

## Activities

- Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. Steve March Torme' presents an evening of jazz to honor the life and music of his father, Mel Torme'. Reserved seats are \$35 and benefit the non-profit BC Ballet Company. Performances take place at the Boulder Theatre. Call 293-1161 for tickets.
- Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Frank Crowe Park.
- Dec. 5 is the Doodlebug Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Rec Center. From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. is Santa's Picture Party in Bicentennial Park and at 4:30 p.m. is Santa's Electric Night Parade.
- Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. is the Luminaria and Las Posadas in Bicentennial Park. Live nativity with local entertainment, hot chocolate.
- Dec. 12 the AAUW hold the annual Home Tour from 1 p.m.—4 p.m. Tickets are available at the Boulder Dam Hotel.

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### Update on Access Road Meeting

On October 21, the Public Works Department hosted a town hall meeting to discuss the concept of an access road from Yucca Street to the Hemenway Valley.

Public Works Director Scott Hansen presented various alternatives for an access road into the Hemenway Valley. This roadway would give residents an option for ingress and egress without using US 93 in the steep reach of highway where speed limits are 45 miles per hour.

Hansen pointed out the difficulties and expense of right-of-way acquisition associated with the alternative located between Valencia Drive and St. Jude's Ranch. He explained that it is unlikely that a bypass would be built within the next 30 years, and building an overpass or a frontage road adjacent to US 93 is highly unlikely, again, due to the expense involved and no funding source readily available. Without a bypass in the near future and no overpass or frontage road, the only alternative remaining is to construct a road near the animal shelter on Yucca Street that would follow the existing high voltage transmission lines to Marina Drive where an access road would tie in.

Both Police Chief Tom Finn and Fire Chief Kevin Nicholson expressed their support for an additional access road into Hemenway Valley. Both of them feel they can better serve the residents in the Hemenway Valley when another access is available.

Chief Nicholson was focused on the issues surrounding public safety access. He is aware that once the new bridge over the river opens, the added truck traffic on US 93 will dramatically decrease public safety response times. Moreover, emergency incidents involving hazardous materials or several vehicles along this corridor may totally block current access roads to the area. Knowing that this possibility exists, one can imagine the tragic ramifications of not establishing alternate routes into the Hemenway Valley. Nicholson said, "Keeping this in mind, it is my opinion that a new access road into the Hemenway Valley will allow public safety units the opportunity to provide the level of service that everyone in this area deserves and that efforts to achieve this goal should begin as soon as possible."

The Hoover Dam Bypass bridge will be open within 12 months. Whether or not a second access into Hemenway Valley is built will be placed on a City Council Agenda in the near future so that the members will be able to discuss these options and give direction to City staff.

To check the council agendas, go to the City's website at [www.bcnv.org](http://www.bcnv.org) where you can view the entire packet of material as it becomes available.

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## November Meetings and Activities

City Council meetings take place on Tuesday, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. and Nov. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Planning Commission meets on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Talk to the Police Chief Thomas Finn on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Starbuck's in the Albertson's Plaza.

The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Post 31 presents the World War II film, "Lest We Forget" on Saturday, November 21 at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on Monday, Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The Historic Preservation Committee meets on Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in the large conference room of City Hall.

## Electric Rate Increase

At the October 27 City Council Meeting, the issue of an electric rate was discussed and agreed upon by the Council.

Finance Director Tim Inch explained the increase was necessary because Nevada Energy filed a rate increase with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that would have a financial impact on the Utility Fund of approximately \$3.9 million over the next 12 months. A two-cent per kilowatt hour had been proposed at the October 13 council meeting, but the members wanted further analysis to determine whether a percentage increase across all user levels would be more equitable. Below is the comparison between a two-cent increase and a 35% increase.

Residential	Current	\$0.02 Increase	35% Increase
1-2000 KWH	\$0.0550	\$0.0750	\$0.0743
2001-4000 KWH	\$0.0725	\$0.0925	\$0.0979
4001 up KWH	\$0.0800	\$0.1000	\$0.1080

### Commercial General Service

1-3000 KWH	\$0.0650	\$0.0850	\$0.0878
3001 up KWH	\$0.0735	\$0.0935	\$0.0992

### Commercial Large General Service

All KWH	\$0.0825	\$0.1025	\$0.1114
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It was Director Inch's recommendation to the Council that a 35% increase be adopted to go into effect as of January 1, 2010. When analyzed, this increase is a more equitable distribution across the existing per kWh rate structure. This increase, along with the 3/4 of one cent enacted on July 1, 2009 will provide \$4.4 million in additional revenue over a 12-month period. It has been determined that the projected amount of revenue from the July 1, 2009 increase will be short by \$700,000, which will leave the City with \$3.7 million in revenue which would then be available to address the increase from Nevada Energy. This amount would then be available to respond to the "worst case" situation. The impact of conservation efforts by the customers would be offset by a corresponding reduction in the City's purchased power costs, thus further reducing projected revenues.

Direct Inch also explained and it is noted in his staff report to the Council that prudent management of the City's power purchases for supplemental energy on the open market has the potential to lessen the impact by allowing the City to acquire cheaper energy. This was true for the month of October as energy prices currently are favorable. Yet, overall, the City's purchases will be subject to the volatility of the market over time.

In order to implement this increase of 35% across all user levels, a business impact study and workshop needs to be conducted no later than the end of November, 2009, followed by a public hearing at the December 8, 2009 City Council Meeting.