

January Events

"Love Letters," starring Mary Crosby and Desi Arnaz, Jr. takes place Saturday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Boulder Theatre. All seats are reserved. Call 293-1161. Benefits Boulder City Ballet Company.

The Rotary Club of BC hosts a donation drive to benefit the Blind Center of Nevada on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Boulder City Library. Great way to recycle old computers and electronics. Email fcvtr@gmail.com for further information.

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Being Financially Proactive

From City Manager, Vicki Mayes

Through November, the City's main source of revenue, consolidated tax, remained stable and on target with the City's budget projections. Other revenue categories, however, are significantly less than what had been projected in the current budget.

Gravel pit royalties, building permit fees, municipal golf course revenue and recreation revenues were less than anticipated at the close of last fiscal year, June 30, 2008, and remain under budget for this year.

As of December 1, I completed reviewing the City's audited figures for Fiscal Year 2007-08 and came to the following conclusions. Because of these revenue shortfalls, budgets city-wide have been adjusted to reflect the new, lower revenue estimates.

As a part of the reduced spending plan, capital outlay will be deferred, contractual expenditures, travel and training expense and materials and supply expenses will be reduced. The municipal golf course expenditures will be reduced by \$240,000 to reflect anticipated lower revenues. Boulder Creek Golf Club had a 10% reduction in service contract expenses and capital outlay has been delayed. Additionally, nine City positions will remain unfilled until the next fiscal year, July 1, 2009.

The goal for this fiscal year is to balance expenses with the new, lowered revenue streams, so ending fund balances will not be reduced as we enter Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The next fiscal year budget will be challenging in that the City's continuing costs will continue to increase as the revenue streams level.

The City continues to look for new revenue streams so the existing levels of service can be maintained. Seven proposals have been received for solar energy projects, and these proposals are now under staff review. It is planned that the City Council will make an award for new solar energy land leases in January of 2009. Solar energy land leases are the City's single biggest opportunity in developing new revenue streams to balance the City's budget.

In order to be prepared adequately for the upcoming budget, the City Council will hold a Special Budget Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers. Here the Council will have the opportunity to review expenses and revenue in order to effectively present their suggestions for inclusion into the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget.

We're on the Web:
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January 2009 Meetings

- A Special Budget Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers
- Airport Advisory Committee meeting Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- City Council Meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 13 and Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- The Redevelopment Agency Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- The Planning Commission on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- Parks & Recreation Commission meeting Monday, Jan. 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- The Historic Preservation Committee meets on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- State of the City Address Thursday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. in City Hall.

Bench Warrant Amnesty Program

Judge Victor Lee Miller of the Boulder City Municipal Court has announced that the Court is holding a bench warrant amnesty program effective immediately. The program will continue through February 5, 2009.

Anyone with a bench warrant from Boulder City Municipal Court, whether it is for failure to appear or failure to pay fines, can call the court at 702-293-9278 or come to the court counter. The bench warrant fee of \$200 will be waived if the balance of the warrant is paid in full at that time.

Payment can be made in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover card.

The court is located at 501 Avenue G, Boulder City, NV 89005. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Judge Miller encourages anyone who has an active warrant to come in and take care of it now. Not only will you save \$200 or more, depending upon the number of bench warrants you have, but you will no longer have the risk of being arrested and taken to jail. Further information can be obtained by calling the Court at 702-293-9278.

Call Before You Dig

From Public Works Director Scott Hansen

I have always said anytime you do a project that involves digging up the ground, you are bound to find treasures not shown on plans. That is exactly what happened on Elm Street recently. The backhoe operator working for the contractor said he had over 30-years of experience in the construction business and was certain that lines he encountered were gas lines. City Staff notified Southwest Gas and conducted a joint meeting in the field. The lines were not shown on the system map for Southwest Gas, but representatives were fairly sure these lines were abandoned.

As owner and operator of the Electric, Water and Sewer system for Boulder City, staff is responsible for painting the location of our utilities on the street surface, prior to construction projects. Contractors working within the Public Right-of-Way are required to call USA North at 1-800-227-2600 at least 48-hours prior to the beginning of excavation. Complete details can be found at <http://www.usanorth.org/howtocall.php?user=homeowners>.

For the most part, City Staff only marks City owned utilities in the public right-of-way. From the sidewalk to the house is the owner's responsibility.

For excavation work on private property, it is a great idea to review your original house plans to estimate where the utilities cross your yard from the street to your home. If you do not have your house plans, you may be able to locate where the water service enters your home and where your meter is in the sidewalk. This gives you two end points; however, you cannot assume the builder ran the water service in a straight line. Dig with caution.

As you can see from the photograph at the right, one of the 2-inch lines is bent but not broken. The backhoe operator was digging with caution even though there were no utilities marked in the field. When he felt some resistance, he eased off and did some hand digging to expose the utility.

