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Bass Lake Road Crash - An unidentified driver was southbound on Bass Lake Road and lost control on the rain-slicked road at the infamous sharp curve near Madera last month. There were no reports of injuries.

EL DORADO HILLS TRASH PICKUP, RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE PROCEDURES EXPLAINED

Like many government services, trash collection sometimes seems to be arbitrary and capricious, and rumors abound as to how and why we are billed for what we get. This article will try and demystify the trash collection practices and rates in the El Dorado Hills Community Services District that are supplied by trash company Waste Connections, Inc., which does business as El Dorado Disposal.

Trash carts have black lids and come in three sizes, with different monthly rates: a 35 gallon trash cart is \$22.00 per month, a 64 gallon cart is \$23.70 per month, and a 96 gallon cart is \$33.20 per month. Senior citizens age 65 or older are eligible for 10% discount on the 64 or 96 gallon carts (the discount is built into the 35 gallon cart rate).

Trash is collected once a week, and households should use the size of cart that fits their family's weekly trash stream. If your weekly trash does not fit into a 64 gallon cart, you should use a 96 gallon cart. If the lid on your trash cart won't close, you will

be charged for an extra 32 gallons of trash. But before you order a larger cart, make sure that you are not needlessly filling up your trash cart with material that can go in your mixed recycle cart.

Your 96 gallon mixed recycling cart has a blue or yellow lid, and is free. Recycle carts are picked up every two weeks on trash collection day, alternating with your yard waste pickup. Other places may ask you to separate your recycles, but you can put all of the following materials in your recycle cart: all California redemption value drink containers, tin and steel cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, newspaper, plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum foil and trays, corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes (without the liner), shoe boxes, brown paper bags, junk mail, colored paper and bags, construction paper, envelopes, phone books, catalogs, computer paper, white ledger paper, and chipboard. Be sure to break down or flatten cardboard boxes to make more room in your mixed recycling cart. You can get an addi-

tional recycle cart for free if you need it.

In addition, you may take recyclable material to the buy-back center at 4421 Latrobe Road, El Dorado Hills, 1.4 miles South of Highway 50, on the left side. It is open Tuesdays through Saturday from 9:30AM to 4PM (the attendant takes a half-hour lunch break between Noon and 1PM.) The center has a buy back for cans and bottles, a cardboard bin for all cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and a green waste bin. E-waste is accepted for free, and there is a drop-off box for household batteries only. No car, motorcycle or other large batteries are accepted.

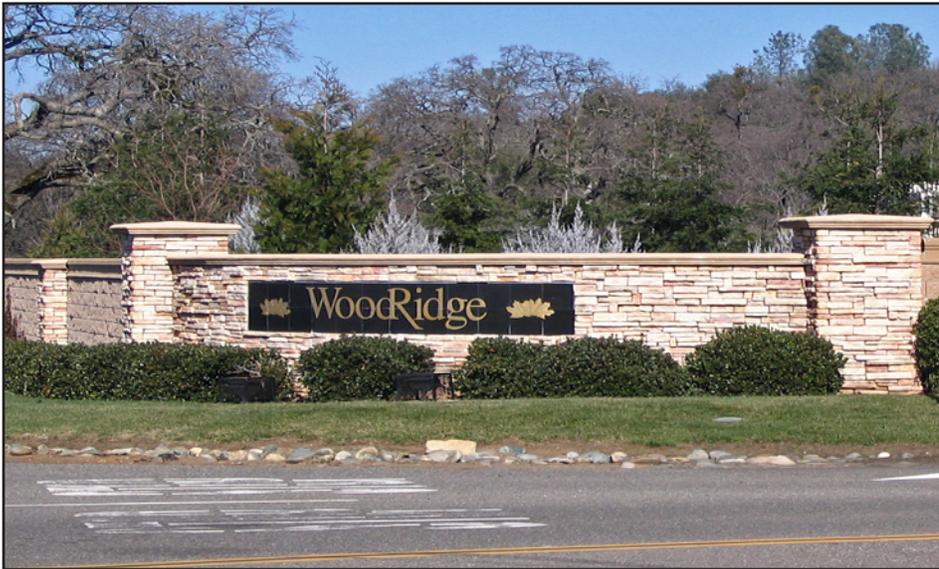
Your 96 gallon yard waste cart with a green lid is also free. It is picked up every two weeks on trash collection day, alternating with your recycle pickup. Surveys show that up to forty percent of the residential waste stream is made up of organic green waste. You can help reduce waste by putting your yard and garden waste into this cart. You may put the following materials in your green waste cart: lawn trimmings, garden prunings, cutting from trees and shrubs, weeds, leaves, household plants, cut trimmings, and spent flower bouquets. You can get extra yard waste carts for free.

Some items may not be placed in your yard waste cart: plastic bags, dirt, rock or concrete, food scraps, dead animals, liquids such as oil, water, styrofoam or polystyrene materials, and household hazardous waste.



You have two options for disposing of hazardous waste. First, the El Dorado Hills fire station on Bass Lake Road accepts only household hazardous waste from 9AM to Noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month, weather permitting.

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One of the Woodridge entry signs on their LLAD

WOODRIDGE LLAD ASSESSMENTS TO DROP AGAIN

The Bass Lake Action Committee has learned from El Dorado Hills Community Services District staff that the annual assessment for the Woodridge (Bass Lake Village B) Landscape and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) will go down to \$25.00 from the current \$100.00 for fiscal year 2010-2011. These LLAD assessments appear on a homeowner's property tax bill and are paid as part of the annual property taxes.

Woodridge residents will recall that their LLAD assessments were reduced from

\$300.00 a year to \$100.00 a year in 2009-2010 through the actions of the Bass Lake Action Committee.

The present decrease is attributable to a comfortable level in the LLAD's reserves. The LLAD reserves pay for replacement and improvement costs, and act like a rainy day fund when major repairs or renovations are needed. The lower assessment is expected to remain in place until the reserve amount is drawn down to the actual reserve that is needed, and may then be adjusted upward.

The 2010-2011 assessments for all the LLADs in the CSD were formulated by the appropriate CSD committees, and were ratified by the CSD Board at their June meeting. ~

EDH TRASH *(continued)*

Second, El Dorado Disposal Service has their material recovery facility that will accept limited household hazardous waste Fridays and Saturdays, 9AM to 5PM, at 4100 Throwita Way in Placerville. The facility will accept the following items with a 5-gallon or 50 pound limit per vehicle: Paint, used motor oil and batteries (any day), solvents and thinners, aerosols, pesticides and herbicides, photo chemicals, antifreeze, brake fluid, adhesives and sealants, floor and furniture cleaners, and pool chemicals.

You may bring (and legally transport) up to four 5-gallon containers of motor oil for recycling. Items that cannot be accepted at the facility include: radioactive materials, medical wastes (except home-generated sharps), explosives or compressed gas cylinders.

Remember, you can always contact El Dorado Disposal for more information on

trash collection, collection carts, recycling, and disposing of household hazardous waste in El Dorado Hills. Call them at 916-985-1162 or 530-621-4141 or visit their website eldoradodisposal.com. ~



June 20th

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Hello All,

After a wet and cold Spring, Summer is upon us. All of our plants were given a head start by all the rain, and are going great guns. Of course, so have the weeds. I have seen weeds growing in our yard that I never saw before – strange wiry things that pop up where I least expect them. I must resort to pulling them, for I don't see them until they are blooming, and the Roundup doesn't kill them fast enough to prevent them from seeding.

Last week I brought out all the patio umbrellas and patio furniture from winter storage. I also hung the porch swing in the back yard. I like to sit in the swing and enjoy my morning coffee in the cool morning air. Fran and I also like to sit out in the evening and swing and watch the sun go down, and we agree that such times are the reason we moved to the Sierra Foothills.

We are planning to bottle our 2009 Zinfandel next week, since it's been bulk aging for about eight months. We decided to add some oak cubes this time, and we will see how it turns out. We used American Oak in one carboy, Hungarian Oak in another carboy, and French Oak in the last two carboys, and let the cubes soak in the wine for eight weeks. Preliminary sampling showed us that the oak changed the character of the wine, giving it more flavor, but in different ways depending on the provenance of the oak. I'll let you know how it turns out.

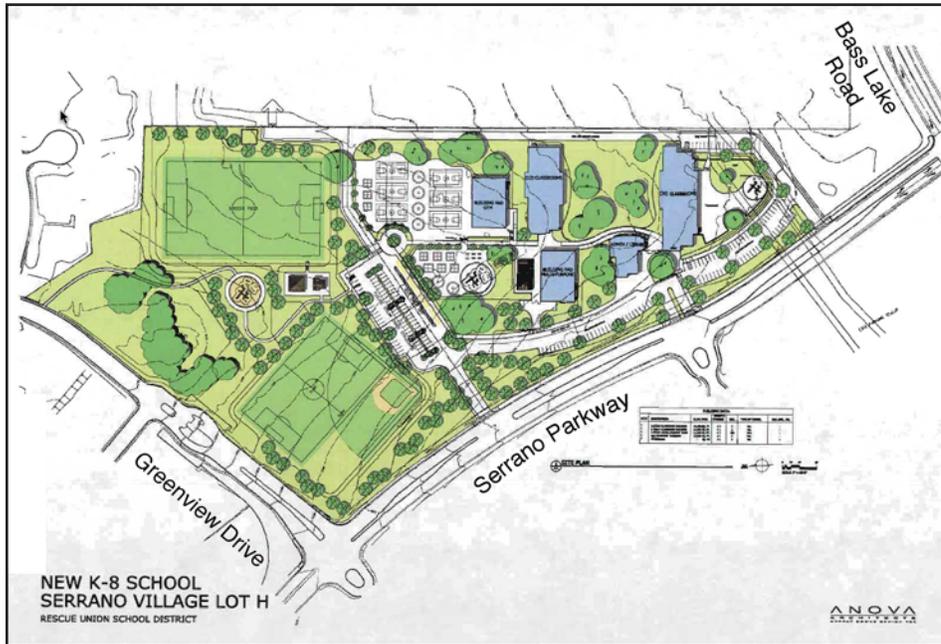
Meantime, our vineyard is going wild with the warm weather after the late rains. I have already had to trim some of the longer canes back to keep them in check.

I hope that you too are enjoying the Summer!

Sincerely,

John Thomson
President

RUSD SEEKS NEW SCHOOL SITE IN SERRANO



Plan submitted to the Planning Commission last month by the Rescue Union School District, showing school facility locations and adjacent recreation areas to be shared with the El Dorado Hills Community Services District on the approximately 24 acre site.

The El Dorado County Planning Commission has approved a school site proposed by the Rescue Union School District, finding the site to be consistent with the El Dorado County General Plan and El Dorado Hills Specific Plan. The proposed site is located at the northeast corner of Serrano Parkway and Bass Lake Road in El Dorado Hills.

The El Dorado Hills Specific Plan (EDHSP) was designed to be consistent with and a refinement of the El Dorado Hills Salmon Falls Area Plan and provides comprehensive policies for the development of a Master Planned Community encompassing approximately 4,000 acres in El Dorado Hills.

The EDHSP identified five potential school sites within the plan area, and these sites fall within either the Buckeye Union School District or Rescue Union School District. Depending on the location and identified needs of the school districts, these facilities operate elementary through high school. Over the years, some of the sites have been relocated and constructed at different locations within the plan area.

The proposed site is located within Serrano Village J at the easterly end of the plan in the vicinity of Bass Lake. This site is in the Rescue Union School District and is surrounded by existing residential uses and the planned shopping center in Village J with Bass Lake Road serving as the primary road.

In the past several years the school district has been coordinating with Serrano, LLC to identify a school site in the Bass Lake Area consistent with EDHSP. Based on the

submitted preliminary design, the school facility would encompass approximately 11.18 acre of the affected properties that include classroom buildings, gymnasium and outdoor court areas. The site would have three points of access along Serrano Parkway. The remaining 12.5 acres bordering the school site to the north would be designated as a park that would be operated by El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD).

California law requires that any acquisition or sale of a property by a public agency must be reviewed by the local planning agency for consistency with the General Plan, and a determination as to this consistency must be made. For El Dorado County, this agency is the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission found that the site met all of the requirements.

In addition to obtaining the approval of the planning commission, the school district must get the site approved by the School Facilities Planning Division of the California Department Of Education. This approval involves getting numerous studies done that show the site to be free from environmental hazards and safe to be used for a school site. These studies are conducted by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control School Property Evaluation and Cleanup Division, which is responsible for assessing, investigating and cleaning up proposed school sites. The Division ensures that selected properties are free of contamination. ~



D'AGOSTINI AND THERKILDSEN TO VIE FOR SHERIFF POST

The voters have chosen John D'Agostini and Craig Therkildsen to be the candidates for El Dorado County Sheriff in the November election.

D'Agostini, a former Amador sheriff's deputy and district attorney's investigator, finished with 25 percent of the vote. Therkildsen was close behind, with 23 percent. Bob Luca had 19 percent, finishing out of the running.

The November runoff shapes up largely as an insider vs. outsider race, with D'Agostini calling for change. He has said that his message is that the sheriff's office needs to serve the people, and he has focused on a community service approach, with officers talking directly to members of the public whenever they're not on calls.

Therkildsen, currently a captain in the sheriff's department, is endorsed by retiring Sheriff Jeff Neves, who sought to have Therkildsen appointed as his replacement. This has led some observers to say that the race comes down to an insider against a challenger, which Therkildsen denies. However, Therkildsen does not hesitate to offer his experience within the sheriff's department as a factor in his favor.

A recurring theme in the campaign was the interest in the candidates' positions on carrying of concealed weapons. California law generally provides that a person who successfully passes a background check and completes a rigorous training class may carry a concealed firearm if, in the judgement of his local sheriff, he or she has a good reason to carry one. Critics of former sheriff Jeff Neves complain that while Neves promised a liberal policy toward granting concealed carry permits, he changed his position and regularly denied concealed carry applications and renewal requests.

Both remaining candidates recently responded to a Sacramento Bee question by saying they viewed self-protection as a sufficient reason for getting a concealed weapon permit. ~



PROPANE PRICES DROP

Residents of Woodridge, Bridlewood Canyon and Sierra Crossing who have signed up for the exclusive JS West propane purchase program have seen their propane bills drop as more homes sign on and the contract price of propane drops proportionately.

At last count, 213 homes in the contract area had signed up, which put the price per gallon at 62 cents over wholesale cost plus transport, for a delivered price of \$1.82 per gallon.

Woodridge, Bridlewood Canyon and Sierra Crossing residents may get information about the special deal from JS West's Northern California Sales Manager, Bette Best Easton, at 530-642-7001. ~



The Voice of Spring

I am coming, I am coming!
Hark! the honey bee is humming;
See, the lark is soaring high
In the blue and sunny sky,
And the gnats are on the wing
Wheeling round in airy ring.

Listen! New-born lambs are bleating,
And the cawing rooks are meeting
In the elms—a noisy crowd.
All the birds are singing loud,
And the first white butterfly
In the sunshine dances by.

Look around you, look around!
Flowers in all the fields abound,
Every running stream is bright,
All the orchard trees are white,
And each small and waving shoot
Promises sweet autumn fruit.

- Mary Howitt

JULY BLAC MEETING SET

The July meeting of Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on July 12, 2010, at the home of Tom and Andi Stuchell, 2206 Summer Drive, in Woodridge. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

The invited speaker for the evening is Russ Nygaard, Deputy Director - Facilities Engineering for El Dorado County Department of Transportation. Russ has been asked to talk on the status of road projects in the El Dorado Hills area. In the event that Russ cannot make the meeting, Guy Gertsch, District 1 County Parks Commissioner, and El Dorado Hills Community Services District Director, will update us on developments in his areas of responsibility (Guy was unable to attend the June meeting because of a conflict).

For further information, contact BLAC Vice President Kathy Prevost, at 530-672-6836.



SCOOP THE POOP

Not many people know that curbing your dog is actually a written law in almost every state. Curbing your dog involves cleaning up their fecal waste after they have done their business in a public place or neighborhood. You don't have to spend a ton of money to curb your dog, and it is also an ethically and socially responsible thing to do. Dog walkers, be kind to your neighbors and the neighborhood and scoop the poop. ~

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This poster was used to commemorate the 140th Flag Day on June 14, 1917

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