



BASS LAKE BULLETIN

Vol. XIII No. 2

The Voice of the Bass Lake Community

February 2015

www.basslakeaction.org



Map of park site

EDHCSD, PARKER AGREE ON BASS LAKE ROAD PARK SITE

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) and Parker Development Company have agreed on the location of a 11.7 acre park site on Bass Lake Road and Serrano Parkway. Parker is obliged to reserve the park land for the CSD. Previous efforts to find a site for the park have been frustrated by the need for Parker to offer a school site to Rescue Union School District (RUSD) in the same general area.

However, the recent decision by RUSD to put the school on the Bass Lake property that the school district will purchase from the El Dorado Irrigation District, a deal that

persons familiar with the negotiations say is almost final (see adjacent story), has freed Parker to work with the CSD to finally fix a location for a park.

The parcel, located on the southwest corner of the intersection, is presently zoned commercial and was once proposed to be a shopping center. However, Parker spokesman Kirk Bone says that they have been unable to interest a supermarket chain to come in and anchor the center, due to the amount of commercial space already in El Dorado Hills, and the prospect of even more commercial development at Silva Valley Parkway and Highway 50.

CSD General Manager Brent Dennis is pleased with the arrangement, and notes that the CSD and Parker have jointly asked the county to allow the rezone of the property to recreational use. The County Supervisors will have to approve the zoning change.

Dennis says that the CSD also hopes to come to a long-term agreement with the school district that will enable the CSD to continue operating the present Sellwood Field that is located on the west side of the Bass Lake property.

The CSD will hold scoping meetings and conduct community outreach to determine what facilities the residents want installed at the park. Conceptual plans call for the parking to be on the corner and multi-purpose athletic fields to be set back from the roads, with the details to be decided by the community. ~



BASS LAKE SOLD TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Rescue Union School District has agreed to buy the Bass Lake property, consisting of the 90-acre lake, plus 58 acres of surrounding land, from the El Dorado Irrigation District. The sale is expected to become final in the last week of February.

The school district's plan is to eventually develop approximately 20 acres as a K-8 school focusing on environmental science and technology. The remainder is envisioned by the school district as parkland that they would share with the El Dorado Hills Community Services District.

The property, off Bass Lake Road and south of Green Valley Road in El Dorado Hills, already includes the Sellwood Park baseball field. It is adjacent to the 41 acres of county-owned property long planned for a regional park.

In late 2009, El Dorado Irrigation District directors declared the 148-acre Bass Lake site surplus property. Under state law, the district was required to make a written offer to sell the property to other government entities in the area, said Mary Lynn Carlton, communications director for the irrigation district. The county of El Dorado and the school district expressed interest, and the Rescue district came through with an offer.

Not included in the sale are about 30 acres that the irrigation district will retain for an equipment storage and maintenance yard.

The school district doesn't plan to develop the school site for several years. Although district enrollment is expected to increase with new housing construction, the district is waiting to see what type of development occurs in the area, according to school officials. ~



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello All,

Poor Los Angeles. The water situation in Southern California must be getting pretty desperate.

The Metropolitan Water District, the agency that supplies the bulk of the water for Southern California, is considering water rationing by summer unless statewide drought conditions radically improve. Water rationing could begin July 1.

What's more, cutbacks could amount to 5 percent, 10 percent, or more from last year's deliveries. They're saying this is all the water we will give you districts. The new approach could trigger more restrictive conservation measures for customers of retail water districts and cities throughout Southern California. Cities would be required to go to mandatory conservation.

On the home front, while many El Dorado County residents may hold a dim view of the El Dorado Irrigation District, at least they have a plan, and it seems like they have been proactive about pushing water conservation and urging us to cut back our use.

In the midst of all this, the EID has been actually working on getting more water rights and more water storage. It is evident that if we don't get going and secure our water rights, we will be in big trouble down the road.

So let's support the EID in their efforts to get us more water supplies.

Sincerely,

John E. Thomson

President



EL DORADO HILLS CABLE TV RATES UP

Comcast and AT&T have announced their new rates for 2015 for El Dorado Hills subscribers.

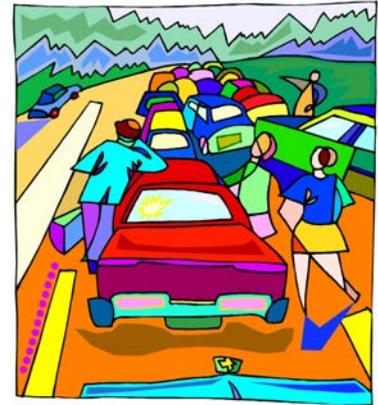
Effective January 1, 2015, Comcast generally raised its Xfinity subscriber fees for its cable television packages by \$5.00. Internet went up by about a dollar per plan or service, and telephone rates remain about the same. Comcast blames the increases on increases in business and programming costs.

Comcast customers that are on specially-priced promotional plans will not be affected until the promotion period ends.

Effective February 1, 2015, AT&T raised the monthly rate of the following U-verse TV service plans by \$3: U-family, U100, U200, U200 Latino, U300, U300 Latino, U400, U450, and U450 Latino. The monthly rate for each billed non-DVR TV receiver will increase by \$1. The first receiver will continue to be included with TV packages at no additional charge. The monthly Broadcast TV Surcharge will increase by \$1 in all California markets except Monterey, CA. This surcharge is to recover a portion of the amount local broadcasters charge AT&T to carry their channels.

Customers on a current U-verse promotion will have the price discount continue until the promotion ends or expires.

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD), which administers the cable television franchises, imposes a five percent franchise fee on the cable companies' gross subscriber fees. The cable companies are allowed to turn around and bill that cost to their customers. When cable rates go up, the amount collected by the CSD goes up proportionately. ~



MITIGATION OF SILVA VALLEY INTERCHANGE IMPACTS

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved county staff's recommendation to add a 4-way stop intersection at Serrano Parkway and Village Green Drive before the Silva Valley interchange opens in 2016.

John Kahling, deputy director of engineering for the Community Development Agency, Transportation Division, presented the county's analysis and traffic findings to the Board last week, following a meeting with concerned community groups, including the Buckeye Union School District and the Serrano El Dorado Owners' Association.

Once the interchange is opened, Kahling explained, traffic will more than double on Silva Valley Parkway between Highway 50 and Serrano Parkway, from its current volume of approximately 9,700 vehicles per day to 21,000 vehicles per day.

In addition, the traffic increase will affect the intersections of Silva Valley Parkway and Entrada Drive, Silva Valley Parkway and Serrano Parkway, and Serrano Parkway and Village Green Drive. The driveway serving Oak Meadow Elementary School on Silva Valley Parkway will also be affected.

Three alternatives were proposed as safeguards since the ultimate solution, the extension of Country Club Drive westward to Silva Valley Parkway, won't be completed until as late as 2024.

The county recommended the installation of a 4-way stop intersection at Serrano Parkway and Village Green Drive, which is at the entrance to the Serrano Visitor's Center. This would be a capital improvement project that would cost \$250,000 to \$500,000, depending on whether or not new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant crosswalks are installed and left turn pockets are lengthened.

(continued on page 3)





TAXI VOUCHERS COMING FOR EDH SENIORS, DISABLED

El Dorado Hills' seniors may have a new way to get around town through a taxi voucher program administered by El Dorado Transit, though there is not a definite start date for the service, it will be an inexpensive and comprehensive alternative costing only \$3 per ride, and available during extended hours seven days per week.

The proposed taxi voucher program will provide on-demand, subsidized taxi service for trips within the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) area of Western El Dorado County, according to Robin Van Valkenburgh, planning and marketing manager for El Dorado Transit. The service will be provided to eligible seniors, 60 years or older, and disabled residents as specified by El Dorado Transit, of the El Dorado Hills Community.

The service is considered a demonstration project and is really being provided in lieu of fixed route services, which currently would be overly expensive to operate and for which there is little in the way of infrastructure within the community.

"We are currently negotiating with a taxi vendor and hope to be able to award a contract in early March," Van Valkenburgh said. "If this should be the case, then we expect that service might start in May so that we are able to properly promote the program and make sure the residents of El Dorado Hills actually are aware of the service."

Eligible participants in the program will be able to use the taxi service for trips to locations outside the CSD

boundary as long as they pay the taxi fare from the CSD boundary to their destination.

For more further information, call (916) 358-3575. ~

Credit: Laura Newell, EDH Telegraph

HOW PROPOSED TAXI PLAN WILL WORK

- Taxi services will be available seven days a week between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- Taxi services will be provided within the El Dorado Hills Community Services District
- Passengers must register with El Dorado Transit to verify eligibility
- Proposed one-way passenger fare of \$3
- Eligible passengers will purchase vouchers to give to the taxi operator for \$3. Vouchers are required or passenger would be required to pay full fare
- Vouchers will be available for purchase at the El Dorado Transit Office, by mail and at various local businesses and community agencies
- Passengers may travel on the taxi beyond the El Dorado Hills Community Services District at the sole expense of the passenger
- Eligible participants may call any contracted taxi vendor for a trip
- Taxi operator will arrive to pick-up eligible passengers within 45 minutes of a reservations call, unless otherwise specified by the passenger at the time of the reservation request.



SILVA VALLEY *(continued)*

Another option, the installation of signalized intersections at either Silva Valley Parkway and Entrada Drive or at Serrano Parkway and Village Green Drive, would cost approximately \$1.5 million, Kahling said, noting that the higher price includes relocating utility lines. It's unlikely a signalized intersection could be finished before the interchange opens, he added.

In addition to the new 4-way stop, Kahling said permanent concrete curbs will be installed in the median of Oak Meadow School's driveway to allow left turns into the school, but no left turns out onto Silva Valley Parkway. Flashing beacons around school zone warning signs adjacent to Oak Meadow will also be installed. The current left-hand westbound lane on Serrano Parkway will be converted to either an additional left turn lane or an optional through-or-left-turn lane.

Transportation officials will also evaluate the whether the length of left turn pockets at the Silva Valley/Serrano Parkway intersection need to be increased. ~

Credit: Julie Samrick Village Life



SHERIFF'S OFFICE: CYBERCRIMINALS TARGET EL DORADO COUNTY RESIDENTS

El Dorado County sheriff's officials are warning residents of a cyberscam involving callers posing as computer technicians.

The department has received reports of what appears to be a computer scam in which the victims receive a telephone call from someone purporting to be a computer technician working for a reputable computer company such as Dell, according to a Sheriff's Office news release. The callers tell the victim that they are certified to work on Microsoft products and that they received warning messages from the victim's computer that it is vulnerable and they are calling to fix the problem.

(continued on page 4)

SHERIFF *(continued)*

Sheriff's officials warn that such phone calls are a scam, noting that neither Microsoft nor its partners make unsolicited calls about a computer's security or software.

Sheriff's officials advise anyone receiving such phone calls to hang up. Residents who think they might have fallen victim to the scam can contact the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office.~

Credit: Cathy Locke, Sac Bee



BLAC BOARD MET IN FEBRUARY, NEXT MEETING SET FOR MAY

Supervisor Ron Mikulaco visited the February 2nd board meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee. He spoke about the pending overlay to Bass Lake Road, Silver Springs Parkway, and the sale of the Bass



February Twilight

I stood beside a hill
Smooth with new-laid snow,
A single star looked out
From the cold evening glow.

There was no other creature
That saw what I could see—
I stood and watched the evening
star

As long as it watched me.

—Sara Teasdale

Lake property to the Rescue School District, after which he answered a number of questions from the Board and BLAC members.

The Board went on record as supporting the proposed learning garden next to the El Dorado Hills Library.

Asked about the timing of the application of the overlay to the northern part of Bass Lake Road, Mik said that because the road work was dependent upon the federal grant, it was likely that we would see the project completed in summer or fall of 2016.

The next regular board of directors meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on May 4 at 7:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court in Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-677-3039.

As always, all BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost at 530-672-6836. ~



STREET CRACKS IN WOODRIDGE, HILLS OF EL DORADO?

Bass Lake Action Committee will be conducting a survey of residential streets in Woodridge and the Hills of El Dorado to locate cracks in the pavement that need to be fixed by the county road department. Bridlewood

Bass Lake Action Committee
501 Kirkwood Court
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Canyon maintains its own streets.

Residents of Woodridge and the Hills can help by sending information about cracks in their street to blacinfo@aol.com using the subject "Street Cracks" and giving the address of their residence in front of which the cracks are located, or the intersection in which cracks are located. Please try to be as specific as you can.

The list of locations needing to be fixed will be compiled and submitted to the county at the end of February. ~



Happy Valentine's Day

The Bass Lake Bulletin is published monthly by the Bass Lake Action Committee, El Dorado Hills, California. Copyright © 2015. Permission to reproduce unabridged articles is granted if appropriate attribution is given to the Bass Lake Bulletin.

John E. Thomson, Ph.D.
President and Editor
doctorjet@aol.com
530-677-3039

For additional information
see our website, basslakeaction.org
or contact

Vice President Kathy Prevost
blacinfo@aol.com
530-672-6836
