of the Second Avenue Sidewalk Project is to make sure the sidewalks around Lois Allen Elementary School are safer for children commuting to and from class.

Las versiones en inglés y español de este boletín se encuentran disponibles por medio del Internet yendo a www.washoecounty.us/newsletter.



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NEWS FROM TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE

A SMOKE ALARMS COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) reminds Sun Valley residents that working smoke alarms save lives.

To ensure early detection if a fire breaks out, you should install smoke alarms inside and outside of every bedroom and sleeping area. Test smoke alarms once a month and replace

the batteries twice a year: *Change your clocks, change your batteries.* You should replace all smoke alarms every 10 years. *If you do not have a smoke alarm, you can get one from TMFPD Station 15.*

For more information, please contact 775-326-6000.

OPEN BURNING BANNED

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District reminds residents that there is no open burning allowed within the District. Record levels of low moisture and exceptionally dry vegetation increases the potential for exceptionally hot and threatening fire in our community.

Residents are subject to fines for open burning and burning in a barrel, and can be held financially responsible for any and all incident response as a result of open burning.

Check our website, www.tmfpd.us for information on when burning will be allowed and other opportunities for eliminating excess fuels.



New fire truck coming to Sun Valley!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVE

Creating a healthy relationship between law enforcement and children in our community is important. With that in mind, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) teamed up with the Washoe County School District to launch the Sun Valley Elementary School Initiative about a year ago.

One deputy is dedicated to each school at Palmer, Allen, Bennett and Sun Valley Elementary to help the principals and Washoe County School District Police inform students and staff about the importance of safety. Each Deputy spends a minimum of 12 hours a month interacting with and mentoring

children.

At the beginning of each school year, the Deputy meets with their assigned school Principal to learn about the school's demographics, meet and greet teachers, and discuss their strengths, successes and challenges. After getting a feel for the school, the Deputy and principal come up with a plan to help students and staff. In one school, the Deputy visits classrooms to share safety curriculum. In another, the Deputy spends time with all the children while at recess and lunch and also participates in parent breakfasts.

SUN VALLEY CORRIDOR STUDY

A planning study is looking at how to improve all modes of travel – pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and cars, on Sun Valley Blvd. between Scottsdale Rd. and Highland Ranch Pkwy. ADA improvements are also part of the study.

View information online: www.sunvalleyblvd.com

The study is being completed by the Regional Transportation Commission in partnership with Washoe County, Sun Valley General Improvement District and the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Comments are still being accepted by email to rhanson@rtcwashoe.com

View this newsletter online at www.washoecounty.us/newsletter.



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ELECTION DATES TO KNOW

It is election season! The Washoe County Registrar of Voters manages the election process providing the opportunity for approximately 221,000 registered voters to cast their ballot in Washoe County.

Some important information and dates to remember include:

- Early voting begins Oct. 18 and runs through Oct. 31.
- Early voting in Sun Valley will be open every day (except Tues. and Wed.) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sun Valley Center, 5055 Sun Valley Blvd. #160 near First Ave.
- Need to register or update voter registration? Between Oct. 6 and Oct. 14, registration and

updates can be made in person at the Washoe County Registrar of Voters Office or online using the Secretary of State’s website: www.nvsos.gov.

- Last day to put in a written request for an absentee ballot is Tues., Oct. 28 at 5 p.m.
- Election Day is Tues., Nov. 4. polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You will be receiving a sample ballot in the mail in mid-October. Please review the sample ballot, make your choices and take it to the polls with you.

For more information, contact the Washoe County Registrar of Voters Office at (775) 328-3670 or www.washoecounty.us/voters.

PARK UPDATES

Sun Valley residents will soon see several improvements at local parks. The Board of County Commissioners approved a \$127,018 agreement between Washoe County and the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) for neighborhood park development in Sun Valley. The funds will support a new community building at Gepford Park and future neighborhood park improvements throughout Sun Valley. For information on recreation activities, contact SVGID at (775) 673-2220.

WHAT IS CDBG?

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program develops viable communities by providing housing, suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities for those living in the low to moderate income range. Washoe County is considering projects to submit for state grant applications for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Recent funded projects in Sun Valley include: pool renovations, sidewalks around elementary schools and a new community building at Gepford Park; totaling of over \$1.1 million in just the past six years. Contact Gabrielle Enfield with ideas for future projects or for information at genfield@washoecounty.us or 328-2009.

VETERANS RESOURCES

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) includes two officers (VSO’s) dedicated to supporting veterans and their families. The center in Sun Valley has been conducting outreach at the Senior Center since the beginning of June. The goal is to assist Veterans in their communities in accessing services and payments they are entitled to. They have made contact with 32 Veterans and have written 6 claims. The VRC will continue to provide outreach at the Center. Please see the schedule posted at the center for days and times.

For more information on the VSOs, call Washoe County Senior Services at (775) 328-2575.

DOG PARK?

Share your thoughts on a potential dog park in Sun Valley online through Oct. 31 at www.svgid.com/survey.



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Contact your Washoe County Commissioners at (775) 328-2005. Contact Washoe County at (775) 328-2000. You may also find out more about what's going on in Sun Valley by clicking "What's Happening in My Community" at www.washoecounty.us/bcc



each location, call (775) 331-3663 or check the Kids Cafe page of the Food Bank Web site www.fbnn.org

School is back in session and so is Kids Cafe. Kids Cafe is a program offering free after school meals to children and youth ages 1 to 18, every Monday through Friday. To eat, kids just need to show up and enjoy a free, nutritious meal. There are four locations serving the Sun Valley area: Allen Elementary School, Bennett Elementary, Palmer Elementary School, and Sun Valley Elementary. For specific times when dinner is served at

KIDS EAT FREE AFTER SCHOOL

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