



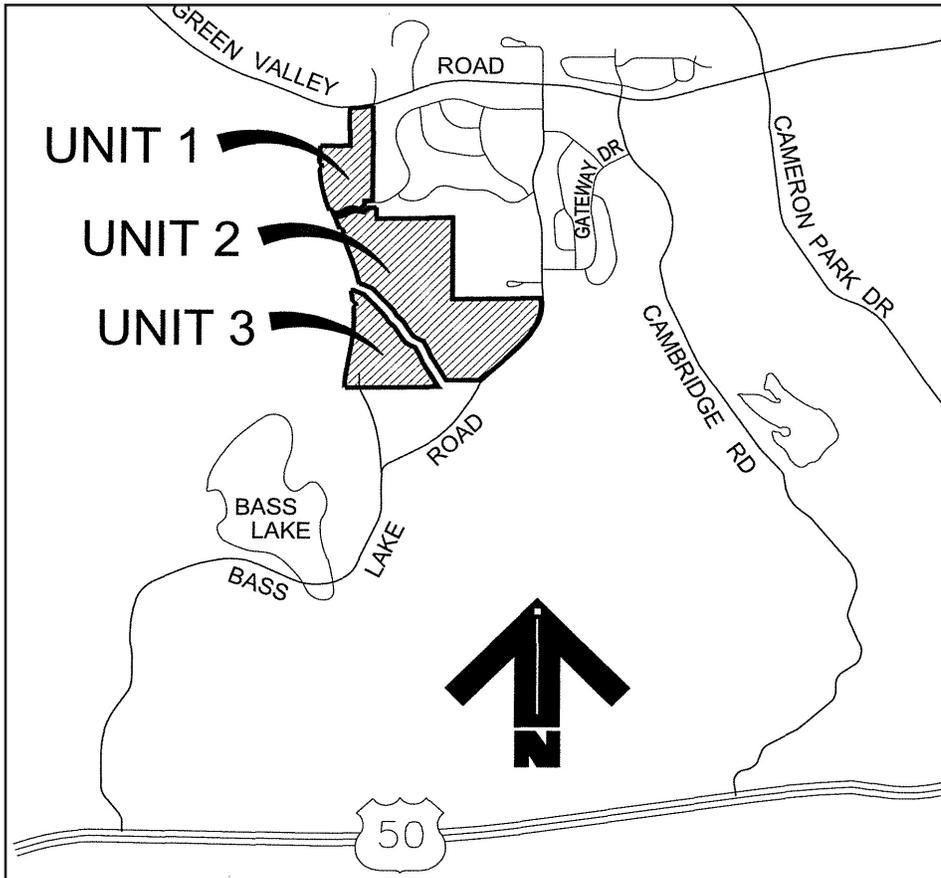
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Map showing the three phases planned for the Silver Springs Development

SILVER SPRINGS HOME DEVELOPMENT BREAKS GROUND

Old project revived

The Silver Springs housing development, long on the planning boards, has at last broken ground on Unit 1, the first of three construction phases.

This is a very old project that has been granted 6 Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA) amendments every year since 2009, each time requiring a hearing at the Board of Supervisors. Additional time was granted because the project had new owners.

In addition, the new owners have lowered the lot density of Unit 1 due to technical problems and other difficulties. ~

Credit: El Dorado Hills Area Planing Advisory Committee



COUNTY PONDERES PARK LAND TRANSFER

In response to a request by the El Dorado Community Services District (CSD), El Dorado County staff has recommended that the Board of Supervisors designate the 41 acres of county property located on the west side of Bass Lake, Assessors Parcel Number 115-400-02, as surplus property. The CSD wants to incorporate the county acreage into

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FOLSOM TO START GREEN VALLEY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

The City of Folsom has announced that the Green Valley Road Widening Project that will stretch between East Natoma Street and Sophia Parkway will commence on May 15th.

The project involves widening Green Valley Road to four lanes, with class 2 bike lanes, from East Natoma Street in Folsom, to the El Dorado County line and Sophia Parkway in El Dorado Hills.

The project is scheduled to take 160 working days. The first phase will be to set traffic barriers (so-called K-rails) on Green Valley Road, pushing traffic to the north to facilitate construction of the significant drainage improvements along the south side of the roadway. Motorists are advised that traffic along Green Valley Road during construction hours will be subject to delays and alternate routes are advised.

The original bid estimates for the project were in excess of \$2.8 million. ~

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JS WEST PROPANE AGREEMENT UP IN 2020

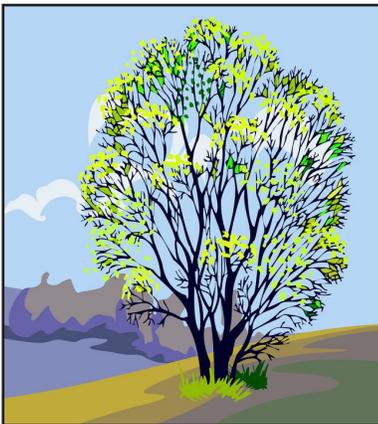
Renewal talks to start in December 2019

Now that Spring is upon us, the focus on the price of propane becomes but a memory, like the cold weather of last winter,

However, the five-year propane pricing agreement negotiated by Bass Lake Action Committee with JS West in 2010, and renewed in 2015, remain on the to-do list of which was the BLAC Board of Directors.

The JS West pricing agreement includes the neighborhoods of Bridlewood Canyon, Sierra Crossing, Woodridge, and the propane users in the Hills of El Dorado.

Negotiations to renew the JS West agreement are expected to open in December of this year, though the current agreement will not expire until April 1 of 2020. ~



The Trees

The trees are coming into leaf
Like something almost being said;
The recent buds relax and spread,
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again
And we grow old? No, they die too,
Their yearly trick of looking new
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh
In fullgrown thickness every May.
Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

— Philip Larkin



The EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

El Dorado Hills is blessed with a healthy and well-financed fire department.

The 2018-2019 budget for the El Dorado Hills Fire Department is impressive. Revenues, made up primarily from property taxes, is estimated to be \$22.3 million. El Dorado Hills Fire benefits from being a multi-county fire department, which gives it a greater than normal share of the property tax dollar. Expenses for the period are estimated to be \$21.3 million, with the largest expense component being wages and benefits.

The fire department enjoys a comfortable reserve, \$28.9 million, based on the principle that reserves ought to equal at least one year's revenue.

Contrast that to the situation of the smaller fire protection districts in the county, which some years ago underwent a painful consolidation and general reorganization to cut costs and eliminate duplication.

The resulting entity, the El Dorado County Fire Protection District (FPD), currently relies in part on old fire tax rates of the communities served. In Pollock Pines/Camino it is \$30, in Pleasant Valley it is \$42, in Coloma \$60 and in Northside \$35 per year.

The current FPD chief wants to make the situation more equitable, so he is considering a ballot measure to even everything out by repealing the special taxes that currently exist and replacing them with the same tax rate for everyone. The tax would be in the range of \$52 to \$60 and would include the city of Placerville.

The FPD tax rate changes would not affect El Dorado Hills residents. Here's hoping they can work it all out.

Best regards,

John E. Thomson

Editor



BLAC BOARD MET MAY 13, SETS AUGUST 12 BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC) met at the home of Fran and John Thomson on May 13.

The Board of Directors set August 12, 2019, as the date of the next BLAC Board Meeting. The meeting location will be announced in a forthcoming *Bass Lake Bulletin*. All BLAC members are cordially invited to attend.

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657. ~

COUNTY LAND *(continued)*

its planned Bass Lake Park.

The county land was originally planned to be a county park, but time and funds ran out before the plans could be realized.

By law, the Board of Supervisors may transfer any real property to a special district or any other public agency within the County upon terms and conditions as agreed upon, without going through the surplus property bid process, if the property to be transferred is not required for county use.

In January 2019 the Department of Transportation asked the supervisors for a 100-foot strip of land along the west side of the property so as to connect Bass Lake Road to Silver Springs Parkway, which the board approved. This strip would not be part of the land deal with the CSD. ~

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